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M Social  
Suzhou  
Woos Media  
And Travel  
Leaders

*Travel and media representatives experienced the hospitality of Millennium Hotels and Resorts and the culture of Suzhou during their stay at M Social Suzhou.*

M Social Hotel Suzhou recently hosted an exclusive VIP experience tailored for key travel industry leaders, procurement managers from renowned travel agencies, and media representatives to visit the hotel. All attendees were invited by the Central China Sales Office of Millennium Hotels & Resorts to provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the hotel's unique charm, enhance its presence in the MICE market, foster business collaborations, and ultimately increase the hotel's revenue.

As a hotel brand committed to a fashionable lifestyle ethos, M Social Hotel Suzhou strives to create unique and memorable accommodation experiences for guests. The VIP experience offered a series of meticulously planned activities that included exquisite accommodation at the hotel, distinctive culinary culture, and traditional craftsmanship activities such as a Purple Clay Teapot Course.

During the event, guests savoured a meticulously crafted menu by the hotel's chef, featuring traditional Suzhou-style noodles and locally-inspired culinary delights. Additionally, participants had the opportunity to personally experience the charm of Suzhou's gardens by visiting the Humble Administrator's Garden, where they could appreciate the unique elegance of Chinese traditional gardens.



*The guests also experienced the charm of Suzhou's traditional gardens at the Humble Administrator's Garden.*

Through this VIP experience, M Social Hotel Suzhou aims to establish closer partnerships with major renowned travel agencies, jointly explore market opportunities, and expand business horizons. At the same time, the hotel will seize this opportunity to showcase its unique charm and advantages to the industry, attracting more clients to choose to collaborate and jointly create a better future.



## Gearing Up For The Launch Of Phuket's Jungceylon Mall

Official launch to happen 2H 2024.

*The main focal point of the mall is a 20-meter life-sized Chinese junk boat equipped with a catwalk for shows.*

Jungceylon Mall is the major mall in downtown Patong and one of the biggest in Phuket. One can find the complex diagonally opposite Bangla Road. The mall's 2 main stores are Robinson Ocean Jungceylon – a gleaming, well-lit, upper-end department store – and Big C Extra Jungceylon supermarket.

The 200-plus other stores in this Patong shopping haven present brand-name clothing items, sunglasses, cosmetics and perfumes, shoes, DVDs, computer games, tons of mobile phones and accessories as well as electrical goods. Even so, it's also a great entertainment hotspot with the SF Cinema City and the SF Strike 16-lane bowling alley, perfect for rainy days or to escape the heat of Patong Beach.



### Eating at Jungceylon Mall

There are more than 30 restaurants and fast-food places. Fast-food chains include KFC, Starbucks, Burger King, Pizza Hut, and Subway, while international restaurants available include Bondi Aussie Bar and Grill, Wine Connection, as well as a selection of Japanese, Chinese and Thai food options.

### Other things to do

- In addition to shopping and dining, there are several massage shops, spas and clinics for those craving a nice foot massage after a long day of walking and shopping.
- Most of the Thai Banks have branches and ATMs inside the mall. In case you are in the area and looking for an ATM to withdraw some money, then Jungceylon is a good idea to stop by.
- The mall opens daily from 11am to 10pm. However, some shops have different operating hours. The movie theatre is opened from 10am to 11pm.



## Why Are So Many Famous Chefs Opening Restaurants In Singapore's New Hotels?

*Australian celebrity chef Josh Niland takes a pose at his restaurant FYSH, his first international restaurant outside of Australia, at the newly-opened The Singapore EDITION.*

The dining scene in Singapore's hotels is exploding with gastronomic headliners.

“Partnering with celebrity chefs adds a prestigious element to the hotel's dining offerings, differentiating them from competitors and driving revenue. Hotels also leverage the chefs' fan base and international reputation to draw attention to their properties,” said Ms Martha Waslen, founder and chief executive officer of digital lifestyle membership platform DayAway, which offers members curated dining perks.

One of them is sustainable cooking upstart, Aussie chef Josh Niland, who was recently awarded Chef of the Year from the Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2024. He partnered with The Singapore EDITION Hotel to launch “seafood-focused steakhouse” FYSH, his first overseas restaurant outside of Australia. Both hotel and restaurant officially opened earlier this year.

“Singapore has one of the most exciting restaurant scenes in the world, which is the reason so many people want to open here. For us, it is also the ideal location, the gateway to connect to the world beyond Australia,” said Niland. “We can reach many more guests with Singapore's international draw and the hotel operation offers multiple opportunities in a way a stand-alone restaurant would not.”

Mr Ranim Ben Romdhane, General Manager of The Singapore Edition, sees this as a win-win partnership. He said: “This strategic move responds to the increasing demand from discerning travellers, particularly food enthusiasts, for exceptional culinary offerings during their hotel stays. It presents significant opportunities for hotels to establish themselves as top culinary destinations and enhance their overall guest satisfaction in Singapore's vibrant hospitality landscape.”



## Ferrari Zooms Its Way To New World Millennium Hong Kong

*An incredible display Ferrari models spotted at New World Millennium Hong Kong.*

Vroom vroom! More than 50 sleek Ferrari cars were recently spotted at the driveway of New World Millennium Hong Kong when their owners dropped by at the hotel for breakfast.

The owners of the automotive marvels are members of the Ferrari Owners' Club of Hong Kong, which aims to provide and promote a passion for all Ferrari automobiles and the culture surrounding them.

As the only official Ferrari-sanctioned club in Hong Kong, the club is dedicated to being the region's premier automotive enthusiast club and to provide a safe, enjoyable and friendly atmosphere for all Hong Kong based Ferrari owners to gather and engage in camaraderie and friendship for the enjoyment of all of its members and guests through monthly drives, quarterly event, and our annual Ferrari parade.



## South Beach For Defence Against Crises And And Cyber Disruptions

*From left: Guest-of-Honour, Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen, Senior Minister of State for Manpower, Sustainability and the Environment Dr Koh Poh-Koon, Senior Minister of State for Manpower and Defence Mr Zaqy Mohamad, and Senior Minister of State for Defence Mr Heng Chee How, checking out the Ready-To-Eat meals by SATS as part of the food security in times of food disruption. These RTE meals have a long shelf life, are shelf stable and require minimal preparation, making them ideal for crises and emergencies where resources, time or infrastructure may be limited.*

The 40th anniversary of Total Defence Day was celebrated at South Beach Singapore with festivities that included the launch of Exercise SG Ready, Singapore's inaugural Total Defence Exercise to test the country's resilience against crises and cyber disruptions.

The event emphasised the importance of resilience in both national security and business continuity. Key stakeholders including government officials also attended. They were Guest-of-Honour, Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen; Senior Minister of State for Manpower and Defence Mr Zaqy Mohamad; Senior Minister of State for Manpower, Sustainability and the Environment Dr Koh Poh-Koon; and Senior Minister of State for Defence Mr Heng Chee How.

Bain & Company, a global consulting firm and tenant of South Beach, also showcased their simulated disruption exercises that range from power and water challenges to cyber disruptions. While power and water are vital, the escalating threat of cybercrimes demands our



*(L-R): Dr Koh, Ms Samantha Tan, General Manager of South Beach Consortium (next to him on the right), Mr Nicholas Heath, General Manager of JW Marriott Singapore South Beach and Wade Cruse, Managing Partner Southeast Asia of Bain & Company, observe the cyber disruption exercises by Bain & Company.*

attention. To stay vigilant and resilient, Bain & Company demonstrated the impact of their Phishing Exercises, complete with statistics highlighting the proficiency of employees in spotting phishing emails based on age and service years.

Singapore's concept of Total Defence was launched on Jan 22, 1984, as a national defence concept to rally Singaporeans in the event of a military threat and build up the people's determination to stand up for Singapore. It is commemorated every year on 15th February to make Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942 during World War II.



*A representative from PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency, demonstrating the use of the Water Bag Filling Machine to Dr Ng (2nd from right) and Brigadier-General Kelvin Fan (right).*



## City Served Offices Opens New Floor With Expanded Spaces

*City Served Offices (CSO) celebrating the soft opening of its new floor with CSO Vice President Ms Annie Abraham (holding an auspicious scroll) and her team, CDL senior executives including CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong (centre with thumbs up), CDL Group Chief Operating Officer Mr Kwek Eik Sheng (on the right with thumbs up), colleagues, clients, friends and family.*

City Served Offices (CSO) has opened a new floor with expanded spaces on Level 9 in CDL's flagship building, the 66-storey Republic Plaza. CSO is the serviced offices subsidiary of CDL which provides meeting room rental, a Singapore virtual office address, video conferences and more.

"We are honoured to be under the leadership of distinguished individuals, Mr. Chia Ngiang Hong, CDL's Group General Manager and Mr. Kwek Eik Sheng, CDL's Group Chief Operating Officer, who have been instrumental in shaping and driving us towards greater heights of success. CSO inherits a legacy of excellence and commitment to quality that focuses on premium serviced office solutions tailored to modern business needs. With the expanded new spaces on Level 9, we aim to keep exceeding expectations and set new standards of service and satisfaction," said CSO Vice President Ms Annie Abraham.



*The reception and waiting area at CSO's new floor on Level 9 in Republic Plaza.*

Spanning an impressive 14,230 square feet, the entire floor sets a new benchmark for sophistication and functionality in serviced office spaces. With 41 meticulously designed offices, 3 meeting rooms, and City Wellness, every inch of this space is crafted to inspire productivity and collaboration.





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A comprehensive range of services offered includes:

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- **Virtual Offices:** A prestigious business address with mail handling and call forwarding services.
- **Co-working Spaces:** Dynamic environments fostering collaboration and networking opportunities.
- **Dedicated City Desks:** Reserved workstations in prime locations, ideal for focused work and client meetings.
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- **Video Conferencing:** High-definition video conferencing solutions for remote collaboration and communication.
- **Business Secretarial & Administrative Support:** Professional assistance to streamline operations and enhance efficiency.
- **Enterprise Solutions:** Tailored services and flexible solutions to meet the unique needs of large-scale enterprises.

With City Serviced Offices, every detail is designed to enhance your professional journey and elevate your business to new heights. Welcome to Republic Plaza Level 9, where innovation meets sophistication, and success knows no bounds.



*A private office with an internal partition that sits up to nine people.*



*City Wellness is a private gym that is available for booking.*



## Paving The Path To Help SMEs Strengthen Decarbonisation Efforts

*The CDL Green Gallery located at the Singapore Botanic Gardens, is the country's first zero energy green gallery that used biomaterial material known as Hempcrete to enhance indoor air quality, prefabricated modular system for quick construction, and solar panels to reduce energy.*

City Developments Limited (CDL) is the first real estate company in Singapore to launch its own SME (small- and medium-sized enterprises) Supplier Queen Bee Programme, bolstering its efforts in public-private partnerships to accelerate decarbonisation.

The programme is in collaboration with Global Green Connect, carbon accounting IT solution providers, and DBS Bank, supported by Enterprise Singapore, who is offering 70% support for participating SMEs until November 30, 2025.

This innovative partnership aims to empower CDL's selected 100 local SME suppliers on their decarbonisation journey, positioning them as preferred suppliers to CDL and earning recognition from companies that follow global carbon reporting standards like CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project) and Science Based Targets initiative. SMEs will also receive comprehensive support, including measuring emissions, crafting strategies, and setting reduction targets.

CDL Chief Sustainability Officer Ms Esther An said, "To win the global race-to-zero, we need to engage and enable SMEs to support procuring organisations in the decarbonisation journey together. Through this collaboration with like-minded partners in public and private sectors, our SME suppliers will be able to tap onto this digital platform to track, disclose, and manage their carbon emissions. This joint initiative will help CDL to access credible carbon data from our SME suppliers, allowing us to track and manage our Scope 3 emissions effectively. As the Queen Bee, we hope to not only advance our sustainability goals but also align with Singapore's ambition for decarbonisation as outlined in the Singapore Green Plan 2030, towards a more sustainable future."



URA Awards  
Zion Road  
Site To  
CDL-Mitsui  
Fudosan  
Joint Venture

*CDL and Mitsui Fudosan submitted a \$1.107 billion bid for the 164,451 sq ft site, which translates to \$1,202 psf per plot ratio (ppr).*

City Developments Limited (CDL) and its joint venture partner, Mitsui Fudosan (Asia) Pte. Ltd. (Mitsui Fudosan) have been awarded a residential site along Zion Road for S\$1.1 billion (or S\$1,202 psr ppr) for a 99-year leasehold residential site at Zion Road (Parcel A).

Located along Zion Road and within the prime River Valley enclave, the site measuring 164,451 square feet (sq ft) with a plot ratio of 5.6 has excellent locational attributes with panoramic views of the CBD and Greater Southern Waterfront. The site is directly connected to Havelock MRT station on the Thomson-East Coast Line and easily accessible to other parts of Singapore via the Central Expressway and Ayer Rajah Expressway.

The developers plan to explore a mixed-use project comprising two blocks – 69-storey and 64-storey – with around 740 residential units for sale, a retail podium as well as a 35-storey block offering around 290 rental apartment units. These rental apartment units are part of Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA)'s newly introduced pilot of longer-term stay rental accommodation, which was announced in November last year.

These new long-stay serviced apartments come with a minimum lease period of three months. Currently, the lease of serviced apartments in Singapore is a minimum of seven days.

Nearby amenities include Great World retail mall, Orchard Road shopping belt, and F&B options along the Singapore River and Zion Riverside Food Centre. Reputable primary schools such as Alexandra Primary School, Anglo-Chinese School (Junior), River Valley Primary School and St. Margaret's School (Primary) are also nearby.

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL's Group Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are honoured to partner with Mitsui Fudosan in submitting a joint bid for this rare site. The synergistic partnership reflects our combined expertise and shared vision to create yet another enduring icon for the precinct as well as pioneer the concept of longer-term stay rental apartments, which complements our Group's focus on expanding our living sector portfolio. Together with our valued partner, we look forward to transforming the River Valley enclave with a new sustainable landmark."



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Site At  
Upper Thomson  
Road  
Awarded To  
Hong Leong  
Holdings And  
Guocoland  
Joint Venture

*New residents will be surrounded by an abundance of greenery in Springleaf Estate. Pictured is Springleaf Park Connector looking west towards Springleaf Nature Park and Upper Thomson Road.*

A joint venture (JV) comprising GuocoLand and Hong Leong Holdings has been awarded a residential Government Land Sales (GLS) site along Upper Thomson Road. The JV partners submitted the sole bid of S\$779.6 million (or S\$905 psf per plot ratio) for the 344,700 sq ft site when the tender closed on April 4.

The GLS site at Upper Thomson Road (Parcel B) is expected to yield up to 940 housing units in a high-rise condominium.

Mr Marcus Chu, CEO of ERA Singapore real estate agency said, "The high-rise condo will be the first of its kind (in this area), and not many developers will have the appetite for the size of this site. However, Hong Leong Holdings and Guocoland are familiar with the demographics and housing requirements in the area and could replicate its success in the Lentor estate."

Upper Thomson Road parcel B site is designated for high-rise residences in Springleaf Estate, a predominantly low-rise, low-density housing precinct. Most units will have unblocked panoramic views of the surrounding low-rise area. Located at Springleaf MRT Station, residents will have quick and convenient access to public transport. There is also abundant greenery for recreation and relaxation adjacent to Springleaf Forest, next to the Upper Seletar Reservoir Park.



## Four-Star Hotel Planned For Whangārei To Meet North Island Tourism Boom

*Whangārei, a city in the North Island of New Zealand is looking forward to a new hotel to meet the city's increasing tourism demand. City mayor Mr Vince Cocurullo said the city had long needed a major hotel in the CBD.*

Millennium and Copthorne Hotels New Zealand (MCK) recently announced that it had entered a conditional agreement to buy two properties next to Laurie Hall Park from the Whangārei District Council. The purchase of the 3160-square-metre site for NZ\$2.24 million was still subject to due diligence.

“We are pleased that after re-engaging with the Council, we are able to proceed with this project which we think will be highly beneficial for both Northland and for MCK. As tourism in New Zealand continues to revive, this is another sign that we are looking to grow our network once again. Whangarei and Northland have much to offer and we are excited that we are able to consider making a further contribution to the region's growth,” said Mr Harrison.



*The hotel site is on Dent St, also known as Fire Brigade Hill, in a prime central Whangārei location. (Photo credit: Denise Piper/New Zealand Herald)*

“This would see a return to Whangarei for MCK and will fit very well alongside our iconic Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands and our popular Kingsgate Hotel Paihia. We want to encourage our local and international visitors to spend more time in the North and get to know the unique features of the area, which are easily accessible from our Auckland hotels,” he said.

Whangarei District Council's Mayor Vince Cocurullo said the site has been earmarked for hotel use since public consultation in 2012.



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“MCK’s hotels are well known in Northland and we are very pleased that we have been able to reach an agreement to promote and grow additional tourism development in Whangarei at a time when it is needed. While Covid intervened in the original discussions, we are very pleased to be re-engaging with MCK and look forward to the time when the hotel is completed and welcoming guests into the District,” said Mr Cocurullo.

Mr Harrison commented that the proposed acquisition is in line with MCK’s strategy to fill the gaps in its hotel network and be the hotel of choice for tourists to New Zealand.

Elsewhere in Northland, MCK already owns the Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands in Waitangi and the Kingsgate Hotel in Paihia.

The Whangārei deal is expected to be finalised in the second quarter of 2024.



## Millennium Jeddah Set To Debut This Month In Saudi Arabia

*The Millennium Jeddah is well situated on Al Maadi Street, Al Ruwais, just a short drive from Al Hamra Beach and 24 km from King Abdul Aziz International Airport.*

The 252-key Millennium Jeddah hotel is scheduled to open in the city of Jeddah this month, signifying a major increase in the group's footprint in Saudi Arabia. According to Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA, this was the company's ninth opening in the country; the other eight are situated in the cities of Tabuk, Hail, Jazan, Madinah, and Makkah.

Visitors can anticipate an opulent, five-star experience at the eight-story Millennium Jeddah, complete with a variety of accommodation options and three unique restaurant and beverage options. Additionally, the hotel has nine flexible function spaces that can host all kinds of events. Every area is fully furnished with free Wi-Fi, cutting-edge audio-visual equipment, comfortable seating, and committed assistance from an events team.

For leisure travellers, a health club, an outdoor swimming pool, and a dedicated kids' pool make this an ideal base for families and tourists to explore the city.



*An artist's impression of the outdoor swimming pool (left photo) and a luxurious guest suite at Millennium Jeddah.*



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Chief Executive Officer of Millennium Hotels and Resorts MEA and Lakhraim Group, Mr Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim said, "We are delighted to announce the expansion of our presence in Saudi Arabia with the opening of Millennium Jeddah. Saudi Arabia is growing exponentially in the tourism sector, and we are thrilled to play a part in the extraordinary journey towards Vision 2030."

"The Saudi Arabian market is of huge importance to us, and we are firmly invested in its development. We look forward to providing more unparalleled hospitality experiences across the Kingdom for many years to come."

He also said that the business has laid out plans for the kingdom's future growth in 2024, including the opening of three new properties that year and additional growth that is expected in the years to come.





## CDL Acquires Hilton Paris Opéra Hotel For €240 Million

Located in the iconic shopping area of Paris' central business district.

*Opened in 1889, the 268-room Hilton Paris Opéra hotel is located in the iconic shopping area of Paris' CBD. With the Saint-Lazare train station directly across the street, the hotel offers easy access to the main Parisian tourist attractions and convention centres. (Photographer: Fabrice Rambert)*

City Developments Limited (CDL), through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Copthorne Hotel Holdings Limited, has completed the acquisition of the Hilton Paris Opéra hotel from funds managed by Blackstone for €240 million (approximately S\$350.2 million).

The 268-room, 5-storey freehold deluxe hotel is located in the prestigious 8th arrondissement of Paris and enjoys almost 100 metres of direct street frontage on Rue Saint-Lazare. Strategically located in the heart of the iconic shopping area in Paris' CBD, adjacent to the Saint-Lazare train station and within minutes' walk of the world-renowned Galeries Lafayette and Printemps department stores, the hotel offers easy access to the main Parisian tourist attractions and convention centres.

Designed by renowned French architect Juste Lisch, the historic hotel features a classic Haussmanian facade and was the first hotel in the world to have guest lifts when it opened during the 1889 World's Fair (Exposition Universelle) in Paris. The stately 18,339 square metres (sqm) property comprises generously apportioned guest rooms, four F&B outlets, eight conference and meeting rooms and two leased retail spaces on the ground floor. Extensively renovated in 2015 under a €43.4 million refurbishment programme, the hotel has established itself as one of the best full-service hotels in Paris. In 2023, the hotel achieved the BREEAM In-Use Very Good certification for sustainable building performance.

Paris is one of the world's most attractive city destinations with over 38 million visitors annually. Post-pandemic, Paris recorded the highest Revenue Per Available Room (RevPAR) rebound among key European cities, with upscale and luxury hotels showing the fastest recovery and outperforming 2019 levels in 2022. The city is expected to receive more than 15 million visitors over the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games period commencing in July 2024.



*Hilton Paris Opera comprises 268 generously apportioned guest rooms, four F&B outlets, eight conference and meeting rooms and two leased retail spaces on the ground floor, which are separate from the hotel. Pictured here is the Le Grand Salon, the hotel's lobby lounge and bar. (Photographer: Fabrice Rambert)*



*Fully renovated in 2015, the hotel has established itself as one of the best full-service hotels in Paris. In 2023, the hotel achieved the BREEAM In-Use Very Good certification for sustainable building performance. Pictured here is the luxurious King Junior Suite. (Photographer: Fabrice Rambert)*

Mr Kwek Leng Beng, CDL's Executive Chairman said, "Throughout history, Paris has been one of Europe's most recognisable and enduring cities, and a premier travel destination, beloved for its culture, cuisine, and fashion. This acquisition provides us with the rare opportunity to enhance our hospitality portfolio with a trophy asset, expand our presence in a key gateway city in Europe ahead of the Paris 2024 Olympics and bolster our recurring income with potential for value-add."

With the acquisition of the Hilton Paris Opéra, the Group now has three hotels with 670 rooms in the French capital. Its other two properties comprise the 163-room M Social Hotel Paris Opéra and the 239-room Millennium Hotel Paris Charles de Gaulle, which are owned and operated by Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Limited (M&C), the Group's wholly-owned hotel subsidiary.



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Step Into  
Seoul  
Shopping  
Action With  
Nine Tree  
Premier Hotel  
Myeongdong II

*The 408-room Nine Tree Premier Hotel Myeongdong II is right in Myeongdong's district of shopping, tourist and entertainment action*

When planning a trip to South Korea, a popular destination for travellers is its capital city where old meets new in a delightful fusion. So if you're planning a trip to Seoul, the Nine Tree Premier Hotel Myeongdong II is the perfect place to stay!

Seoul is famous for its convenience stores, and there's one located in the hotel that is opened 24 hours, perfect for your late-night instant noodle or Korean fast-food cravings.

The hotel is elegant, sophisticated, and right in the middle of Myeongdong district's shopping and entertainment action. Bangsan Market is 800 metres from the hotel, while Gwangjang Market is 900 metres away. Incheon International Airport is a 70-minute drive away.



*Each room is finished with carpet flooring and has a work desk. Selected rooms also come with a sofa. Private bathroom is fitted with a rain shower, while a few rooms also feature a bath. All rooms boast city views of Myeongdong.*

*\* Information correct at time of print.*



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## Booze In Beijing With First Millennium Booze Carnival

*Enjoy beer and over 40 dishes of international cuisine at The Corner Bistro, located on the ground floor corner of the Grand Millennium Beijing Hotel.*

The first Millennium Booze Carnival will be held at Grand Millennium Beijing on April 18th, with delectable food and varieties of beers and wines, as well as a range of special offers waiting for you

Guests can enjoy over 40 dishes including the authentic BBQ flavours of Jinzhou, varieties of seafood in specially mixes juice, classic fried chicken in Korean style and German-style grilled sausages with fine beers and wines.

Be the first to know about our special promotions on the beer garden, and have a quick plan for the gathering.

Guest will enjoy 40% off of the a la carte menu at the Beer Garden from April 18 to April 30.

\* The offer is not applicable to whole bottles of Red & White wines and foreign wines

\* Service charge is not applicable

*\* Information correct at time of print.*



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*Kick off summer in Hong Kong with New World Millennium Hong Kong's Gourmet-centric Stay Package.*

New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel located at Victoria Harbour in Tsim Sha Tsui East, is introducing the “Gourmet-centric Delights” stay package featuring up to HKD3,000 in dining credits and luxury perks, available now to 30 June 2024. The package is priced at HKD1,900 per room per night only.

Foodies on a getaway can splurge their credits at Chinese restaurant Tao Li, Japanese restaurants Sagano and Ranzan, La Table French Brasserie, all-day dining at Café East and libations and snacks at Residence Lounge & Bar.

“Gourmet-centric Delights” also comes with daily buffet breakfast for two persons, a welcome drink per person at a harbourview Lounge, late check-out to 2 p.m. and access to the 24-hour fitness centre as well as rooftop swimming pool, sauna and steam.

Guests receive HKD1,000 to HKD3,000 per night in dining credits according to the room type chosen for their gourmet getaway, ranging from stylish City View Rooms to Elite Deluxe Harbour View Suites. Those who select a Residence Club room, Elite room or suite also enjoy benefits such as all-day refreshments and evening cocktails at the executive lounge.

Dining credits are only valid during the hotel stay.

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River Restaurant  
At The  
Lowry Hotel  
Among  
Manchester's  
Best For  
Afternoon Tea

*Afternoon tea at The Lowry Hotel's River Restaurant is an indulgent treat not to be missed.*

Afternoon tea is an indulgent treat to celebrate special occasions, catch up with friends or simply to spoil yourself. According to British national daily, The Times, the River Restaurant at The Lowry is among Manchester's best for the delightful treat and voted best for five-star service!

There are more than 80 teas to choose from to accompany afternoon tea in the Lowry Hotel's River Restaurant and, if you need more choice, you can add on champagne or upgrade to the G&Tea gin afternoon tea.

If it's sunny, ask for a seat on its sun terrace overlooking the River Irwell while you feast on beef brisket on a mini brioche and chestnut mushrooms on a caramelised onion tartlet followed by scones and desserts such as dark chocolate and citrus slice. Children will love the kids' option that comes with fluffy candy floss, an ice-cream sandwich and mini doughnuts. The hotel is used to hosting VIPs, which means service is always slick.

*\* Information correct at time of print.*



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Hong Leong  
Staff Gets  
15% Off  
Teochew Rice  
Dumplings From  
Tien Court

Tien Court is offering 15% discount on pre-orders of Teochew Rice Dumplings for all Hong Leong Group staff employees.

As the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival fast approaches (June 10), get ready to indulge in Handmade Teochew Rice Dumplings from Tien Court Restaurant at Copthorne King's Hotel.

From now until May 31st, 2024, Tien Court is offering 15% discount on pre-orders of the dumplings for all staff employees across the Hong Leong Group of companies.

#### Details

- **Discount Offer:** Staff members will enjoy an additional 5% off pre-orders on top of the existing 10% discount.
- **Pre-order Period:** From now until 7 June 2024.
- **Collection Dates:** June 1st to June 10th, 2024.
- **Pre-order Process:** Employees can contact Tien Court directly or visit the outlet to place their pre-orders.
- **Limited Availability:** Each dumpling is meticulously handmade in Tien Court's kitchen, so quantities are limited. We recommend placing your orders early!
- **Advance Ordering:** Please note that an advance order of at least 3 days is required before the collection date.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy these delectable rice dumplings, lovingly handcrafted by our talented chefs.

It's the perfect way to celebrate the festival and treat yourself to some traditional delights. If you have any questions or need assistance with your pre-order, please don't hesitate to reach out to Tien Court.

For details and reservations, please contact Tien Court at (65) 6378 3193.

*\* Information correct at time of print.*



## Hong Leong Staff Goes Cycling And Paints Tingkat Food Tins

Nearly 40 staff from the Hong Leong Group Sports & Recreation Club rose early to cycle 12km along the sandy beaches of East Coast Park for a healthy dose of fresh air and morning sunshine.

### Keeping fit with cycling

Nearly 40 staff from the Hong Leong Group Sports & Recreation Club cycled 12km from East Coast Park Carpark C4 through the Jurassic Mile, ending at Changi Airport Terminal 2's Hub and Spoke Café, in the Club's cycling activity.

Despite the rainy weather in the days leading up to the event, the morning of the event was warm and sunny with participants collecting their bikes from the East Coast Park GoCycling kiosk bright and early at 8:30am. Cyclists were flagged-off in four separate groups. The lead cyclist led their respective groups with a rear "sweeper" cyclist making sure no one was left behind.



Mr Joel Mangulabnan Ocampo from HL Building Materials (left) chaperoning Ms Pauline Tan from Hong Leong Finance safely to the finishing line.



Staff finishing off their early morning exercise with a hearty breakfast.



In a wonderful display of care and camaraderie, one of our fastest and most experienced riders, Mr Joel Mangulabnan Ocampo from HL Building Materials, chaperoned our oldest colleague for the entire 12km. Kudos to Ms Pauline Tan from Hong Leong Finance for finishing her ride in style!

All the riders journeyed to the Hub and Spoke Café safely and enjoyed a hearty post-exercise breakfast set of Nasi Lemak or Scrambled eggs with salmon.

### Paint-your-own Tingkat



*The group of 15 staff members proudly display their hand-painted work of art on their mini Tingkat tins as they posed for the camera.*

The HLGSRG held a hands-on Tingkat painting activity that included a short introduction about Peranakan culture and Tingkats before diving into the how-to of Tingkat painting.

The “Tingkat” is a traditional metal tiffin carrier, commonly used in Asian cultures to carry home-cooked food.

The group of 15 staff members had fun painting on mini Tingkats, with pre-drawn pictures of flowers like peonies and orchids, Peranakan houses and “kamcheng”, a type of porcelain pot used for cooking by the Nyonyas, while enjoying traditional Peranakan music.

Some even gifted their tins to their mothers as gifts for Mother’s Day!



## Egg Hunt Family Fun At The Beijing Riviera

*A child squeals in excitement with her basket of vibrant egg collection at Beijing Riviera's Easter Egg Hunt.*

Beijing Riviera Country Club recently held a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt that saw enthusiastic participation of its club members with families and kids.

Over a hundred children had a delightful time that day and excitedly held small baskets as they gleefully ran across the grassy field of East Lake Garden to collect colourful eggs.

When the event concluded, the children proudly showcased their bountiful findings with their faces beaming with contentment and eager anticipation for the next thrilling activity.



*More than  
100 eager  
kids  
participated in  
the fun day  
excitement at  
East Lake  
Garden.*



The Women  
Of Beijing Riviera  
Hike The  
Great Wall  
Of China  
For Needy  
Communities

*The brave women from Beijing Riviera completed a gruelling 3-day trek along the Great Wall of China to raise funds for needy communities throughout China and Mongolia.*

The ladies at Beijing Riviera Country Club recently participated in a fundraiser event to support Wild Women on the Wall (WWOTW) charities. The WWOTW is an organisation that helps underprivileged communities throughout China and Mongolia.

As part of the fundraiser, they were required to complete a challenging 3-day journey along the Great Wall of China, and all funds were donated to Roundabout, an organisation that supports underprivileged communities throughout China and Mongolia



*The ladies trekked the unrestored Gubeikou Great Wall, first built during the Northern Qi Dynasty in 550-557. It was a key pass between ancient China and Mongol territory where many battles were fought throughout Chinese history due to its strategic location.*

A lively Quiz Night was also held at Beijing Riviera Country Club to help raise funds. Seven teams of men and women competed in a quiz of trivia and raised ¥12,103 for charities.

WWOTW, which originated in China in 2019, brings together women from diverse backgrounds to complete a challenging 3-day journey along the Great Wall, fostering a spirit of support and empowerment. Since then, it has raised over ¥700,000 for charities and continues to make a significant impact in 2024.



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Giving Back  
To The  
Underprivileged  
In Guangxi,  
China

*Volunteers helped to renovate the stair handrails, gates and other public facilities of the village committee office building in Nabo Village.*

Guangxi Yuchai, the diesel engine arm of Hong Leong Asia, has always been a strong believer in giving back to underprivileged communities in the Guangxi region in China. Guangxi is also the base of Yuchai's core business operations.

To educate communities on waste classification, Yuchai's employee volunteers participated in the Jiangbin Community Nanjiang Street of Yuzhou District and reached out to 300 residents to help them repair home appliances and promote health and fitness exercises.

Another group of employees spent their rest days to repair and refurbish public amenities that are more than 25 years old in the Nabo Village of Bobai County in Yulin. Activities included rust removal from gates, polishing and grinding of handrail surfaces, as well as apply new coats of paint for doors.

In another occasion, about 15 staff volunteered with the Yuchai Youth League Committee to guide traffic during road closures for the residents of the Nanhua community, when a new bridge was built to upgrade local transport infrastructure.



*Volunteers from Yuchai Youth League Committee in Nanhua.*



*Promotion of health exercises and waste classification in Jiangbin.*



## Engaging Hong Kong Youths On Business Hospitality

*Student Group with Mr. Andy Tan, Millennium Hotels and Resorts' SVP for Global Sales and Partnership (back row 10th from left) and Mr. Andrew Tan, General Manager, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.*

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel recently hosted a group of young participants from Hong Kong, ranging from 13 to 25 years old, as part of an engaging Youth Cultural Exchange Programme to learn about business hospitality.

The visit provided them with insights into the illustrious history of Millennium Hotels and Resorts, and an in-depth understanding of the hotel's offerings.

During their visit, Mr. Andrew Tan, the General Manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, shared valuable insights into the hotel's recent \$30 million refurbishment, highlighting its commitment to providing exceptional guest experiences.



*As part of their tour, the students learnt about the hotel's S\$30 million refurbishment from General Manager Mr Andrew Tan (left photo), and picked up a few skills in preparing Kueh Pie Tee, one of Singapore's famed local snacks.*

The students also embarked on a comprehensive hotel tour, exploring the newly renovated guest rooms, executive club lounge, meeting spaces, and restaurants. This immersive experience allowed them to witness firsthand the dedication to luxury and hospitality that the hotel embodies.

As part of the cultural exchange, the students had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on session with the hotel's culinary team, where they learned to prepare Kueh Pie Tee, one of Singapore's beloved local snacks. Following the culinary experience, they indulged in a delectable lunch featuring iconic Singaporean dishes such as Grilled Satay, accompanied by a refreshing Bandung drink.

The visit fostered cultural exchanges, and also provided the students with a memorable learning experience on the rich hospitality and culinary delights in Singapore.



*Enjoying lunch  
buffet at the hotel's  
Food Capital  
Restaurant.*



Say “I Do”  
At Stylish  
Seaside  
Wedding  
In Sentosa’s  
Tropical  
Paradise

*Soon-to-be-married Ms Amanda Goh with Tatler Magazine, says having the wedding of her dreams is easy with help from W Singapore – Sentosa Cove.*

**Ms Amanda Goh, a soon-to-be married writer with Tatler Magazine was worried about venue options before deciding with a lavish outdoor celebration at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove. She shares what she felt are the winning attributes that led to her decision to hold her upcoming wedding at the hotel. First published in Tatler, 22 April 2024.**

“With so many options to choose from, finding the right one can be tough. While I do not have a clear vision for my wedding, I do know I want to have it outdoors—and where better to begin my venue hunt than at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove? After all, the luxurious hotel is the perfect escape away from the city and comes complete with a lavish green lawn that overlooks the sea.

I connected with Ho Mun Hoong, the hotel’s director of events, who explains how couples are linked with event specialists to help with the wedding preparations. “Tell us as much as you can and we’ll tell you all we can do,” he says during our consultation. After I share a few thoughts on my ideal outdoor wedding, he quickly gets to work and shows me some of the hotel’s options.

“You can enter via a yacht,” he says, immediately catching my attention, as this is not something many hotels and resorts in Singapore are able to offer. He explains that the boat will be berthed and lead me directly to the Great Deck, where he proposes the ceremony be held.

For the wedding dinner, the W Lawn (spanning 5,791 square feet) is able to host up to 200 guests, depending on the seating arrangement. To maximise the area, Ho recommended 20 round tables around the stunning golden bonbon sculpture by French artist Laurence Jenkell at the centre of the massive lawn.



*Upon entering via a yacht, brides are led directly to the Great Deck for the solemnisation ceremony.*



*The W Lawn is a sprawling space with a stunning golden bonbon sculpture by French artist Laurence Jenkell as its centrepiece.*

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For food and drinks, Ho suggested personalised his-and-hers cocktails for starters with our initials stamped on ice cubes. He then goes down the extensive menu of dishes from classic staples to local and international fare like scallop laksa, lobster risotto and a live *bao* station.

Different types of music can be arranged with their resident DJ or via the hotel's multiple event partners.



*At W Singapore Sentosa – Cove, when the when the lawn is booked, the hotel's main ballroom, the Great Room, will also be reserved as the backup venue in case of inclement weather.*



*The Woobar is the perfect location to party the night away with wedding guests.*

With Singapore's unpredictable weather, a backup plan needs to be in place for any scheduled outdoor event. Ho shared that when the lawn is booked, the hotel's main ballroom, the Great Room, will be reserved as the backup venue. The 720 sqm space is grand with a stunning blue carpet, an impressive LED screen measuring 14 metres by 5 metres, elegant chandeliers, and tall windows to complete the pillarless space.





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What's a wedding without an after party? Ho said the Woobar is the perfect location to party the night away with my guests. Newly extended to offer more seating and space, the bar can be closed off for a private after party, at a minimum of 150 guests, with a DJ and late-night snacks like sliders, noodles and pastries.

Once the celebrations are over, my partner and I can retire to the hotel's Marvellous Suite, an 80-square-metre space with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking views of the water, a marble-clad bathroom, a separate living room and more. We would also be pampered with in-room breakfast the next morning!

By the end of the consultation, I have a better idea of what I want for my wedding, thanks to Ho. He covered multiple bases on how W Singapore – Sentosa Cove can ease my worries and bring my wedding to life. ,



*After the celebrations, newly-weds can retire to the swanky confines of the Marvellous Suite and be pampered with in-room breakfast the next morning.*



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Unsung Heroes  
Celebrated At  
Mayor's  
Charity Ball  
At Cophorne  
Brierley Hill  
In Dudley

*Pensioner Donald Jones with his Mayor's award certificate (left), Lloyd Stacey (top right) and Karen Fielder, bottom right. (Image: Dudley Council)*

Unsung heroes from the world of sport, business, environment, arts, community and education were recently celebrated at the Mayor's Charity Ball and Civic Awards at Cophorne Brierley Hill in Dudley.

This year's event which had a 1940s theme to tie in with the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, took place in front of more than 200 people at the hotel.

D-Day, or sometimes referred to as Normandy landings, were the landing operations of Allied troops on 6 June 1944 on the coast of Normandy, which was the start of World War II's campaign to liberate Europe and defeat Germany.

The evening, sponsored by Midtherm, Jewson and HP & Sons Construction and Restoration, raised thousands of pounds for four charities – Dudley Community First Responders, Prostate Cancer UK, Mary Stevens Hospice and Ups & Downs.

But it was also an opportunity to celebrate the winners of the annual civic awards, split into seven categories and all sponsored by local companies.



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## Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur Takes The Gold For Top Performance And Hospitality

*(L-R): Mr Koo Kah Hing, Reservations Manager of Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur; Ms Stephanie Lim, Strategic Account Manager of Agoda; Mr Peter Gibbons, General Manager; and Mr Collin Chan, Director of Sales & Marketing of Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur.*

Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur has been honoured the Agoda Gold Circle Award for the year 2023. This recognition is a testament to its commitment to providing exceptional hospitality and ensuring memorable experiences for its valued guests.

Currently in its 15th year, the annual Agoda Gold Circle Award is presented to properties that excel in offering value-based pricing for customers, providing outstanding traveller experience, and engaging with Agoda's programs and campaigns.

This year marks a significant expansion of the awards, recognising more than 2,300 properties across 130 markets for their exceptional performance and commitment to providing the ultimate guest experience.

Indonesia, Japan, Thailand share the top spot with the most number of hotels receiving the coveted accolade followed by South Korea and Malaysia rounding out the top 5 for 2023.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our guests for their continued support. Your trust inspires us to strive for excellence in everything we do. We are also deeply grateful for the invaluable contributions of our associates whose unwavering hard work, dedication, and passion have been instrumental in crafting unforgettable experiences for every guest who walks through our doors," said General Manager of Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur, Mr Peter Gibbons.



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**Copthorne  
Plymouth  
Congratulates  
“Bill” Boxall  
On His  
30-Year  
Tenure!**

*Mr William Boxall, fondly known as “Bill”, takes a proud photo with his long service award with his Maintenance team and colleagues at Copthorne Plymouth. Also congratulating him is the hotel’s General Manager Mr Raj Srinivasan (standing 2nd from right).*

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**This article is contributed by Ms Charlotte Jones, Regional HR Business Partner for Midlands, North West, South & Wales with Millennium Hotels and Resorts in the UK.**

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William Boxall, fondly known as “Bill” by his colleagues, has successfully completed 30 years of service at the Copthorne Hotel Plymouth in the UK. Bill joined the Maintenance team in April 1994, where he progressed to the position of Senior Maintenance Technician, a role he has now held for over 20 years.

Through his 30 years of dedication & experience, Bill's mind is like a blueprint of the hotel, which continues to be invaluable to all the teams and the hotel.

All teams in Copthorne Plymouth wish Bill congratulations on his landmark anniversary of service on 18th April. We hope for more of his great support for many years to come.

Congratulations Bill! ,



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Grand Millennium  
Business Bay  
Is Travellers'  
Choice  
And Snags  
Four Awards

*The 251 room-Grand Millennium Business Bay is located in the Business Bay area near downtown Dubai and offers panoramic views of the Dubai Water Canal.*

Grand Millennium Business Bay recently scored four awards at the 2024 Travelers' Choice Awards by TripAdvisor.

- Top Luxury Hotels In The World (#17)
- Top Hotels In The Middle East (#6)
- Luxury Hotels in the Middle East (#2)
- Hotel In Dubai (#1)

Out of over 8 million listings worldwide, fewer than 1% achieve the distinction of being named Best of the Best winners. Grand Millennium Business Bay said it has not only attained this milestone but has also been honoured in three categories, solidifying its position as a leader in luxury hospitality.

Mr Andrea Strim, General Manager of Grand Millennium Business Bay stated, "This recognition is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our colleagues, partners, and leadership team. We are immensely proud of our accomplishments and remain committed to setting new standards for luxury hospitality globally."

"We are gradually overcoming challenges and starting to position the hotel into the elite league of hospitality worldwide; proudly remarking on the 'worldwide' aspect," he added.



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## Walking Back In Time With A History Of Millennium Harvest House Hotel

*Construction on the ultra-modern Harvest House Hotel in 1959. (Image credit: Carnegie Library for Local History/Daily Camera Collection)*

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**The Millennium Harvest House Hotel, a fixture of 28th Street in Boulder, Colorado since 1959, will soon make way for student housing for the University of Colorado, according to news reports. It was sold earlier this year to Georgia-based developer, Landmark Properties. Let's look back at a brief history of the hotel before it is demolished. This article was first published in Denver Westword newspaper on 9 May 2024.**

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### History of the Harvest House Hotel

The architect for the building was Ralph Peterson, who also designed four buildings at the University of Colorado and other buildings in the state, such as the Colorado State Hospital in Pueblo and the Denver Federal Center.

“Peterson architects designed a bold five-story curved structure that embraced the natural beauty of Boulder Creek and allowed for a spectacular view of Boulder’s mountain backdrop, including the iconic sandstone slabs known as the Flatirons,” historian Carol Taylor wrote in her manuscript. She has documented the progress of the hotel since its construction.

After a grand opening in January 1960, the Harvest House became a cultural hub, with ballet shows, fashion luncheons and diving exhibitions in the pool to complement the conferences and business meetings that occurred at the hotel.

Waylon Jennings performed at the Harvest House in 1975. After that, the owners instituted live theater on the fifth floor, with a dining room and lounges rebuilt in 1976 and other outdoor amenities added shortly after.



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*A postcard of the Millennium Harvest House Hotel in 1959, one year after its reconstruction. (Source: Boulder planning documents).*



*This postcard depicts the Harvest House hotel at full swing in the 1960s. (Source: Boulder Historic Preservation).*

In the 1970s, the hotel was owned by Tony Seibert, who gave a \$15,000 donation to help get alternative radio station KGNU started. He also allowed the station to broadcast from a Harvest House-owned bungalow, according to Taylor's manuscript.

Lots of legendary parties happened at the Harvest House, especially after the advent of the Friday Afternoon Club, which were boisterous gatherings of culture and merriment. Some were documented in Newsweek, where allegations of rampant drug use caused a stir in the community.



*Country singer Waylon Jennings (June 15, 1937 – February 13, 2002) performed at the Harvest House in 1975. He was considered one of the pioneers of the outlaw movement in country music.*



*KGNU station manager John "Sal" Salamone, in 1979 working from a Harvest House Hotel bungalow by Boulder Creek. (Source: Carnegie Library for Local History – Courtesy photo).*



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*The Friday Afternoon Club beer garden area of the Harvest House Hotel in 1978. (Source: Carnegie Library for Local History/Daily Camera Collection).*



*The hotel's name was officially changed to Millennium Harvest House in 2002 when it was acquired by then London-listed Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc in 1999.*

### **Changing hands**

The hotel's name was officially changed to the Millennium Harvest House in 2002 after it was acquired by then London-listed Millennium & Copthorne Hotels in 1999. It stayed that way until closing in January 2024 after the sale to Georgia-based developer, Landmark Properties.