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# The central ingredient

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With China Beach as its centrepiece, the stretch of land that extends south from Danang to the heritage hotspot of Hoi An is home to some of Vietnam's best investment options, as well as a host of high-end lifestyle amenities



# 1

## Fat Fish, Danang

Italian cooking methods and Asian infusions combine to create one of the most thrilling dining venues in Danang. The venue is a short walk from downtown on the less fashionable side of the Han River. It's well worth the schlep though. Locally sourced produce and select imports from Italy and Japan provide the basis for creative salads, pizzas and a selection of sharing platters. A judicious list of wines and craft beers by Ho Chi Minh City-based Pasteur Street Brewery up the ante further.

[fatfishdanang.com](http://fatfishdanang.com)



# 2

## BRG Danang Golf Resort

Arguably the best of the world-class golf courses near Danang, this layout is regarded as one of the premier tests in the region. The beautifully sculpted track is built on sandy-loam soil and winds its way through rugged dunes and funnels of long-needle pine trees. The nearby Marble Mountains provide an extra dramatic visual element on holes such as the 10th, a long par-5 that meanders between epic sand dunes. Australian Greg Norman, affectionately nicknamed The Great White Shark, designed the course and his creation is never anything less than killer.

[dananggolfclub.com](http://dananggolfclub.com)



# 3

## La Siesta Resort & Spa, Hoi An

A major expansion, refurbishment and rebrand has propelled La Siesta Resort and Spa Hoi An into the elite category of hotels in Hoi An. Its main calling card is a brand-new wing that features an array of luxurious room types including poolside suites with deep wooden bathtubs and private Swedish saunas and duplex suites that benefit from claw foot bathtubs and expansive balconies overlooking the pool. Specially commissioned teak furniture was handcrafted by artisans, while flooring that combines polished wood and patterned tiling evokes an old-world charm.

[lasiestaresorts.com](http://lasiestaresorts.com)

The phrase ‘next big thing’ is one that is bandied around a lot in the real estate industry. In the case of central Vietnam, however, the hyperbole has already been justified. The construction boom along China Beach – the long stretch of sand that extends all the way south to the UNESCO-listed ancient port of Hoi An around 30 kilometres to the south – has not been without critics, but the upshot of the building frenzy has been some of Vietnam’s most admired new residential properties and resort real estate. With Danang – the country’s fourth-largest city and a thriving international gateway – as its chief hub, the area encompasses world-class heritage attractions and leisure options that range from golf courses and casinos to cooking classes and bicycle rides around the bucolic countryside.



# 4

## **Ocean Estates, Danang**

With the surf pounding in on China Beach on one side and the manicured fairways of the BRG Danang Golf Resort on the other, The Ocean Estates offer a pretty sweet lifestyle package for investors. Indeed, villas here are regarded as one of the safest bets in Vietnam and have proven popular with second-home buyers from around the region. The development consists of 37 villas in three-, four- and five-bedroom configurations and owners benefit from access to facilities including a beach club with restaurant, spa, lap pool and tennis court.

[theoceanestates.com.vn](http://theoceanestates.com.vn)

# 5

## **Soleil Danang, Danang**

This four-tower condotel complex is one of Danang’s most striking new developments. Upon completion it will encompass the two tallest towers in the city as well as a pair of lesser skyscrapers. The project will feature a coral-inspired façade and a mix of studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, all boasting grandstand views of the sea and nearby mountains. Other drawcards include four rooftop infinity pools and two sky bridges connecting three of the towers. Also notable is the fact that the project will be managed by leading hotel group Wyndham.

[soleildanang.vn](http://soleildanang.vn)

# 6

## **A Dong Silk, Hoi An**

Some attribute Hoi An’s plethora of tailor shops to its history as a centre for the silk trade, even though the bespoke clothing boom is a recent one. Others maintain that the phenomenon comes from a Vietnamese propensity for copycat businesses. Either way, the ancient town has established itself as the place to get clothes made economically in Southeast Asia. Reputation is everything in the dog-eat-dog world that is tailoring in Hoi An. Luckily for A Dong Silk, they come highly recommended by past customers and guidebooks alike.

[adongsilk.com](http://adongsilk.com)