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## Rooms with a view

Checking out China's greenest treetop resort, plus two urban boutique hotels



### 15 NAKED STABLES

Located in the unspoiled bamboo forests of Moganshan, some two and a half hours by train from Shanghai, this innovative eco-retreat comprises 30 treetop villas and 40 secluded rustic huts. Due to open in October this year, the project is aiming for China's first Platinum LEED award for this type of resort with an uncompromising focus on sustainability and green building design. [www.nakedretreats.cn](http://www.nakedretreats.cn)



### 16 THE WATERHOUSE ▲

Architecture and design duo Neri & Hu have taken a 1930s Shanghai warehouse and stripped it to its concrete core to create a new hotel. But the real joy of The Waterhouse is how much of the original building the pair have left on view and how playful and sensitive to local context their 'interventions' are. They have created a fantastic courtyard and

punched out new windows, sometimes allowing surprising sneaky peeks into guest rooms (there are just 19, which encourages conviviality). For Neri & Hu, this is an explicit nod to the 'intimacy' of life in Shanghai's narrow lanes. Meanwhile the dramatic Corten steel roof extension offers views of the maritime traffic on the Huangpu river. [waterhouseshanghai.com](http://waterhouseshanghai.com)



### 17 THE TEMPLE HOTEL ▲

The Temple Hotel lies all but hidden on one of Beijing's old hutongs in a building that has been by turns a Qing temple and a television factory. The first phase of an extensive restoration project has transformed parts of the building into a restaurant and a hall, which now hosts parties and exhibitions. A second phase will see the launch of the hotel's guest rooms in January 2012. A particular attention to lighting underlines the project, which explains why most rooms feature signature pieces by Ingo Maurer. [www.thetemplehotel.com](http://www.thetemplehotel.com)

**TREE OF A KIND**  
Clockwise from top, the Naked Stables' treetop villas in Moganshan; The Temple Hotel's Paper Room in Beijing; the courtyard of Neri & Hu's The Waterhouse in Shanghai