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Millennium Resort Hangzhou Celebrates 10th Anniversary With A Grand Gala

Millennium Resort Hangzhou's management, former GMs and employees came together to celebrate the memorable occasion and the hotel's achievements over the past decade.

Millennium Resort Hangzhou celebrated its 10th anniversary on 26 April with a Grand Gala held at its PingFeng Grand Ballroom. The property owner, senior management of Millennium Hotels & Resorts, former general managers, and hotel staff came together to celebrate this special occasion and to mark the hotel's dedication to hospitality service excellence and for its achievements over the past decade.

On the day of the event, the hotel was adorned with gold decorations that matched the theme of the 10th-anniversary celebration: "A Golden Decade, Winning the Future Together." The chef team presented a rich and delicious buffet along with fine wines, providing an unforgettable dining experience for everyone.



Employees creatively presenting the number 10 at the hotel grounds (left) and General Manager Ms Xiong addressing the audience at the Grand Gala (right).

In her welcome speech at the celebration, Ms Xiong, General Manager of Millennium Resort Hotel, shared: "We thank both our property owner and management company for their full support over these 10 years. We are grateful to our former general managers for shaping our team's excellent genes. And we especially thank every employee for their hard work. It is because of all of you that Millennium Resort Hangzhou has been successful and reached this milestone."

Looking ahead, Millennium Resort Hangzhou will continue to strive to create better experiences for guests and reach new heights in service excellence.



First Look Inside Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen After Its £1.2 Million Refurbishment

Nestled in the heart of Aberdeen's vibrant West End, Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen boasts a prime city centre location, surrounded by the city's finest bars and restaurants.

Welcome to the newly refurbished Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen, where modern luxury seamlessly blends with the charm of Aberdeen's iconic past.

The hotel has undergone a £1.2 million makeover and refurbished all 87 rooms and public areas. Rooms now include 50" interactive TVs and brand-new furnishings such as desks, chairs, beds, and bedside tables, alongside updated carpets and blinds.

The transformation extends to the hotel's public spaces, which have been "revitalised to offer a contemporary yet traditional ambience".



The public spaces at Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen have been refurbished as well, such as the Grain Store Restaurant (left) and meeting facilities (right).

Inside the walls are decorated with art from local talent such as Aberdeen illustrator Gabrielle Reith and Aberdeen-based artist Allan Watson.

The Copthorne is also offering exclusive perks to MyMillennium loyalty programme members to celebrate the transformation, including complimentary upgrades and late check outs.

General Manager Jamie Snowdon said: "We are immensely proud of the transformation our hotel has undergone.



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“These renovations not only reflect our commitment to excellence but also our desire to stay aligned with Aberdeen’s growth.

“The new Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen is more than just a place to stay; it’s a destination to experience the best of Scottish hospitality.”

Financial Controller David Hird added: “The changes over the last two years are astonishing. “The transformation has made the hotel look incredible, and I can’t wait to see the public’s reaction to our enhancements.”



Exploring History And Culture: A Journey Through The Iconic South Beach

CDL's intern Germaine Nam shares her experiences of the "Unveiling South Beach Singapore: From Military Might to Modern Marvel" tour, which highlights South Beach's transformation over the years.

The annual Singapore HeritageFest returned for a 21st edition with over 120 programmes dedicated to celebrating Singapore's rich built heritage, and the stories behind the nation's buildings, sites, and structures.

"Unveiling South Beach Singapore: From Military Might to Modern Marvel" was one of the programmes introduced in the first week of Singapore HeritageFest 2024. In celebration of the 40th anniversary of Total Defence Day, the tour highlights South Beach's transformation from a military stronghold to a vibrant modern hub.

Germaine Nam, an intern at City Developments Limited (CDL), shares her experience of the tour:

"The session started with an insightful sharing about innovative sustainable features of South Beach, which included access to the Sky Garden located at level 11 of South Beach Tower (the office block). We were treated to a panoramic bird's eye view of the vicinity, while the guide delved into more details about the development's iconic canopy feature.

The 280m long canopy that embraces the development not only provides shade but acts as a natural filter for sunlight and solar glare. This helps to induce natural wind breeze into the building, ensuring year-round comfort!



South Beach's most striking feature is its signature microclimatic wave-like canopy which spans across the whole development and provides a high level of atmospheric comfort throughout the day.



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Today, South Beach Quarter is an impressive two-storey building that is home to commercial spaces. Unlike the Grand Ballroom, South Beach Quarter has undergone at least two rounds of extensive renovations and modification.



Featuring an iconic tripled arched entrance and timber louvred windows, the asymmetrical façade is unique to South Beach Quarter. The facade was due to the merger of two buildings made into one by reconstructing the central archway to unify them.

As we made our way to the next destination, I got to appreciate a variety of artworks on display around the building. A piece that particularly caught my eye was the 80” Icosahedron by Anthony James.



Located at the entrance of JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach, the mesmerising interplay of lights and satisfying geometric patterns bouncing off the mirrors within will surely make anyone pause for a second look.

After a brief sharing about the artworks, we made our way to the NCO club where we concluded the tour with a Pandan Sling Mocktail!

In addition, the downward-angled points of the canopy help to facilitate the collection of rainwater; recycled and reused to water plants around the building. Attached to the canopy are solar panels that harvest solar energy, sufficient to power operations for at least five hours each day – a seamless fusion of sustainability and remarkable innovation.

After learning about the development’s sustainable design features and taking in the mesmerising cityscape from the Sky Garden, we continued to explore the meticulously preserved historical architecture.

Singapore’s steadfast commitment to national security and defence today adds a layer of fascination to the discovery of South Beach’s military past. Exploring the historic structure that once played pivotal roles in safeguarding the budding nation has unveiled a rich tapestry of dedication and resilience.

The history of the former Drill Hall, now known and widely recognised as the swanky Grand Ballroom; left the deepest impression on me. With most of its original architectural integrity retained, it is the best-preserved amongst the architectures still standing at South Beach today. With minimal external modification, the authenticity of the building elevated the experience of uncovering the rich history and stories of those who once fought to protect our nation. The conscientious preservation of this architecture allows visitors to step back in time to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for Singapore’s heritage.



Once echoing with the commands of sergeants and the hurried footsteps of soldiers, this storied building now comes alive with joyous celebrations and gatherings.

The former Drill Hall was once home to the headquarters of the Singapore Volunteer Corps (SVC) and the Straits Settlement Volunteer Force (SSVF). In 1854, the Hokkien-Teochew Riot took place, which initiated the formation of the SVC to maintain law and order. The SSVF was formed with the aim to assist the Royal Air Force in defending Singapore then.

Prominent figures who once served in the SVC and SSVF include Singapore's First Deputy Prime Minister Dr Goh Keng Swee, and Singapore's First Chief Minister Mr David Marshall.

Another historical architecture that we explored was the former Block 1, now known as South Beach Quarter, stands as the oldest amongst the four conserved architecture. Back in the day, this building served as an armoury for weapon storage.

All in all, the tour was insightful and educational, which provided a rich learning experience. Despite its concise one-hour duration, it was thoroughly engaging. The experience was enhanced by older participants who shared their first-hand accounts of the era, making the tour even more memorable. The diversity of participants, from seasoned seniors to young history enthusiasts, as well as the enthusiasm of the tour guide, added to the tour's vibrancy.

Beyond the wonderful stories and learning opportunities, the tour also served as a timely reminder of the sacrifices made by past generations to shape Singapore into the thriving city it is today."



Lights, Camera, EDITION! A Star-Studded Weekend At The Singapore EDITION Grand Launch Extravaganza

Millennium Hotels and Resorts and Marriott International senior executives pose with renowned actor Donnie Yen and wife Cissy Wang at the grand launch of The Singapore EDITION.

The Singapore EDITION, which marks the brand's first property in Southeast Asia, welcomed both international and local VIP guests for a three-day festival to celebrate its launch weekend held from 9 – 12 May.

Well-known guests included Donnie Yen, Cissy Wang, Fiona Xie, Arissa Cheo, Nathan Hartono, Hossan Leong, Michelle Chia, Jean Danker and many others, who came ready to party and add sparkle to the glittery weekend.



(L-R) Fiona Xie, Edward Russell and Jean Danker, Michelle Chia and Hossan Leong were some of the guest celebrities who graced the launch weekend.

Each of the hotel's uniquely designed spaces were activated to create a kaleidoscope of glamorous entertainment experiences and high-octane party vibes. The event saw the debut of the hotel's exclusive 'micro club' Wonder Room, showcasing a set of world-class performances and free-flow bottle service, and concluded with an after-hours nightcap in The Pink Room for guests truly in-the-know.

On the evening of 11 March, guests gathered at the 13-storey boutique hotel and made their way to FYSH at EDITION, the hotel's signature restaurant, a modern seafood steakhouse by Australian star chef Josh Niland.

Dinner was a multi-course family-style affair featuring Niland's fin-to-tail aged seafood and zero waste philosophy. The night continued with lively DJ sets by Nicolette and Yafith in Lobby Bar accompanied by signature scent-inspired cocktails and indulgent passed canapes.

As guests got into the groove, the party slowly filtered downstairs via the striking statement staircase, before descending to the subterranean floor for the after party. Here, a trio of high octane spaces; Punch Room; the newly debuted Wonder Room; and The Pink Room, were individually programmed for a truly multi-dimensional experience.

Punch Room, EDITION's global cocktail bar concept inspired by 19th-century London private clubs was a hive of activity with authentic silver punch bowls served to a soundtrack of hip hop classics.



Donnie Yen, Cissy Wang and Rosalyn Lee (right) at the ultra-luxe Wonder Room, where they enjoyed captivating music in the underground 'micro club'.

Simultaneously, guests were treated to the premier of Wonder Room, a luxurious underground 'micro club' within the hotel that redefines luxury music, art and cultural experiences. Swathed in plush deep red velvet drapes with cosy armchairs and intimate booths, entertainment kicked off with the captivating beats of Mantravine, a tribe of sonic alchemists who blended neo-shamanic rhythms with live instruments and psychedelic dance grooves.

The night continued with a live performance by Singaporean singer-songwriter and actor Nathan Hartono before a high energy set by Japanese musician and DJ Mademoiselle Yulia renowned on Tokyo's electro scene. To wrap things up, a nightcap in The Pink Room was enjoyed by those truly in-the-know.



It was a sensational weekend for guests as they indulged in the exciting programme planned by EDITION, such as a live performance by artist Nathan Hartono (right).

On the last day of EDITION Hotel's Singapore takeover, guests were whisked away on a journey of recovery and relaxation with indulgent experiences at The Spa at EDITION. The festivities continued at noon where guests gathered at ROOF for a chilled-out poolside brunch in the sun at the hotel's hidden rooftop oasis on Cuscaden Road.



R3 Precast Showcase Innovative And Efficient Precast Solutions To Support Singapore's Public Housing

As part of its ongoing efforts to support Singapore's public housing, R3 Precast hosted the team from HDB at its Senai plant in Johor Bahru and showcased its facilities and operations.

As a key precast supplier for public housing projects in Singapore, Hong Leong Asia's subsidiary R3 Precast takes pride in meeting the demand for high quality and innovative precast solutions.

R3 Precast recently hosted a Housing & Development Board (HDB) team led by CEO Mr Tan Meng Dui at its Senai plant in Johor Bahru. During the visit, the R3 Precast team showcased the plant's 25 production lines and its efficient layout, as well as its in-house mould fabrication equipment, on-site batching plants, turning machines and transfer wagons.

Through the visit, the HDB team gained insights into how operations and production are synergised at the highly automated integrated construction and prefabrication hub (ICPH) and open yard facility in Singapore, with the production capabilities at the plant in Senai, Malaysia. This has enabled R3 Precast to deliver consistently high quality, value-for-money precast components on schedule.



The HDB team, led by CEO Mr Tan Meng Dui, received a comprehensive tour and learnt more about how R3 Precast synergises operations and production to produce high quality and affordable precast solutions.

Soon, R3 Precast will be able to dispatch and discharge concrete over 450 metres of rail tracks when upgrading works for an automated concrete distribution system with hydraulic flexible mould at its Tuas plant in Singapore are completed. This will further strengthen its ability to deliver innovative and efficient solutions that empower the sustainability of public housing in Singapore.



MHR Collaborates With The Department Of Tourism In Umm Al Quwain To Boost Tourism

Mr Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim (far right) at the signing ceremony, which marks a deepening of MHR's collaboration with the Department of Tourism and Archaeology as the Group seeks to expand its presence in the UAE.

In a move to boost tourism in Umm Al Quwain, Millennium Hotels and Resorts MEA signed a collaborative agreement with the emirate's Department of Tourism and Archaeology. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Sheikh Majid bin Saud bin Rashid Al Mualla, Chairman of Umm Al Quwain's Department of Tourism.

The agreement, signed by Mr Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim, CEO of Millennium Hotels and Resorts MEA and Lakhraim Group, and His Excellency Haitham Sultan Al Ali, Director General of Umm Al Quwain's Department of Tourism and Archaeology, aims to exchange knowledge and expertise in tourism, hospitality, and entertainment.

Sheikh Majid bin Saud bin Rashid Al Mualla, Chairman of UAQ DT, underscored the significance of the agreement, highlighting its potential to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and expertise in tourism, hospitality, and entertainment sectors. This collaboration is envisioned to contribute significantly to the development of tourism offerings within the emirate, ultimately propelling its economic growth.

Speaking about the partnership, Mr Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim said: "We are delighted to announce this exciting partnership with the government of Umm Al Quwain. As we look to further expand our presence and deepen our relationships across the UAE, we are pleased to develop an understanding with the Department of Tourism and Archaeology. We look forward to working together to ensure that Umm Al Quwain is promoted as a tourism destination both locally and internationally in line with its strong cultural heritage."



CDL Acquires Delfi Orchard For S\$439m In En Bloc Deal To Unlock Its Full Potential

Delfi Orchard is strategically located next to Orchard Hotel Singapore and Claymore Connect mall, and presents an exciting opportunity for CDL to participate in the Orchard Road precinct rejuvenation efforts.

City Developments Limited (CDL), through its wholly-owned subsidiary CDL Draco Pte. Ltd., has been awarded the collective sale tender for Delfi Orchard, a prime 11-storey freehold strata-titled commercial building, at the price of S\$439 million.

Located at 402 Orchard Road, Delfi Orchard comprises 150 strata commercial and residential units, of which 126 units are owned by CDL.

Delfi Orchard is situated next to lifestyle destinations such as Orchard Hotel and Claymore Connect, with Palais Renaissance across the street. There is the potential to tap on the Urban Redevelopment Authority's Strategic Development Incentive Scheme, which CDL may explore in the near future.

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL's Group Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are delighted to be awarded the collective sale tender for this strategically important asset which enjoys a prominent frontage along Orchard Road. Having owned 84% of the units already, this acquisition allows CDL to potentially unlock the full potential of this prime freehold asset. With several redevelopments anchoring the planned transformation for this part of the Orchard Road precinct, this is an exciting opportunity for us to participate in the rejuvenation efforts."

The CDL Group has a strong track record in the vicinity, as the developer and/or owner of numerous iconic residential, commercial and hospitality landmarks, such as Palais Renaissance, Orchard Hotel Singapore, Claymore Connect, St. Regis Hotel & Residences, Boulevard 88 and The Singapore EDITION.



China Yuchai Debuts 50 Green Energy Buses Powered By Hydrogen Fuel Cells

The Green Energy Buses, which use the electrochemical reaction of hydrogen and air to replace the combustion process in traditional ICE vehicles, will play a role in helping the country to meet its 'double carbon' goal.

Marking a significant step in China's push towards sustainable transportation, China Yuchai International Limited announced the commercial launch of 50 green energy buses equipped with Yuchai Xingshunda hydrogen fuel cells in Beijing.

Yuchai Xingshunda, a joint venture between Guangxi Yuchai Machinery Company and Beijing Xing Shun Da Bus Co., Ltd., has developed two types of hydrogen fuel cell systems powering these buses: the 82kW and the 125kW systems.

The 82kW system, boasting over 43% energy efficiency, is designed for buses, light-duty trucks, and passenger vehicles. The 125kW system, with a proprietary metal plate stack to reduce hydrogen consumption and energy efficiency above 45%, is intended for larger vehicles like semi-trailers and cargo trucks.

The hydrogen fuel cells offer high energy efficiency, zero emissions, low noise, and high power density. These benefits are critical in reducing carbon footprints and meeting environmental targets. The initiative aligns with China's broader policy framework aimed at achieving carbon neutrality by 2060.

In recent years, construction of China's hydrogen energy industry has developed at an accelerated rate. While continuing to develop reliable and leading traditional power engines, Yuchai has also embraced investments in new energy powertrain development. Using Yuchai Xin-Lan New Energy Power Technology Co., Ltd as a platform, Yuchai promotes strategic cooperation to strengthen core competences, and build expertise in creating new energy systems for a wide range of operating scenarios.

Mr Weng Ming Hoh, President of China Yuchai, said, "China's hydrogen energy and fuel cell industry are poised to enter a period of accelerated growth. These 50 hydrogen buses commencing operation are the first product implementation of Yuchai Xingshunda's core technologies in the marketplace."



Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA Shines At ATM Exhibition 2024 In Dubai

The Millennium team standing proud in front of their exhibition stand, which was shortlisted for the prestigious Sustainable Stand Award at ATM 2024.

The Arabian Travel Market (ATM) Exhibition 2024 in Dubai was a bustling hub of excitement, innovation, and industry leadership. Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA participated in the event, designing an eye-catching exhibition stand which incorporated recycled materials, energy-efficient lighting, and interactive displays that educated visitors on the importance of sustainability in the hospitality industry.

Visitors to the stand were treated to a range of engaging experiences. Interactive digital displays showcased the diverse portfolio of Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA, offering a virtual tour of the luxurious properties. Attendees could explore the unique blend of tradition and modernity that defines each location, from the heart of bustling cities to serene beachfront retreats.

The team also organised insightful presentations and discussions on the latest trends in hospitality, sustainable tourism, and the future of travel in the region. These sessions were well-attended and sparked lively discussions, further establishing the Group as thought leaders in the industry. Interactions with key industry leaders, partners, and influencers provided valuable opportunities for networking and collaboration, strengthening existing relationships and forging new partnerships.

In a proud moment, the Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA stand was shortlisted for the prestigious Sustainable Stand Award at ATM 2024. This recognition underscored the brand's unwavering commitment to environmental responsibility and its innovative approach to creating a greener future for the hospitality industry. The nomination itself was a significant accolade, celebrating the hard work and dedication of the entire Millennium team.

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Indulge In An Elegant Parisian Afternoon Tea At New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel

La Table French Brasserie, the only hotel French casual dining restaurant in Tsim Sha Tsui East, offers authentic French cuisine from all corners of France.

To celebrate the upcoming 2024 Olympics in Paris, New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel presents a brand-new Parisian Afternoon Tea at La Table French Brasserie, now through 28 July. The immersive afternoon tea experience transports diners to a bistro in Paris with an elevated gourmet journey featuring 11 delicately prepared small bites and two classic flamed desserts.

To celebrate the upcoming 2024 Olympics in Paris, New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel presents a brand-new Parisian Afternoon Tea at La Table French Brasserie, now through 28 July. The immersive afternoon tea experience transports diners to a bistro in Paris with an elevated gourmet journey featuring 11 delicately prepared small bites and two classic flamed desserts.



Immerse in Olympic fervour with our Parisian Afternoon Tea featuring a selection of French classic savouries and delightful sweet treats.

Presented in an elegant three-tiered “birdcage,” the indulgent afternoon spread starts with savouries including Baked Lobster Tartlet, Duck Foie Gras Lollipop, Charcoal Grilled Duck Breast with Truffle Crisps and Seafood Aspic.

Two of the most iconic French desserts – Crêpes Suzette and Omelette Norvégienne (a.k.a. Baked Alaska) – are dramatically prepared à la minute at the table. Other delightful treats are berry-infused, like the Fresh Berry Jelly Crystal Ball, Blueberry Puff and Mille-feuille with Berries, with additional sweet treats including Rose, Strawberry and Chocolate Mousse and Crème Brûlée Cheesecake.



The set includes Crêpe Suzettes made à la minute at your table and Baked Alaska, elevating the entire indulgent experience.

Since no afternoon tea set is complete without scones, diners will be pampered with an all-pink Mixed Red Berry Scone topped with a pink chocolate piece and a buttery, airy Mini Croissant.

Price:

HKD258 per person

HKD460 for two persons

Dining period:

2:30 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays

Beverage:

A glass of Bourgogne Louis Jadot Pinot Noir per person and a choice of coffee or tea

All prices are subject to 10% service charge. For enquiries or reservations, please call 2313 4222. More details can be found [here](#).

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Be Spoiled
For Choice
With A
Delightful Suite
Of Offerings At
Orchard Hotel
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Nestled on the buzzing Orchard Road, Orchard Hotel Singapore is in the heart of the entertainment and shopping district. Experience best-in-class hospitality with its newly-renovated lush interiors of the Grand Deluxe rooms and sumptuous international dining options at Orchard Café, Bar Intermezzo, and MICHELIN Chinese restaurant Hua Ting.

Father's Day Buffet



Treat your dad like royalty this Father's Day with a lavish buffet featuring all-time favourite dishes! Celebrate with Orchard Café and create unforgettable memories together.

Celebrate *the man* of the house with a feast of fresh seafood and sizzling grills!

Be engulfed by a luxurious spread of Slow Roasted Angus Bone-In Prime Rib, Fennel and Orange Roasted Lamb Leg, Himalayan Salt Baked Salmon, Mentaiko Baked US Oysters, Boston Lobster and Snow Crab, Singapore Pepper Crab, Satay, and more!



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Go home with a sugar high from delectable desserts of Durian Ice Cream Waffle, Kopi O Tiramisu, Guinness Cream Cake, Beer Jelly Shooter, Mille Feuille Custard, and Mango Panacotta.

Available on **15 and 16 June 2024** only.

Promotion:

50% off 2nd diner

FREE bucket of beers or bottle of wine with every 4 pax

Price:

Adult - \$108

Child (6 to 12 years old) - \$54

Children below 6 years old dine free with min. 1 paying adult.

Please visit the [website](#) for more information.

Fiesta Gastronómica - Hispanic & International Buffet



Ignite your appetite at Orchard Café's sizzling Fiesta Gastronomica!

Sabores de América Latina!

Embark on a culinary adventure across continents with Orchard Café's vibrant Hispanic & International Buffet, featuring Argentine, Mexican, and Spanish flavours!

The fiesta boasts a wanderlust feast from fiery depths to aromatic allure, transporting you to the heart of each culture with every sumptuous bite.

Highlights: Argentine Roasted Wagyu Beef Rump, Asado Tomahawk, Spanish Pork Shoulder Pernil, Mexican Blackened Salmon, Gambas Ajillo, Lobster Ravioli, Spanish Churros, Deep-fried Tequila Shots, Flores de Hojaldre

Promotion:

50% off 2nd diner

Available from **1 June – 31 July 2024**.

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Cantonese Soiree at MICHELIN Hua Ting Restaurant



Enjoy a "1 Menu 2 Venues" experience where you get the best of both worlds!

Michelin Guide selected Hua Ting Restaurant offers dynamic yet refined flavours in authentic Cantonese cuisines with multiple awards for its timeless signatures, roast delights, and home-crafted dim sum.

To create an experience for new generations of diners in mind, Hua Ting is bringing the contemporary Bar Intermezzo reminiscence of The Great Gatsby Era to its elegant diners.

Price:
\$188++ per person

Limited seats on Thursdays only.

Please visit the [website](#) for more information.

Weekend High Tea Staycation

Indulge in a Weekend High Tea Staycation

Are you looking for a short getaway or a place to celebrate a special anniversary or birthday?

Indulge yourself with two sumptuous buffets and explore the Orchard shopping district on city bikes when you stay at the Orchard Hotel. The 2D1N staycation (for check-in on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays) includes:

- Breakfast for 2
- High Tea Buffet for 2 at Bar Intermezzo (U.P. \$166)
- Complimentary parking
- Use of yoga mat & resistance band (available upon request and subject to availability.)

And that's not all. My Millennium members get up to an **additional 12% off** on any stay dates!

What are you waiting for? Book your weekend staycation [now!](#)

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Summer In Style At New World Millennium HK With Luxurious New Package

Treat yourself to a luxurious stay at New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel with its new “Elevate in Style” package.

New World Hotels & Resorts has launched its Vivid Getaway summer campaign of hotel packages tailored for families, couples, leisure and business travellers. With lounge access, spacious accommodations, breathtaking views and impeccable service, guests can indulge in a world of style and relaxation, whether on a romantic getaway, family summer vacation or business trip that seamlessly blends work and leisure.

At New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel, the iconic five-star landmark on the Victoria Harbour waterfront in Tsim Sha Tsui East, the “Elevate in Style” package includes the third night free with two consecutive nights in a Residence Club room, Elite room or suite at the Flexible Rate, along with a range of privileges perfect for a rejuvenating retreat.



Enjoy an indulgent buffet breakfast at Café East (left) and full access to the elegant Residence Lounge & Bar (right).

Package guests also enjoy all Residence Club exclusive benefits, including buffet breakfast at Café East, full access to Residence Lounge & Bar for all-day refreshments and evening cocktails, and 20% savings at hotel restaurants, bars and in-room dining (blackout dates apply.) Elevate in Style’s availability extends now to 28 December 2024.

Advance reservation is required and the booking must be made direct on newworldmillenniumhotel.com. Elevate in Style is subject to availability and 10% service charge. The booking is non-cancellable and non-refundable and this offer cannot be used in conjunction with other room packages or promotions.

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Wind Down
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Favourite Wines
& Tiramisu At
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Beast & Butterflies Restaurant prides itself as a community dining space inspired by a dynamic gastronomic lifestyle to bring strong social energy and a conducive alfresco dining experience.

Why limit to a glass when you can enjoy an exquisite bottle of wine? M Social presents a specially curated selection of red and white wine at just **\$55++ per bottle**. Wine selection will vary monthly for an expansive wine experience.
M Social's curated range of wines for May:

Red Wine:

HACIENDA REAL CENCIBEL - Vino de la Tierra, Spain 2020
LA TORRETTA CABERNET SAUVIGNON - IGT Veneto, Italy 2021

White Wine:

CASALFORTE GARGANEGA - IGT Veneto, Italy 2021
JOSEPH CASTAN, 'ELEGANCE - Sauvignon Blanc, France 2022

Available daily from 11.30am; cork out, sip and enjoy! Limited quantity available.

Where:

Level 1 of M Social Singapore
90 Robertson Quay, Singapore 238259

Make your reservation [here](#)! Be quick, don't let it *sip* away!

Tiramisu Friday



Make your Fridays extra sweet with all-you-can-eat Tiramisu at Beast & Butterflies!



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Attention coffee and dessert lovers, here is a challenge for you!

How much Tiramisu can you eat?

For just \$6++, scoop all you can on your plate and indulge in the happiness of M Social's Beast & Butterflies Tiramisu straight from the tray! As the saying goes, there is always another stomach for dessert.

Head over to Beast & Butterflies every Friday and scoop your heart away from 6pm onwards, promotion is valid with any purchase of a main course.

Where:

Level 1 of M Social Singapore
90 Robertson Quay, Singapore 238259

Make your reservation [here!](#)

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Beat The Heat With Some Indoor Fun At City Square Mall's Inmers Play

The popular Floor is Lava game is sure to get you moving, with different levels of difficulty so even young children can join the fun.

Beat the scorching heat and head indoors for some fun at **Inmers Play** at City Square Mall, a cyber-game zone for you and your family or friends to spend an enjoyable afternoon.

The store has 3 games: Floor Is Lava, Tip Top, and Red Devil, with the latter 2 games being exclusive to the City Square outlet. Though the games are more fun in big groups, it can still be a unique date idea. You can choose which level of difficulty you'd like to play so families with little children are welcome, making it a great addition to your list of things to do with kids.

Floor Is Lava

Inmers Play's crowd favourite from their first outlet, Floor is Lava, is back at this outlet with the same pixel-dodging fun.

The game is straightforward: Avoid the red, stay on the green, and tap out the blue. As the rounds go on, the safe green pixels dwindle and fluctuate, needing you to put your squat practice to good use. Should you accidentally fall on the red "lava", you're either toast and have to sit out the rest of the rounds, or your team takes a hit on the scoreboard.

Tip Top

A fun play on words, Tip Top is another cyber game that needs you to be at the top of your game by staying on your tippy-toes. Think Just Dance stations at arcades mixed with an obstacle course, one wrong move and your team loses points.

Red Devil

Like Squid Game's Red Light, Green Light, Red Devil requires you to be out of sight of large "Devil's eyes" in the room. Rather than an eerie doll singing and staying still, you have to hide from the eye's view once they turn red.

Each round has different tasks for you and your team, which involve pressing buttons in order and matching patterns. There is a central pillar to hide behind, but in a big group, only so many of you can climb on top of each other to evade the glowing orbs.



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Tip Top (left) and Red Devil (right) will keep you on your toes. Get ready to level up your gaming experience!

Each game is 20 minutes long and starts from \$15/pax, depending on the game type and which day of the week you go. Find out more [here!](#)



Beach Vibes Only! THHM Employees Enjoy A Sun-Soaked Summer Outing

THHM employees enjoying the beach at Anvaya Cove Beach and Nature Club.

In May, The Heritage Hotel Manila (THHM) brought its employees for a sun-soaked summer outing at Anvaya Cove Beach and Nature Club in Morong Bataan.

Held in two batches, over 150 management and employees had a day of fun and camaraderie as they enjoyed the club's facilities, relaxed by the beach and indulged in Anvaya's sumptuous buffets. Games and contests added excitement to the event, with employees grouped into teams to win attractive prizes.



The two batches of participants posing in their team colours, all ready to have a great time!

This was the first time many of the participants have been to Anvaya and it was a great bonding time for the team and an opportunity to let their hair down together. Feedback has been very positive, and the employees are greatly appreciative to the HR Department and planning committee for organising such a seamless and enjoyable outing.



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All smiles as employees enjoyed a dip in the sea or in Anvaya's beautiful pool.

Events such as these are vital in maintaining the strong, collaborative spirit that drives THHM forward, and demonstrates the hotel's efforts to foster a vibrant and inclusive corporate culture.



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Millennium Hotels MEA Partners With The Storey Group To Plant 100,000 Trees Worldwide

Mr Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim, CEO of Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA & Lakhraim Group, planting a tree to mark the partnership with The Storey Group.

In a joint endeavour to combat climate change and promote environmental stewardship, Millennium Hotels and Resorts MEA and The Storey Group, a renowned consulting firm dedicated to environmental sustainability and social impact, have come together to plant 100,000 trees worldwide over the next five years.

This ambitious project seeks to restore 65 hectares of land and capture more than 32,000 kilograms of carbon dioxide annually. Trees will be strategically planted in 16 countries, selected based on optimal planting seasons at each location.

Through advanced technology provided by The Storey Group, Millennium Hotels and Resorts MEA will be able to track the carbon impact of each tree, as well as learn about the species, the farmer and its location, which will help to engage employees and customers in the process.

Mr Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim, CEO of Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA & Lakhraim Group, said: “We are delighted to work with The Storey Group to help combat climate change across the world. Through our strategic partnership, we are aiming to make a meaningful contribution to global sustainability, leaving a positive legacy for future generations to come. At Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA, we place a huge emphasis on environmental stewardship, community engagement, and the long-term health of our local and global home, and we have introduced several initiatives in line with these goals.”

During COP28 in December 2023, Millennium Hotels & Resorts Global announced its sustainability programme, the Green Path Brand Playbook, which has a target of achieving a 27 percent reduction in scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.



Initiatives To Reduce Air-Con Energy Usage To Be Trialled At South Beach Tower

South Beach has won multiple awards for its environment-friendly design and unique green features.

A water-repellent coating for air-conditioners' cooling coils which could help to reduce energy consumption will be trialled at South Beach Tower. It is one of two initiatives that aim to reduce the energy usage of air-cons in offices and hotels which will be piloted at the building.

The projects were awarded about \$1.2 million in grants under BCA's Green Buildings Innovation Cluster 2.0 programme, a research, development and demonstration programme for energy-efficient technologies and innovations.

With the coating, BCA expects energy consumption of an air handling unit to be reduced by more than 30 per cent, and energy use of a chiller – which produces chilled water for the air handling unit – to be decreased by 12 per cent.

The second initiative to be trialled at South Beach Tower is a monitoring system.

The measurement and verification toolkit, developed by building consultancy firm Building System and Diagnostics, will measure the airside system, which handles the flow of air within a building. It consists of sensors and meters that measure air temperature, among other things, and could lead to energy savings of 25 per cent.

Ms Samantha Tan, South Beach Consortium's general manager, said that with the firm pushing the boundaries of environmental sustainability, she hopes other building owners will recognise the benefits of green buildings, which include lower utility bills and benefits to the health and well-being of its occupants.



Bond With Your Team, Build A Wheelchair

Hong Leong Holdings strengthens staff camaraderie and donates wheelchairs.

Nearly 50 staff employees from Hong Leong Holdings participated in an off-site event at W Singapore Sentosa-Cove Hotel for a meaningful day of team bonding that ended with a donation of 20 wheelchairs to care centres.

“Give, share, bond and thrive” was the theme at Hong Leong Holdings’ recent staff-bonding event. Held at W Singapore Sentosa-Cove Hotel, the group of nearly 50 staff employees participated in activities organised by Grace At Work Teambuilding that introduces a synergy of charitable team building activities while contributing meaningfully to society.

The morning started with presentations from each department such as Marketing, Projects and Business Development so all staff participants understand the aims, challenges and day-to-day work of each team. After each presentation, the floor was opened to all for Q&A for greater understanding and interaction of each team’s work.

Mr Quek Kon Hui, an executive of Hong Leong Holdings who led the organising committee on the yearly event, gave an opening address to introduce staff to the event that was about to unfold. He also thanked the teams and presenters for their efforts into each presentation.

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Mr Quek Kon Hui who led the organising committee, gave an opening address to introduce staff to the event that was about to unfold.



A team of staff cheering exuberantly as the organiser from Grace At Work spurs them to yell louder than the rest and score a prize!

“It’s a lot of effort to put together each 15-20-minute presentation as well as for the presenters to prepare for the day. Some teams took nearly two months to prepare as they want to ensure updated and accurate content. My organising committee and I appreciate the time and hard work put in by each and everyone of them, and I hope



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we can all continue to build this momentum as an ongoing and permanent fixture for more company-wide discussions on our individual work areas as well as industry developments,” said Mr Quek.

After the morning’s presentations, a sumptuous buffet lunch of grilled meats and seafood was found waiting at the hotel’s restaurant, The Kitchen Table, delighting everyone as they tucked in the feast.

After lunch, participants were divided into six teams that competed in creativity and puzzle-solving activities.

The highlight of it all was the final segment “Build a Gift”, that saw each team build and decorate wheelchairs that were donated to Ling Kwang Home for Senior Citizens and Sunlove Family Services, a nursing home for elderly and dementia care. A total of 20 wheelchairs were donated to the homes.



Hungry staff helping themselves to the delicious buffet lunch at The Kitchen Table.



A team putting the nuts and bolts in the wheelchair during the “Build A Gift” segment.

The teams competed with each other to build the wheelchair in the fastest amount of time. Peals of laughter could also be heard in the room as each team presented their sales pitch on why their wheelchair was the best!

“In addition to team building, we wanted activities that give meaningful outcome not only to our employees, but also to the less fortunate. When Grace At Work approached us and shared that Sunlove Family Services and Ling Kwang Home needed wheelchairs, it was an immediate decision to help where we can. We are grateful to be given the opportunity to contribute while enrichen the experience of our employees,” said Mr Quek Kon Hui, an executive of Hong Leong Holdings who was part of the organising committee for the company’s staff-bonding event.



Teams trying to figure out a card puzzle (left photo) with the winning team demonstrating the solution (right photo) at the end of the game.



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Other activities included working together to extricate team members from a rubber band game (left photo) and making a sturdy straw basket to prevent an egg from breaking when thrown in the air (right photo).

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The Assisi
Fun Day
Happening
On 9 June

Enjoy exciting games, activities and yummy treats while doing good for a worthy cause!

Don't miss the most fun and meaningful activity this June holidays! Bond with your family and friends at the biggest charity carnival of the year, the **Assisi Fun Day 2024** on 9 June. With over 100 stalls offering exciting rides, games, activities and delicious treats, there is something for everyone – from the young to young-at-heart.

Besides having fun, you will be doing your part for a worthy cause! Assisi Fun Day 2024 is Assisi Hospice's biggest fundraising event of the year. Funds raised will go towards supporting care for patients with terminal illnesses and their families. The mega carnival, co-organised with City Developments Limited (CDL), is a community event put together by staff and volunteers from all walks of life.

Event details:

Date: 9 Jun 2024 (Sun)

Time: 10am – 4pm

Location: St Joseph's Institution International School (SJII)

Address: 19 Toa Payoh West, Singapore 318876

Admission is free and coupons for purchases and activities are available on site. You can also make a direct donation. All proceeds will go towards supporting care for patients with terminal illnesses and their families.

More information available [here](#).



An Unforgettable Wedding Under A Forest Of Lights At JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach

Housed in a conserved heritage building, JW Marriott's Grand Ballroom is the perfect spot for romantic and inspired weddings.

Bride-to-be Sabrina Low shares her experience planning her wedding with JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach. While she was at first overwhelmed with the many options and decisions to be made, the advice by assistant director of events Chanel Tan, the gorgeous Grand Ballroom, and the convenience of having multiple venues on one property convinced her that this is the perfect venue to hold the wedding of her dreams.

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I have to admit: like many other brides-to-be, I've spent an embarrassing amount of time envisioning my dream wedding. After all, when you've finally found the one, why shouldn't your special day be the grandest and most extravagant celebration of your life? Once the immense joy of getting engaged faded somewhat, it was time to get down to business—wedding planning was now in full swing.

Now planning a perfect event is a daunting task, and it's even more so when the event in question holds such personal significance. While I have a clear idea of the essentials I absolutely have to have in my ceremony—moody fall colours and peonies—I find myself overwhelmed by the sheer volume of options and decisions to be made, especially when it comes to the venue.

In search of a ballroom spacious enough to host close to 300 friends and family, while retaining a touch of exclusivity and intimacy, I'm thrilled to connect with Chanel Tan, assistant director of events at JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach.

Situated in the heart of Singapore's central business district and within striking distance of the Marina Bay area, the ultra-chic hotel expertly balances heritage with modern style, and comes complete with elegant interiors and furniture that doubles as artwork, checking numerous boxes for me in terms of location and aesthetics.

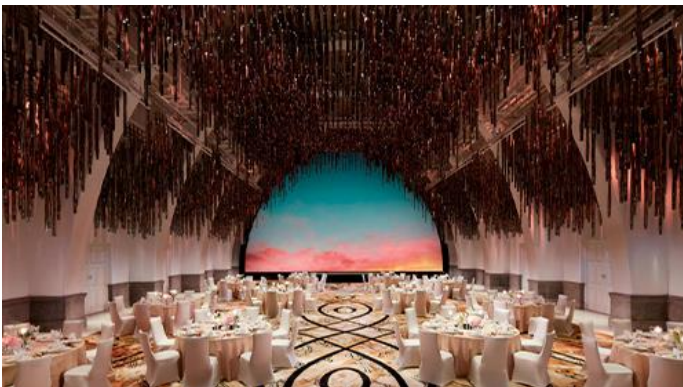


The hotel's central location, elegant and stylish interiors, and superb service has made it the venue of choice for wedding couples to celebrate their special day.

Tan puts my mind at ease within the first few minutes of meeting, reassuring me that JW Marriott and its exceptional events team are more than capable of making my dream wedding a reality.

My brief is fairly simple: traditional yet contemporary, paying homage to my Chinese heritage, for example, with a tea ceremony, while avoiding the mainstream, over-the-top Asian weddings and all their clichés. What impresses me the most is that JW Marriott and its team manage to cater to my requests in creating my fantasy night while also offering lovely suggestions to consider.

Indulging every bride's penchant for all things exclusive, JW Marriott's Grand Ballroom is the perfect spot for inspired weddings. Tan informs me that the space, housed in a conserved heritage building from the 1930s that stands separate from the hotel itself, is the property's lone ballroom—meaning only one wedding takes place every night. In other words, I don't have to share my special night with another, even if I'm partial to an auspicious or popular date.



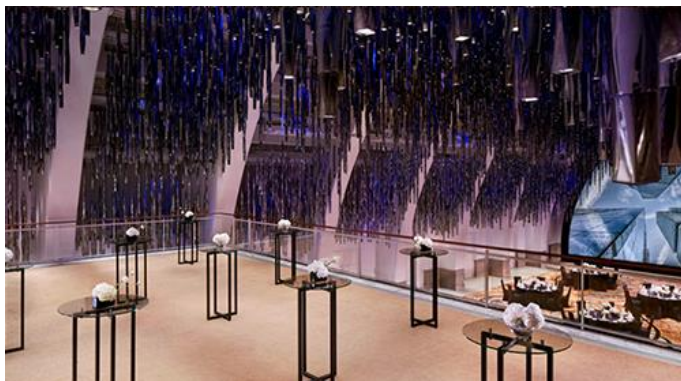
The hotel's Grand Ballroom is an architectural marvel with a 10-metre-tall ceiling adorned with the majestic Forest of Lights installation.

The ballroom itself, I discover, is an architectural marvel boasting a 10-metre-tall ceiling; a sprawling column-free space measuring 4,768 square feet that can comfortably accommodate up to 28 round tables seating 10 guests each. What I'm most delighted with is the magical 11,520-light Forest of Lights installation that adorns the soaring arched ceiling—I'm told that the lights on this stunner can be personalised to match the colour and brightness of the theme of my event. Then there's the impressive curved LED wall, measuring 15 metres by 10 metres, that can be programmed to display as backdrop any images or videos of my choice.

No wedding is complete without a sumptuous feast and JW Marriott promises to deliver just that with a delectable menu specially curated by its team of talented chefs. While I'm set on a crowd-pleasing six-course Chinese dinner, which Tan assures me will be a lavish spread that includes luxurious seafood and decadent chocolate creations, I'm told that the team is able to cater to a variety of different tastes—even Western or Japanese multi-course dinners.



As for the aforementioned tea ceremony, Tan suggests holding it at the Grand Ballroom's mezzanine, which she says I have full access to, courtesy of JW Marriott's generous wedding package. If I prefer having it outdoors, one of the two lush courtyards attached to the Grand Ballroom is a good option—she informs me it's also popular for solemnisation ceremonies and pre-wedding cocktail receptions.



Couples also have access to the Grand Ballroom's mezzanine, which is part of the hotel's wedding package.

To be honest, I'd think I'd want to let loose and dance the night away after all that pomp and circumstance—and I'm sure my guests would feel the same. For that, Tan proposes The NCO Club, a premier lifestyle enclave with dazzling entertainment and stellar libation located a stone's throw away from the Grand Ballroom. Cool Cats, for example, is a jazz club that can be transformed into the intimate after-party lounge of my dreams, filled only with the people I want to invite, says Tan.



The Cool Cats jazz club, which can be transformed into an intimate after-party lounge.

And once all the revelry has come to a close, Tan shares that should we choose to, my partner and I can retire the night in the hotel's luxurious Bridal Deluxe Suite, where we can enjoy a complimentary bottle of champagne and in-room dining.

For someone like me, who worries endlessly about transport logistics, the fact that there are multiple venues on one gorgeous property is certainly an immense selling point (and I imagine that couples with family from out of town will love this as much as I do). Let the countdown begin.



Remembering 9/11: Millennium Hotels In New York Show Strong Support At 5KM Memorial Run/Walk

75 employees from Millennium hotels in New York participated in the annual 9/11 Memorial & Museum 5k Run/Walk. Pictured here is a group of them at the finishing line.

The world will remember 11 September 2001 as a day of great significance, as almost 3,000 lives were lost in the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center in New York City. Buildings were destroyed and it would years to rebuild the city.

Millenium Hilton Hotel, which was across the road from the World Trade Center, was also impacted. Thanks to the quick thinking of the hotel management and staff, a swift evacuation of about 150 employees and 650 guests ensured that not a single person was lost inside the hotel. The 55-storey hotel, however, had sustained significant damage.



Millennium Hilton Hotel after the 9/11 destruction.



The hotel reopened 18 months later, following a US\$32-million renovation.

In March 2003, after a US\$32-million complete renovation, the hotel (now named Millennium Downtown New York) reopened to great fanfare, signifying the recovery and resilience of a city that will not be defeated. The re-opening launch was graced by then New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg and New York State governor George Pataki and joined by firemen and union officials, with a parade on the streets to celebrate the significant occasion.



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Millennium Hilton Hotel reopened to much celebration in March 2003, with Mrs Cecilia Kwek (middle), then New York Governor George Pataki (red tie) and then New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (blue tie) at its official launch.

Since then, the Millennium hotels in New York continue to show their support for the community by supporting various meaningful city initiatives. One of such is the annual 9/11 Memorial & Museum 5k Run/Walk in commemoration of the lives lost and to honour the brave first responders who demonstrated extraordinary compassion and courage in saving others.

This year, 75 employees from Millennium Times Square, Millennium Premier, M Social Times Square and Millennium Downtown participated in the 11th annual Run/Walk on 30 April and raised \$1,200 in total. Funds raised will go towards maintaining the 9/11 Memorial & Museum and grow its education programmes, ensuring that new generations understand the lessons and ongoing impact of 9/11.



The event brought together employees from the four Millennium hotels, and together they were able to make an impact for this meaningful cause.

Millennium hotels also support the museum with various volunteering efforts and events throughout the year, including a famous Tribute in Light installation during the September 11 week as well as hosting First Responders during the annual ceremonies.



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Mr Alex Spektor, Managing Director of Millennium Downtown New York, shares his thoughts on leading the hotels to participate in this meaningful initiative, as well as how Millennium Downtown has recovered strongly since the 9/11 attacks.



Mr Alex Spektor (first from right) with the Millennium Downtown Team.

Q) Please share your thoughts on leading the teams to participate in the 9/11 Memorial Run/Walk?

Most of our associates at the Millennium Downtown were working on that tragic day and this day has forever changed most of their lives. Participating in the 9/11 Memorial Run/Walk provides our team an opportunity to remember and honour all those who lost their lives during the 9/11 attack, and also support families of the victims. Donations raised support educational programmes to ensure the public can learn more about the tragic events.

Q) Millennium Downtown New York (then called the Millennium Hilton Hotel) was badly damaged during the 9/11 attacks and was rebuilt and reopened in 2003. How has the hotel recovered since then?

The hotel has fully recovered and is a beacon of unity, resilience and hope for the neighbourhood. Millennium Downtown is an essential part of the World Trade Center Campus and has become a key partner in the vibrant local community.

Q) What are the plans for Millennium Downtown New York in the future?

We are excited to embark on the next chapter for Millennium Downtown. Over the next few months, the hotel will be undergoing a full multi-million renovation which will unveil a new M Social Downtown brand for the hotel. The hotel will reflect the energy of Downtown and will become a new beacon of ideas and interactions, where people can be themselves and make M Social Downtown a new local hub for New Yorkers and visitors.



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Hong Leong Companies Ranked Among Singapore's Best Employers In 2024

The happy workforce of our Hong Leong companies led to them being named among Singapore's best 250 employers. Pictured here are staff from our companies (clockwise from top left corner): CBM, City Developments Limited, Hong Leong Asia, and CDL Hospitality Trusts.

A survey released by Singapore's national daily, The Straits Times and independent global research company Statista, found that our Hong Leong Group companies have made the ranks on a list of the top 250 best employers in Singapore.

The companies are facilities management services provider **CBM (#49)**, its parent **City Developments Limited (#68)**, **Hong Leong Asia (#90)**, and **CDL Hospitality Trusts (#211)**.

More than 14,000 employees from over 2,000 employers in 27 industry sectors responded to Statista's online survey conducted in September and October 2023.

The survey scored employers based on two elements – each employee's willingness to recommend one's own employer, and their willingness to recommend other employers in their industries.

Employers are also rated based on other job aspects, from salary and work-life balance to potential for development, work environment (colleagues, superiors and equipment), as well as employer reputation (image and growth).

According to the results of the survey published on April 30, dissatisfaction with work-life balance is a main reason why employees leave an employer, while salary has become a more important factor for employees.

Companies with the highest overall scores were those from the clothing, biotechnology and food industries.

Singapore's Best Employers 2024 is a large-scale and comprehensive employer study that assesses the attractiveness of employers in Singapore based on an independent employee survey. Tens of thousands of evaluations, the opinions of thousands of employees, and the scores for hundreds of companies were taken into account. The 250 highest-scoring employers were recognised.



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Mr Wahdan Al Kadi Appointed As CEO Of MHR Saudi Arabia

With his over two decades of experience across banking, financial institutions, investment, and telecommunications, Mr Wahdan Al Kadi is well positioned to grow MHR's presence in Saudi Arabia.

Millennium Hotels & Resorts Middle East and Africa has appointed Mr Wahdan Al Kadi as the new CEO of Saudi Arabia. Mr Al Kadi joins the hospitality group after a highly successful four-year tenure as Chief Business Officer for Saudi Arabia's Tourist Development Fund (TDF).

Working under the patronage of HE Minister of Tourism Ahmed Al Khatib, Mr Al Kadi has made a significant contribution to the national goals set out for Vision 2030 during his time with TDF and brings a wealth of experience into his new role.

He has over 23 years of experience across banking, financial institutions, investment, and telecommunications, including executive and advisory roles at leading organisations such as Samba, Hoshanco holding and Tharawat Holding Co. He also worked as an investment adviser at the Ministry of Tourism between November 2019 and June 2020.

Mr Al Kadi holds a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering, an Executive MBA degree from King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals, and multiple certifications from leading business schools, such as London Business School, INSEAD, and the International Institute for Management Development (IMD).

He is also a Board Member of many high-profile companies in the KSA region including the UBS Group, Chubb, Saudi Tennis Federation (STF) and Assir Municipality.

Millennium Hotels & Resorts Middle East and Africa has recently opened Millennium Jeddah, its 9th hotel in KSA and the first in Jeddah. The remaining 8 hotels are located across the cities of Hail, Jazan, Madinah, Makkah and Tabuk.

Mr Wahdan Al Kadi, CEO KSA Market, Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA, said: "I'm excited to take the next step in my career with Millennium Hotels and Resorts MEA. The company's impressive growth trajectory, particularly its investment in the Kingdom, makes joining the team incredibly thrilling. With over 20 years of experience, including my time at the Tourism Development Fund, I possess the skills and perspective to drive the business forward. I'm confident I can continue to support Vision 2030 goals while propelling Millennium Hotels and Resorts MEA into a new era of growth in the Kingdom."



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CDL Welcomes Mr Melvin Sim As VP, Head Of Retail Assets

Bringing with him a wealth of experience across various sectors, Mr Melvin Sim will oversee all retail assets under the Asset Management Division.

Mr Melvin Sim has joined City Developments Limited (CDL) as Vice President, Head of Retail Assets, Asset Management Division. Melvin brings with him a wealth of experience from various sectors, including real estate, hospitality, and F&B.

With a career spanning over two decades, Melvin has a strong background in asset management and retail leasing. He previously served as Director of Asset Management at Swire Properties (Taikoo) Retail and ARA Asset Management, managing portfolios of retail and commercial assets in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Australia, and Singapore.

In his most recent position as Vice President of Retail Leasing at Resorts World Sentosa, Melvin managed a diverse portfolio of retail and commercial spaces, including the resort, Genting Centre, and Genting Hotel Jurong, with full P&L accountability. He was also the business owner/General Manager of four Subway franchises in Singapore and Malaysia.

As VP, Head of Retail Assets, Melvin will oversee all retail assets under the Asset Management Division. With his leadership and experience, Melvin is well placed to bring the AM team to new heights, fostering a collaborative and productive working environment.

Outside of work, Melvin is passionate about sports and family time, particularly football, tennis, and boxing. He also enjoys online gaming and has a remarkable history as a top striker in his school's football team in his younger days. While studying in the UK, he was a Chelsea FC season ticket holder and even has a signed autograph from club legend Gianfranco Zola.



Making History: Biltmore Los Angeles Inducted Into Historic Hotels Of America

The Biltmore Los Angeles has been the choice of celebrities, presidents, and dignitaries, and the backdrop for many movies and TV shows over the years.

Congratulations to The Biltmore Los Angeles, which has been inducted into Historic Hotels of America, the official programme of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

This programme recognises and celebrates the finest historic hotels in the United States. "Historic Hotels of America is delighted to induct The Biltmore Los Angeles, a Beaux-Arts style hotel built and opened on October 2, 1923," said Lawrence Horwitz, Executive Vice President of Historic Hotels of America.

Horwitz commended The Biltmore Los Angeles team for their historic preservation work, stewardship, and vision. This effort will allow future generations to experience this unique historic destination.



The original ballroom of the Biltmore Los Angeles, which hosted many prestigious and glamorous events such as the 1939 Oscar Banquet (right).



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To be selected for Historic Hotels of America, a hotel must be at least 50 years old and designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. With a commitment to preserving the hotel's rich heritage while offering modern comforts and amenities, The Biltmore ensures every guest experiences refined hospitality.

Mr Jimmy Wu, General Manager and Owners Representative, stated, "This prestigious recognition is a testament to the rich history, timeless elegance, and exceptional hospitality that have defined The Biltmore for a century. Since our doors opened in 1923, we have had the honour of hosting presidents, celebrities, and discerning travellers from around the world, each leaving with unforgettable memories of their time spent within our hallowed halls."



The hotel continues to delight guests with its classic grandeur, timeless elegance and exceptional service.

Being welcomed into the Historic Hotels of America family underscores The Biltmore's commitment to preserving and celebrating its heritage while continuing to provide unparalleled experiences for guests. This recognition highlights the hotel's dedication to maintaining its historical significance while adapting to contemporary needs. The hotel will continue to uphold its legacy of exceptional hospitality, timeless luxury, and impeccable service.