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A Message Of Hope: Korean Unification Towards A Free, Peaceful, And Prosperous Region

From left to right: Mr Teo Chee Hean, President Yoon Suk Yeol, Prof Chan Heng Chee and Mr Choi Shing Kwok posing for a photo following the presentation of memento from ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute to His Excellency. (Credit: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute)

Orchard Hotel Singapore recently hosted South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol at the 47th Singapore Lecture, "A Vision for Korean Unification toward a Free, Peaceful, and Prosperous Indo-Pacific Region".

President Yoon shared at the event his vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific, and a unified Korean Peninsula. Singapore Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, Mr. Teo Chee Hean, chaired the Lecture.



Senior Minister Mr Teo Chee Hean delivering his opening remarks. (Credit: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute)

South Korea shares a special bond with Singapore. Since establishing diplomatic relations in 1975, both countries have increased their political, economic, social, and cultural cooperation. A bilateral Free Trade Agreement was signed in 2005 and the Digital Partnership Agreement in 2022. Singapore Prime Minister Mr. Lawrence Wong and President Yoon also agreed to upgrade Singapore-South Korea ties to a Strategic Partnership in 2025.



President Yoon outlined South Korea's efforts to contribute to regional prosperity. An open economic environment is essential to the continued prosperity of the Indo-Pacific. As such, South Korea would lead efforts to revitalise the existing multilateral free trade regime through the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). (Credit: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute)

He also shared his "August 15 Unification Doctrine," which puts forth a vision and strategy for a unified Korea. This marks the first time Mr Yoon has addressed an international audience regarding his vision for a unified Korea.

He urged Singapore and other ASEAN member states to continue supporting his unification doctrine, "A unified Korean peninsula that is free and open will also create a strong impetus for economic development and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific."





In the entire history of Formula 1, no Japanese driver has ever won a World Championship Grand Prix. Could Yuki Tsunoda be the first? Red Bull certainly thinks so. Tsunoda's ascent to the top tier of motorsport was astonishingly rapid, he went from racing in Japanese F4 to a Formula 1 seat with AlphaTauri, now Visa Cash App RB in just over three years.

Millennium Hotel Taichung recently hosted the Formula 1 Oracle Red Bull Racing's Showrun in the heart of Taichung.

The event featured Formula 1 driver, Yuki Tsunoda, from Oracle Red Bull Racing's sister team, Visa Cash App RB. The young Japanese driver drove the 2012 World Championship-winning car, the RB8, where he showcased drifting techniques. The thrilling display, along with a motorcycle stunt show, left the audience exhilarated.



Yuki Tsunoda drove the V8 engine for the first time in former Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel's 2012 Championship-winning RB8. The V8 engine hasn't been used in F1 since the hybrid switch in 2014.

As the official hotel partner for this spectacular event, the hotel hosted Yuki Tsunoda in the Presidential Suite with a customised gourmet menu to ensure the driver was in top condition for his performance. The team also ensured a turbo-boosting guest reception, press conference venue, and accommodation arrangements to highlight the hotel's warm service and facilities.





Besides the F1 display, Red Bull's motor stunt team also took the street to showcase their two-wheeler magic!

The Millennium Hotel Taichung was honoured to serve as the official partner for Formula 1 Oracle Red Bull Racing's Showrun. The hotel team looks forward to playing a key role in future motorsport events with Taiwan's enthusiasts.





Commemorate your visit to Singapore with a photo of Merlion Park's most iconic resident – the majestic Merlion. Spouting water from its mouth, the Merlion statue stands at 8.6 metres and weighs 70 tonnes. Originally located at the mouth of the Singapore River, it was built by local craftsman Lim Nang Seng, designed by Kwan Sai Kheong, and unveiled on 15 September 1972 by then-Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts always seek to create an unforgettable guest experience for even the most discerning traveller. Its Singapore properties, strategically placed across the island state, provide comfortable accommodations meshed with world-class amenities and the promise of discreet service excellence, placing guests' comfort, joy and satisfaction at the heart of their operations.

Let's go explore the Lion City's hotels!

The Six Hotels

The indelible charm and exceptional hospitality synonymous with Millennium Hotels and Resorts extend across all six Singapore properties, each with distinct personalities and characteristics, curating the perfect Millennium Hotels and Resorts property for every visit to the island nation.

Copthorne King's Singapore



Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore is a 4-star hotel that prides itself on impeccable hospitality, eminent cleanliness and hygiene standards with 311 rooms, Signature Queen, Twin and Studio, Deluxe Queen and Twin with Balcony, Executive Club and Suite. (Pictured: Signature Studio Room)



A premier accommodation situated serenely on Havelock Road, it offers elegant rooms and suites with modernday amenities, replete with award-winning restaurants.

The 142 rooms in the Tower Wing were furnished in 2020 with contemporary Chinoiseries décor and in-room technology, offering guests an enhanced experience. Recreational facilities include a landscaped outdoor pool and jacuzzi, mini putting green, gymnasium, sauna and steam bath.



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Indulge in Master Chef Lui's remarkable signature dishes–the delectable Signature Braised White Teat Sea Cucumber in Oyster Sauce and the tantalizing Pomfret Fish with Tomato and Pickled Vegetable. Tien Court's irresistible handcrafted Dim Sum such as the Deep-fried Glutinous Rice Dumpling with Minced Chicken is a must-have.

Tien Court restaurant, a contemporary Teochew cuisine, has retained its oriental ambience since 1989. The restaurant is well-loved for its acclaimed handcrafted Dim Sum. Helmed by the award-winning Master Chef Lui, who originated from Hong Kong, has revitalised the culinary scene since joining Tien Court in 2021 by infusing his dishes with 32 years of expertise.



From aromatic Penang Hokkien Mee and the flavourful Crispy Belacan Chicken Wings to delectable Nonya Kuehs, Princess Terrace buffet promises to take you on a journey that captures the essence of this unique culinary tradition.



Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore



The serene, award-winning river-side hotel is tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the city; an ideal one-stop-shop for all travellers. A picturesque waterfront location that is calm but near the city that offers amenities and facilities that cater to every traveller's needs. (Pictured: Premier King City View)

The exceptional hotel is perched on the sparkling waters of the Singapore River. It sets the stage for an immersive journey into luxury, boasting luxurious accommodations, innovative dining experiences, and cutting-edge facilities.

The property's restaurants, including SanSara, Food Capital and Riverside Terrace, are just part of an overall experience that has helped build the hotel's enviable reputation as skilled practitioners of gastronomical arts.



At SanSara, you will embark on a gastronomic voyage, a journey through time and tradition, where the flavours flow harmoniously, and every dish tells a story. As you dine, you become a part of this eternal flow, experiencing the essence of India's culinary heritage and the ever-evolving tapestry of flavours that it offers.



Be spoilt for choices with an array of international and Asian cuisines such as Canadian Snow Crab Leg, Chilean Scallop, Oven Roasted Chicken, Australian Beef Rib Eye with Red Wine Jus and many more local favourites, served from a variety of stations around the buffet line.

SanSara serves up authentic Northern Indian cuisine and takes guests through the diverse flavours and traditions of North India. The inspired menu and skilled chefs have made it the top Indian restaurant in Singapore on TripAdvisor.

Food Capital, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel's main restaurant, offers guests a tempting range of international favourites, local delicacies and indulgent desserts throughout the day and evening. The Riverside Terrace's alfresco vibes combine flame-grilled prime cuts and fresh seafood dishes set off by dramatic river views.



Orchard Hotel Singapore



Nestled on the buzzing Orchard Road, Orchard Hotel Singapore is only a few steps away from entertainment and world-famous shopping brands like Louis Vuitton and Gucci. (Pictured: Deluxe Queen Room)

Its elegantly designed rooms and suites are equipped with all the modern amenities a guest would want, boosted by stunning city views and right in the heart of Singapore's shopping district. The hotel features a range of facilities, including an outdoor swimming pool, a well-equipped fitness room, and a variety of dining options.



With utmost skill and attention to detail, Hua Ting Restaurant and its team of accomplished chefs, led by Hong Kong Master Chef Chung Lap Fai, continue to bring new heights of excellence while preserving the authentic flavours of Cantonese cuisines.

Hua Ting, a Michelin Guide-select restaurant, has established exceptional repute since 1992, offering dynamic yet refined flavours in authentic Cantonese cuisines. Having won multiple awards for its timeless signatures, roast delights, and home-crafted dim sum, Hua Ting Restaurant in Orchard Hotel continues to create exquisite dishes that are redolent of tradition yet crafted with new generations of diners in mind.

The Orchard Café reveals a stylish ambience and brand-new layout incorporating a naturally-lit indoor bar with floor-to-ceiling windows and an al fresco seating section set against lush greenery – a cosy haven to wine and dine.





Upbeat and distinctive, The Orchard Cafe is the ideal dining destination to savour delicious taste memories of Singapore's culinary heritage and delight in best-in-class contemporary cuisines.

Diners will savour internationally, seafood and, locally inspired signatures such as Wok-fried Slipper Lobster with Salted Egg Yolk sauce and an array of Asian noodle dishes served at a live Noodle Bar.

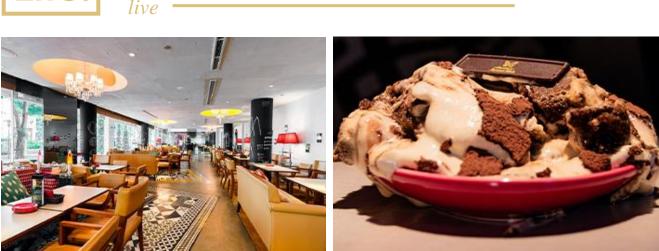
M Social Singapore



Vibrancy personified with inclusivity at its heart, M Social brings together fascinating souls with an intrepid taste for travel. With a constant beat on the pulse, the M Social experience sets the perfect stage for guests to create memories and write their own stories. Relax, work, eat, play, and get inspired. (Pictured: Alcove Terrace Room)

As a lifestyle boutique hotel in Robertson Quay, M Social Hotel Singapore captures the spirit of adventure behind every stay. Akin to a theatrical experience, M Social Hotel Singapore is a stage where it tells a unique story with a well-designed setting and ambience. The chic loft and alcove interiors designed by famous French visionary Philippe Starck add to the theatricality and sense of intrigue to the hotel.

You will find contemporary and spacious guest rooms and suites with stylish decor and excellent amenities, ensuring visitors' restful and enjoyable stays. The hotel boasts extensive facilities, such as a rooftop pool with panoramic city views.



Dine like a beast or social like a butterfly, set sail on a journey with Beast & Butterflies' irresistible gastronomy dishes inspired by the Mediterranean Coastline and Modern Asian Culinary Creations.

Its Beast and Butterflies restaurant prides itself as a community dining space inspired by a dynamic gastronomic lifestyle juxtaposed with the backdrop of the Singapore River, bringing strong social energy and a conducive alfresco dining experience along Robertson Quay. Indulge in their signature dishes such as the award-winning Crispy Pork Knuckles with Nam Jim Sauce, comforting Lobster Porridge, and its ever-popular scoop-all-you-can Tiramisu Fridays.

M Hotel Singapore



Whatever may bring you to the buzzing island of Singapore, travellers can easily experience it from the comfort of M Hotel Singapore, you will also enjoy over five dining options full of soulful food if you want to go from Singapore's heart to its soul. (Pictured: Premier Room)

An award-winning hotel located in the heart of Singapore, it is a favourite for global travellers looking to discover the beating heart of the city. The hotel is just a stone's throw away from some of the most popular attractions like Sentosa and Chinatown.

The hotel offers contemporary and spacious guest rooms and suites with stylish decor and excellent amenities, ensuring visitors' restful and enjoyable stays. The hotel boasts extensive facilities, such as a rooftop pool with panoramic city views.





Be spoilt for choice with a smorgasbord of food on the buffet line including premium cuts of meat, freshest catches, desserts and more!

Café 2000 is an all-day dining restaurant, well known for its daily lunch, dinner buffet and leisurely afternoon tea. The restaurant takes the extra step to curate an ala carte menu focusing on wellness, sustainability, and a plant-based approach. You can expect to see your favourite local dishes prepared in highly Instagram-able and heart-healthier recipes.



Celebrate with a feast that transcends cultural boundaries with a fusion of Malay and Chinese flavours at M Hotel's The Buffet Restaurant where you can celebrate a joyous culinary haven.

Hop over to The Buffet restaurant to feast on a fusion of Malay and Chinese flavours with two unique buffet concepts housed under one roof, indulge in an all-you-can-eat Nasi Padang Buffet with more than 30 dishes during lunch and a heartwarming hotpot buffet for dinner.



Studio M Hotel Singapore



Step into the comfort of the urban-inspired and stylish loft rooms each providing your very own mezzanine for added sophistication and nesting space with 3m high ceilings and high bay windows. With 360 loft-style rooms tastefully designed by Italian style maestro and architect, Piero Lissoni, Studio M Hotel Singapore offers contemporary living spaces in which one can work, rest and play. (Pictured: Studio Loft with Sofa Bed)

Studio M is Singapore's first fully loft-inspired designer hotel with rooms and suites in contemporary designs, creating a trendy and cosy space for guests seeking an urban vibe. Awarded the AsiaOne People's Choice Award for best Boutique Hotel, Studio M Hotels is also one of the best loft hotels near Clarke Quay and Robertson Quay in Singapore to plan a romantic getaway with your loved one.



Mexican Lover or Asian Lover? Enjoy both flavours with MEMO's new culinary delights that will tantalise your taste buds. Come and taste it!

The hotel features a lap pool with a panoramic view of the city skyline, a well-equipped gym and a selection of dining options at MEMO Café & Breeze where you will embrace a celebration of urban chic, creativity, food, and drinks helmed by a team of creative artists, and trend-setters.

Can't decide which hotel to stay? Hop over to Millennium Hotels and Resorts Singapore <u>website</u> for the latest promotions to shortlist your ideal stay!





JW Marriott South Beach Hosts 'Her World Women Of The Year 2024' Awards And Gala Dinner

The Her World Women of the Year gala dinner makes a triumphant return – here's a closer look at the inspiring moments and how these remarkable trailblazers were celebrated. (Photo credit: Her World Singapore)

The Her World Women of the Year 2024 recently celebrated two extraordinary women award recipients at JW Marriott South Beach Hotel with over 200 distinguished guests.

Justice Judith Prakash, senior judge of the Supreme Court of Singapore and Shanti Pereira, Singapore's national sprinter, was presented the 2024 Woman of the Year and Young Woman Achiever awards respectively.



Guest-of-honour Ms Jane Ittogi and Justice Judith Prakash at Her World's Women of the Year 2024 awards dinner. (Photo credit: Her World Singapore)



Chief operating officer Loh Yuh Yiing (Left), with Young Woman Achiever Award 2024 Shanti Pereira (Middle), and Her World's editor-in-chief Elizabeth Lee (Right). (Photo credit: Her World Singapore)

First introduced in 1991, the Her World Woman of the Year award is recognised as a symbol of recognition for women who dare to challenge the norm and have made an indelible mark in the community.

Every year, this award is given to inspirational women who have led the charge through sheer determination and passion, achieving extraordinary success while making a lasting difference in society.

The Her World Young Woman Achiever Award celebrates the success of young women who push existing boundaries, inspiring those around them and paving the way for future generations.





From left: Ms Jennie Chua, Joanna Lee-Miller (editorial director of Lifestyle Media, SPH), Shanti Pereira, Anna Yip of Singtel, Ms Jane Ittogi, Chan Yeng Kit (CEO of SPH Media), Elizabeth Lee, Justice Prakash and her husband, Jaya Prakash. (Photo credit: Her World Singapore)

The gala dinner was graced by the First Lady of Singapore, Ms Jane Ittogi, along with a distinguished gathering of guests from various fields, including business leaders, industry giants, renowned creatives, local celebrities and influential thought leaders.





Experience refined luxury at JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach where you will find an expertly balanced historic heritage with modern style, providing a luxury experience in accommodations with elegant interiors, intuitive amenities and sleek marble bathrooms.

The Luxury Group by Marriott International is bringing a multi-city regional dining series till 1 December 2024, featuring six top hotels including JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach. The series will feature curated gastronomic experiences by a line-up of culinary talents across the Asia-Pacific region.

The Dining Series will take place across six destinations, activating 23 restaurants and bars, with participation from over 25 hotels and resorts, and showcasing the skills of over 55 culinary and beverage talents.



Executive Chinese Chef Pak Chee Yit's love for cooking was influenced by his mother. He first started his own Chinesenyonya restaurant in Malaysia before moving to Singapore in 2008 to work for several notable fine dining restaurants including World's Top 100 Restaurant, My Humble House and Celebrity Chef Sam Leong's fine Chinese restaurant, Forest.



Michelin-starred Chef Paul Lau Ping-Lui is highly regarded as one of the top Cantonese chefs in Hong Kong. He is an expert in Chinese culinary arts with over 36 years of experience in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Guangzhou, as well as in Dubai and the UK.

The series will conclude in Singapore with an exquisite dinner at the renowned Madame Fan. Executive Chinese Chef Pak Chee Yit will be joined by Executive Chef Paul Lau Ping-Lui of the Two Michelin-starred Tin Lung Heen at The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong to offer guests an exquisite Chinese dinner.



Madame Fan's Head Bartender Chew Qing Ting will be collaborating with the team from Bar Sathorn at the W Bangkok. "The four cocktails, united by the element of tea, will guide you through a sensory experience that flows like a narrative, from start to finish, creating a harmonious and unforgettable journey," says Marco Dognini, from The Bar at The House on Sathorn.



The maestro of merriment with boundless curiosity and a grounded approach and an anchor of The NCO Club's four experiential-lifestyle bars. Chew Ying Ting, the Head Bartender, elevates each sipping experience as a celebration of nature's balance through the art of mixology, easing into a symphony of flavour in liquid poetry.

One of the signature cocktails is Thai Bee's Knees made with Patron Silver Tequila, crystal water honey, kaffir lime and lemongrass. There will also be live Chinese-themed performances at Cool Cats by talented musicians at the forefront of the jazz scene.

Marriott Bonvoy members can bid for these exclusive experiences using their points under the Marriott Bonvoy Moments program. From masterclasses, immersive market visits, and elevated dining experiences, to limited-edition gifts, the Luxury Group Dining Series promises a memorable journey.

For more information, visit: <u>https://luxurydiningseries.com/</u>





"When is the best time to buy a property?" echoes as one of the most perennial questions in the world of real estate, often shadowed by the equally common, "When is the best time to sell your property?".

Let's first acknowledge these well-worn sayings. They encapsulate a general truth in real estate but fall short of providing actionable insights. The quest for the 'best time to buy' often meets the frustrating response of "but there's no crystal ball."

Properties have proved to be quite lucrative for investors and homebuyers. The prices for private and public housing have increased remarkably in the past. In fact, on certain occasions, the government had to step in and impose cooling measures to ensure home affordability for Singapore citizens.

The real estate market in 2024 has been a roller coaster ride, from high mortgage interest rates to an all-time low bid from real estate developers in the Government Land Sales (GLS) programme. Much has also been discussed on the real estate cycle, and if the market is entering into a "reset" after recording high prices in Housing Development Board (HDB) houses and private residential since COVID-19's lockdown.

Since the United States Central Bank cut by half a percentage point on 18 September, and another half a percentage point by the end of 2024, home buyers can expect a dip in their mortgage loan interest rates.



"It is time to recalibrate our policy to something that is more appropriate, given the progress on inflation, and on employment moving to a more sustainable level," said Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell during a news conference after a Federal Open Market Committee meeting on 31 July 2024.



Would the interest rate cut positively move our real estate market, encouraging more homebuyers to purchase or invest? As we move into the last quarter of 2024, let's look at Q3 2023 performance. If you, like most Singaporeans, are sitting on the fence deciding to purchase or to wait, perhaps this might help you decide.

July's Performance

After the school holidays in June, sales rebounded as developers and buyers returned to the market. 616 new private residentials were launched in July, up by more than five times month-on-month (m-o-m) but 71.4% below the tally a year ago. Developers sold 571 new private residentials (excluding ECs), a 150.4% increase from the 228 units sold in June 2024.

Since the hike in Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty in April 2023, non-permanent resident (non-PR) foreign buyers continued to stay on the sidelines. According to available sales caveats from the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) for July 2024, non-PR foreign buyers accounted for only six deals or 1.1% of new home sales. Singaporeans continued to dominate the market, accounting for 495 deals or 86.7%% of all new private home purchases, up from 82.4% in June. New home sales involving PRs in July made up 12.1%.



Visitors at the preview of Kassia, the final of 11 private condo projects in the Flora Drive-Flora Road enclave off Upper Changi Road North. The four-bedroom unit (pictured) was priced from \$2.462 million at the first weekend launch. (Photo: Samuel Isaac Chua/EdgeProp Singapore)

Hong Leong Holdings' Flora Drive finale, Kassia, was launched on 20 July which saw 52% of the units sold at the first weekend launch. On the back of Kassia, 391 new private residential units were sold in July. The bulk of new private home sales in July was within the \$1.0 million to less than \$2.0 million range, accounting for 56% of all new sales.

Hong Leong Group's properties accounted for almost half of the top 10 selling projects in the URA's caveat lodged data in July – Kassia (154 units sold), Tembusu Grand (21 units sold), Lentor Mansion (20 units sold), and Lentoria (20 units sold).

August's Performance

After July's positive uptick, August saw new private residential sales plunge 63.6% m-o-m and 47.2% y-o-y. The low sales were mainly attributed to the lack of new launches as developers avoided launching in the lunar Seventh Month or Hungry Ghost Festival.

This is, nonetheless, a record low for August since August 2008's Global Financial Crisis. Homebuyers' stance on holding back persisted amid weak economic conditions, high interest rates, and resistance to high price points did not help in the uncertain landscape.

Performance thus far has shown that 2024 could be the weakest since 2008, with the market sentiment cautious since late 2023. Nevertheless, pent-up demand is building up, and with more attractive launches waiting in the wings, pending interest rate cuts, and a more optimistic economic outlook, home sales could improve in the next few months.





As the first new launch in District 15 in 2023, Tembusu Grand saw strong interest during its 2-week showflat preview. The threebedroom, three-bedroom plus study (show flat pictured) and four-bedroom units made up nearly 100 units sold (Photo: Samuel Isaac Chua/EdgeProp Singapore)



Lentor Hills Residences sits on an 184,461 sq ft, 99-year leasehold site in the upcoming Lentor Hills estate, a growth area positioned as a sustainable and pedestrian-friendly neighbourhood with new parks and seamless walking and cycling paths. The project sold 50% of units on the first weekend launch, its four-bedroom unit (pictured) was priced from \$2.53 million.

Despite that, Hong Leong Group's properties accounted for half of the top 10 selling projects in URA's caveat lodged data in August – Tembusu Grand (30 units sold), Lentoria (17 units sold), Lentor Hills Residences (13 units sold), Lentor Mansion (8 units sold), Lumina Grand (8 units sold), and The Myst (8 units sold).

September's Performance

Following the dearth of launches amid the lunar seventh month, September saw developers' sales regain footing to 90% m-o-m and 84.8% y-o-y. September's sales take the tally of new homes sold in Q3 2024 to 1,188 units, a 63.9% q-o-q pickup from the low base of 725 units in Q2 2024 but down 39% y-o-y from 1,946 units in Q3 2023.

The cumulative tally of new homes sold in the year thus far is now 3,077 units, 42.3% lower y-o-y from 5,329 units over the corresponding period in 2023. This follows H1 2024 sales of 1,889 units which is a record low for half-year developer sales, below the previous floor of 1,977 units in H2 2008 during the Global Financial Crisis.

Nevertheless, home sales are poised to improve in Q4 2024, amid pent-up demand, more attractive launches waiting in the wings, lower interest rates and a more optimistic economy.





The Myst, the 408-unit private condo at Upper Bukit Timah Road, 110 units (27%) were sold at the close of the first weekend of launch on 9 July. The one- and two-bedroom units were the most popular apartments sold at launch.



The first executive condominium (EC) launch of 2024, Lumina Grand, sold 351 units (69%) of the 512 units after the second round of balloting for second-time buyers on 2 March. The 512-unit Lumina Grand comprises 10 residential blocks, each between 12 and 13 storeys, with a total site area of around 179,000 sq ft.

Hong Leong Group's properties accounted for almost half of the top 10 selling projects in the Urban Redevelopment Authority's (URA) caveat lodged data in September – Tembusu Grand (32 units sold), Lentoria (19 units sold), The Myst (16 units sold), and Lumina Grand (11 units sold).

What can homebuyers expect for the last quarter?

With more attractive launches announced in the months ahead, sales are poised to rebound in Q4 2023. A recently launched new private residential project by City Developments Limited (CDL), Norwood Grand at Champions Way, marked to be the first private residential launch in Woodlands in 12 years, had its sales booking on 19 October.

The launch weekend saw 292 units or 84% of the 348-unit private residential project sold as of 6.00 pm, 20 October 2024, at an average selling price (ASP) of S\$2,067 psf.

CDL will also be previewing the highly anticipated large-scale mixed-use development at Havelock Road, Union Square Residences, on 1 November with sales booking on the 9 November 2024. The development will house a 40-storey block with 366 apartments (Union Square Residences), a 20-storey Grade A office (Union Square Central), a three-storey block with retail, food, and beverage (F&B) space, and a co-living component with a hotel licence.



Norwood Grand is the first private condominium to be launched in Woodlands since 2012. The development will have 348 units across four 11-storey blocks on a 99-year leasehold, 155,351 sq ft site. Units are a mix of one-bedroom-plus-study to four-bedroom premium-plus-study, with sizes ranging from 495 sq ft to 1,335 sq ft.



Union Square will be the first project in the Singapore River Planning Area under the URA's Strategic Development Incentive (SDI) Scheme. Strategically located along Havelock Road, at the gateway to the CBD and heart of the Singapore River precinct, conveniently located near three MRT stations.

Although Q3 unexpectedly registered a 1.1% decline overall, it should remain resilient in Q4 2024. According to CBRE Research, a market correction is not expected given the low unemployment rate, resilient household balance sheets, and low unsold inventory.

One constant trend that we have noticed in Q3 is that Hong Leong Group's properties have performed well, ranking in the top 10 best-selling projects m-o-m. As the market picks up riding on recent and upcoming interest rate cuts, you may want to start your hunt and make your move.

For sales enquiry, please visit CDL's sales website, Hong Leong Holdings' sales website, or TID's sales website.





Hong Leong Finance: More Drivers Are Jumping On The EV Bandwagon. Is This The Time To Switch?

Embark on an electrifying new driving experience for a healthier and cleaner environment with Hong Leong Finance's Vehicle-Green Loan.

Spotting an electric car in Singapore is far more common now than before as car manufacturers release various EV models from sedans, SUVs, and hatchbacks. According to Bloomberg, Singapore will have the largest share of passenger electric vehicles (EVs) in Southeast Asia by 2040, this means about 80 per cent of all passenger vehicles will be EVs.

As Singapore aims to reduce its land transport emissions to reach its goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, authorities are looking to end sales of new cars with internal combustion engines (ICE) from 2030, with plans to phase them out entirely by 2040. Having adequate chargers, alongside lowering the cost of buying and owning an EV, is critical to this plan.

In enticing more car owners to switch to EVs, Singapore plans to install 60,000 charging points by 2030, including 40,000 in public car parks. That works out to an EV-to-charger ratio of about 5-to-1, putting the country in the lead for charging infrastructure in Southeast Asia.



Finding a charging point is no longer finding a needle in a haystack anymore. MyTransport.SG app helps to find charging points offered by the various providers, find pricing, power rating, and type of plug to help EV drivers plan their charging schedule, as well as the real-time availability of EV charging points. (Photos: Torque Singapore)



The Government has also extended the EEAI the timeline for EV Early Adoption Incentive (EEAI) from 2023 to 2025 and the Enhanced Vehicular Emissions Scheme (VES) to work in tandem to reduce the cost gap between green vehicles and ICE cars.

The EEAI currently runs till 31 December 2025 and continues to provide rebates off the ARF for newly registered EVs. From 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, owners who register fully electric cars will receive a rebate of 45% off the ARF, at a revised cap of \$15,000.

Financing an EV

In 2024, more car loans were issued, including those for EVs. However, for those who are waiting for car loan interest rates to dip, it is unlikely that it will dip in the short term despite a rate cut in the United States Federal Reserve.

Hong Leong Finance, Singapore's largest finance company, has seen an uptick in car loan numbers. The company saw that 30 per cent of car loans extended since January were for EVs. EV loans now make up about 20 per cent of Hong Leong Finance's total car loan portfolio.



Enjoy higher interest savings when you take up a green car loan for your purchase of an electric or hybrid car from Hong Leong Finance. Hong Leong Finance's Vehicle-Green Loan individuals enjoy attractive interest rates with flexible repayment. Kick-start your eco-friendly journey today!

To foster a pro-environmental culture towards a sustainable future and to combat climate change while protecting the environment, Hong Leong Finance introduced a Vehicle-Green Loan with competitive interest rates from as low as 2.48% flat p.a. for new and used EVs and hybrid vehicles.

Take advantage of Hong Leong Finance's green car loans as you transit to a greener drive today. For more details, please visit the website <u>here</u>.





Hotel Indigo Exeter is a short walk from Exeter Cathedral and the city's famous shopping and dining district. It is also home to Colson's Bar & Grill, Dugout Bar, Becketts - a champagne & cocktail rooftop bar, and The Retreat Spa.

CDL Hospitality Trusts (CDLHT) through its indirect wholly owned subsidiaries, CDL HBT Investments (III) Property Limited (UK HoldCo) and CDL HBT Investments (III) Retail Limited, acquires Hotel Indigo Exeter and two retail units from Hotel Exe Limited, Plaza Properties (Holdings) Limited and Plaza Retail (Holdings) Limited at £19.4 million. The acquisition will be completed when the relevant conditions are met.



The Cathedral Heritage bedrooms are inspired by Cathedral Green, it uses brass and timber with sumptuous colour fabrics to give a rich decadent feel.

The freehold property is an upscale lifestyle boutique hotel offering 104 rooms with luxurious spa and gym facilities, as well as two retail units. After an extensive conversion from a House of Fraser department store, the hotel reopened in October 2023. The newly converted hotel boasts modern design elements and high-quality finishes, positioning it as a more contemporary alternative to its competitors.

The property is situated on the doorstep of the main retail high street, the Princesshay Shopping Centre, the preeminent shopping destination in Exeter that attracts significant footfall. It is also close to the commercial district, major transport nodes, and iconic attractions.

Exeter also houses a growing number of national and regional businesses and the United Kingdom (UK)'s fastestgrowing research university, the University of Exeter. The University attracts leisure travellers from visiting parents and guests during graduation periods.



Mr Vincent Yeo, CEO of CDLHT's Managers, commented on the Acquisition, "We are delighted to acquire a highquality asset with brand new interiors in the best location in the heart of Exeter. This is a continuation of our strategy to pursue accretive acquisitions that augment our income streams. This acquisition also increases our exposure to the burgeoning lifestyle hotel market.

Hotel Indigo Exeter is a compelling opportunity to acquire a hotel with top-tier design and build specifications, at a significant discount to the current replacement cost. There are areas we have identified in the operations where we could potentially drive better performance befitting the quality of the product and its excellent location. In addition, there is a limited new supply of rooms within the city centre for the next few years.

We believe our Stapled Securityholders will benefit from this opportune acquisition, especially at a point when the interest rate cycle is expected to turn."





CDL Investments New Zealand Limited (CDI) has a track record of acquiring and developing residentials for two decades. CDI has completed numerous projects in Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Hastings, Havelock North, Taupo, Nelson, Christchurch, Rolleston (Canterbury) and Queenstown.

CDL Investments New Zealand Limited (CDI) recently secured both its R2 Growth Cell (Hamilton) and Arataki Road (Havelock North) developments within the Fast-track Approvals Bill.

CDI Chief Executive Jason Adams said that this is positive news. If approved, it would ensure that CDI and its wholly-owned subsidiary CDL Land New Zealand Limited will have a pipeline of development projects in Hamilton and Havelock North to meet the growing housing demand in these areas.



"2024 has been a productive year for CDI. With the addition of these developments, CDI would be looking forward to a busy 2025", CDI Chief Executive Jason Adams.

"We're very pleased to have both our R2 Growth Cell and Arataki Road projects included in the Bill... but we see this as a positive sign that both projects have met the criteria for inclusion", he said.

"Both projects have been assessed independently by a Projects Advisory Group and two Ministers, we are confident that both our projects have significant regional benefits in line with the legislation when we make our applications."



technologically advanced guest experience that aligns with Orchard Hotel Singapore's legacy of excellence."



The R2 Growth Cell land site was acquired in 2023. After the acquisition, the development progress was hindered by new legislation such as the National Policy Statement – Highly Productive Lands, National Policy Statement – Urban Development, and Future Proof (Greater Waikato Plan). Undeterred, CDI submitted a Concept Master Plan detailing the development plans to the authorities for Fast-Track Approval.

The R2 Growth Cell and Arataki Road projects will provide substantial housing boosts to Hamilton and Hawkes Bay. The R2 Land is located adjacent to Hamilton's Northeastern city limits, on the city side of the Waikato Expressway.

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The Arataki Road land site was acquired in May 2023. Similar to the R2 Growth Cell site, the development progress was hindered by new legislation. CDI submitted a preliminary scheme plan to the authorities to place the development on the Fast-Track Approval Bill.

The Arataki Road land is located adjacent to the existing Arataki housing area on an elevated terrace above the Heretaunga Plains at the northern end of Havelock North. Both projects are well connected to key infrastructure. If approvals are granted, CDI intends to develop both projects from 2025 onwards.

"When completed, the R2 development is expected to generate approximately 1,350 residential sections or housing units and 35 hectares of industrial commercial land. Arataki will generate 160 to 200 dwellings depending on the level of density that is approved. Both projects will provide their respective towns and regions with more housing choices in the short term, we are excited to be able to provide that opportunity if approved", said Mr Adams.





Driving Meaningful Change And Strengthening Teams For A Brighter Tomorrow

Nearly 300 colleagues and senior management across CDL and its subsidiaries had a fun and educational Green Building, Decarbonisation & Safety (GBDS) Seminar 2024.

Nearly 300 colleagues and senior management from CDL and its subsidiaries, Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR), City Serviced Offices, South Beach Consortium, and facilities management services provider CBM, came together for the Green Building, Decarbonisation & Safety (GBDS) Seminar (currently in its 2nd year). The seminar aims to heighten awareness of CDL's shared goals of safety and carbon reduction.

Special guests, Mr Silas Sng, Commissioner for Workplace Safety & Health (WSH) with the Ministry of Manpower, Mr Christopher Koh, General Manager of WSH Council, and Mr Chan Yew Kwong, Senior Consultant of WSH Council also attended.



The seminar kicked off on a rousing start with speakers, Mr Silas Sng (WSH Commissioner); Mr Sherman Kwek (CDL Group CEO); and Mr Allen Ang (Head of GBDS) who even danced a little jig when he played the music video "Safe and Sound" by music band Capital Cities.







Engaging presentations by CDL colleagues on workplace safety, health and decarbonisation efforts. **Top row:** Ms Annie Abraham (VP, City Serviced Offices); Mr Nigel Tan (Senior Manager, GBDS); and Mr Lee Liang Huat (COO, CBM). **2nd row:** Mr Jo Tan (Manager, Asset Management); Mr Tedric Foo (Asst. Manager, Procurement); Mr Tan Kian Chuan (AVP, GBDS);

and Mr Augustine Quek (Director, Sustainability in Technical Services, MHR).

"As I stand here today, I am reminded of the progress we have made in creating greener buildings and safer workplaces — two fundamental pillars that embody our corporate values as an organisation," said Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL Group Chief Executive Officer in his opening speech. He also announced the launch of the 'EHS Matters' app, a reporting system on staff portals CDL360 and CityNexus to empower staff to share feedback, suggestions and compliments on matters pertaining to Environment, Health and Safety (EHS).

The seminar saw the morning half cover topics on workplace safety and mental health best practices, aimed at achieving EHS excellence across the Group. The afternoon segment focused on "Collective Action Towards Net Zero" with a hands-on sustainability workshop that teaches how to balance aesthetics, energy efficiency and resilience in building design.



City Developments Lawred

Having fun while learning: Staff enjoying themselves at roadshows by partners including the National Environment Agency, Singapore Civil Defence Force and Singapore Green Building Council, as well as a sustainability workshop where they learnt how to balance aesthetics, energy efficiency and construction resilience from the perspective of a green builder.

There were also interactive roadshows by the National Environment Agency, Singapore Civil Defence Force, and Singapore Green Building Council on dengue prevention, waste management, and sustainable living.

But the highlight of the event was the inaugural CDL EHS Awards which saw 11 proud winners out of a total of 42 nominees voted by their colleagues for having demonstrated excellence in driving EHS practices within CDL. The winners were categorised according to the 3Es guidelines of the WSH campaign – "Ensure, Empower, Embrace".



Category	Winner	Department	
Embrace	Ms Wong Shu Teng	Corporate Services & Procurement, CDL	
	Mr Shah Halid	Property Development, CDL Projects	
	Mr Vikhram C.	M Hotel Security	
Ensure	Mr Alfred Ng	Property Development, CDL Projects	
	Ms April Chiang	Property Development, CDL Sales & Marketing	
	Ms Jean Koh	Asset Management, Operations & Tech Services	
	Mr Peter Wu	South Beach Consortium, Operations, Innovation and Sustainability	
Empower	Mr Gary Cher	Property Development, CDL Projects	
	Mr Lawrence Kwok	Asset Management, Operations & Tech Services	
	Mr Andy Tan	Global Sales & Partnership, MHR	
	Mr Lee Liang Huat	Company Operations, CBM	

There was even a standing ovation for CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong who was surprised with the "CDL EHS Impact Leadership Award". He has been dedicated to CDL's growth and safety for more than 40 years.



CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong had a standing ovation when he received the "CDL EHS Impact Leadership Award" from Mr Kwek. Mr Chia has been pivotal to the company's growth and safety for more than 40 years.



Nominated by their colleagues and selected by CDL Executive Committee members, these 11 winners have demonstrated excellence in driving EHS practices across CDL.





Located in District 1, Union Square is a mixed-use development spanning 148,800 sq ft. (Artist's impression)

City Developments Limited (CDL) recently launched Union Square, a large-scale mixed-use development located at the former sites of Central Mall (office), Central Mall (conservation buildings) and Central Square for preview on 1 November, with sales bookings on 9 November 2024. The entire mixed development is targeted for completion in 2029.

The three combined sites, situated at Havelock Road in prime District 1, at the fringe of the Central Business District (CBD), will be transformed into Union Square. This new development will comprise a Grade A premium office tower (Union Square Central), retail and F&B spaces, a co-living component with a hotel licence, and a 366-unit luxury residential, Union Square Residences.

This redevelopment project in the Singapore River Planning Area is the first of its kind and is one of the largest for the precinct under the Urban Redevelopment Authority's (URA) Strategic Development Incentive (SDI) Scheme.

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL's Group Chief Executive Officer, said, "Union Square represents an incredible opportunity to transform one of Singapore's iconic and historic neighbourhoods. Mixed-use projects of this scale in a prime district are rare, and Union Square is poised to be an icon for the precinct. Union Square Residences is designed to provide unmatched luxury living at the nexus of the charming Singapore River and the bustling CBD. This landmark project will infuse new energy into the integrated community, with its bold architecture redefining the city skyline."



Rejuvenation of the Precinct: A Union of Two Worlds, Inspired by History and Culture



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From Havelock Road, the architectural facade features a unique u-shaped profile representing the union of the two distinctive areas (riverside and CBD fringe) and the collective redevelopment of the former Central Mall and Central Square sites on which Union Square is built. (Artist's Impression)

Designed by award-winning architectural firm Aedas in collaboration with ADDP for the residential component, Union Square is conceived as an anchor precinct that connects the vibrant Clarke Quay riverfront with the CBD fringe.

The development comprises a 20-storey office block, a 40-storey residential block with commercial space on Levels 1 and 2, and a 3-storey block comprising co-living and commercial space, all connected by an open promenade that forms the nexus of Union Square, along with conservation buildings.

Use	Quantum	Area (sq ft)
Residential	42% (366 units)	310,190
Office	41%	300,910
Retail	10%	75,540
Co-living (with hotel licence)	7% (134 rooms)	48,860
Total GFA		735,500

(Photo credit: The Business Times)

Bounded by Magazine Road and Havelock Road, Union Square draws on the site's rich history due to its proximity to the Singapore River.

The existing heritage and conservation buildings on the site will eventually house retail and F&B establishments, while the incorporation of an amphitheatre at the junction of Cumming Street and Fisher Street pays homage to the traditional Chinese street opera performances that used to be held in the area and will serve as the heart of Union Square's outdoor spaces.



Iconic Luxury Residence: A Dynamic Epicentre filled with Colour, Culture and Character



Union Square Residences offers a myriad of recreational facilities on Levels 3, 34 and seven recreational pods. Pictured here is the sky pool on Level 34. (Artist's Impression)

Conceived as a dynamic epicentre of the vibrant mixed-use development, Union Square Residences boasts a comprehensive array of facilities including three pools, two clubhouses, and a sky gym. Offering spectacular views of the Singapore River, Marina Bay, Pearl's Hill and Chinatown, the exquisitely designed apartments range from 463 sq ft for a one-bedroom, to 1,518 sq ft for a four-bedroom premium, two expansive Sky Suites and an exclusive penthouse.

The apartments are priced from S\$1.38 million for a one-bedroom (463 sq ft), S\$1.998 million for a two-bedroom (700 sq ft), S\$2.82 million for a three-bedroom (990 sq ft), S\$4.62 million for a four-bedroom premium unit (1,518 sq ft), while the Sky Suite located at levels 38 and 39 will start from S\$9.288 million (2,476 sq ft).

Located at the fringe of the CBD, Union Square Residences offers excellent connectivity with three MRT stations within walking distance (Clarke Quay, Chinatown and Fort Canning) with access to the North-East and Downtown Lines and a plethora of lifestyle amenities at its doorstep.

Enhancement of Public Spaces for the Community

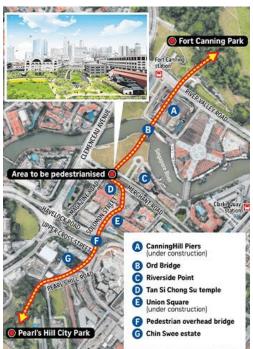


Apart from the partial pedestrianisation of nearby streets, dynamic spaces like a central plaza will feature placemaking activities like food truck events, outdoor performances and community workouts to enliven the precinct. (Picture: The Straits Times)

The site will feature convivial plazas and public spaces that partially pedestrianise Solomon Street and Merchant Road, enhancing connectivity from Fort Canning Park to Pearl's Hill City Park.



Connectivity will also be enhanced in the wider neighbourhood, it includes refurbishing an existing pedestrian overhead bridge across Upper Cross Street to provide lift access, sheltered walkways to neighbouring sites, and road improvements around the site.



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Part of Merchant Road will be pedestrianised to connect the public from Fort Canning Park to Pearl's Hill City Park through the upcoming Canninghill Piers and Union Square. (Photo credit: The Straits Times)

Sustainable Landmark Integrated with the First District Cooling Satellite Plant in the Singapore River Planning Area to Serve the Development and Precinct

Designed with sustainability in mind, Union Square Residences has achieved the Green Mark Platinum Super Low Energy (SLE) certification for its energy and water-efficient design and green features.

Union Square is CDL's third mixed-use redevelopment project in the Central Area and its second in the river precinct. Its other projects include CanningHill Piers and CanningHill Square (formerly Liang Court) – a joint-venture project by the Singapore River, and Newport Plaza (formerly Fuji Xerox Towers) on Anson Road.



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The Union Square Residences Sales Gallery, located along Merchant Road, is open from 1 November 2024, 10.00 am to 7.00 pm. Marketing agents are ERA, Huttons, PropNex, OrangeTee & Tie and SRI. For enquiries, please call the sales hotline: +65 8783 1818.



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The Norwood Grand Sales Gallery attracted more than 3,700 visitors at its first preview weekend and is the best-performing launch in 2024.

Norwood Grand, the first new luxury private residential launch in Woodlands since 2012, opened for preview on 4 October 2024. The launch weekend on 19 October saw 292 units or 84% of the 348-unit sold as of 20 October 2024, at an average selling price (ASP) of S\$2,067 per square foot (psf).

The apartments were attractively priced from S\$988,000 for a one-bedroom plus study (495 sq ft), S\$1.238 million for a two-bedroom (624 sq ft), S\$1.698 million for a three-bedroom deluxe (883 sq ft) and S\$2.238 million for a four-bedroom deluxe plus study (1,173 sq ft).

All unit types were sold with only the four-bedroom premium plus study units remaining.



With an on-site Early Childhood Development Centre with thoughtfully planned facilities and a Treehouse Playground right at the doorstep, parents will have everything they need for their children to flourish over their most formative years.

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL's Group Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are delighted with the strong take-up for Norwood Grand, which reflects the exciting growth prospects and transformation of the area into a vibrant economic hub. As the new gem in the burgeoning Woodlands neighbourhood, we are confident that Norwood Grand will appeal to buyers who value convenience and connectivity – and see the benefits in being part of one of Singapore's most promising districts."



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Norwood Grand is located at Champions Way in the established Woodlands neighbourhood, within a five-minute walk to Woodlands South MRT station and near the future Rapid Transit System (RTS) link. It is also close to Woodlands Regional Centre, the largest future economic hub in the north.

Apart from excellent connectivity to the city centre and Johor Bahru through various transport options, Norwood Grand offers easy access to a wide array of conveniences, including an Early Childhood Development Centre (ECDC) at its doorstep, as well as lifestyle amenities such as ACE The Place Community Club, Causeway Point, Vista Point, Woodlands North Plaza, Woods Square, Woodlands Civic Centre and Kampung Admiralty.

True Luxury in the New North

Set amidst lush greenery and natural landscapes, Norwood Grand is conceived as a serene retreat combining modern living with nature's beauty and bringing a new level of luxury to the North region.



Green spaces are integrated across Norwood Grand with over 20 recreational facilities, including a Treetop Walk, a Cabana Garden (pictured), a luxurious Grand Club, two BBQ pavilions, a 50-metre lap pool, a tennis court and a Treehouse Playground. (Artist's impression)

The Norwood Grand Sales Gallery is located along Sembawang Vista (next to Sembawang MRT station and Sun Plaza) and is open from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm.

For enquiries, please contact the sales hotline: +65 6877 1818 or visit https://www.cdlhomes.com.sg/norwoodgrand.



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Star of East River is a mixed-use residential and commercial development project located within the new city centre of Dongguan. The development comprises offices, a retail mall, and residential units with ancillary retail units. (Artist's impression)

First Sponsor Group recently raised gross proceeds of about S\$244 million from its rights issue.

A total of 225,910,315 Series 3 convertible securities were available for subscription, it was oversubscribed by 4.4 per cent.

The group had proposed a renounceable and non-underwritten rights issue of perpetual convertible capital securities at S\$1.08 apiece based on one Series 3 convertible security for every five existing shares.

First Sponsor intends to use net proceeds from the rights issue to fund expansion plans and to strengthen its financial position and capital base for property development, property holding, property financing businesses, and acquisition of stakes in a project company.





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Orchard Hotel Singapore is a stone's throw away from Ion Shopping Centre, Forum the Shopping Mall, Far East Shopping Centre, Tanglin Mall, and the Singapore Botanic Gardens – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Indulge in the ultimate shopping experience in Singapore's world-famous Orchard Road, right at your doorstep!

Enjoy exclusive shopping perks designed to enhance your bliss, as you retreat to the lap of luxury in Orchard Hotel's elegantly designed Signature Rooms where you can unwind with cocktails and exquisite dining.



The Grand Deluxe Room is elegantly designed to provide a new level of personal comfort to relax and recharge at a private sanctuary amidst the buzz of Singapore's world-renowned shopping and entertainment belt.

Each room boasts a bathroom equipped with mood lighting, rain showers, and romantic bath amenities. Facilities at the establishment include a swimming pool, jacuzzi, gym, and parking for your convenience.

Key Perks

- ION Orchard \$30 Shopping Voucher
- Complimentary Buffet Breakfast 2
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- AI-powered in-room voice assistant
- Yoga Kit provided in-room (Upon Request)
- Pillow Menu
- Free Parking: Take advantage of complimentary parking, subject to availability.
- Self-service Launderette
- Complimentary Bike Rentals
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- **Bonus Perks**
 - Flexible Cancellation (by 2pm local hotel time two days prior to arrival to avoid a one-night charge)

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Millennium Hotel London Knightsbridge's Club Room offers comfort and views across the London skyline. The spacious Grand Deluxe has a seating area and a good-size bathroom, Nespresso coffee machine, tea-making facilities, and bottled water.

Plus, stay connected throughout your stay with complimentary WIFI, ensuring you can share your European adventures with ease. MyMillennium members will enjoy an extra 10% off stay.

Key Perks

- Dining Delights: Savour up to 20% off
- Exclusive My Millennium Member Savings: Enjoy up to 20% off on your accommodation.
- Up to 2 kids (under age 11) eat & stay for free
- Complimentary High Speed Wifi
- Early check-in and Late check-out (Subject to availability)

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United States: Winter Escape



The Grand Central Holiday Fair is a 'must-go' in New York City. Held annually in the iconic Grand Central Terminal, this market runs for six weeks, from 11 November to 24 December 24, where you can expect a vibrant atmosphere filled with holiday cheer and an array of unique vendors.



Embark on an unforgettable journey with Millennium Hotels and Resorts across its hotels in the United States this Winter.

Elevate your stay with a complimentary room upgrade and free cancellation for added flexibility. But that's not all – indulge in complimentary breakfast and dining credits to enhance your experience.



Enjoy the best views of the Manhattan skyline from your room at Millennium Hotel Broadway Times Square. Whatever you have planned for your next adventure in the 'City that Never Sleeps', the hotel promises to keep it quiet. (Pictured: Superior Room and Deluxe Room)

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Key Perks

- Complimentary Breakfast
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- Extra Up to 12% Off For My Millennium Members
- Flexible Cancellation up to 2pm local hotel time, one day prior to arrival

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Boasting picturesque views of Jinji Lake and situated in the heart of Suzhou Industrial Park, M Social Suzhou offers guests a fresh and luxurious experience with state-of-the-art technology.

Situated in China's Jiangsu Province, Suzhou, one of the oldest cities along the Yangtze River, is known for its elegant blend of rich history and modern progress.

The city is often called the Venice of the East, with its network of iconic canals that wind through historic streets and arched stone bridges that cross these waterways. At the same time, it has a modern side with high-tech industries in software and biotechnology that reflects its progress.



Be charmed by Suzhou's intricate network of canals that grace its landscape and classical gardens.

With its close proximity to Shanghai, Suzhou is a convenient and attractive destination for domestic and international travellers alike. It offers classical Chinese culture and attractions all with the perks of modern facilities.

M Social Suzhou offers the perfect base to explore this exciting city. The first of the M Social brand in China, the hotel is conveniently located adjacent to Times Square, Jiu Guang Department Store, Eslite Spectrum, Ferris Wheel Park and other fashion shopping and commercial centres.

Located within the Hong Leong City Center, M Social Suzhou features 294 modern and stylish rooms, including 43 luxurious suites. Room sizes range from 40m² to 409m², and more than half overlook the tranquil Jinji Lake and Suzhou Oriental Gate.



Dynamic electronic art screens and changing lighting effects on the digital art walls form a rich visual experience and showcase the hotel's vibrant personality.



Beast & Butterflies houses an open-style kitchen that serves local Suzhou and international fare, while the stylish Beast & Butterflies Bar beside it offers cocktails and music with a view.

The hotel is also well-equipped to host meetings and events, with the 718m² Grand Ballroom that can accommodate up to 450 people and six function rooms of different sizes.

When it comes to dining, Beast & Butterflies on level 25 houses an open-style kitchen that serves local Suzhou and international fare, while the stylish bar beside it offers cocktails and music with a view.

See Suzhou's Ancient Wonders

Wander around Suzhou Old Town for a step back in time with its meandering narrow winding streets, traditional wooden folk houses that line the canals, check out shops that sell traditional handicrafts and savour local street food.

Apart from its canals, Suzhou's nine classical gardens are another standout attraction that holds UNESCO World Heritage status. The largest, the Humble Administrator's Garden, is reminiscent of an ancient village with traditional buildings, large ponds, intricate pavilions and lush trees and flowers.

The city is also renowned for its silk industry. Learn about this tradition at the Suzhou No. 1 Silk Factory. Built in 1926, the factory still produces silk and houses a museum.



Visit the beautifully designed Suzhou Museum (left) and take in panoramic views of Jinji Lake and the city's skyline (right).

Experience The Local Culture

One way to make the most of a new city is to immerse yourself in local culture.



A must-see for culture enthusiasts is the Suzhou Museum, designed by renowned architect I.M. Pei, which is a display of contemporary architecture while home to historical art and artefacts. For a more culturally immersive experience, attend a tea ceremony to experience Suzhou's tea culture, an integral part of its heritage.

M Social Suzhou also offers activities for its guests. Join a traditional craft workshop to try some pottery, paper cutting, and woodblock printing, and create a souvenir to take home.

Guests can also enjoy a boat tour of Jinji Lake, where they can relax on tranquil waters and take in panoramic views of the city's skyline and scenic landscapes. This serene cruise is perfect for those seeking a peaceful yet immersive experience of Suzhou's natural beauty.

From classical architecture and historical treasures, Suzhou's unique mix of ancient charm and modern innovation makes it an inviting destination for those seeking to blend culture with comfort.

Plan your trip with <u>M Social Suzhou</u> today!

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If you are obsessed with a rainforest design and setting spa, you have found your gem at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove.

Put your feet up in the decompression area and sweat out those nasty toxins in the illuminated decompression area, infrared (heat) therapy, steam room, whirlpool, vitality pool, and experiential showers.



Not sure which massage to pick? You can't go wrong with a reset massage to help you sleep better. The experience culminates within the spa's private garden, where you can savour sips and nibbles as you ease back into the real world.

Where: W Singapore – Sentosa Cove, 21 Ocean Way, Singapore 098374, Contact: +65 6808 7290 Opening hours: Monday to Sunday, 10am to 9pm Price: From \$185 for a massage treatment Website: <u>Away Spa</u>

The St. Regis Singapore: St. Regis Spa



A place hidden from the constraints of time, the spa features a celebration lounge inviting guests to fully relax as part of the arrival experience, six sensorial treatment rooms, a signature couple suite with a private Jacuzzi, two manicure and pedicure rooms with specially designed treatment chairs as well as the immersive Wet Lounge.

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The skin-softening Flawless Garden Rose treatment will revive dull skin. Add on a massage for full-body relaxation. Oh, you can also get your nails done with a manicure or pedicure.

Score!

Where: The St. Regis Singapore, 29 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247911 Contact: +65 6506 6896 Opening hours: Monday to Sunday, 10am to 9pm Price: From \$200 for a massage treatment Website: <u>St. Regis Spa</u>



JW Marriott South Beach Hotel: Spa by JW



So much is expected of us — to be brilliant, be ready, be connected. Why not just be? Spa by JW takes the idea a step further, removing distractions and excess to create an environment of simple tranquillity. Let Spa by JW slow your world, for as long as you want.

Revitalise mind, body and spirit in an exquisite and well-balanced journey to achieve The Whole You. Spa by JW delivers experiential treatments that are tailored to your exact needs and focused on delivering four distinctive benefits — Calm, Indulge, Invigorate and Renew.

You will feel pampered with the indulgent spa experience that offers a range of therapeutic soothing treatments. Plus, enjoy full access to a sauna, steam room, jacuzzi and a relaxing lounge with 'zero gravity' inversion therapy massage chairs for soothing back massages that relieve spine tension!

Where: Spa by JW, 30 Beach Road Level 2, East Tower, South Beach, JW Marriott, Singapore 189763
Contact: +65 6818 1939
Opening hours: Monday to Sunday, 10am to 8pm
Price: From \$90 for a massage treatment
Website: Spa by JW

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It's a food lover's paradise this October at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel! From a Carnivore & Crustacean spread to SanSara's Regal Lucknowi Feast, there's something to excite every palate. Keep your stomachs empty!

Food Capital: Carnivore & Crustaceans

Enjoy a 'Carnivore & Crustaceans' International Buffet with an array of dishes featuring Garlic and Tri-Pepper Roasted Beef, Crispy Pork Knuckle with Apple Compote, and Bavarian Roasted Chicken.

This Oktoberfest, celebrate one of the world's largest festivals at the heart of Singapore's River Valley with German Pork Bratwurst Sausage with Onion Sauce and Guinness Beef Stew with Root Vegetables. The festive atmosphere at the restaurant ensures you enjoy a joyful and immersive experience!



Treat yourself to the best of international cuisine at Food Capital, where you will feast on the best freshness from the ocean to Oktoberfest's German delicacies.

Lunch

Monday to Saturday \$68++ for adults | \$34++ for children View Menu

Dinner

Sunday to Thursday \$98++ for adults | \$49++ for children

Friday to Saturday

\$108++ for adults | \$54++ for children



Terms and Conditions

- Available from 16 September to 10 November 2024
- Prior reservation is required and subject to availability.
- Prices are subject to service charges and prevailing government taxes.
- Promotions and discount offerings may not be used in conjunction with one another.
- The restaurant reserves the right to change or amend any terms and conditions without prior notice.

For more information or booking, please visit the website.

SanSara: A Grand Diwali Feast

This Diwali, join SanSara for a culinary journey celebrating the flavours of Northern India.

The restaurant's specially curated menu features exquisite dishes that will light up your taste buds, from the rich and creamy Khara Deshi Palak to the tender, slow-cooked Martaban Gosht.



SanSara's Kumbh Ki Galouti takes a vegetarian spin on galouti kebab, usually made with finely minced meat. The small disc of minced mushroom delights with its melt-in-the-mouth texture and the taste of cardamom, clove and cumin lingers in the mouth.

Save room for dessert for the Moong Dal Halwa or the irresistible Baked Gulab Jamun, each bite a perfect blend of tradition and luxury.

Let the festive spirit surround you as you dine in style — this is one Diwali feast you don't want to miss!

Price: Set Menus at \$98++

Terms and Conditions

- Offer runs from 18 October to 10 November 2024.
- From 18 October to 10 November 2024, SanSara will exclusively serve the special Diwali Set Menu for dinner. Please note that the À La Carte menu will not be available during dinner for this period.
- Discount is not valid on Eve of Public Holidays and on Public Holidays
- Cannot be combined with other ongoing promotions, offers, vouchers, discounts, promotional set menus, privilege cards, loyalty programs, or in-house offers, unless stated otherwise.
- Available for dine-in services exclusively.
- Prior reservation is required and subject to availability.
- Prices are subject to service charge and prevailing government taxes.
- SanSara and Grand Copthorne Waterfront Management reserves the right to modify terms and conditions without prior notice.

For more information or booking, please visit the website.



SanSara: A Regal Lucknowi Feast

Celebrate SanSara's first anniversary with a Regal Lucknowi Feast!

Recognised as one of Singapore's top Indian restaurants on TripAdvisor, SanSara is famed for its impeccable service and enchanting ambience.



Hailing West Bengal in the East of India, Master Chef Pannalal Nath's 25-year career has been shaped by a distinguished journey through India's diverse culinary landscape that intertwines traditional with contemporary. After years of continual exploration, Chef Nath decided to set his heart on Awadhi cuisine which soon became his speciality, captivating diners with his elegant interpretations of the ancient cuisine, woven together with modern culinary techniques.

Indulge in a royal spread featuring authentic dishes like Murgh Rezala, tender chicken morsels in a rich almond and yoghurt gravy, and the vegetarian delight Kathal Kofta Curry, with jackfruit dumplings in a fragrant sauce.

Experience the grandeur of Lucknowi cuisine at its finest and let each bite transport you to the royal courts of India.



Master Chef Pannalal Nath's signatures include the Soya Chaap Handi Masala (left), Murgh Norrani Kebab (middle), and Shahi Gosht Biryani (right).Don't miss this exceptional celebration!

Price:

- Vegetarian Set Menu \$68++
- Non-Vegetarian Set Menus \$78++



Terms and Conditions

- Available from 11 to 30 November 2024.
- Discount is not valid on Eve of Public Holidays and on Public Holidays.
- Cannot be combined with other ongoing promotions, offers, vouchers, discounts, promotional set menus, privilege cards, loyalty programs, or in-house offers, unless stated otherwise.
- Available for dine-in services exclusively.
- Prior reservation is required and subject to availability.
- Prices are subject to service charge and prevailing government taxes.
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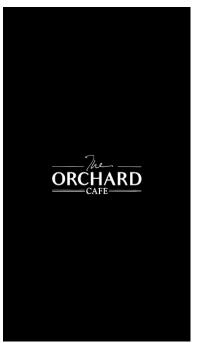
The Orchard Café: A 'Wonderful' Collection Of Various Indonesian Culinary Traditions In One Place All staff get a 30% discount!

Orchard Hotel Singapore will host a month-long cultural and culinary event, "Wonderful Indonesia: A Cultural and Culinary Journey," to showcase Indonesian culture at the hotel.

Wonderful Indonesia: A Cultural and Culinary Journey

Orchard Hotel's inaugural collaboration with the Indonesian Embassy and esteemed guest chefs from Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta has put together a curated 'Wonderful Indonesia' buffet at The Orchard Cafe.

What's the greater news? All Hong Leong Group staff get a 30% discount! This buffet special is served from a Halal-certified kitchen, great for our Muslim friends! Indulge in a lavish spread that showcases the vibrant cultural heritage of Indonesia, from East to West, renowned for its bold and diverse flavours, international seafood delights, and more!



Chefs from Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta, Chef Heri Suryanto and Chef Adi Kasatrio join forces with Orchard Café's Chef Jamaluddin and Chef Ko Lee Siew to bring you the spiciest, boldest, and most authentic flavours of Indonesia.



Promotion:

- HLGSRC at 30% or 50% off 2nd diner
- Children below 6 years old dine free with a minimum 1 paying adult

Buffet Pricing:

Lunch 12:00PM to 2:00PM Monday to Friday: \$83 Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday: \$93

Dinner 6:00PM to 9:30PM Monday to Thursday: \$97 Friday to Sunday and Public Holiday: \$107

Terms and Conditions

- From 7 October to 15 November 2024
- Menu is on rotation basis and subject to change without prior notice.
- Prior reservation is required and subject to availability.
- Prices are subject to service charges and prevailing government taxes.
- Promotions and discount offerings may not be used in conjunction with one another.
- The restaurant reserves the right to change or amend any terms and conditions without prior notice.

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M Hotel Singapore has over five dining options full of soulful food. Whether you like Southern or coastal, you will find the start of many happy food memories at the end of your chopsticks (or fork!).

Welcome to M Hotel Singapore's chic setting where amazing buffet spreads feature the freshest ingredients, authentic tastes and a variety of cultures at both buffet outlets.

Here is a list of the various Asian cuisines that you can feast on in the heart of Singapore's CBD!

Café 2000



Café 2000 in M Hotel Singapore is an all-day dining restaurant, well known for its daily lunch, dinner buffet and afternoon tea. Be spoilt for choice with a smorgasbord of food on the buffet line including premium cuts of meat, freshest catches, desserts and more!

Meat The Seafood feat. Bangkok Flavours 1 September to 14 November 2024

Sawasdeekhap!

Let the flavours of Bangkok take you on an exhilarating culinary adventure at M Hotel Singapore, as exciting as the city that inspired it!



Spice up with Thai favourites including the legendary Leng Saap – Volcano Pork Ribs, Thai Yellow Curry Crab, Moo Ping Skewer, Seafood Pad Thai, Mango Sticky Rice, alongside our popular live carving station of premium meat cuts, and freshest seafood-on-ice.



A fan of seafood? You will be spoilt for choice with a fresh seafood selection of Prawns, Mussels, Scallops, Oysters, and Alaskan snow crabs! Spice up your tummy with Thai favourites, the Leng Saap, a volcano Pork Ribs (Pictured right).

A buffet that mirrors Bangkok's bustling food streets, come experience it!

Dinner Buffet 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Sunday to Thursday \$98++ (Enjoy 1-for-1 with min. 2 diners) Friday and Saturday \$108++ (Enjoy Dine 4 Pay 3 with min. 4 diners)

Lunch Buffet 12:00pm to 2:30pm

Saturday to Sunday \$98++ (Enjoy 1-for-1 with min. 2 diners)

Terms and Conditions

- Prior reservation is required and subject to availability.
- Prices are subject to service charges and 9% GST.
- Promotions and discount offerings may not be used in conjunction with one another.
- Valid for dine-in only.
- Cafe2000 and M Hotel Singapore Management reserve the right to change or amend any terms and conditions without prior notice.

For more information, please visit the <u>website</u>.



The Buffet Restaurant



Celebrate a feast that transcends cultural boundaries with a fusion of Malay and Chinese flavours at M Hotel's The Buffet Restaurant.

Nasi Padang Lunch Buffet

Nothing is keeping Singaporeans from their love for Nasi Padang! With a wallet-friendly buffet price, you can now enjoy unlimited servings of Padang dishes without nuking your wallet.

Whet your appetite with cold starters and indulge in a heartwarming bowl of Sup Buntut or Soto Ayam at our live noodle station. You will also discover familiar and authentic Nasi Padang dishes prepared using heritage recipes including Beef Rendang, Udang Sambal Petai, Ayam Kari Kelapa, and other favourites like Begadil, Sayur Lodeh enjoyed together with three varieties of rice – Nasi Putih, Nasi Kuning, and Nasi Merah, best with chef's Sambal Belacan.



Keep a look out for rotational dishes such as the Gulai Kambing, Gulai Ayam, Soto Kambing and the well-loved Assam Pedas Oxtail.

Sedap!

For those with a sweet tooth, round up your feast with desserts including the Pulut Hitam, Singkong Rebus and more!

Monday to Sunday 12:00PM to 2:30PM \$32.80++ Adult

Promotion: 10% off for group dining of 4 and above



Terms and Conditions

- The offer is available from 27 May 2024 onwards.
- Prior reservation is required and subject to availability.
- Prices are subject to service charges and 9% GST.
- Promotions and discount offerings may not be used in conjunction with one another.
- Valid for dine-in only.
- The Buffet Restaurant and M Hotel Singapore Management reserves the right to change or amend any terms and conditions without prior notice.

For more information, please visit the website.

Celebration of Flavour Hotpot Buffet

1 October to 14 November 2024 Dinner Buffet 6:00PM to 10:00PM

Hai-di-who? Here comes M Hotel Singapore's Hotpot Buffet!

Keeping to its origin of a Chinese-style steamboat while elevating the experience to embrace Singapore's diverse cultures, the Buffet Restaurant showcased an extensive menu of fresh seafood, premium meat choices, and MSG-free broths.



Indulge in local broths featuring the healthier version of Laksa - Soy Laksa, Spicy Tom Yum, and the all-time favourite Signature Collagen Broth. The buffet also features local dishes such as Mala Seafood, Teo Chew Mee Pok Live Station, and many more!

It also has a dazzling display of hand-crafted desserts, alongside signature Asian dishes and a series of housedipping sauces by the in-house culinary team.

Highlights:

• Signature Collagen Broth

Simmered for over 8 hours, our signature collagen broth is rich, flavourful and loaded with goodness for the skin.

- New! Homemade Specialty Noodles freshly prepared daily in assorted flavours
- Live Station & Chef's Signatures

Savour the iconic Mala 'Xiang Guo' - a numbing spicy stir-fry pot, and live station featuring slow-roast Beef Brisket in Chinese Bao.



Promotion: Sunday to Thursday \$79++ adult 1-for-1 promotion with min. 2 adult diners Friday & Saturday \$89++ adult Dine 4 Pay 3 with min. 4 adult diners

Terms and Conditions

- 1-for-1 promotion is valid with 2 adult diners.
- Dine 4 Pay 3 promotion is valid with a minimum of 4 adult diners.
- Prior reservation is required and subject to availability.
- Prices are subject to service charges and 9% GST.
- Promotions and discount offerings may not be used in conjunction with one another.
- Valid for dine-in only.
- Cafe2000 and M Hotel Singapore Management reserve the right to change or amend any terms and conditions without prior notice.

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M Social prides itself in bringing people together with its conducive alfresco dining experience while Studio M brings you a fresh and vibrant atmosphere that will ease your mind in the heart of Robertson Quay.

M Social Hotel: Beast & Butterflies

From the savoury Singaporean Braised Duck Rice to the flavourful Parma Ham & Rocket Leaves Pizza, there's something for everyone to enjoy during that precious midday break.



Lunchtime just got better with Beast & Butterflies' latest offering!

Swing by for our weekday set lunch: enjoy a 2-course meal at \$22++ or finish off with a sweet treat with our 3-course option for \$28++.

Address for walk-in:

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

Make your reservation now via the website.



Studio M Hotel: Memo Café

Need a little pick-me-up to kickstart your mornings? Grab MEMO's limited edition Hydroflask for just \$45++ and get 10 free cups of Americanos!



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Kickstart your day with a cup of coffee with Studio M Hotel's Memo Café and enjoy the breeze and scenery of Robertson Quay.

There are only limited bottles available, so get yours today!

What's more? Spend a minimum of \$30 and enjoy triple the points! Sign up for free today as a MyMillennium member and start earning more!

Address for walk-in:

3 Nanson Rd, Studio M Riverside Hotel Robertson Quay, Singapore 238910

Make your reservation now via the website.

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Beijing Riviera Promotes Healthy Living With Breathing Seminar And Yoga By The Garden

Through the wellness initiatives organised by Beijing Riviera, such as the breathing seminar and yoga session (pictured above), members of the Riviera community are encouraged to pursue a healthier and more holistic lifestyle.

On 22 September, a sunny Sunday, nearly 20 members of the Beijing Riviera community gathered at East Lake Garden for a special yoga event. Guided by an experienced yoga instructor from India, participants immersed themselves in nature during a session that combined breath control techniques with deep meditation.

The instructor not only taught classic poses but also encouraged members to connect their body and mind through slow, deep breaths to release stress. As the poses flowed seamlessly into one another, everyone experienced a profound sense of unity with nature, enjoying a rejuvenating experience for both body and mind.



Guided by the experienced yoga instructor, members at the yoga session enjoyed a rejuvenating experience in body and mind.



Following this, Beijing Riviera invited Mr Siddharth Chatterjee, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in China, as a keynote speaker for a seminar on "Breathing and Health" at the Beijing Riviera Club on 27 September.

Members of the Riviera community, professionals from various fields, and representatives from diplomatic missions in Beijing attended the event. Mr Chatterjee delivered an insightful and engaging speech, highlighting the crucial importance of breathing for our health and inspiring participants to cultivate a healthier lifestyle.



Mr Siddharth Chatterjee leading the participants to practice breathing techniques after his insightful lecture.





SanSara Ushers Deepavali With First Year Anniversary Celebrations

SanSara celebrates its first year and Deepavali with a traditional candle-lighting ceremony. Pictured above is CDL Group General Manager (also the event's Guest of Honour) Mr Chia Ngiang Hong (centre) and MHR Interim Chief Operating Officer Mr Saurabh Prakash (right) with the assistance of one of the restaurant hosts.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore recently ushered Deepavali (the Hindu festival of lights) with the first anniversary celebrations of SanSara, currently rated as Singapore's top Indian restaurant on TripAdvisor.

The grandeur evening unfolded with City Developments Limited's (CDL) Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong as the Guest of Honour. His ceremonial lighting of the Diwali lamp ignited the night, symbolising the light SanSara has brought into the world of gastronomy.

This was followed by a traditional Indian dance and a sumptuous meal featuring A Regal Lucknowi Feast with authentic dishes such as the Murgh Rezala, tender chicken morsels in a rich almond and yoghurt gravy, and vegetarian delights like Kathal Kofta Curry, with jackfruit dumplings in a fragrant sauce. Whiskey selections from Spirited Singapore added a refined touch, perfectly pairing with the culinary creations presented.



MHR Interim Chief Operating Officer Mr Saurabh Prakash thanking SanSara's Master Chef Pannalal Nath for his immense contributions to the restaurant's success.



Guests were entertained by a delightful traditional Indian dance performance to usher the festivities.



Mr Saurabh Prakash, Interim Chief Operating Officer at Millennium Hotels & Resorts, said, "It's our honour to mark this milestone with SanSara. In just a year, the restaurant has become a welcoming space for guests in search of an authentic and comforting North Indian meal. As we continue to refine and expand the restaurant's menu, we hope to reach more people and continue being everyone's favourite Indian restaurant."

Mr Andrew Tan, General Manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore, also shared his heartfelt reflections on the incredible journey that has shaped SanSara's success.

In celebration of this milestone and the upcoming festive season, SanSara has also introduced a special Lucknowi feast, complemented by whisky pairings. Guests can also look forward to a Diwali-themed menu and exclusive Mithai Boxes, crafted to enhance the festivities.'



It was an evening of splendour as guests were reminded that Deepavali celebrations extend beyond food to the vibrant connections with one another.

A "Royal Lucknowi Feast" will be open to the public from 4 to 17 October and again from 11 to 30 November. Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian diners can enjoy delicious dishes like Sheermal Roti, Warqi Paratha, and Tarkari Birista Pulao—a fragrant blend of basmati rice, saffron, and mixed vegetables topped with roasted onions. For dessert, indulge in Chawal Gulab Ka Kheer, a delightful mix of rice, rose water, and milk, adorned with rose petals for a picture-perfect finish.

Guests can also elevate their meal with a specially crafted whisky pairing menu, featuring premium Indian whiskies from SanSara's whisky bar. In collaboration with local whiskey vendor SPIRITED, imported Indian whiskies are paired with select dishes, providing diners with an enhanced culinary experience at SanSara.





The Royal Lucknowi Feast with whiskey pairings is available until 30 November 2024.

SanSara is also celebrating the Diwali season with the launch of "A Festive Diwali Feast," available from 18 October to 10 November. Priced at \$98++, this menu offers a wide range of dishes across both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. One standout dish is Martaban Gosht, where tender lamb is elevated with an array of spices and mango pickle, while the Dal-E-Awadh, available on both menus, features slow-cooked black lentils.

For the special gift, check out SanSara's Mithai Boxes. Perfect for presenting to friends and family, corporate gifting, or even to treat yourself at home, these beautifully presented boxes feature five delightful varieties of laddoos and burfis, encased in a regal package. Available in boxes of 9 (S\$68++) or 15 (S\$98++).

For more details, please visit the website.





Orchard Hotel Serves Up A Supercharged Feast At The Singapore Grand Prix 2024

All ready to impress! Kudos to the Orchard Hotel Singapore team who served thousands of guests over the three-day event.

It was an exciting three days for Orchard Hotel Singapore (OHS) as it served up a feast at the Singapore Grand Prix 2024!

The Singapore Grand Prix is Formula One World Championships' first night race and first street circuit in Asia, with its Marina Bay Street Circuit passing through some of Singapore's landmarks such as the Padang, Merlion Park and The Float at Marina Bay. Lounge @ Turn 3 is located along the street circuit which offers guests a vantage point view of the thrilling F1 action.

As one of the official caterers for Lounge @ Turn 3 and The Green Room at the Singapore Grand Prix, OHS served over 550 guests per dining period (from afternoon tea to dinner to supper!) during the three-day event.



The OHS team showed great teamwork and dedication as they worked closely together to make the event a success.

Close to 60 OHS staff supported the event, assisting in food preparation, serving food and drinks to guests, or cleaning utensils and dishes. The opportunity to work as a team in such a dining setting was an exhilarating experience for the staff and required tremendous coordination between the different teams to ensure a seamless dining experience for the guests.



The extensive menu included steamed black cod with braised mushroom, guineafowl with lentil ragout, Thai otah with abalone, deep-fried frog legs with crispy garlic, and guanaja mandarin and buckwheat cake.



The wide selection of food and carefully curated menu received great reviews from guests.

Ms Jacqueline Ho, General Manager at Orchard Hotel Singapore, said, "As caterers for the Singapore Grand Prix 2024, we believe that every dish is a celebration of excellence, mirroring the spirit of the race—where precision, passion, and creativity come together to create unforgettable experiences for every guest."

The overall response to the food was very positive, with many guests expressing their appreciation for the quality of the food and the carefully curated menu showcasing a variety of cuisines.





Local media personalities were recently spotted at Orchard Hotel enjoying the Indonesian buffet launched with the Embassy of Indonesia and MHR sister property, Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta.

With the recent launch of "Wonderful Indonesia", an exclusive buffet launched with the Embassy of Indonesia in Singapore and sister property, Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta, several local media personalities were spotted enjoying traditional cultural performances and tucking into the delectable feast of Indonesian signatures like *Taliwang* (a spicy grilled chicken dish originating from Lombok), *Semur Daging* (an umami slow-cooked beef stew with Dutch influences), smoky *Sotong Bakar* (smoky grilled squid), and more.



Orchard Hotel General Manager Ms Jacqueline Ho (2nd from right) and Director of Marketing Communications Ms Amy Ang (centre) with Mediacorp veteran actress Ms Hong Huifang (in green skirt), daughter Ms Tay Ying and boyfriend. Ms Hong is the only Singaporean actress to be nominated for "Best Leading Actress" at Taiwan's Golden Horse Awards, for her performance in the film Ajoomma.



Ms Hong and Ms Ang with former Mediacorp actress Ms He Yong Fang (in yellow dress).

The launch saw a turnout that included more than 40 media representatives including local celebrities, radio deejays, and social media influencers.

Let's have a look at some photos to see who was there! For more information on an exclusive staff discount, please click <u>here</u>.





The perfect activity to create fun memories with your friends or family, plus you get a personalised bear to display at home!

M Social Hotel Singapore has teamed up with Build-a-Brick Studio to bring you the ultimate art jamming session – a perfect way to chill and bond with friends and family.

You'll get to create and design your own bearskin, where you choose your bear figurine from sizes 23cm and 34cm and select your favourite colours. Enjoy the therapeutic experience of pouring paint on your bear brick and create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece to bring home for display.



Try your hand at the therapeutic bearskin paint pouring, no experience needed!

A little tip for our international guests: your bear needs at least a day to dry, so book at least 2 days before your flight back to make sure you can bring your masterpiece home!

Package Perks

- 1 Night Hotel Stay
- Daily Breakfast for 2 Persons
- A Complimentary 60 minutes of Bearskin Paint Pouring Workshop with Build-a-Brick Studio
- Complimentary \$20 Dining Credits at Beast & Butterflies
- Complimentary High-Speed Wifi

Book your Bearskin Paint Pouring Package here!





The Art of Play features a sweet collaboration between The St. Regis Singapore and the Museum of Ice Cream Singapore that will appeal to adults and children alike!

Introducing **The Art of Play**, a fun-filled, unique collaboration between The St. Regis Singapore and the Museum of Ice Cream Singapore.

The two-part journey highlights St. Regis' Family Traditions programme, which strives to give the best experience for families during their stay, as well as the Museum of Ice Cream's goal to redefine ice cream through exciting sensory experiences and human connections.

The first part of the journey features an exclusive stay at The St. Regis Singapore. Immerse your family in a magical world of play and luxury. The room is beautifully decorated with playful elements and a cosy in-room teepee tent complete with mesmerising galaxy lights. Additionally, the hotel offers a variety of scrumptious supper snacks for the kids, accompanied by St. Regis' signature butler service with top-notch service.



Don't miss out on this double adventure, with a magical stay at The St. Regis Singapore (left) and a multi-sensory experience at the Museum of Ice Cream Singapore (right).

Then, continue your adventure with the second part of the journey at the Museum of Ice Cream Singapore. The museum promises an exceptional, multi-sensory experience that will allow guests to perceive the definition of ice cream on a deeper level. Visitors are free to explore the five dessert stations available in the museum and savour unlimited amounts of ice cream in different forms or engage with twelve unique ice cream installations.

Don't miss out on this experience! The Art of Play package at The St. Regis Singapore is available for bookings from 1 September to 31 December 2024.

For more information, visit <u>The Art of Play</u>.





Luxury Meets High Spirits At The Oracle Red Bull Racing x PATRÓN Tequila F1 Afterparty

Attendees at the exclusive Oracle Red Bull Racing x PATRÓN Tequila afterparty were treated to a lavish and unforgettable evening at The Singapore EDITION Hotel.

Earlier in September, The Wonder Room at The Singapore EDITION Hotel was transformed into a hub of celebration for the Oracle Red Bull Racing x PATRÓN Tequila afterparty.

A key feature in Singapore's F1 events lineup, this exclusive soiree was a luxurious fusion of culture, entertainment, and taste, all centred around PATRÓN El Cielo—the world's first four-times distilled top-shelf tequila. It was an unforgettable night of opulence and fine spirits, as this tequila secured its status as the ultimate party starter.

Celebrating PATRÓN's ongoing high-spirit collaboration with Oracle Red Bull Racing, the F1 afterparty embodied this same spirit of bold, unapologetic opulence, creating an atmosphere of ultimate indulgence. As the team's first global spirits partner, PATRÓN has brought its luxurious tequila to F1 races across the world since 2023.



Presented in a sleek glass bottle adorned with gold accents inspired by the volcanic tahona stone, PATRÓN El Cielo is an ultra-premium expression of luxury and sophistication.



Attendees were treated to an unforgettable evening featuring live DJ sets, lavish décor, and of course, an array of bespoke PATRÓN cocktails. For this night of celebration, PATRÓN El Cielo was the star of the show. Singapore's top tastemakers revelled in an atmosphere where tequila, F1 and elite nightlife combined seamlessly. Alongside El Cielo, PATRÓN's iconic Silver and Reposado tequilas were also available, ensuring every sip reflects the brand's storied legacy.

Whether you're an F1 fanatic, a lover of fine spirits, or simply someone who appreciates life's finer things, the Oracle Red Bull Racing x PATRÓN Tequila Afterparty was an event not to be missed. With PATRÓN El Cielo leading the charge, the night was immortalised as a radiant celebration that will linger in our cultural memories long after the last toast.





A Roaring Good Time At HLGSRC's Family Day

Thank you all for making our Family Day event a success!

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Hong Leong Group Sports & Recreation Club (HLGSRC) held its much-anticipated annual Family Day event on Sunday, 13 October 2024, at the Singapore Zoo. The event brought together employees across Hong Leong Group Singapore and their families for a day filled with fun and exciting activities.



HLGSRC committee members showcasing this year's t-shirts, designed by Club President, Ms Kwek Pei Xuan, featuring 4 different animals with fun slogans – Tiger, Sloth, Penguin and Capybara.

Upon arrival at the Pavilion, each staff received a door gift, either a limited-edition Mandai Wildlife Reserves tote bag courtesy of the Singapore Zoo, or a "totebrella" – an umbrella housed in a tote bag – courtesy of Hong Leong Finance Ltd. Each child also received a bag filled with 2 lion plushies – Singpa and Singma – generously donated by Hong Leong Finance Ltd.

From toddlers to adults, the event featured something for everyone. The little ones were treated to face painting, animal rides and craft workshops. For the older kids (and the young at heart), a bouncy castle, carnival games, stage games and a magic show kept the energy high and spirits soaring. Families and colleagues had fun posing at the instant photo booth for picture-perfect memories.





"Life is not about how fast you run or how high you climb... but how well you BOUNCE!" – Tigger



"Look, mum! I made snacks appear!"



The crowd enthusiastically joining in the viral TikTok dance.



Lord of the Rings.

Participants also enjoyed popcorn, candy floss, soft-serve ice cream and their bento lunch sets in the cool and shaded seating area at the Pavilion.

In her welcome address, Club President, Ms Kwek Pei Xuan thanked all staff present for their support in the Club's programmes. Sharing the Club's rebranding plans, she highlighted that the annual Family Day is more than just a fun event – it is a reflection of the Club's renewed vision and core values in the 3Cs:

Collaborate – Fun for everyone Care – Building bonds beyond work Community – Giving back together



Kwek welcoming everyone to this year's Family Day event.



In line with both the Club's and the Singapore Zoo's sustainability efforts, participants were encouraged to bring their own water bottles to refill at water refill stations around the park, as well as to bring and donate pre-loved plush toys for repurposing at the Zoo's upcycling counter.

The highlight of the event was the lucky draw which saw staff winning hotel stays, F&B vouchers, grocery vouchers, and the grand prize of the newly launched iPhone 16 Pro!

The Club would like to thank the following companies who supported the event by sponsoring prizes for the lucky draw, without which the event would not have been such a success:

- CBM Pte Ltd
- City Developments Ltd
- Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore on Havelock
- Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore
- Hong Leong Asia Ltd
- Hong Leong Corporation Holdings Pte Ltd

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- Orchard Hotel Singapore
- Studio M Hotel Singapore
- Tower Club





Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual international health campaign organised by major breast cancer charities globally every October to increase awareness of the disease and raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) recently ran a series of activities to create awareness for Breast Cancer in October.

MHR Singapore partnered with survivor and advocate Ms Jill Alphonso and expert sound-healer Ms Michele Chong to organise a one-day wellness event to empower and inspire hope for the community.



Ms Michele Chong held the 'Healing in Crisis & Beyond" wellness event at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel dedicated to breast cancer awareness and emotional well-being. Participants were engaged in a powerful mix of yoga, sound therapy, and heartfelt discussions with breast cancer survivors and wellness experts.

Jill led a yoga session designed to boost confidence and resilience, while Michele brought participants through a therapeutic sound healing experience, promoting relaxation and wellness. The event also featured a marketplace with various brands supporting breast cancer survivors, offering mementoes, screenings, and educational materials.

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In support of the initiative, MHR Singapore properties presented pink-themed dining specials, with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Breast Cancer Foundation.



The Lobby Lounge's Pink-Tastic curated menu brings together an array of savoury and sweet creations such as the Heirloom Tomato with Pink Cream Cheese to playful Mini Pink Burger with Beef Patty served in a pink bun, a Signature Raspberry Lychee which balances tartness and sweetness perfectly, and Sakura Financier which offers a buttery, floral finish.



A curated heritage experience that showcases the vibrant traditions and rich tapestry of local flavours in a three-tier tiffin - 'tingkat' and 'congkak', an old-school game from yesteryear.



In support of Pink October, indulge in our creamy rich Orh Nee Brulée – an all-time favourite dessert for \$12++ at Beast & Butterflies with \$1 proceeds donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation. The Orh Nee Brulée combines Yam Paste and Crème Brulée with delectable crunchy sugar coating, topped off with its signature pink butterfly made of white chocolate!



Discover a world of vibrant flavours with 18-piece assorted canapes from savouring the smoky allure of Unagi skewers to Hokkaido Scallop Ceviche with Caviar. \$1 from every purchase in October will be donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation..



In support of the Pink October month, the signature Beetroot Latte comes with a beautiful natural pink hue aesthetic. \$1 will be donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation for every cup purchased.

MHR Middle East and Africa (MEA) initiated a series of engaging activities designed to involve both guests and staff through its annual CSR initiative, 'PINKtober'. To further support this initiative, the MHR MEA contributed AED 5 to the total guest bills across room stays, food and beverage, or both. All funds collected will be directly transferred to the AI Jalila Foundation.

Millennium Downtown Abu Dhabi hosted Pink Zumba for guests every Friday throughout October with 50% of proceeds supporting breast cancer awareness initiatives. Millennium Place Barsha Heights Hotel introduced pink-themed pastries at Twenty9 Lounge and adorned its lobby in vibrant pink to drive donations to breast cancer research through the AI Jalila Foundation.

The Millennium Place Mirdif Hotel hosted a free event for women, emphasising education and community support as vital tools in the fight against breast cancer.



Millennium Downtown Abu Dhbai's team proudly clad in pink to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, spreading the message together, one step at a time.





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The highlight of the PINKtober initiative at Millennium Place Barsha Heights is undoubtedly the culinary experience curated by the talented artisans at Twenty9 Lounge. They have designed an exclusive pastry menu that celebrates the spirit of the month with a pink-inspired theme. Each delicacy is not just a treat for the taste buds but also a symbol of solidarity with those who have been affected by breast cancer.





In support of Breast Cancer Month, Millennium Place Mirdif organised a free event to educate women on early detection to save lives, to share stories of courage and resilience, and to provide community support.

These efforts reinforce Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA's commitment to corporate social responsibility and making a heartfelt contribution to those affected by breast cancer.

Ms Carolyn Wishnowski, Director of Global, Brand, Marketing & Loyalty, shared, "At Millennium Hotels and Resorts, we are proud to champion initiatives that unite and uplift, underscoring our commitment to enhancing well-being and making a positive difference for the community. By continually exploring new facets of wellness and community-driven activities, we look forward to deepening our connections and showcasing our commitment to solidarity and positive impact."

Millennium Hotels and Resorts remains dedicated to bringing people together and fostering meaningful connections through impactful events like this. The brand's commitment to supporting vital causes reflects the core brand pillar of wellness while striving to create experiences that promote health, hope, and community.





The City Green Tenant Bonus Programme is a first-of-its-kind decarbonisation initiative for tenants at Republic Plaza to reduce Scope 3 emissions.

With the built environment responsible for some 40% of global carbon emissions, both building owners and users can work together to drive climate action. Beyond implementing infrastructure upgrades to enhance a building's environmental performance, building owners can partner with their tenants to encourage the adoption of sustainable practices and promote a reduction in energy usage.

As part of its efforts to drive asset portfolio decarbonisation, City Developments Limited (CDL) has implemented several engagement initiatives for its tenants and building users.

In 2014, the CDL Green Lease Partnership Programme was introduced to support and encourage its commercial tenants to reduce their energy consumption and environmental footprint. Under the programme, tenants are provided support in greening their offices to obtain the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Office Interior certifications.

In July 2024, CDL piloted its City Green Tenant Bonus Programme, a first-of-its-kind decarbonisation initiative for tenants at its flagship Grade A office building – Republic Plaza to reduce Scope 3 emissions. As an extension of its Green Lease initiative, this programme aims to encourage and incentivise tenants to adopt sustainable practices and effectively reduce energy consumption.

Qualifying tenants who achieve a 10% reduction in their annual power usage will receive a dollar-for-dollar rebate in the form of CDL vouchers at the end of the 12-month programme in June 2025. As part of the programme, tenants can also tap on sustainability knowledge and resource support provided by CDL.



Republic Plaza tenants receiving their starter pack for the City Green Tenant Bonus Programme. (L-R): Mr Tony Tan Kok Wai, Senior Partner at Crowe Singapore; Ms Chan Lai-Foong and Mr Raja Bose, Directors at K&L Gates Straits Law LLC; and Mr Jimmy Lau, Managing Director of International Institute for Strategic Studies Asia.

Through this initiative, if all qualifying tenants collectively achieve a 10% energy reduction, Republic Plaza can reduce its annual Scope 3 carbon emissions by up to 264,000 kgCO2e, equivalent to the energy needed to power 150 4-room HDB flats for an entire year. Reducing tenants' carbon emissions will also help address CDL's Scope 3 GHG emission source – and support Singapore's net-zero goals.

CDL's efforts in adopting a value-chain approach to collectively advance the sustainability agenda were acknowledged at the BCA Awards Ceremony held during the International Built Environment Week (IBEW) 2024 on 6 September 2024.

Ms Indranee Rajah (Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for National Development) noted, "Not only has CDL developed its roadmap to achieve net-zero emissions for its assets by 2030, it has also been bringing partners together to drive sustainability through various initiatives... In addition, CDL has launched a new Green Tenant Bonus Programme that will provide its tenants with rebates for reducing energy consumption. CDL also provides advisory support and best practices guidelines to help its tenants realise energy savings. I hope more firms and stakeholders will join our national effort to build a more sustainable Singapore for generations to come."





CDL runners sweating it out for a good cause at the Singtel-Singapore Cancer Society Race Against Cancer 2024.

A group of enthusiastic CDL runners led by Group Chief Operating Officer Mr Kwek Eik Sheng pushed through the miles and crossed the finishing line at the Singtel-Singapore Cancer Society Race Against Cancer (RAC) 2024 on 29 September at East Coast Park.

Organised by the Singapore Cancer Society since 2009, RAC is an annual fundraising event that aims to raise funds for cancer treatment subsidies, welfare assistance, cancer rehabilitation, hospice care, cancer screenings, research, public education, and cancer support group initiatives.

More than S\$1.3 million was raised through RAC 2024, with over 7,000 participants helping to achieve the fundraising target!

Through this race, CDL not only supported a meaningful cause but also forged deeper connections through this shared experience, reinforcing the values of collaboration and unity amongst colleagues.

At CDL, we encourage our colleagues to participate in events that allow them to give back to the community. By channelling our efforts toward causes that matter, we create a more compassionate and inclusive society.





Breathe New Life Into Your Old T-Shirts With Sew Into You @ City Square Mall

Sew into You @ CSM is one of the exciting initiatives brought to you by City Square Mall.

Do you own T-shirts you can't bear to part with? Or have you decluttered your wardrobe and now have spare clothes you're not sure what to do with?

Check out **Sew into You** @ **CSM**, a creative collaboration by City Square Mall and Enterprising Mums United (EMU)!

Bring your T-shirts down to City Square Mall and artisans from EMU will give them a new lease of life by repurposing them into meaningful keepsakes such as pouches, pillowcases and even canvas art.



Go green and upcycle your old T-shirts with this collaboration by City Square Mall and Enterprising Mums United.

Enterprising Mums United (EMU) provides a platform for mums with crafty skills to get together and learn from one another, grow their businesses, and equip like-minded individuals with the skills to build a sustainable business in the retail sector.

Sew into You @ CSM is available at the B2 Customer Service Counter at City Square Mall every Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 11am to 3pm. Upcycling prices start from S\$3 onwards.

More details are available here.





CBM Thailand donated clothing and household items to the less fortunate as part of its Pun Nam Jai project.

On 28 August, staff volunteers from CBM Thailand (CBMT) pooled their efforts to collect and donate second-hand clothes and items to The Mirror Foundation as part of CBMT's Pun Nam Jai project – which translates to "sharing our kindness with the needy" in Thai.

The spirit of giving runs deep in CBM's culture, especially to the less fortunate. Through the Pun Nam Jai project, CBMT is able to reach out and engage with a diverse range of charitable organisations for a good cause.

For this donation drive, CBMT partnered with The Mirror Foundation – a non-profit organisation dedicated to fostering social progress in various forms such as human rights, volunteer development, and resource sharing to enhance learning and the standard of living.



All hands on deck as CBMT staff sorted through the donated items and prepared them to be transported to The Mirror Foundation.

The CBMT HR division spearheaded the donation drive to rally everyone for the cause. Within a week, they successfully gathered a plethora of clothing and useful items such as mattresses. The items were carefully packed by the volunteers and delivered to The Mirror Foundation, who will then distribute the items to families and individuals in need.





CBM Chief Operating Officer Mr Lee Liang Huat receiving the SIFMA President's Award at the World Workplace Asia-Pacific 2024 award ceremony.

CBM, a subsidiary of City Developments Limited (CDL), recently received the prestigious Sustainability Net Zero Organisation (SNZO) Gold Certificate and the SIFMA President's Award for Partnership Excellence (Corporate) at the World Workplace Asia-Pacific 2024.

Established in 1971, CBM provides a full range of Integrated Facility Management (IFM) services, including engineering, security, project management, carpark management and operations, training and facility management consultancy.

The World Workplace Asia-Pacific 2024 brought together organisations from the facility management industry across the Asia-Pacific region to spearhead the collective goal of decarbonisation and embracing technology-driven excellence.

The SNZO is awarded to certified facilities management companies that have met stringent criteria to foster sustainability and address important industry gaps, while the SIFMA President's Award is a testament to CBM's unwavering commitment to sustainability, innovation, and strong industry partnerships.



CBM Solutions provides building owners with integrated sustainable solutions that support their business operations and processes.



In another mark of recognition, CBM Solutions was a finalist for the RICS Southeast Asia Awards 2024 in the "Environmental Impact Award" category.

This recognition highlights projects that leverage innovation, design, or construction techniques to address environmental challenges and enhance sustainability.

Commissioned by CDL, CBM Solutions implemented energy-saving measures for 148 air-conditioning units at Republic Plaza. By upgrading key components and using cutting-edge technologies, they achieved a savings of S\$5 million and reduced CO2 emissions by 380 tonnes annually.

Building on this success, similar energy-saving initiatives are now being implemented at CDL properties like Palais Renaissance and City Square Mall.





CDL Group Chief Executive Officer Mr Sherman Kwek notes that urban greenery and landscaping are key differentiators for the company's developments.

CDL has been named the "Impact Enterprise of the Year" in the large enterprise category at the recent Sustainability Impact Awards 2024, an award jointly presented by The Business Times and UOB Bank that recognises businesses and individuals who positively impact the environment and community.

Having built a name for its green buildings, the developer is taking its sustainability focus further into the community with heightened awareness and greener practices. CDL Group Chief Executive Officer Mr Sherman Kwek shares more. This article is adapted from his interview with The Business Times, 27 September 2024.

• In the early days, people thought we were crazy for prioritising sustainability; but now that the climate agenda is mainstream and climate change poses a significant danger to our planet and our lives, we are seen as visionary because we started so early.

From adopting smart design to using sustainable materials to incorporating innovative technology, it's been a long journey that hasn't always been smooth. We've faced many struggles and pushback, but this recognition inspires us to work harder towards our net zero goals."

Early start

We started embracing sustainability around 30 years ago, led by our late Deputy Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Joo. He spearheaded many environmental projects, including the world's first green library for children, My Tree House at the National Library Building, and the CDL Green Gallery, an educational hub that showcases Singapore's sustainability efforts.



The CDL Green Gallery and SBG Heritage Museum was officially opened in November 2013 by then Singapore Prime Minister, Mr Lee Hsien Loong (blue shirt) and the late CDL Deputy Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Joo (green shirt).



Opened in 2013 at the National Library Building, My Tree House is the world's first green library for kids. My Tree House offers a collection of green-themed books as well as educational and fun programmes to raise environmental awareness and promote green values in young minds.

Since 2004, we have been distributing Green Living Guides to homeowners who bought our developments. These guides encourage them to use the green features and facilities that are built within their homes and common areas.

As a green developer, urban greenery and landscaping are key differentiators for CDL's developments. Our new residential developments devote over 40% of the site area to landscaping and communal facilities incorporating innovative designs and features, surpassing regulatory requirements."



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The 3,3809 sq ft CDL Green Gallery is an eco-friendly building built with bio-composite material Hempcrete, and a prefabricated modular system that reduced on-site construction time to under 24 hours. In July 2021, CDL opened the first instalment of its three-part climate action exhibition series, "Change the Present, Save the Future" to support both global and national climate efforts.

In 2014, CDL's Tree House condominium was awarded the Guinness World Record for having the largest vertical garden in the world.

We also work with industry players and policymakers to co-develop policies and accelerate impact investing in proptech funds, startups and scale-ups to pilot innovative technologies targeted at sustainable building and climate solutions. For example, we partnered with the Singapore University of Technology and Design to pilot a distributed carbon capture solution at Republic Plaza that directly removes carbon dioxide from the air.



At CDL, we recognise the need to drive change by integrating environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations into all aspects of our business operations. The building and construction sector accounts for about 40 per cent of global carbon emissions, which is very substantial.

As the company renovates or redevelops existing assets, we strive to include green retrofits that will lower energy consumption, increase decarbonisation and achieve a higher level of green building certification.



As technology advances, so do CDL's practices. At Irwell Hill Residences, carbon dioxide mineralisation technology was applied during the construction of the clubhouse last year.



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Reaping rewards

As technology improves and buildings get better, the impact of green practices is becoming more tangible.

Homebuyers have come to expect energy-efficient features in their new homes, leading to a shift in expectations. But they are also very sensitive to home prices. Buying a home is a very significant capital outlay, and it may take a while before we witness premiums for energy-efficient homes."

Cost savings are becoming sufficient to motivate property buyers to demand green features, although they may not be willing to pay more yet.



Tembusu Grand (left photo) and Lumina Grand Executive Condominium (right photo) were both awarded the Building and Construction Authority's Green Mark Platinum Super Low Energy accolade, where both buildings have been designed to achieve at least 60% energy savings compared with 2005 levels.



Moving ahead

In recent years, we have been working to reduce its Scope 3 emissions. These are emissions generated by its suppliers in the course of doing business with CDL.

In May this year, we became the first real estate company to launch the SME Supplier Decarbonisation Queen Bee Programme, which allows us to access carbon data from 100 of its suppliers. Small and medium-sized enterprises are also able to tap the expertise of the programme's sustainability consultancy partner Global Green Connect to develop decarbonisation road maps and implement greenhouse gas reduction targets.

In July, we opened a new 2,690 sq ft annex to the Singapore Sustainability Academy (SSA). The new SSA Annex comprises a collaboration space, a conference room, and office spaces for its anchor tenant, the Singapore chapter of the United Nations (UN) Global Compact Network (CGNS).

As our leaders of tomorrow, our youth are concerned about the climate crisis, and they are in the position to play a vital role in raising awareness and mobilising climate action. The impact and consequences of today's

environmental policies and actions will predominantly affect future generations.



The zero-energy SSA Annex will boost capacity building and collaboration in climate action and sustainable development, housing the United Nations Global Compact Network Singapore as its anchor NGO partner.





Winners of the CDL-GCNS Young Sustainable Development Goals Leaders in 2023 with CDL's Chief Sustainability Officer Ms Esther An (white blouse) and Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat (standing, 2nd from right).

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Inside The Biltmore Mayfair: "The Finest Hotel In London" From telepathic staff and

jaw-dropping suites to some of the city's fanciest shops.

Writer for UK online news publication Mail Online, Mr Carlton Reid recently wrote a glowing review of the stunning 5-star The Biltmore Mayfair, named after the prestigious Mayfair neighbourhood at London's Grosvenor Square, formerly home to the US Embassy from the 1950s to 2017. At the centre of the square is a statue of US President Franklin D. Roosevelt who died in 1945 before the hotel's construction during the period of 1967-1969.

Mr Carlton Reid, a writer for UK online news publication, Mail Online, recently checked into the luxurious 5-star The Biltmore Mayfair in Grosvenor Square in London with his son and was awed by the luxurious hotel and its "unrivalled customer service." Grosvenor Square was home to the US Embassy from the 1950s to 2017.

Mr Reid takes us on an inside look at The Biltmore Mayfair which he says is "the finest hotel in London". Adapted from his article first published in the Mail Online on 8 July 2024.

• I'm not famous so I shouldn't be recognised in the street. But I was when I arrived outside The Biltmore Mayfair, an opulent five-star hotel named after the prestigious London neighbourhood it's located in.

'Good day, Mr. Reid,' smiled a smartly dressed man beside the hotel's doorman. 'I'm Francis, and I will be your butler during your stay.'

Huh? I'd just hopped off my folding bike, baseball cap hiding much of my face, and had yet to say anything other than 'hi'. We were three hours early for check-in on our dusty bikes and scruffy bags before heading off to the British Museum. I was not expecting to be name-checked.

An unrivalled, personalised service that pays attention to all details

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Mr Reid credits his marvellous stay to his butler Mr Francis (pictured) whom he enjoyed "unrivalled customer service". (Credit: Carlton Reid/Mail Online)

The hotel combines contemporary accommodations with stunning views across the gardens of Grosvenor Square.

"How did you know who I was?" I asked Francis, shaking his hand and getting a cupped handshake in return. 'We know all of our VIPs," said Francis with another smile.

Being greeted warmly on the pavement in front of the hotel with zero forewarning of our arrival, was next level. This supreme attention to detail elevates The Biltmore from a bog-standard five-star hotel - yes, such a thing exists - into something special.



The 307-room hotel operated as the Millennium Hotel London Mayfair until 2019, when it reopened as The Biltmore Mayfair following a £50million refit. Pictured above is Grill 88 steakhouse (left photo) with stylish art deco interiors, and the swanky Pine Bar (right photo) for its fine wine, cocktails and spirits.

Signature suites for a residential-like experience

We were booked into one of the hotel's eight signature suites, each of which rather grandly comes with butler service that starts with a pre-arrival Google search of what guests look like.

Francis showed us to our guestroom in the Duchess Suite on the 5th floor, and pointed out the many amenities, including a dining room, a kitchenette, a walk-in drinks cabinet, and two remote-controlled Japanese heated toilets for the ultimate in posterior pampering.



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All bathrooms in the hotel sports amenities from quintessential English fragrance company Penhaligon's, an upmarket brand with a store at Regent Street, just a few blocks away.



Mr Reid and his son, Josh stayed in the 5th floor Duchess Suite, named after Duchess of Devonshire Georgiana Cavendish (1757-1806), was a socialite and political organiser known for her charismatic charm and beauty. Pictured above is the spacious bedroom and living areas with views of Grosvenor Square, complete with a kitchenette and dining table for 8 people for the residential-style experience.

The Biltmore has eight signature suites, all with views over Grosvenor Square. Two are named for Americans: the Roosevelt Suite and the John Adams Suite. US President Franklin Roosevelt (there's a statue of him at the centre of Grosvenor Square) died in 1945 before The Biltmore's construction in the 1960s. John Adams, later America's second president, was the first US ambassador to Great Britain, living at 9 Grosvenor Square from 1785.

Home sweet home: Returning to Millennium Hotels and Resorts

The 307-room hotel operated as the Millennium Hotel London Mayfair until 2019, when it reopened as The Biltmore Mayfair following a £50 million refit. In May 2024 this year, the hotel departed from Hilton to operate independently under its homeownership of Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR).

According to a statement released by the hotel at that time, "The hotel will continue to offer elevated experiences and unrivalled customer service under the new management structure."

"Our aim is to elevate the Biltmore hotel brand and expand the brand proposition after five successful years of operation. Aligned with MHR Chairman Kwek Leng Beng's vision, we aim to position The Biltmore Mayfair as the first luxury property in MHR's portfolio. This strategic direction emphasises our commitment to global excellence and an unparalleled standard of luxury," said Mr Vella Ramasawmy, Managing Director of The Biltmore Mayfair. *(For more details, please click <u>here</u>).*

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Scenic views with bespoke décor to create a memorable backdrop for your London getaway in this stylish premier room (left photo), and elegant bathrooms with Penhaligon amenities (right photo).

Unrivalled customer service? Well, yes, and we can thank Francis for that. We rarely saw him and didn't call his mobile phone which was on the business card he handed to us on arrival. Yet, he would silently tidy away espresso cups from the dining room table when we weren't looking. There's an exterior door to the kitchenette for butler entry, and Francis had clearly been in to clean up, quietly.

Other luxury hotels, including some nearby in this most gilded of neighbourhoods, also offer butler services for their suites. In truth, Francis was more of a super concierge than an in-your-face personal butler, and I was happy with that fact.

A stay in The Biltmore is indulgent. The Duchess suite is £2,800 a night, yet with an understated classiness. The overall ambience is brighter than in many of London's other luxury hotels, some of the older ones of which can be dark and almost cloying. The proximity to London's top-tier shops and royal parks is a crucial part of The Biltmore's appeal.

The Biltmore Mayfair does not yet have the name recognition of The Dorchester. But I say that's in its favour. It's

a discreet, upmarket large-yet-friendly hotel for those in the know.

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The Historic Hotels of America has inducted our grand old dame, The Biltmore Los Angeles as one of the United States' top 25 historic hotels in 2024 for the "America Afternoon Tea Experiences". The hotel's famed high tea is served at its Rendezvous Court Café.

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Earlier this year, the iconic property was also inducted into the *Historic Hotels of America*, the official programme of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which recognises and celebrates the finest historic hotels across the United States. These hotels offer heritage travellers a chance to immerse themselves in a Victorian tradition preserved and revived across the United States.

The rise in American afternoon tea began with the women's suffrage movement in the 1830s and 1840s to win women the right to vote. The movement grew over sandwiches and tea at tearooms or friends' homes. Soon after, tea filled the void for Americans wanting to socialise over a drink.



The Rendezvous Court Café retains many of the opulent features that made The Biltmore Los Angeles an overnight success when it first debuted in 1923. Guests can enjoy their Afternoon Tea in surroundings that include Moorish-carved wood ceilings, gold-leaf accents, a rose marble fountain, and an enormous Baroque stairwell.



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The Biltmore Los Angeles retains many of the opulent features that made it an overnight success when Hollywood's Grande Dame first debuted in 1923, from brilliant bronze bas-reliefs and 24-karat-gold accents to breathtaking Greco-Roman-inspired frescoed ceilings dripping with glittering Italian chandeliers.

Guests can reserve a spot to dine amidst this splendour at the hotel's Rendezvous Court Café, which serves Afternoon Tea by the rose marble fountain, underneath a Moorish carved-wood ceiling. It is the ideal spot to indulge in a menu of pastries and savouries finger with uniquely crafted teas and even champagne.

Afternoon Tea is available on Saturdays from 1pm to 5pm. Smart casual dress is encouraged.

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A proud moment for Chef Christophe Prud'homme of Millennium Plaza Downtown Hotel in Dubai, as he poses for a photo with his wife and French Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Mr Nicolas Niemtchinow.

Executive Chef Christophe Prud'homme of Millennium Plaza Downtown Hotel in Dubai has recently been honoured with the prestigious Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole (Order of Agricultural Merit) by the French Government.

The Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole (Order of Agricultural Merit) is a decoration given by the French government to recognise individuals who have made outstanding contributions to agriculture and related art. Created in 1883, it is second in importance only to the Legion d'Honneur (Legion of Honour), which is the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, established in 1802 by Napoléon Bonaparte.

Chef Christophe's commitment to fresh, sustainable ingredients and creative gastronomy has long been a passion that continues to inspire the culinary teams and hotel guests.

Born and raised on a French farm in Normandy, his early years instilled in him an appreciation for cooking and using locally sourced ingredients.



Chef Christophe thanking his team and guests for the honour (left photo), and Mr Niemtchinow lauding his achievements and passion for staying true to sustainable French cuisine.



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It is a passion that has shaped his career and took him from French kitchens to those of London, Dublin and now Dubai. Over the years, he has represented France within the UAE's gastronomic landscape, hosting guests worldwide, including the French President.

As the executive chef at Millennium Plaza Downtown Hotel Dubai, his French creations are made with the finest seasonal produce from the UAE and his 'Farm to Fork' project combines his childhood farm heritage with his culinary expertise.

Prud'homme has been the recipient of several other prestigious accolades throughout his career, including 'UAE delegate Master Chef' by the Maîtres Cuisiniers de France's Management Committee in 2023. He is also a member of the France Academie Culinaire de France, Ambassadeur Dubai Chef sans Frontieres, Ambassadeur Worldwide Academie for Better World Gastronomy and Sustainability, and Ambassadeur in Dubai for Normandie, amongst others.

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The deserving CDL Human Resources team at the 17th Singapore HR Awards held at the Sands & Expo Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands.

City Developments Limited's (CDL) Human Resources department has achieved a Silver Standard recognition in two categories at the 17th Singapore HR Awards, hosted by the Singapore Human Resources Institute (SHRI).

They were accorded the Silver Standard in the category for "Employee Experience & Well-being" (People-Centred award), and the "Workplace Culture & Engagement" category (Human-Centricity Award).

The Awards honour HR professionals and organisations for their outstanding contributions to HR in the workplace and workforce, in developing and championing excellent HR and people-centred practices that meet business and employee needs, fostering a great sense of pride and accomplishment amongst all in their organisations.

These accolades are a reaffirmation of CDL's core belief that employees form the foundation of its business. CDL remains committed to nurturing a positive workplace culture that places employee well-being at the forefront.

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Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur Wins Customer Satisfaction On Agoda

Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur wins the hearts of Agoda customers for cleanliness, facilities, service, location and price. General Manager of the hotel, Mr Peter Gibbons (6th from left), and his team posing for a picture with the award.

Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur has been honoured with Agoda's Customer Review Award for the year 2024. This recognition is a reflection of the seamless experiences and commitment to providing exceptional hospitality for our valued guests.

The Agoda Customer Review Award celebrates excellence in the industry, evaluating genuine customer reviews based on key criteria such as Cleanliness, Facilities, Location, Room Comfort, Service and Value for Money. It is awarded to accommodation establishments that consistently offer exceptional stays and maintain an 8+ rating.

The hotel management and its team extend their heartfelt gratitude to each guest who took the time to share their valuable reviews and for their continued support. They also credit the award to the hard work of all staff and associates for crafting unforgettable experiences for every guest.

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Starting clockwise from top left corner: The Biltmore Mayfair, The Bailey's London Kensington, JW Marriott Hong Kong, and Millennium Al Masar Jeddah, MHR's latest hotel in the Middle East located in the city of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Middle East

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) MEA has been named "Hospitality Company of the Year" at the recent Gulf Business Awards 2024. Hosted at The Ritz-Carlton, Dubai International Financial Centre, the awards, currently in its 12th year, celebrate and recognise outstanding achievements of businesses and individuals in the Gulf region.

Mr Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim, CEO of MHR MEA was also accorded "Hospitality Leader of the Year" at the Hotelier Middle East Awards 2024: Editors' Choice. The award recognises executives who continuously push the region's hospitality scene forward with bold strategies and visionary operations.

Bringing over two decades of extensive experience spanning the real estate industry and professional services sector. His role is to reinforce Millennium as a regional specialist in the Hospitality industry and supercharge Emiratisation efforts so that everyone in the Emirates has a chance to contribute to meaningful work.

He explained: "In my eyes, ROI goes hand-in-hand with the guest experience. It's a circle. It starts with your staff. If staff are happy, they can provide good experiences to guests. If guests are happy, they are more loyal to your brand. If you have strong loyalty, you'll have greater ROI for your owners. This industry is so intrinsically connected. Certainly, I have a developer mindset, but I understand how it all translates into operational nuances."

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The award for "Hospitality Company of the Year" at the Gulf Business Awards 2024 was received by MHR MEA Chief Operating Officer Mr William Harley-Fleming (3rd from left) and Chief Commercial Officer Mr Konstantinos Michail (4th from left).



MHR MEA Chief Executive Officer Mr Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim scores for "Hospitality Leader of the Year" at the Hotelier Middle East Awards 2024: Editors' Choice.

United Kingdom

The Biltmore Mayfair and **The Bailey's Hotel Kensington** have been voted by readers as amongst the "Top 30 Hotels in London" at the 27th edition of Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards 2024.

The Biltmore Mayfair ranked at #21 with a score of 93.48% of guest satisfaction across more than half a million readers, while The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington snagged a spot at #22 with a score of 93.09%.





Coming in at #21, The Biltmore Mayfair is the ultimate London address where some of the most influential figures in British history and culture lived.

At #22, The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington inspires British heritage in the heart of fashionable South Kensington in London.



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Southeast Asia (Hong Kong & Singapore)

In the same Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards 2024, **JW Marriott Hong Kong** was voted amongst the "Best Hotels in Asia" and came in at #4 out of ten other hotels in Hong Kong. It received a score of 96.06% in guest satisfaction.

Separately, MHR also congratulates Ms Carolyn Wishnowski, MHR Director of Global, Branding and Loyalty for being honoured with the prestigious "Marketing Leader of the Year (Gold)" at the Marketing Excellence Awards 2024.



Warmly designed, sophisticated rooms at JW Marriott Hong Kong feature complimentary WiFi, deluxe bedding, modern amenities and views over Victoria Harbour, the scenic mountains or the glittering downtown skyline.



MHR Director of Global Branding and Loyalty beaming with pride as she receives her award for "Marketing Leader of the Year (Gold)" at the Marketing Excellence Awards 2024.