





Life at the Top



BANGKOK'S DYNAMIC CITYSCAPE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO AUDACIOUS HEIGHTS BY A NEW KID ON THE BLOCK – THE REMARKABLE MAHANAKHON

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Towering more than 300 metres above Sathorn district's teeming streets, MahaNakhon's glittering edifice has a futuristic character that personifies the vitality of this city.

Its distinctive profile is marked out by the three-dimensional ribbon of architectural pixels circling its entire 77 floors. Practically overnight they've made it an iconic Bangkok landmark.

All these pixels are much more than a design feature – they're projecting glass skyboxes with sweeping views that give MahaNakhon its unique appeal.

MahaNakhon – its name means *Great Metropolis* in Thai – was designed by Ole Scheeren and developed by PACE Development Corporation as a mixed-use building.

LEFT: MahaNakhon's towering presence is an exciting new architectural icon for Bangkok
ABOVE: The building's ribbon of pixels creates projecting skyboxes
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Below, on its first 20 floors, is The Bangkok Edition Hotel, a boutique hotel operated by Ritz Carlton; and up top, on Floors 74-77 is the Sky Observation Deck and Bar, a tourist attraction offering breath-taking 360-degree views of Bangkok and beyond.

But it's the 50 floors between these two diverse operations that have generated so much excitement around MahaNakhon, now officially recognised as Thailand's tallest tower.

For these Floors 23-73 contain The Ritz-Carlton Residences Bangkok - 209 extraordinary homes, each one offering the rarefied atmosphere of a skybox penthouse far above the city. They're in various configurations from two- to five-bedroomed, ranging in size from 125 sqm to a massive 844 sqm.

Managed by Ritz-Carlton with five-star amenities for residents, these homes exude world-class luxury with stunning views outside and impeccable insides designed by the UK's award-winning interior architecture design company David Collins Studio.

Their interiors represent an evolution of David Collins Studio's signature concept of a contemporary classic sky apartment; individual while keeping a Ritz-Carlton element at the core. There's a European feel threaded through the design, in styling, accessorising and colours, imbued with Thai sensibility and reverence.

Key architecture cues are marble entrance lobbies, end grain oak flooring, polished and satin walnut panelling, and feature fireplaces, all finely balanced with a colour palette of pale sage green, gold, yellow and lilac.

Bespoke furniture and lighting throughout was designed by David Collins Studio as a blend of natural timbers and textiles. The furniture is all locally manufactured, with mohair upholstery, wall shelving in contrasting lacquer and suede, and lacquered cracked shell dining tables.

There's styling textures of boucle, silk, raffia, leather, stone, woven bamboo aged brass, set off by silk carpets, with mosaic and Calacatta marble in the bathrooms. And local art studios were commissioned to create one-off photography and artworks to give each apartment individual character.

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LEFT: Refined, stylish palette and styling textures

Image courtesy David Collins Studio

TOP: Bespoke furniture and lighting

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MIDDLE: Cool colours enhance a dining ambience

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BOTTOM: Mosaic and marble bathroom

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