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## Emotion Suite

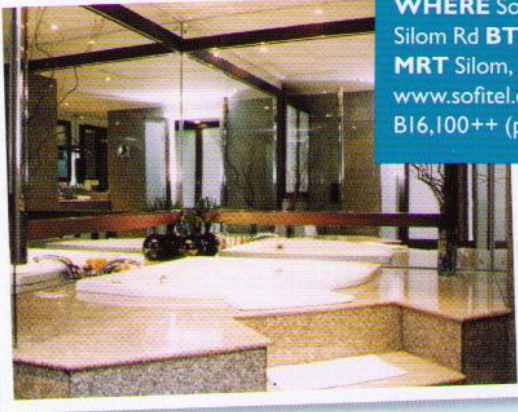
French hotel franchise Sofitel has its Gallic fingers in juicy hospitality pies on every continent, its ubiquity demonstrated by the fact that Bangkok alone hosts four (count 'em) of its outposts. The Emotion Suites perch two-thirds of the way up the 38-story Silom branch. Guests enjoy an elevated check-in experience on the 27th floor, away from the reception-swarming masses; comfortably seated and sipping chilled fruit juice in a private lounge. They should call it an "ease-in".

Average suite size is 169sqm, though the labyrinthine compound feels somewhat more palatial; the black-tiled, mirror-walled corridor bridging the living room (with its adjacent dining room) and study takes a good few manly strides to traverse. Vertiginous views over the urban bustle from the floor-to-ceiling windows prove addictive; after dark, it's all too tempting to turn off the lights and have the city illuminate your luxury suite like a winking, space-age Christmas tree.

Also too tempting are the enticing "Mybeds". Connoisseurs of five-star travel will confirm that these elaborately conceived, sumptuous bed-divan mattress-eiderdown hybrids take the notion of a good night's sleep by the horns – and run with it full pelt all the way to the land of nod. Resistance is, blissfully, futile.

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**WHERE** Sofitel Silom, 188 Silom Rd **BTS** Chong Nonsi **MRT** Silom, 02-238-1991, [www.sofitel.com](http://www.sofitel.com) **PRICE** B16,100++ (period: Dec. 2007)



## BOUTIQUE BANGKOK

A true boutique hotel, rather than a cookie-cutter place hiding behind a cute lobby and a few tchotchkes. Seven is home to six rooms, each outfitted in a different color according to the Thai/Indian tradition of linking days of the week to corresponding gods and their colors.

Rooms are kitted out in yellow, pink, green, orange, blue or purple décor, and red, the seventh color, saturates the lovely lobby-lounge and attached gallery area. Colors are rich and soothing – the blue and purple rooms are especially worth coveting. The blue room, perched on the top floor, has an enormous balcony with an equally large lounge bed; the purple room is particularly romantic and sensual. Rooms are cozy but not constrained, and trappings are luxe – beautiful linens, an iPod dock, free wi-fi, and a mobile phone that the hotel provides for each guest. Location is excellent, too – the hotel is in a quiet sub-soi just a short walk from the Phrom Phong BTS.

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**WHERE** 3/15 Sukhumvit 31 (map D3-4), 02-662-0951, [www.sleepatseven.com](http://www.sleepatseven.com) **PRICE** Till 20 Dec, all rooms are B2,500++ including internet and breakfast. From 21 Dec, B3,500++ (standard), B5,000++ (deluxe), B6,000++ (ultra deluxe)

## Seven

