

**THE RITZ-CARLTON, FUKUOKA  
TO OPEN ITS DOORS ON JUNE 21, 2023**

*Legendary service comes to the island of Kyushu in Japan  
in sophisticated spaces that showcase local art traditions*

**FUKUOKA, Japan – February 28, 2023** – Sekisui House, Ltd. (head office: Kita-ku, Osaka; President and CEO: Yoshihiro Nakai) and Marriott International Inc. (head office: Maryland, USA; President and CEO: Anthony Capuano,) have announced that The Ritz-Carlton, Fukuoka will open its doors on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, welcoming guests to the prefectural capital of Fukuoka on the island of Kyushu in southern Japan with the Ritz-Carlton legacy of fine hospitality and sophisticated design. Situated within the main tower of the Fukuoka Daimyo Garden City complex in the tech hub of Tenjin, the 167-room luxury hotel will be the sixth Ritz-Carlton hotel in Japan and the first to be opened by Marriott International in the Kyushu region, whose capital is a major gateway between Japan and other countries of Asia. The hotel’s calm, modernist spaces will incorporate local art traditions such as Hakata-ori weaving and woven bamboo.



An artist’s rendering of the main lobby rock garden is a first hint of the hotel’s refined luxury.

Located within fifteen minutes of Fukuoka Airport, the bullet-train-served Hakata Station, and Hakata Port by car or by public transport, the 11,900-square-meter Fukuoka Daimyo Garden City complex is a core feature of the Tenjin Big Bang site, an urban renaissance project that offers tax and other regulatory incentives to woo business start-ups from abroad. The Ritz-Carlton, Fukuoka will occupy the first, third, and upper floors of Garden City’s main tower, which rises 25 stories above a new 3,000-square-meter park created for outdoor events. Situated at the west end of the Tenjin district, the complex as a whole expands on the youthful energy of an area already popular for evening strolls, street music, and friendly street stalls serving up the city’s famous *tonkotsu* ramen and other local specialties.

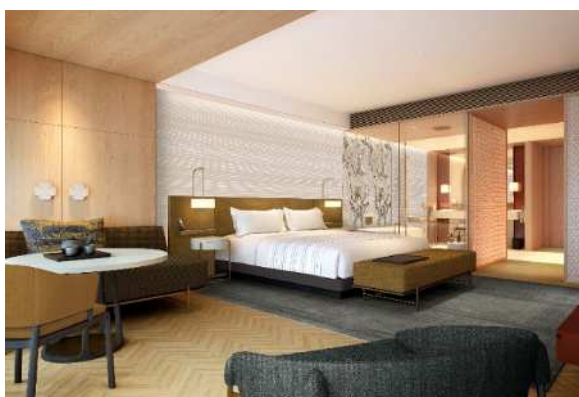
The 147 guest rooms and 20 suites of The Ritz-Carlton, Fukuoka will be situated on the 19th to the 23rd floors, with standard rooms beginning at a minimum size of 50 square meters. A club lounge, spa, gym, and pool are planned for the 24th floor, along with a bar overlooking the ships and sparkling lights of Hakata Bay. In addition to a wedding chapel and banquet rooms, the hotel facilities will include a Japanese restaurant serving teppanyaki, sushi, and kaiseki multicourse menus; an all-day dining venue for Western-style cuisine; a lobby lounge and bar for cocktails and light refreshments; and a café for afternoon tea and takeout options.

In atmosphere and offerings, these dining and relaxation venues will complement Fukuoka’s international status as a lively food capital.

Layan Architects + Designers of Melbourne, Australia are overseeing the interior design of the guest rooms and suites, public spaces, the lobby lounge and bar, café, club lounge, and spa. The design program playfully weaves in references to Hakata-ori, the yarn-dyed weaving tradition of Fukuoka, in the lighting fixtures, flooring, and decorative fittings. A three-dimensional piece of wall art in the first-floor arrivals lobby, for example, is rendered of thousands of pattern-dyed threads, while the carpet takes inspiration from the look and texture of Hakata-ori textiles. Light fittings recall the patterned punch cards of weaving machines.

The Ladies and Gentlemen of The Ritz-Carlton, Fukuoka continue their preparations to welcome guests on June 21 to spaces that carefully weave in both the pride of local traditions as well as the lively international spirit of this historical port town. The hotel is the brand’s sixth property in Japan, following on sister openings in Osaka (1997), Tokyo (2007), Okinawa (2012), Kyoto (2014), and Nikko (2020).

[The Ritz-Carlton, Fukuoka \(ritzcarlton.com\)](https://ritzcarlton.com)



Mock-up of a standard 50-square-meter room



Artist's rendering of the arrivals lobby

#### The Ritz-Carlton, Fukuoka: Overview

Name	The Ritz-Carlton, Fukuoka
General Manager	Radu Cernia
Address	Fukuoka Daimyo Garden City, 2-6-50 Daimyo, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture
Rooms	167 (including 20 suites)
Facilities	1F Hotel entrance and arrivals lobby 3F Wedding chapel and banquet rooms 18F Hotel lobby and restaurants 19–23F Guest rooms 24F Club lounge, spa, gym, pool, bar

### **About Sekisui House**

Founded in 1960, Sekisui House, Ltd. is one of world's largest homebuilders and an international diversified developer, with cumulative sales of over 2.6 Million homes<sup>1</sup>. Based in Osaka, Sekisui House has over 300 consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates<sup>2</sup>, over 29,000 employees<sup>3</sup> and is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and Nagoya Stock Exchange.

Sekisui House aims to create homes and communities that improve with time and last for generations. With "Love of Humanity" as its Corporate Philosophy, Sekisui House believes that homes should offer comfort, security and peace of mind for residents, while maintaining harmony with the environment and its surroundings. Sekisui House has sustainability as a core corporate target and is now the global leader in the construction of net-zero-energy houses with more than 60,000<sup>4</sup> of them built since the product was launched in 2013. In 2009, Sekisui House expanded into several new international markets and now operates in the United States, China, Singapore, Australia and the United Kingdom.

In Japan, Sekisui House is also involved in development projects in urban areas such as Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, and Fukuoka aimed at enhancing real estate value. It has actively collaborated with Marriott International on multiple projects, including The St. Regis Osaka, The Ritz-Carlton Kyoto, W Osaka, The Westin Yokohama, and the Trip Base roadside station project.

Sekisui House website: [https://www.sekisuihouse.co.jp/development\\_business/](https://www.sekisuihouse.co.jp/development_business/)

\*1 ; 2,622,745 homes delivered (As of January 31, 2023)

\*2 ; 345 consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates (As of January 31, 2023)

\*3 ; 29,052 employees (As of January 31, 2023)

\*4 ; 69,163 net-zero-energy houses (As of March 31, 2022)

### **About Marriott International**

Marriott International, Inc. (NASDAQ: MAR) is a hospitality company based in Bethesda, Maryland, USA, that encompasses a portfolio of over 8,300 properties under 30 leading brands spanning 138 countries and territories. Marriott operates and franchises hotels and licenses vacation ownership resorts all around the world. The company offers Marriott Bonvoy<sup>®</sup>, its highly awarded travel program. For more information, please visit [www.marriott.co.jp](http://www.marriott.co.jp). For the latest company news, please visit [www.marriottnewscenter.com](http://www.marriottnewscenter.com). In addition, connect with us on Facebook and @MarriottIntl on Twitter and Instagram.

### **About The Ritz-Carlton, Fukuoka**

The Ritz-Carlton, Fukuoka will be the first luxury property for Marriott International in the gateway Kyushu region. Conveniently accessed by air, land, or sea, the hotel can be reached in less than fifteen minutes by car or public transport from Fukuoka Airport, the bullet train-serviced Hakata Station, and Hakata Port. With 167 spacious guest rooms and suites, six restaurants and bars, a fitness studio, spa, club lounge, and banquet and meeting facilities, it will welcome guests to the legendary world of Ritz-Carlton comfort when its doors open on June 21, 2023.

### **About Fukuoka Daimyo Garden City**

Built as part of the Tenjin Big Bang urban renaissance project on the site of the former Daimyo Elementary School in the city of Fukuoka's Tenjin district, Fukuoka Daimyo Garden City is a complex destined to drive Fukuoka's evolution into one of Asia's leading cities. On passing through the entranceway that symbolizes the project, visitors are greeted by a lush green garden. The complex is aimed to create a place where office floors, hotels, shopping, community, and other facilities are connected and all people can meet without borders.

Fukuoka Daimyo Garden City official website: <https://fukuoka-dgc.jp/>