



Marina Bay Sands Hotel



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Marina Bay Sands is a multi-purpose building complex in Singapore consisting of a hotel with 2,560 rooms, a congress centre, shopping centre, two theatres, several restaurants, a museum and a casino. The prominent feature of the whole complex are three parallel towers with the height of 195 m connected by a terrace in the form of a boat with the length of 340 metres. The construction of the whole complex amounted to 5.7 billion dollars and, at its time, it was the most expensive building in the world.

The building was designed by Moshe Safdie who comes originally from Israel. He is an internationally respected architect, whose name is signed under projects such as the library building in American Salt Lake City and the Yad Vashem Museum of the Holocaust in Israel. He aimed to design a public place where people could meet and that would remind them of Singapore culture, climate and modern life. Safdie was inspired by antique cities that were arranged along important transport routes. Marina Bay Sands was thus constructed by two main city roads intersecting this borough. Most architects would have chosen a single object, however, Moshe Safdie managed to successfully integrate several construction typologies. Thus, he created an urban structure with a hotel complex offering various possibilities in the areas of accommodation, shopping, gastronomy and entertainment. Several buildings were thus created in one spot, each of them having a different social function. From the very beginning, this vast project was designed to meet the economic and touristic aims of the Singapore government. The investor for the project was the American company Las Vegas Sands operating in gaming and hotel industry. However, the company struggled with funds since the very beginning. Originally, the opening date was planned for 2009, however, it was delayed as a result of the global economic crisis and increasing costs. The opening ceremony was held on 23rd and 24th June 2010, the casino was opened four days later.

Marina Bay Sands lies on the seafront near the city centre and creates an imaginary entrance gate to Singapore. It covers the area of approximately 16 hectares, the total area of all buildings amounts to 845,000 square meters. Undoubtedly, the most interesting buildings are the three high buildings with 55 floors facilitating the luxurious 5 star hotel with 2,560 rooms. In total, the hotel area amounts to almost 266,000 square meters. All three towers are connected at the top by an observation area in the form of a boat with a terrace and a garden, commonly known as SkyPark. At a height of 200 meters, the terrace offers one of the most attractive "endless" swimming pools in the

world. It ends at the very edge of the building and offers the visitors a unique view of the city centre. The resort also offers two theatres with a total area of 22,000 square metres, and a shopping centre with 200 shops and restaurants, as well as ArtScience Museum in the form of a lotus flower offering 21 exhibition rooms. The most interesting elements of the complex include the world's largest casino that is located in the atrium and covers an area of 15,000 square meters. The casino is also well known for its chandelier decorated with 132,000 Swarovski crystals and weighing 7 tonnes. On average, 25,000 visitors visit the casino each day.

In terms of economic indicators, the hotel resort has reported positive results since its opening. In the first eight months of its operation, its reported operational profits amounted to record-breaking 600 million dollars. At the end of 2014, the profits amounted to 1.52 billion dollars. In the last three years, the occupancy rate was 99%. Compared to 2010, the ADR indicator has almost doubled. In 2015, it amounted to almost 448 dollars per room. The RevPAR indicator amounted to 415 in 2014.

Marina Bay Sands in Numbers

195 the height of the building in metres

340 m – the length of the SkyPark terrace in the form of a boat

2,560 the number of hotel rooms

57 the number of the floors of the building

5.7 billion dollars – the total costs of the construction, including land

581,400 square meters – the gross floor area

845,000 square meters – the total area of the building

146 meters – is the length of the "endless" swimming pool

1 percent is the rate of unoccupied rooms in the hotel in the last three years

448 dollars was the average price for a room in 2015

