

HISTORY OF HOTEL GRAND SAIGON



On **October 24, 1928**, Henry Chavigny de Lachevrotière, Editor-in-Chief of a French newspaper, obtained an official license to open the Grand Hotel Saigon. It was initially a small beverage shop with classic French architecture, located at the corner of Catinat and Vannier streets (now Dong Khoi and Ngo Duc Ke Street).

1929: Began its construction with 68 rooms at 8 rue Catinat, close to a same hotel name, Grand Hôtel de la Rotonde.

1930: Grand Hotel Saigon was inaugurated and under operation by Mr. Lachevrotière as the first director.

1932-1937: The hotel was sold to Mr. Patrice Luciani, a Frenchman. After buying the Grand- Hôtel, Luciani closed the Saigon Palace Hotel (82-98 Charner Avenue (now Nguyen Hue Street)) and changed the name of the Grand-Hôtel to Saigon Palace in 1937. During Luciani's management, the hotel was one of the most successful hotels in Saigon in the 1930s, nominated as "the first-class choice".



1939: The hotel changed hands again when it was sold to Antoine Giorgetti, also a Frenchman.

1954: Continuously operated under French owners.

1958: The hotel had its Vietnamese name as Saigon Dai Lu Quan and existed until 1975.

1978: Opened another Palace Hotel at 16 Ngo Duc Ke, District 1.

1989: The hotel at 16 Ngo Duc Ke and the restaurant at 24 Dong Khoi merged to form Dong Khoi Hotel.

1994: Grand Hotel Saigon became a lodgment under Saigontourist Holding Company, LLC and was known as one of three oldest hotels in Ho Chi Minh City.

1995 - 1998: The first renovation raised the total of 107 guestrooms in New Wing and Old Wing, two restaurants, one bar and one outdoor swimming pool.

2012: Completion for refurbishment and construction the new building of Luxury Wing, increased to 251 rooms in total, combining modern and ancient styles accompanied with more diverse services.

April 22, 2015: Officially recognized by Vietnam National Administration of Tourism as one of the leading five-star hotels in Vietnam.

2019: Changed the name of Hotel Grand Saigon instead of Grand Hotel Saigon.

2020: Hotel Grand Saigon celebrated its 90-year anniversary.



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