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With a resort hotel attached, in the middle of a city... Where to stay in Bangkok when you're en route to a detox at Kamalaya and a retox at the Four Seasons.

The Sukhothai may be surrounded by the noisy concrete jungle of Bangkok. Yet it's that rare thing – a resort hotel in the centre of the city. It boasts landscaped gardens with water features and even an Olympic-sized pool. The décor is stylish and contemporary Thai, with miles of sage and copper silks, vases of lotus flowers and jasmine-garlanded statues of Buddha and friends. But there are other details that are more Silicon Valley than Siam: bedrooms with adaptor sockets to fit iAnything; and iPad restaurant menus. Try dishes with 'rice paddy herbs', 'pandanus leaves' and 'garden chillies' or visit La Scala, their European eaterie with a visiting roster of Michelin chefs. Everywhere staff glide by with hands clasped in 'sawasdeeeka' greeting. Ask for a room overlooking the courtyard with its decorative, pike-filled pond. Go for the hotel's impeccable service and for its convenience. Go for the power of calm.

To book, contact The Sukhothai on +66 (0) 2344 8888 / reservations@sukhothai.com. Prices start at £159 per night for a double superior room with breakfast.

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