

# SORANO HOTEL

## Press

### A Brief Guide to the SORANO HOTEL

A hotel seemingly in Tokyo that Tokyo has yet to see – an urban resort hotel with Well-being at its core, located in Tachikawa just 30 minutes from the heart of Tokyo

With new ideas not bound by convention, we strive to be an SDGs-oriented hotel that is friendly to the environment, people, and society.

On Monday, June 8, 2020, the SORANO HOTEL opened within the large-scale development project GREEN SPRINGS in Tachikawa City, Tokyo. Ideally located 8 minutes on foot from the north side of the JR Tachikawa Station, this large, approximately 3.9-hectare site is gaining attention as Tachikawa's new landmark, home to a 2,450-seat hall called TACHIKAWA STAGE GARDEN, a commercial complex with over 35 shops and restaurants, a museum, preschools, and offices, not to mention the SORANO HOTEL.

A "Well-being town connecting the sky, the earth, and people" is the concept of the entire district, formulated in response to the needs of well-being seekers who desire a living and lifestyle of health for their minds and bodies. As for the hotel, it has been designed to become an everyday urban resort located in the neighborhood to offer healing and relaxation in a spacious, comfortable setting. The Sorano Hotel (*sora* meaning 'sky') expresses the boundlessness and comfort of the invigorating sky above Tokyo. The sky is also the identity of the hotel owner, Tachihi Holdings Co., Ltd., which manufactured aircraft at the time of its founding.

**[Facility Features]** The lush Showa Kinen Park is directly in front of the 81 guest rooms – all park view – boasting large standard room sizes of at least 52 square meters. All rooms open up to a generous balcony for further luxuriating in the resort feel, and the oversized windows add to the spaciousness.

The hotel interior is designed by world-renowned Gwenaél Nicolas (president of Curiosity Inc.) who comes originally from France. The lush surroundings are the greatest part of the design as an enjoyable view of the rich green environment is afforded from anywhere within the hotel. The guest rooms are simple and natural with any unnecessary elements eliminated as much as possible. Equipped with functionality and refinement, the interior harmonizes with the new sensibility of a hotel promoting Well-being.

In addition to the large guest rooms, a predominant feature in terms of the facility is the Infinity Pool on the 11th floor rooftop that overwhelms users with its large scale and element of surprise, and the Indoor Spa, a 20-meter-by-4-meter hot bathing facility on the 10th floor. Both facilities use hot spring water drilled up independently. The scenic Infinity Pool measures 60 meters in a straight line. The pool can be enjoyed throughout the year as the water temperature is controllable. The water pouring over the edge of the pool gives the illusion of the water surface blending with the sky and spreading indefinitely. Furthermore, Mount Fuji is visible in the distance on a clear day.

**[SORANO SPA]** The hotel's iconic SORANO SPA, open exclusively to in-house guests and spa members, consists of the 11th floor Infinity Pool and the 10th floor Indoor Spa, Nano-mist Sauna, and Gym Studio. Within the Indoor Spa is a 20-meter-by-4-meter hot bathing facility and a 4-meter-by-5-meter Jacuzzi arranged adjacent to it, and splendid views beyond the full-glass walls. The Nano-mist Sauna offers a comfortable, new sensation as the mist penetrates more than normal steam even at the lower temperature setting. Swimwear is required at the Infinity Pool, Indoor Spa, and Nano-mist Sauna.

Furthermore, our **Gym Studio** is established to provide functional improvement and a well-being lifestyle, an important concept at the Sorano Hotel. Various forms of personal training, including conditioning, yoga, and tai chi, are offered.

Our **spa treatments** are generally performed in guest rooms by therapists who visit the rooms with portable spa tables. This style of spa treatment is possible due to the spaciousness of Sorano Hotel guest rooms. Our spa has received acclaim for the wide range of treatment programs and high skill level of therapists.

**[RESTAURANT & BAR]** The hotel has one exclusive restaurant, DAICHINO RESTAURANT. "Local production for local consumption" is taken one step further as the restaurant hinges on the idea of "the right crop for the right land". Foods that are grown naturally and stress-free in a suitable climate is the key to bringing out the best inherent flavors of seasonal ingredients so that we can procure the perfect ingredients from the perfect production sites. Foods that taste good and are good for our bodies begin with excellent soil. Such ingredients flourish in our "crossover food" menus based on Japanese food combined and fused with the various essences of foreign cultures and cuisines, prepared by chefs who are seen at work in the open kitchen.

Three glass-walled cellar rooms for wine, fish, and vegetables are built inside the restaurant, designed to show the producers and quality of ingredients for each category at a glance. Not only attractive as interior décor but also sufficient in managing the freshness of ingredients, the cellar rooms are food display facilities expected of a property like SORANO HOTEL, which offers a Well-being experience through food.

Our outdoor terrace seats surrounded by rich greenery are mainly for café use, and some of the seats are assigned for people with dogs.

Furthermore, in addition to our standard private rooms is our special private room, the Chef's Table, available principally on a membership basis. This private dining room accommodates various needs and dining styles. Seating Capacity: Indoor: 56 seats; Terrace: 40 seats; Private Room: 2 rooms (12 seats & 18 seats); Chef's

Table (private room): 8 seats

The hotel also has a bar, the **SORANO ROOFTOP BAR**, facing the 11th floor Infinity Pool. What is most attractive about the bar is the breathtaking view. The silhouette of distant mountains changing throughout the day and the sunset are just remarkable. The bar accommodates various needs, including the dynamic area near the entrance with a lively and casual bar counter, a static area of quiet and relaxation with comfortable seats that encourage rich conversation, and a private room partitioned with a sliding door. The stylish bar provides a place for guests to enjoy casual conversations and small gatherings. Special menus and drinks are served for lunch, café time, and bar time.

Seating Capacity: 40 seats (includes Private Room – 6 seats and Counter Seats – 6 rooms)

At the back of the 2nd floor lobby is the **IMA LOUNGE**, furnished primarily with counter seats. "IMA" means 'now' and 'living room'. It is an open lounge offering the latest trends, such as Well-being, and a place for casually stopping by for relaxation. Inhouse guests are currently offered freshly brewed coffee in a thermo bottle to take to guest rooms. Our lounge is good for a small meeting, a light pre-meal drink, or a change of mood.

**[No Service Charge at the SORANO HOTEL]** A service charge is generally billed at hotels in Japan. However, the SORANO HOTEL does not request a service charge for use of our guest rooms, restaurant, and other facilities inside the hotel. To guests with varying needs, Sorano hospitality does not impose predetermined services and apply a uniform service charge. This is because we believe that basic hospitality provided by a hotel is a matter of course, not an additional service.

#### **[Introduction of Hotel Closed Days]**

The SORANO HOTEL observes closed days, a rare practice in the hotel industry. With the exception of summer and other designated days, the entire property will be fully closed from 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays to 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays. This endeavor allows us to rethink the convention of operating a hotel for 24 hours a day throughout the year, and it is an initiative that serves to protect the safety of our guests and employees as the pandemic continues.

#### **[SDGs at the SORANO HOTEL]**

- To strive to reduce one-time-use wastes, instead of providing guest room amenities, such as plastic toothbrushes and hair brushes, razors, shampoo and conditioner in small bottles, and cosmetics, we ask our guests to bring what they are accustomed to using at home.
- The shampoo, conditioner, and body soap that we provide are products with the highest level of EU organic certification and are provided in 300-milliliter bottles instead of individual packaging.
- All rooms are furnished with Japan's first ever Japan-made fair trade cotton towels (by Hotman of Ome City, Tokyo). The high-quality towels are manufactured using an original method that makes it possible to heighten absorbency even without using chlorine-based chemicals in consideration of the environment and people as they remain soft and usable for a long time as the pile on the surface stand up every time the towels are washed, without requiring the use of softeners and absorbents.
- As hotels generally furnish rooms with non-recyclable coil spring mattresses that end up as industrial waste, at the Sorano Hotel, we furnish all rooms with high-resilience urethane mattresses using material called "Fine Cell" developed by Nishikawa, a manufacturer actively involved in SDGs. Less than half the weight of coil mattresses, these foam mattresses are very easy to handle during transport and room cleaning.
- Our rooms are equipped with a people- and earth-friendly room control system. Lighting can be adjusted at once with user-friendly, high-functioning controls; air conditioning strives to provide a stable supply of energy with an analyzable data log; and the temperature is automatically adjusted with the use of motion detectors on the ceiling to create a comfortable, energy-saving guest room environment.

At SORANO QUALITY, learn more about the various initiatives at the Sorano Hotel, a Well-being hotel for people and earth. (<https://soranohotel.com/en/quality/>)

## Sorano Hotel Overview

Hotel name:	SORANO HOTEL
Opening:	Monday, June 8, 2020
Regular holiday:	3:00 p.m. on Wednesday to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday (excludes certain dates and periods)
Location:	W-1, 3-1 Midori-cho, Tachikawa-shi, Tokyo
Total floor area:	13,251 sqm
Building:	11 floors above ground, 1 floor below ground
Design:	Joint project by Yamashita Sekkei Inc and Obayashi Corporation
Construction:	Obayashi Corporation
Interior design:	Curiosity Inc. (Gwenael Nicolas, President)
Management:	Tachihi Hospitality Management Co., Ltd. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Tachihi Holdings Co., Ltd.)
	Address: 6-1 Sakae-cho, Tachikawa-shi, Tokyo
	President: Masamichi Murayama, President and CEO
	COO: Hiroyuki Sakamoto
Facilities:	Guest rooms: 81 (52 sqm and above)
	Restaurant & Bar: DAICHINO RESTAURANT (2F), SORANO ROOFTOP BAR (11F), IMA LOUNGE (2F)
	SORANO SPA: Infinity Pool, Infinity Lounge (11F) Indoor Spa, Nano-mist Sauna, Gym Studio (10F)

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