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We circle the world for the cities that will make you feel welcome. Plus: on manoeuvre with some Portuguese sailors and Rome's diplomatic club in all its sunny glory

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Where to head for a welcome embrace - and good business too



HERE TO STAY CHAO CHAO THE MONOCLE ESCAPIST

Beijing's Chao is a new kind of hospitality brand offering a discerning experience for travellers and the creative community in the Chinese capital. Its daring flagship project Chao Sanlitun Beijing reflects brand values driven by authentic service delivery and excellence in design. Nestled in Beijing's most lively and creative neighbourhood, the development breaks down many boundaries by offering a creative and cultural experience for visitors as well as charming private settings for residents and hotel guests. Join us on a tour of this elegant new project as we highlight its best features. ilovechao.com



01 ART CENTER

Outstanding cultural programming is high on the agenda of Chao Sanlitun Beijing's owners and the business offers a number of purpose-built spaces to showcase art exhibitions, films and events. Chao's aim is to connect with emerging and established artists through cleverly curated events, while unique retail pop-ups promote the region's best artisans and lifestyle brands.

02 CHAO CLUBHOUSE

Chao wants to give guests the opportunity to engage with Beijing's burgeoning creative-business community and its clubhouse provides a user-friendly space for co-working and networking. Chao's dedicated clubhouse team regularly invites leaders from across Asia for talks and events, where business collaborations and investment opportunities are often sparked.

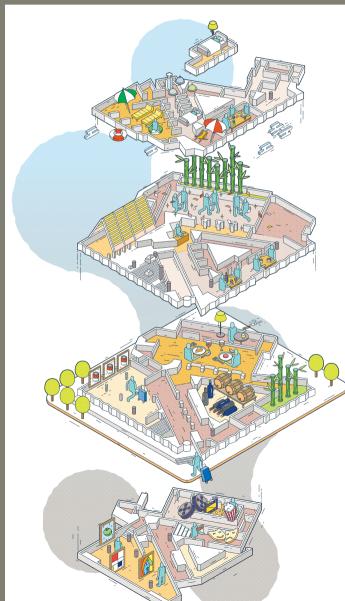
03 ACCOMMODATION

GET

Chao Sanlitun Beijing's 180 hotel rooms are tranquil havens to escape the buzzing capital, with design maximising natural light while providing the utmost comfort. All rooms feature handcrafted pieces made from responsibly sourced walnut and leather, while generously proportioned windows are perfect for watching the bustling city of Beijing below.



Every storey of the Chao Sanlitun Beijing offers a unique experience for visitors.



FLOOR 03

This luxurious area is one of Beijing's best spots for a trunk show or classy product launch with its Poolside Terrace and Penthouse Lounge. The cosy Chefs Club hosts dinners prepared by international chefs.

FLOOR 02

The sweeping Stone Steps, inspired by museum stairs, double as an exhibition and social space. They lead into the Glass House, a setting for lifestyle and arts events.

FLOOR 01

Provides a warm welcome for visitors with its grand entrance leading into spacious gallery and exhibition spaces. Retailers regularly host pop-up shops.

BASEMENT

Home to a private cinema, a performance space called the Amphitheatre, art galleries and event spaces.

