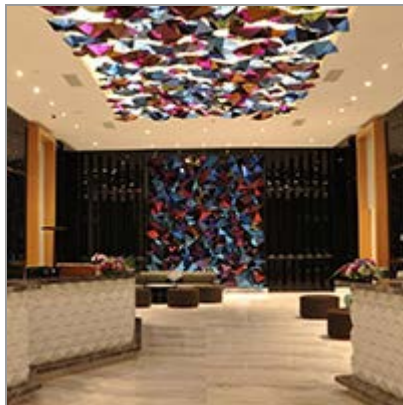


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## Orchard Hotel Chefs In The Media Spotlight



*Chef Xu Ai Min (third from left) demonstrating how to make noodles on "Are You Up For It?".*

Orchard Hotel Singapore's chefs have recently been thrust in the media spotlight after appearing on several television variety programmes.

Chef Xu Ai Min from the hotel's Noodles restaurant was on an episode of "Are You Up For It?", a Chinese variety show programme in Singapore. Chef Ai Min showed Singaporean celebrities Mark Lee, Dasmond Koh and Ann Kok how to "pull" delicate strands of La Mian noodles. "Are You Up For It?" is a new show that shows experts teaching celebrities new skills like hair styling, beat boxing and martial arts.

The Noodles chef also made an appearance on a new show called "Crash Course" with Executive Chef Paul Then. Working together, both chefs taught the show's host Steven Chia how to make noodles from scratch. The show involves Steven attempting to be

an expert in a specific activity within a very short time after being shown the ropes by experts.

Award-winning Hua Ting Masterchef Lap Fai was also in the media recently. He was involved in the filming of "Snack Attack", a Chinese food variety show. In the programme, Chef Lap Fai demonstrated how the hotel's signature snowskin mooncakes were made and showcased some of the newer mooncake flavours - like Purple Sweet Potato with Chocolate - on offer this year.



*(From left to right) Chef Xu, Executive Chef Paul Then and Crash Course host Steven Chia.*



*Masterchef Lap Fai making snowskin mooncakes for the filming of "Snack Attack"*



## Residents' Welcome Back Party At Beijing Riviera Country Club

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Beijing Riviera's annual Welcome Back Party for residents was an astounding success with over 200 attendees showing up for the sold-out event. Many families new to the Riviera community had a chance to mingle with their new neighbours and dine under the stars while long-time residents came together to share a special evening with their old friends. The outdoor event featured an exquisite spread of food and wine, with a tantalising array of choices. Riviera's chefs served up a series of special dishes with two guest chefs from Hotel Nikko Hongkong presenting an additional round of delectable delights.

There were also plenty of activities to keep the younger residents occupied. This year's event featured a bouncy castle, magic show performances, an art station and a clown that made balloon animals for the children. With the hard work put in by the Food and Beverage team, Beijing Riviera was able to pull off yet another memorable event.



*The party was set in the beautiful courtyard at Beijing Riviera Country Club.*



*The event had something for everyone with younger residents taking part in activities like magic show performances, an art station and a balloon sculpturing session by a clown.*



*Residents from Beijing Riviera thoroughly enjoyed themselves at this year's Welcome Back Party.*

## M&C Hotel Chefs Spill Their Mooncake Secrets

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*Masterchef Lap Fai shared the secrets to creating the perfect snowskin mooncake.*

Culinary techniques are often well-guarded secrets among chefs but two of Millennium & Copthorne's masterchefs have shared their tips on how to serve up the perfect mooncakes. During their demonstrations, Masterchef Ho Tien Tsai from Copthorne King's Hotel's Tien Court restaurant and Masterchef Lap Fai from Orchard Hotel Singapore's Hua Ting Restaurant showed audiences how to prepare their famous mid-autumn treats.

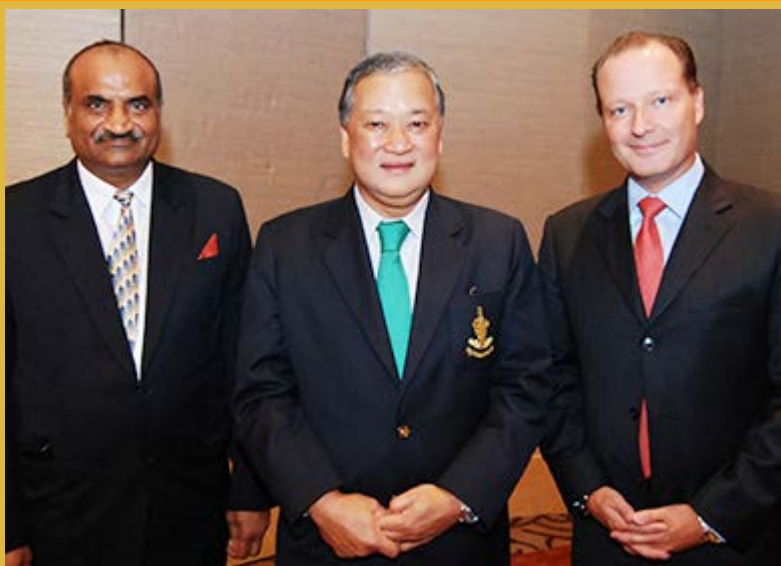
The demonstrations were part of the Mid-Autumn Fair held at AMK Hub in Singapore.

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## Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Welcomes Bangkok Governor

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Grand Millennium Sukhumvit welcomed Mr M.R. Sukhumbhand Paribatra, Governor of Bangkok when he visited the hotel recently. The governor was a guest speaker for a seminar hosted by the India Thai Business Association and was due to give a talk centred on the theme "Our Bangkok".



*(pictured from left) Mr O.P. Modi, Vice President of India Thai Business, Mr M.R. Sukhumbhand Paribatra, Governor of Bangkok, Mr Thomas Christiansen, General Manager of Grand Millennium Sukhumvit.*

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# Building A Happy Work Environment At Grand Millennium Sukhumvit

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Mr Thomas Christiansen, General Manager of Grand Millennium Sukhumvit, and his management team arranged for the famous Thai monk, Phra Maha Sompong Talaputto, to conduct a Dharma Preaching session on the topic of "Dharma and Happiness in the Work Place" for the hotel's associates.

Apart from gaining some fruitful inspiration, all participants learnt practical tips on how to be 'Happy People' including;

- Expressing gratitude
- Cultivating optimism
- Practicing kindness
- Nurturing loving relationships
- Committing to meaningful goals
- Savouring life's little pleasures



Participants of the Dharma Preaching session pose in a group photo with Phra Maha Sompong Talaputto (pictured top row, centre).

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## Feast On The Move

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Diners who signed up for M Hotel's annual Feast on the Move were treated to a no-holds barred buffet with the hotel transforming itself into a massive restaurant.

More than 460 guests ate their way across the five venues scattered throughout the hotel which featured barbeque dishes, a variety of fresh seafood, steamboat and desserts.

Some diners at Feast On the Move were even lucky enough to walk away with some great lucky draw prizes like an ala carte membership, food vouchers and a stay in the M Suite.

This is the third year in a row that M Hotel Singapore has held the popular event.



*A diner enjoys the sumptuous buffet spread.*



*Diners tucking into the seafood at level 2.*



*M Hotel's chefs whipped up culinary delights for more than 460 diners.*

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# Friendship, Love And Fate Meet At M Hotel

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Through a series of chance encounters, M Hotel Singapore's guest Mark Donaldson rekindled a friendship, reunited with an old friend and met the love of his life.

Below is the edited letter sent by Mr Donaldson to M Hotel's General Manager Benedict Ng relating his wonderful experiences at the hotel.

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Dear M Hotel,

In 2002, I was posted to Singapore to take up a role with the company I worked for. The company put me up in M Hotel. I used to live in Arnhem, Holland and often frequented a local Japanese Teppanyaki restaurant there, where I became acquainted with one of the chefs. As I was a little tired from my trip, I decided not to venture out but to eat at the Japanese restaurant in the hotel.

I was pleased to see that it did Teppanyaki and took a seat at the table where the cooking was done. After one or two minutes the chef came out and we were both taken aback as it was the same chef from Arnhem. It made the evening more enjoyable and I often mentioned it in conversation.

I left Singapore in 2004 but had the opportunity to return with a different company in 2006. I was pleasantly surprised that this company also arranged the M Hotel for me. During my first day, I received a call from a friend and former colleague who told me he was heading back to the UK from a business trip to Australia and was stopping off in Singapore. We agreed he would call when he arrived. He called in the late afternoon and I asked where he was staying so we could agree on where to meet up. He told me he was staying at the M Hotel, which in itself was quite a coincidence but it transpired that not only was he in the same hotel but he was in the room next door to me! He is now living in Singapore as well.

On 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006, I decided to have lunch at M Hotel as the lunch menu was reasonably priced and the hotel was close to my office. On arriving, there was a queue for a table so I waited. Standing in front of me was a lady and when we got to the front of the queue, the waiter asked if it was a table for two. I stated that I had no problem sharing if she was not waiting for someone. As it turned out, she had hoped to meet a friend but they had called it off so she was having lunch alone. I have been married to that lady for four and half years now.

We returned a year later for dinner to celebrate our first anniversary meeting and have also had other meals at the hotel since.

Kind regards  
Mark Donaldson

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*A chance meeting at M Hotel Singapore led Mark Donaldson to marry the love of his life Beth.*



## SCCCI National Day Dinner At Orchard Hotel Singapore

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*General Manager of Orchard Hotel Singapore Mr Andrew Tan with President of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI) Mr Thomas Chua. More than 500 guests attended SCCCI's annual National Day Dinner which was held on Aug 8 at the hotel's Grand Ballroom.*

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## Millennium Knightsbridge Hosts Tom Ford's Team Ahead of Store Opening

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Tom Ford, the former Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent designer, recently opened his flag ship store in the UK right opposite the Millennium Knightsbridge, coinciding with London Fashion Week. The boutique was conceived by Ford and architect William Sofield and features a cosmetics room in white high gloss to showcase the brand's extensive offering of perfume and make-up.

Millennium Knightsbridge was proud to play host to Tom Ford's staff throughout the pre-opening works right up to opening day. They also welcomed make-up artists and hair stylists who helped with the preparation.

Continuously working hard to develop the local relationship and deliver excellent service, the Millennium Knightsbridge Team have, through such working relationships, gained better than anticipated revenues across rooms, Meetings & Events and Food & Beverage.



*Conceived by Tom Ford and architect William Sofield, the one-of-a-kind boutique features a cosmetics room in white high gloss to showcase the brand's extensive offering of perfume and make-up.*



## M&C Gains New Ground In Middle East Market

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C) has gained new ground in the Middle East hotel market by announcing it will open two hotels in Oman and in Kuwait.

This agreement to open the hotel in Oman was signed with the Shaza Muscat Company (SMC) and will involve M&C managing and operating the region's first Sharia-compliant five-star property named the Muscat Grand Millennium Hotel.

Oman with its pristine sand dunes and abundant marine life is located in the southeastern coast of the Arabian peninsular. Muscat Grand Millennium Hotel is scheduled to open in 2014 and will be M&C's second hotel in Oman. The new hotel will also be Oman's first alcohol-free luxury hotel.

This new business venture comes at an opportune time with the recent call for Singapore companies to look at business opportunities in the Sultanate of Oman. Mr Kwek Leng Beng, Chairman of M&C said, "There is great potential in Oman. With increasing interest in the region, Muscat has seen strong growth in their tourism numbers. The Muscat Grand Millennium hotel will cater to this growing industry and will further strengthen M&C's foothold in the Middle East."

M&C's first hotel in Oman, the Millennium Resort Mussanah, opened in February 2011.

The group's new hotel in Kuwait, Millennium Hotel & Convention Centre, Kuwait, is the result of an agreement with Gulf Real Estate Development House Company K.S.C. This new property will be M&C's second within Kuwait and will be dedicated to the business traveller with first class business facilities.

Located in the Salmiya area of Kuwait City and strategically positioned at the major intersection of the Fourth Ring Road and Fahaheel Highway 30, the hotel will have 307 rooms comprising of standard guest rooms, deluxe guest rooms, suites and serviced apartments. Rooms will be equipped with the latest technology and upscale amenities in line with the brand's design standards.

The Hotel's Convention Centre will comprise of almost 4000 square metres of meeting and conference facilities, including a show case ballroom of over 1080 square metres and several meeting room styles to cater for meetings and events of all sizes and set ups.



Mr. Ali Hamad Lakhraim Alzaabi, President & CEO of M&C MENA (right) with Eng. Khamis Mubarak Al Kiyumi, Chairman of SMC at the signing of Oman's first Sharia-compliant five-star property named the Muscat Grand Millennium Hotel.



Mr. Ali Hamad Lakhraim Alzaabi, President & CEO of Millennium & Copthorne Hotels, Middle East & Africa shaking hands with Mr Mudhar Al. Razouqi, Chairman of Gulf Development House Co., at the signing ceremony of the new Kuwait hotel.

# M&C Strengthens Foothold In China With Opening Of M Hotel Chengdu



*M Hotel Chengdu is the group's first M Hotel outside Singapore, and the second under the M Brand.*

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C) has strengthened its foothold in China with the opening of M Hotel Chengdu, the group's first M Hotel outside Singapore, and the second under the M Brand.

The opening follows the hotel's recent inauguration, which was witnessed by Singapore ministers Mr Lim Swee Say, Minister in Prime Minister's Office and Mr Lawrence Wong, Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information. At that time, the delegation was there to visit the Singapore-Sichuan Hi-Tech Innovation Park (SSTIP), a collaborative project between Singapore and the Sichuan government.

The hotel's launch comes at a time when Chengdu is experiencing rising prominence as a key economic market with investment potential. M Hotel Chengdu is currently the city's one and only hotel to advocate

fully "smoke-free" accommodations.

M&C Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng said, "This is in line with M&C's strategy of expanding our footprint in China, the world's fastest growing major economy and potentially the largest global tourist market."

"Singapore has fostered a strong relationship with China by helping Singapore companies invest and do business in China. We are happy to be part of this mutually beneficial partnership," added Mr. Kwek, who is also Executive Chairman of Hong Leong Group Singapore, the parent of M&C Hotels.

The M brand caters to a new generation of travellers and centres on the young and young at heart. This is evident in the M Hotel room layout, amenities and high tech IT connectivity centred within a comfortable and hip environment.

The stylish black exterior adds an understated chic appeal to the hotel. With angular walls that feature art décor depicting the Three Kingdoms and a flawless locally-inspired contemporary design, the hotel offers a fresh new alternative to business travellers.

The hotel's rooms come in a variety of sizes ranging from 35 sqm for Superior, to 235 sqm for Presidential Suite, with each of the 196 rooms and suites equipped with a separate working area. A bilingual customer care centre is on hand to provide 24-hour concierge services and the hotel also offers two well equipped conference rooms for high-level business meetings or private corporate receptions and dinners.

Guests can enjoy an array of Southeast Asian and International delicacies at the hotel's M-Café. Other facilities at Level 2 of the hotel include a gym, indoor pool, squash court, table tennis area, a billiard room, children's play area, and a library for reading and online surfing. The hotel is a 5-minute stroll away from Xin Nan Tian Di, an area set to be one of the most promising developments in south of Chengdu with high-end housing, luxurious villas and shopping malls such as Galleria, Ikea, Sunning Plaza, Auchan Supermarket and more, offering comfort and convenience for both business and leisure activities.

To date, M&C has a total of 12 properties in the Greater China region. This includes Millennium Vee Hotel Taichung in Taiwan, which officially opened its doors in March this year.



# The Venue Residences And Shoppes Has The Right Mix

The Venue Residences and Shoppes is a mixed development set to invigorate the Upper Serangoon neighbourhood with its vibrant mix to fulfil dining, shopping and living needs in one place. Located within an established residential estate where Upper Serangoon Road meets MacPherson Road, it is but a mere 3-minute walk from Potong Pasir MRT station!



*Night Perspective of The Venue Residences and Shoppes – Resort-style living, retail and dining destination.*

## The Venue Residences – Where the Good Life Awaits

With its impending launch in October, homebuyers will be spoilt for choice as the 266-unit The Venue Residences caters to the needs of a wide-spectrum of living requirements with unit configurations ranging from 1 and 2-bedroom suites; family-sized 3 and 4-bedroom suites; 3-bedroom dual key suites to luxurious 3 and 4-bedroom penthouse suites.

Conceived to appeal to those with a preference for resort-style living, the 2-bedroom + study duplex units are only steps away from the pool with easy access to a wide variety of recreational facilities. As it is sited within a largely low-rise landed neighbourhood, most apartments in the 18-storey tall development will enjoy views of the city or surrounding landed estate.

The apartments also feature well-appointed interiors and quality finishes which help to create your dream home. In the kitchen, one can expect a suite of branded appliances from Fisher & Paykel and Teka, while the bathroom carries the best in modern aesthetics with fittings from Duravit and Hansgrohe.

The resort-style theme is featured heavily throughout the development with origami-inspired cabanas, and a whimsical boat sculpture which invites residents to rest, linger and chill out while indulging a soak in the heated spa. Within the blocks, spaces have been carved out for rest, while the Sky Terraces are bedecked in green on various levels, encouraging a state of mind of peace and tranquillity. Over at the club house, exercise enthusiasts will appreciate the gymnasium and a steam room for a quick dose of muscle therapy after working out.

The Venue Residences has also been designed for the young. A children's pool inset with islands of trees, a playground with hopscotch and a trampoline will keep them entertained while leaving the grown-ups with plenty of free time to throw a party either at the BBQ alfresco dining area by the pool, or the function room over at the club house.

## Hive and Hub of the District – The Venue Shoppes

Residents, as well as the public, can shop, chill and indulge at The Venue Shoppes, a new retail and dining destination. Comprising 28 units ranging from 28 to 121 square metres located on the ground floor, units have full-height glass to capitalise on full street frontage. Outside, green groves feature Asoka Trees on one side and Saga Trees on the other.

Only a 10-minute drive to the CBD, the Venue Residences and Shoppes is set in a prime locale well-served by key expressways such as the Pan Island Expressway (PIE), Central Expressway (CTE) and Kallang Paya Lebar Expressway (KPE). Parents with children will delight in its close proximity to established schools such as St. Andrew's Junior and Secondary Schools, Cedar Primary School and Stamford American International.

In addition, the development is an excellent gateway to a host of amenities. Just a short drive away, residents can find recreational hubs like Serangoon and Toa Payoh Town Centres while City Square Mall, NEX and Heartland Mall are also conveniently located along the North-East MRT Line (NEL). For a welcome breather, the nearby Woodleigh Park beckons as the lush hilly greens of Bidadari Park next door is set to be developed into a beautiful garden with a new lake.

The Venue Residences and Shoppes is scheduled for TOP in 2017.

For sales enquiries, please call the sales hotline at 6287 2922.

# The New CDL Residential Website Wins Gold Award For Creativity, Functionality And Design

The new CDL Residential website has just been accorded a Gold Award in the General Website Categories – Real Estate at The W<sup>3</sup> Awards. Unveiled in July 2013, the CDL Residential website is aimed at enhancing the online experience for home buyers and tenants. Offering simple and intuitive navigation, the website makes it easier for users to find information on CDL and its residential properties.

Website entries are judged on factors including creativity, usability, navigation, functionality, visual design and ease of use. The W<sup>3</sup> Awards honours creative excellence on the web, and recognises the creative and marketing professionals behind award winning sites, videos and marketing programmes and is the first major international web competition that is accessible to big as well as small companies. Entries are judged by the International Academy of the Visual Arts, an invitation-only body consisting of top-tier professionals across acclaimed media, interactive, advertising, and marketing firms. As part of a high standard of excellence, less than 10% of all entries are selected as Gold Winners.



*Apart from being a treasure trove of useful information for aspiring home buyers, the new CDL residential website is optimised for different devices and screen sizes, including mobile phones and tablets. This caters to various online customers and enables users to browse the website anytime, anywhere.*

## Engaging, Intuitive and User-centric

The homepage welcomes users with enticing, full-sized images of featured properties, followed by three main categories of properties – **Ultra Luxury**, **Luxury** and **Affordable Luxury**. This enhances users' experience by streamlining the search process particularly for visitors who already have a type of property in mind.

Users browsing the individual property sites can expect an engaging experience with attractive property images and emotive, web-optimised copy. Virtual tours are available for some properties, allowing users to view the interiors of showflats from the comfort of their homes or offices. The sales hotline and showroom addresses are also strategically placed for optimal convenience.

One particularly handy feature that potential homebuyers will appreciate is the **Buyers' Guide**, which distils the essential facts and aids users in their understanding of the property buying process in Singapore. The Guide provides useful information on property taxes and regulations, and a mortgage calculator for buyers who wish to take up a loan.

In addition, visitors in search of a luxury residence for lease can expect the same ease of functionality at the "**Leasing a Property**" section where a curated selection of properties can be found.

Experience the new CDL Residential website now, visit [www.cdlhome.com.sg](http://www.cdlhome.com.sg).

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## Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hosts Taichung Encyclopaedia Exhibition



General manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Mr Winston Reinboth (left) welcomes Taichung City Government Mayor Mr Jason Hu (centre).

Mayor of Taichung City Government Mr Jason Hu was at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel to officiate the opening of the Taichung Illustrative City Encyclopaedia International Exhibition Roadshow in Singapore.

Held from 11 to 12 August, this exhibition was a collaborative effort between the Taichung City Govt and Encyclopaedia Britannica involving 79 schools and almost 300 elementary/junior high school students and teachers. The project is aimed at inspiring the creation of more illustrative city or country encyclopaedias.

Other exhibitors at the event included entrepreneurs from Taichung's food industries. Following the success of this exhibition, similar events will also be held in Edinburgh, Chicago, Beijing and Munich.



One of the exhibits featuring illustrations of Millennium Vee Hotel Taichung.



One of the booths showcasing Taichung's food industry.

## Level.8 Office Suites At M Hotel Singapore

Hotel Singapore's level.8 Office Suites are located in the heart of Singapore's financial district. They offer a business environment designed to meet the needs of busy professionals. From organising conferences to tailoring tenancies for each of the 38 designer office suites, level.8 is the perfect business venue.

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- Fully furnished office suites
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- Comprehensive secretarial support
- 24-hour air conditioning and security services
- Flexible lease periods

To find out more, please call our level.8 executives at +65 6438 8088 or email [level8.mhs@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:level8.mhs@millenniumhotels.com)



M Hotel Singapore's level.8 office suites provide a comfortable conducive environment for professionals to work and conduct business.

## Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen Improves Communication With WeChat

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*Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen uses WeChat to facilitate the flow of daily communication within the hotel.*

Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen recently adopted WeChat to facilitate the flow of daily communication within the hotel. WeChat is a mobile text and voice messaging communication service used in China. Members of the WeChat group include the General Manager, Executive Assistant Manager, department heads and other key staff who are on duty.

The purpose of creating the Wechat group is to improve the timeliness of information sharing within various departments, and coordinating emergency situations within the hotel. Using Wechat, problem solving becomes more efficient. This also enhances the efficiency of management, execution capabilities and service.

Previously, problems were communicated via telephone, e-mail or hand-written reports. When a problem occurred, the Manager on Duty (MOD) would request for the department concerned to do checks and then wait for the follow up. After Wechat was adopted, the MOD just takes a photo, adds a short description and sends it to the Wechat group. The relevant

department managers will then be informed and action is taken immediately.

Thus, WeChat not only saves time, but is also more conducive to problem solving. If there is an urgent meeting, participants are easily notified by a short message. The sharing of good experiences or valuable suggestions through the Wechat group also encourages team spirit.

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## Congratulations

### Orchard Hotel Singapore And M Hotel Singapore Awarded Singapore Green Hotel Award 2013

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Orchard Hotel Singapore and M Hotel have been awarded the Singapore Green Hotel Award 2013. This prestigious award is presented by the Singapore Hotel Association (SHA) and supported by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA), National Environment Agency (NEA), PUB and Singapore Tourism Board (STB). Establishments that receive the award are recognised for their outstanding efforts in managing and conserving energy, water and waste more efficiently.





## St Regis Welcomes New Executive Chinese Chef: Mak Kip Fu



*The St Regis Singapore's new Executive Chinese Chef Mak Kip Fu.*

Chef Mak Kip Fu has been appointed the new Executive Chinese Chef for The St Regis Singapore. In his new capacity, Chef Mak will be responsible for the management and operations of both the award-winning Cantonese restaurant Yan Ting as well as for the hotel's Chinese Banquet department.

Since embarking on his culinary journey more than 40 years ago, Chef Mak has accumulated a wealth of experience in culinary arts and kitchen management in some of the top Chinese restaurants across food capitals in Asia including Beijing, Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore.

Chef Mak is a master of refined taste and exquisite flavours, and has helmed strong teams of masterchefs that garnered outstanding accomplishments and awards. He was previously the Executive Chef for the three-Michelin starred Lung King Heen restaurant at the Four Seasons Hotel, Hong Kong and the Executive Sous Chef for the two-Michelin starred Zi Yat Heen at the Four Seasons Hotel Macau.

## Remède Spa Clinches Her World Spa Awards

The St Regis Singapore's Remède Spa has been awarded two accolades from Her World magazine. The spa has received the award for best Hot Stone Massage for its Warm Jade Stone Massage treatment. It has also been given the award for Best Foot Massage for its Bastien's Pedicure. The Her World Spa Awards 2013 is an inaugural spa awards presented by Her World Magazine, a leading female magazine published in Singapore.

The Her World Spa Awards recognise the most exceptional spa experience provided to a panel of more than 10 editors and writers who tried and tested at various spa establishments.



*The St Regis Singapore won the Best Hot Stone Massage and the Best Foot Massage at this year's Her World Spa Awards.*

## New VP Of Sales And Marketing At M&C Middle East & Africa



*Mr Naeem Darkazally, M&C Middle East & Africa's new VP of Sales and Marketing.*

Millennium Hotels and Resorts Middle East & Africa is pleased to welcome Mr Naeem Darkazally as the new Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Millennium and Copthorne Middle East & Africa (MEA). In his new role Mr Darkazally will be responsible for leading and aligning the group's sales and marketing functions with the company's vision. He will also play a key role in delivering maximum growth and providing strategic direction for Millennium & Copthorne MEA.

Mr. Darkazally holds a Masters degree in Business Administration and has over 30 years of experience in the Hospitality industry, predominantly in the Gulf region.

He has previously worked with many leading global hotel chains, such as Hyatt, Intercontinental, Starwood, Forte and at Rotana Hotels where he served as Vice President Sales and Marketing. He has also held various positions in Rooms, Revenue and Sales & Marketing.

## Chefs From MRPP Clinch Bronze At Culinary Cup International Chefs Competition

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Chefs from Millennium Resort Patong Phuket (MRPP) represented Phuket at this year's Culinary Cup International Chefs competition, which was held on 8 to 10 August at the Exhibition and Convention Hall Royal Cliff Hotels Group Pattaya, Thailand. It was a close battle with the Resort's chefs Danai Tjptrakul, Somporn Intasuwan, Paramée Rodsuktavon and Kamonthat Ninnakorn pitted against teams from Australia, Cambodia, Czech Republic, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and Taiwan.

Seventeen teams of four chefs worked in four hours to assemble an 11-course buffet for 20 people. They were also limited to using 80 food items. The Resort's four chefs were ultimately awarded bronze medals for the competition's Gourmet Seafood Challenge.



(Pictured left to right) Chef Kamonthat Ninnakorn, Chef Paramée Rodsuktavon, MRPP's Acting General Manager Mr Jamal Sidik, Chef Danai Tjptrakul and Chef Somporn Intasuwan.

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## M&C Snags 2013 Consultant Of The Year At American Express Oscars

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The American Express Oscars recognises the top Amex employees in a number of categories for the year 2013. This year, to show the top preferred suppliers their appreciation, American Express awarded some special trophies to key industry partners like M&C.

Justin Fitzgerald the Account Director for American Express and Caroline Reed, Sales Manager at the Copthorne Newcastle attended an American Express Oscars Event for the North of England. M&C's prize for American Express 2013 Consultant of the Year were return tickets on Eurostar from London and a weekend stay at the beautiful Millennium Paris Opera.



# Tripadvisor Awards

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## Certificate Of Excellence Award 2013

Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen and its Portofino Italian restaurant have each received the Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence Award 2013. This prestigious award is given only to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveller reviews on Tripadvisor. Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen continuously strives to improve the guest experience and service to higher levels and to make guests feel as comfortable as possible during their stay. The hotel also promotes a people-oriented philosophy, which is reflected in every service detail to create a home away from home experience for guests. Separately, Marriott Café at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong has also been awarded this award.



*Staff at Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen show off their Tripadvisor certificates.*



*The awards are given to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveller reviews on Tripadvisor.*

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# CDL Achieves Top Honours In Global And Local Listings



*(From left to right) Dr Lim Lan Yuan, President, FIABCI Singapore & Regional President, FIABCI Asia Pacific, Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, Group General Manager of CDL and Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, Acting Minister for Manpower.*

CDL has been named a Regional Sector Leader for Asia in the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB) Report 2013. Ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 543 participating organisations across the globe, this is the first time CDL has been named. The Report is based on sustainability data gathered from 543 property companies and funds, providing aggregate information on 49,000 properties across the globe.

GRESB is a leading global source of comprehensive portfolio level sustainability data for the real estate industry, covering 46 countries in six continents, representing US\$1.6 trillion of gross asset value. Its mission is to foster transparency in the sustainability performance of property companies and funds. More than 50 institutional investors, representing on aggregate US\$6.1 trillion of institutional capital, now use the GRESB benchmark results in the various stages of the investment management and engagement process, with a clear goal to optimise the risk/return profile of their real estate investments.

In recognition of corporate sustainability leadership in the industry, CDL has also been selected as an index component of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI), maintaining its listing on the DJSI (World & Asia Pacific – since 2011) as well as the FTSE4Good Index Series (since 2002). Earlier this year, CDL emerged as the top ranked company in Singapore and Asia (excluding Japan) in the Corporate Knights Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World and remains the only Singapore company to be listed on this global benchmark for the four consecutive years.

Locally, CDL was also the proud recipient of the awards “Best Residential Developer in Singapore” as well as “Best Leisure & Hotels Developer in Singapore” by pre-eminent international finance magazine Euromoney, in the 9<sup>th</sup> annual global Euromoney Real Estate Survey.

In recognising CDL for the awards, Euromoney Editor Clive Horwood highlighted how “the winners of this year’s Euromoney survey are those that exhibited the ability to innovate and make best use of the inherent strengths of their organisation. Key players in real estate banking, development, investment management and advisory services have recognised CDL as a market leader.” This is CDL’s 4<sup>th</sup> Best Residential Developer Award and 5<sup>th</sup> Best Leisure & Hotel Developer.

Regarded as the benchmark Award in the global real estate industry, the Euromoney Real Estate Survey canvassed the opinions of senior real estate bankers, developers, investment managers, corporate end-users and advisory firms in over 70 countries. With over 2,000 responses, it is the largest ever Euromoney Real Estate Poll.

**Selected as “Best Leisure & Hotels Developer in Singapore” by pre-eminent international finance magazine Euromoney for two years in a row, CDL added W Singapore – Sentosa Cove to its enviable portfolio of over 110 hotels last year.**

This year, the hotel emerged a winner in the Hotel category of the Singapore Property Awards 2013. The Awards were introduced by FIABCI Singapore to recognise distinction in Singapore’s real estate projects and developments. They also serve to encourage more Singapore projects to participate in the prestigious FIABCI Prix d’Excellence Awards, an international award that recognises the projects that embody excellence in all real estate disciplines.

FIABCI is the French acronym for “Federation Internationale des Administrateurs de Bien-Conselis Immobiliers” which means “The International Real Estate Federation,” established some 60 years ago. Headquartered in Paris, it operates in more than 60 countries including Singapore.

Amongst other awards, W Singapore – Sentosa Cove has also attained the top-tier rating under the Building and Construction Authority’s (BCA) Platinum Green Mark Scheme. This is the highest rating achievable for green buildings in Singapore. W Singapore – Sentosa Cove also achieved a high score of 97 under the BCA’s Construction Quality Assessment System, ranking it amongst the top three of all commercial buildings assessed to date.

In Singapore, CDL remains the private developer with the most BCA Green Mark awarded developments to date. In addition, CDL was awarded the Built Environment Leadership Platinum Award in 2009, the Green Mark Platinum Champion Award in 2011, the Quality Excellence Award – Quality Champion (Platinum), and the Construction Productivity Award – Advocates (Platinum) in 2013 by BCA for its commitment to sustainable development and Singapore’s built environment.



*A BCA Green Mark Platinum development, W Singapore – Sentosa Cove recently emerged winner in the Hotel category of the Singapore Property Awards 2013.*

## HLGSRC Sports Challenge 2013

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Hong Leong Group Sports and Recreation Club's recent Sports Challenge saw staff from various business units come together to take part in friendly competitions in Singapore.

The Futsal tournament was held on 15 September at The Cage@Kallang, the tournament was an exciting afternoon filled with displays of good sportsmanship.

It was a close fight to the finish, with the team from CBM emerging as the winner of the tournament. The team made up of staff from City Developments Limited, Hong Leong Finance and Millennium & Copthorne International Limited came in second place while the team from the Tower Club clinched third place.



*Futsal tournament participants posing for a friendly group photo.*

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## JW Marriot Hong Kong Makes Smart Travel Asia Awards Top 25 List For 2013

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*JW Marriot Hong Kong's General Manager Mr Mark Conklin holding up the award.*

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong is honoured to once again be on the top 25 list in the Conference category for the Smart Travel Asia Awards 2013 for the third consecutive year.

Voted by readers of smarttravelasia.com, an independent online travel magazine for Asia, the annual Best in Travel Poll 2013 presents Asia's best business hotels, luxury resorts, spas, destinations, business cities as well as the world's best airlines and airports.



## M Hotel Singapore Receives PUB Water Efficiency Building (Silver) Certification

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(Top row, second from left) Mr Benedict Ng, General Manager of M Hotel Singapore, received the PUB Water Efficiency Building (Silver) Certification on behalf of the hotel. The certificates recognised 23 recipients in the non-domestic sector for their exemplary performance in water efficiency and were given out by Ms Grace Fu, Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Second Minister for Foreign Affairs (bottom row, sixth from left).

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## Suite Staycation With Love 972FM Radio DJs

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DJs Chua Lee Lian and Dennis Zhou from Singapore radio station Love 97.2 FM were at Orchard Hotel Singapore to record a segment for a new show "Hotel A to Z". During their time at the hotel, the two DJs recorded their experiences in the Hotel's suites and got to take in the full range of benefits offered under the Staycation package. This included taking in the views of Orchard Road from their suite and tucking into some delicious room service. "Hotel A to Z" is a show that shares with listeners, the ins and outs of the hotel industry. It airs every Thursday between 6-7 pm on Love 97.2 FM in Singapore.



DJs Chua Lee Lian and Dennis Zhou from Love97.2 FM recording a segment for their show "Hotel A to Z".



DJ Lee Lian enjoys room service in the suite after recording the radio show.

## Celebrity Spotting

### The St Regis Singapore Welcomes Lee Seung Gi



Korean superstar Lee Seung Gi (third from right) with the Best Team at The St Regis Singapore. The popular singer-actor-host chose to stay at The St Regis Singapore when he was in Singapore for his concert "The Brilliant Show". The Korean heartthrob shot to fame at seventeen when his debut song "Because You're My Girl" won him "Best Newcomer" in several music award ceremonies.

### "The World Is Fun" At Grand Copthorne Waterfront



Marketing Communications Manager, Jennifer Yeo (centre) with Hunan TV presenters who were at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore to film travel show "The World is Fun" (世界好好玩).

### "Super Nightclub" Press Conference At The St Regis Singapore



Celebrities from Taiwanese variety show "Super Nightclub" and Singapore celebrities including Mark Lee and Liu Ling Ling were at The St. Regis Singapore when telecommunications company SingTel celebrated the second anniversary of its Mandarin language cable channel "Jia Le".



## Shut Up And Listen 2013 Bands At Copthorne King's Singapore



Sales Manager, Herbert Liu and Assistant Sales Manager, Hitch Lim (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from right) managed to take a photo with Tonight Alive when they stayed at the Copthorne King's Hotel. The 5-piece pop punk band from Sydney was in Singapore for the Shut Up And Listen 2013 concert, which showcased several international bands.



American Alternative Rock Band, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus also stayed at the Copthorne King's Hotel when the band members were here for Shut Up And Listen 2013 concert. Assistant Sales Manager, Hitch Lim (with suit) is seen here with the band members.

## Filming At Copthorne King's Singapore



Singapore actor and host Mark Lee (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and Taiwanese celebrity Kang Kang (far right) with (from left) Assistant Sales Manager Daniel You, Master Chef Ho Tien Tsai, General Manager Jeane Lim, Director of Food & Beverage Gan Wong and Assistant Sales Manager Hitch Lim. Kang Kang and Mark Lee were filming a programme at the Copthorne King's Hotel.

## Pyjama Store Launch At Millennium Hotel London Mayfair



London's fashionable set were out in full force for the launch party of the Pyjama Store, a retailer of high-quality night and loungewear. The party, held at Millennium Hotel London Mayfair, was attended by celebrities like (from left to right) model socialite Junaid Ahmed, reality show stars Jasmin Walia and Abigail Clark.



## Miss Singapore Global 2013 Crowned At Grand Copthorne Waterfront

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore saw a flurry of excitement as the finalists for Miss Singapore Global turned up at the hotel to vie for the coveted crown. The hotel was the official venue for the Charity Gala and Grand Finals. The panel of judges, which included General Manager Winston Reinboth, eventually crowned Ms Jody Liu as Miss Singapore Global 2013. Close to \$23 000 was raised at the event for Mother and Child Project, which provides home-based work for disadvantaged mothers and their children so that they can become economically self-sufficient.



Winner of Miss Singapore Global, Jody Liu together with the other finalists.



The finalists with their Victoria's Secret inspired wings posing with fans.

## Meals & Deals

### High Tea At Orchard Hotel Singapore

**ORCHARD CAFE**  
Lobby Level

# HIGH TEA

at Orchard Café

Savour Fresh Salmon Sashimi, Baby Maroon Lobsters, local favourites and enjoy a sweet ending with Nonya kuehs, deep fried Durian Muah Chee, Bubur Cha cha, and many more!

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For reservations & information,  
please call 6739 6565 or email  
[orchardcafe.ohs@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:orchardcafe.ohs@millenniumhotels.com)

## Getaway Deals

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### ***Surreal Deal at Studio M Hotel Singapore***

Set within the Clarke Quay and Robertson Quay entertainment precincts, Studio M Hotel Singapore is minutes away from Orchard Road and the Central Business District. The hotel features chic, stylish designs and loft-inspired living with separate sleeping, living and work areas.

- Studio Loft - from S\$225
- Premier Loft - from S\$245

Includes complimentary daily breakfast at ta.ké and unlimited Internet access hotel-wide! Please call +65 6808 8890 or email [reservations.smh@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:reservations.smh@millenniumhotels.com)



### ***Babymoon Getaways At Millenium Hilton New York***

Make time for a special getaway and you'll leave refreshed, and ready to take on anything - even a new addition to the family. Couples that book a stay of two nights or more with our Babymoon Getaway Package will receive a special welcome basket, breakfast for two, late checkout, a onesie for your new addition, and more. There's no better time to celebrate each other than before your new baby arrives.

Rates start at US\$239. For more information and to book, please visit: <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-york/millennium-hilton-NYCMLHH/offers/100053787.htm>





## A FAMILY CELEBRATION THIS EID AL-ADHA

Bring your family together with Millennium & Copthorne Hotels in the Middle East, from just US \$99 per night. Book for a minimum of 4 nights and take advantage of this special celebratory offer. You can also enjoy a range of additional benefits to make this a memorable Eid break.

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Celebrate with those closest at this special time, at Millennium & Copthorne Hotels.

For reservations, please visit [www.millenniumfamilyeid.com](http://www.millenniumfamilyeid.com)

- The offer is valid from 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (both dates are inclusive)
- Terms & Conditions apply

  
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## Restaurant Promotions At Grand Copthorne Waterfront

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### ***Seafood Extravaganza At Café Brio's***

Calling all crustacean lovers! You can now indulge in a glorious spread featuring fruits of the sea. These delectable delights include Canadian oysters, chilled tiger prawns, Sri Lanka Crab "Gateau" with salmon pearl, honey mango salsa and lemongrass cream and more.

Promotion valid from 1 Oct to 31 October

Call 6233 1100 or email [dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com)



### ***Truffle Affair At Pontini***

This seasonal delicacy makes a comeback in October and November. Tempt your taste buds with exotic creations such as the 250 days grain-fed Black Angus beef tenderloin tartar with organic egg yolk, black truffle and condiments, handmade tagliolini, slow-poached Boston lobster, sautéed eggplant and Italian fresh white truffle and more.

Promotion valid from 16 Oct to 30 November

Call 6233 1100 or email [dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com)



### ***Six By The River***

Unwind at The Promenade and enjoy six drinks at only \$36nett. A perfect way to chill out after a long day at work, from 5pm to 8pm nightly

Call 6233 1100 or email [dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com)

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## Copthorne Kings Singapore Turns 43!

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Copthorne Kings Singapore is celebrating its 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this year by giving out a whole host of special deals at its food and beverage outlets.

### ***Princess Terrace***

If your birthday falls in the month of October, come celebrate it with us and enjoy a 43% discount when you dine with two other paying adults. This promotion is valid for both lunch and dinner from Monday to Thursday (except Eve of Public Holidays and Public Holidays). Diners can also purchase a bottle of Pierre Jean Merlot/Chardonnay at a special price of \$43 (usual price \$58).

For more details, call 6318 3168 or email [princessterrace@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:princessterrace@millenniumhotels.com)



### ***Tien Court***

To commemorate this special occasion, Master Chef Ho Tien Tsai has launched a special dim sum and chef specialty set menu. Guests dining at the restaurant will receive a dining voucher which they can use when they return for their next meal.

For more details, call 6318 3193/ 198 or email [tiencourt@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:tiencourt@millenniumhotels.com)



### ***Connections***

For the month of October, unwind at the hotel's Connections lounge and receive 43% off on the 2nd bottle of liquor purchased.

For more details, call 6318 3161 or email [connections@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:connections@millenniumhotels.com)



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## Savour The Ultimate Crab Indulgence At JW Marriot Hong Kong

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It's crab season in Hong Kong and JW Marriott is serving up a feast of crab delicacies for the whole month of October. Dine on the finest selection of crabs and crab-inspired dishes from the dinner buffet at JW Marriott Hong Kong's Marriott Café. Café patrons can choose from a spread of cold crabs, dishes cooked with fresh crab, and steamed hairy crab from the live cooking station. The hotel's Man Ho restaurant is also whipping up a delightful array of traditional Cantonese dishes that incorporate succulent morsels of crabmeat. Seasonal hairy crabs will also be available for lunch and dinner.



## Halloween At Millennium Hotel Wuxi

Millennium Hotel Wuxi turns up the fear factor on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

For RMB 158, enjoy items such as Quesadillas, Caesar Salad, Bloody Mary, Pumpkin Soup and more at Amber Restaurant's Halloween Dinner Buffet. Each diner will also receive a beer coupon, which can be used at the Bar | Club.

So what are you waiting for? Reserve a table for the Halloween Dinner Buffet on the scariest night of the year!

For more details, please call 86 (510) 6661 5551 ext. 5015 or email [reservations@millenniumwuxi.com](mailto:reservations@millenniumwuxi.com)



Enjoy Millennium Hotel Wuxi's Halloween Dinner Buffet at RMB 158.

## M&C Loyalty Rewards

### *M Hotel Chengdu Soft Opening Promotion*

M Hotel Chengdu is celebrating its soft opening special with a special treat for guests. Unwind in the hotel's spacious rooms with generous seating area and enjoy a wonderful stay at the hotel. Book a stay for RMB630 nett inclusive of breakfast and broadband access.



### *Fall Getaways In North America*

Stay three nights at any of the participating North American hotels and receive the fourth night at 50% off plus other benefits. The deal runs till 30 November 2013 and includes:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi Internet access
- Up to US\$75 in F&B credits per stay

To enjoy this promotion, use the promo code: **"USLOYALTY15"** when making your booking.

Go to <http://www.mncloyalty.com/participating-hotels/north-america.html> for a list of participating hotels.





### ***An Indulgent Stay At Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta***

Book your next stay at the Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta by 17 October 2013 to enjoy 10% discount on the Best Available Rate and many other benefits such as:

- Late check-out until 4 pm (subject to room availability)
- 15% discount on food bill at hotel F&B outlets
- Complimentary Internet access
- Complimentary access to Gym & Swimming pool
- Complimentary local call

Quote "**MCLC**" when making your reservation.

Go to <http://www.millenniumhotels.com/> to book your room now.



### ***Stay 3 Pay 2 At Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Bangkok***

From now till 30 November 2013, stay three nights over a weekend at the Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Bangkok and pay for only two nights!

Deluxe room: THB 9,999++ for 3 nights' stay

Grand Deluxe room: THB 11,400++ for 3 nights' stay

The deal is inclusive of daily buffet breakfast and late check-out until 2pm (subject to room availability).

Quote "**S3PAY2**" when making your reservation.

Go to <http://www.millenniumhotels.com/> to book your room now.



### ***Deluxe Deals And More At Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur***

Book directly with us from now till 30 December 2013, to enjoy 25% off Best Available Rates for a Deluxe Room as well as the following perks:

- Late check-out until 2pm (subject to room availability)
- 20% discount on F&B (except In-Room Dining & Tobacco products)
- 20% discount on spa massage at the Health Club

Quote "**MCLC**" when making your reservation.

Go to <http://www.millenniumhotels.com/> to book your room now.



## ***Double Your Points In Europe***

Earn double points when you stay at participating M&C hotels in Europe until the end of October 2013

Go to <http://www.mncloyalty.com/participating-hotels/europe.html> for a list of participating hotels



# Care

## **JW Marriott Organises Mid-Autumn Festival Party for Ho Shin Home**

Thirty nine associates from JW Marriott, Renaissance Harbour View, Skycity Marriott as well as Courtyard joined hands with the Hong Chi Association, a non-profit organisation serving people with intellectual disabilities and their families, to organise a Mid-Autumn Festival Party on 13 September for the Ho Shin Home for the elderly. Everyone pitched in to help out with the Mid-Autumn decorations and party preparations. The residents were treated to an afternoon of fun games, drinks and mooncakes.



*Associates from JW Marriott, Renaissance Harbour View, Skycity Marriott and Courtyard with members of the Hong Chi Association celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival with residents of Ho Shin Home.*

## Grand Millennium Al Wahda Blood Drive Donation

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Giving blood is considered to be an act of great kindness. Staff from the Grand Millennium Al Wahda channelled this spirit of compassion by participating in a blood drive held on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Staff who had taken part said they felt a great sense of satisfaction after donating blood to help others. The hotel is looking forward to hosting its next blood drive and to making a small change in the world, one donation at a time.

*Mr Heinz Geiring, Millennium Al Wahda's F&B director taking part in the blood donation drive.*

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# CSR – The Answer To Business Sustainability

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Singapore Compact CSR Summit, organised by Singapore Compact for Corporate Social Responsibility (SC), was well-attended by close to 470 delegates this year. The numbers indicate a growing interest in CSR and business sustainability in Singapore. Held on 4 September, the opening ceremony was graced by Madam Halimah Yacob, Speaker of Parliament, Singapore.

In his Welcome Address, Mr Kwek Leng Joo, President of SC, said, "I believe that CSR is the answer to business sustainability. Businesses are faced with main challenges such as corporate transparency, customer loyalty, labour shortage, resource scarcity and waste management, regulatory compliance, financial uncertainty and sustainable growth. Whether you run a global or local business, the scrutiny and expectations by stakeholders and the public have never been higher....it is crucial that companies make that leap and embrace CSR as part of their corporate DNA in order to build a flourishing and sustainable business".

He also spoke of youth as the way forward in driving CSR Efforts. "I am confident that our youths are going to be change-makers who will determine what our future will be," said Mr Kwek.

At the Summit, the CDL-SC Young CSR Leaders Award winners were also honoured. Into its third year, the award is a youth competition which aims to promote thought leadership amongst our future leaders to foster greater CSR awareness.

This annual competition is open to all tertiary students between the ages of 17 and 30. Teams of three to six participants banded together to take part in the competition. They were connected to 10 Singapore-based Small, Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) representing a diverse range of industries. The SMEs identified specific CSR aspects that they were concerned with such as labour practices, stakeholder engagements, environmental challenges, supply chain, community etc.

Each participating team worked on a CSR strategy proposal for the SME it was matched with.

The champion, Team Chasers, from Nanyang Technological University (NTU), walked away with a cash prize of S\$5,000 and a Championship Shield. Their proposal for a manufacturer of Asian sauces impressed the judges with initiatives that were natural extensions of the company's core business.



(From left to right) First Runner-up Team Springboards (NUS), Champion Team Chasers (NTU), CDL Managing Director, Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Madam Halimah Yacob, Speaker of Parliament, Singapore and Second Runner-up Team Endeavour (INSEAD).

# The 5<sup>th</sup> CDL Singapore Sculpture Award – A Celebration Of Local Talent

The first and only nation-wide sculpture competition, the 5<sup>th</sup> CDL Singapore Sculpture Award has witnessed tremendous growth since it was first held over a decade ago in 2003. Over the years, this biennial Award has discovered and celebrated the creative endeavours of many young and aspiring local artists.



Winners of the 5<sup>th</sup> CDL Singapore Sculpture Award with Guest-of-Honour, Mr Lawrence Wong, Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information (2<sup>nd</sup> row, fourth from left), Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director of CDL (left of Minister), Mr William Phuan, Director of The Arts House (right of Minister), and members of the Award's Advisory Panel.

Beyond attractive cash prizes, participants of this site-specific sculpture competition also vie for the opportunity to have his or her work commissioned and installed for public display at the designated sculpture site for each Award.

Based on the theme "Celebrate!", chosen in conjunction with CDL's golden anniversary milestone and in commemoration of 50 Years of Greening Singapore, the works offer a myriad of perspectives on what it feels like to live in a country that is constantly redeveloping while celebrating man's connection to the natural environment.



CDL Singapore Sculpture Award 2013 Winner (Open Category) Mr Kenneth Koh Qibao with his winning work, "A Hundred Lines".

The winning work from the Open Category, "A Hundred Lines" by 30-year-old architectural designer, Mr Kenneth Koh Qibao, is one of many of these creative expressions. Comprising a total of 100 lines, this visually fascinating piece aptly celebrates our global city's success in melding creative urban architecture with our rich natural heritage. It depicts a gleaming cityscape of crystalline forms rendered by 50 vertical lines of metal. The metal is built atop a landscape of paths, waterways and landforms weaving around the city; formed by yet another 50 meandering lines of tropical wood each engraved with text lines of 50 local plant species. The work is emblematic of the dramatic transformation of Singapore's skyline and greenery; a vision best achieved together.

In the Student Category, this year's winner stood out most for its unique interactive element. Inspired by the xylophone, the work "Tunes and Muse – A Playing Sculpture", by 16-year-old Mr Kenneth Chua Wei Feng of ITE College Central (Ang Mo Kio), encourages the audience to participate by creating dialogue between two different art forms; sculpture and music. The young artist is joined by two other schoolmates as Student Category winners this year.

"As a homegrown developer, beyond just shaping our cityscape with architectural icons, we are honoured to have helped contribute to our social landscape and enriching our cultural legacy. Through this sustained arts initiative, we have unearthed talented young artists who have since gone on to make their mark in the arts arena locally and globally. To date, we have commissioned and installed a total of five public sculptures, with another iconic piece at the heart of the city at Raffles Place Park, to be unveiled later this year. Together with our partners, we hope to nurture a thriving community of local sculptural artists that will form one of the pillars of the arts and cultural identity in Singapore," said Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director of CDL.



This year's competition received 305 submissions, the second highest number over the last four competitions. Of this, quite a number were first-time participants in the Open Category. In the Student Category, the competition continued to receive strong support from 23 secondary schools and tertiary institutions.

Twenty five of the most creative pieces conceptualised by participants including the winning works, were unveiled at the Official Launch of the Award Exhibition on 2 October 2013. The Exhibition was officially opened by Guest-of-Honour, Mr Lawrence Wong, Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information. The Exhibition was held at The Arts House from 2 to 6 October 2013.

The designated sculpture site for this year's Award is within a recreational area at East Coast Park that is slated for redevelopment. If suitable, the winning work of the 5<sup>th</sup> CDL Singapore Sculpture Award will be commissioned for installation within Singapore's most popular park.

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## Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Volunteers For 'Home Building Project'

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A group of volunteers from Grand Millennium Sukhumvit led by Executive Assistant Manager F&B, Denis Martin took a day trip to Cha Cheng Sao province of Thailand to join the Habitat for Humanity Thailand's 'Home Building Project'. The volunteers helped re-build a house for a local family of ten, which includes an 80-year old grandmother. This activity encourages employees to unite under a shared mission to make a difference in the communities where they live, work and serve. Anchored by the conviction that safe and affordable housing provides a critical foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty, Habitat for Humanity has helped more than 3 million people construct, rehabilitate or preserve homes since 1976.



*Volunteers from Grand Millennium Sukhumvit having fun while helping to rebuild houses for the local community.*

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## International Day Of The Deaf At Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

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*General Manager, Mr Winston Reinboth receiving a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the hotel from Madam Ho Ching, CEO of Temasek Holdings and who is Patron of SDeaf. Madam Ho is also the wife of Prime Minister, Mr Lee Hsien Loong. The Singapore Association for the Deaf (SDeaf) organised International Day of the Deaf – Imaginative Weaves 2013 in September at its Waterfront Ballroom. Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel is honoured to be the official venue for this event.*

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## Getting to Know You

In each issue, we cast the spotlight on one of the business sectors that make up the global world of the Hong Leong Group



One Shenton: A luxury condominium in Singapore's Central Business District.



Millennium Biltmore Hotel. From owning one hotel in 1970, CDL now owns over 110 hotels in 24 countries.



Deputy Prime Minister Mr Teo Chee Hean, City Developments Limited (CDL) Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng, CDL Managing Director Mr Kwek Leng Joo and CDL's Board of Directors cut the specially-commissioned cake to mark CDL's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. (From right to left): Mr Kwek Leng Beng, DPM Teo Chee Hean and Mr Kwek Leng Joo, with members of the CDL Board.



My Tree House – World's 1<sup>st</sup> Green Library for Kids.



CDL's portfolio comprises nearly 8 million sq ft of lettable space globally and in Singapore. It includes buildings such as City Square Mall.

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## CDL CELEBRATES 50 GOLDEN YEARS OF RELIABILITY AND TRUST

This year marks 50 Golden Years for CDL and to commemorate the occasion, the Group hosted a gala dinner at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove. The event which took place on 6 September 2013 was attended by 400 local and international dignitaries, led by Guest-of-Honour, Deputy Prime Minister Mr Teo Chee Hean, Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs.

The anniversary dinner highlighted CDL's key business milestones over the last five decades, retelling the story through a dramatic presentation of a journey that went from a loss making company to the property and hotel conglomerate it is today.

A celebratory toast was made in honour of the hosts, attendees, Guest-of-Honour and all the others who made the event possible. A cake, specially-commissioned, was cut as mock fireworks broke out on stage heralding the start of many more golden years to come.

In his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary message, CDL Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng attributed the company's success to his late father's exceptional stewardship, insight and wisdom that laid the foundations upon which CDL is built today. He thanked the Board of Directors and a core of hardworking and loyal employees for their tireless contributions over the years.

In line with the Group's philosophy of giving back to society, CDL commemorated the occasion by presenting Singapore with "Gifts to the Nation": The CDL Green Gallery @ SBG Heritage Museum – Singapore's 1<sup>st</sup> Zero-Energy Green Gallery, which was co-developed with National Parks Board (NParks); and My Tree House – World's 1<sup>st</sup> Green Library for Kids co-created with the National Library Board (NLB).

Deputy Prime Minister Mr Teo, alongside CDL Managing Director Mr Kwek Leng Joo, presented two tokens that symbolically represented these two special gifts. The gifts were accepted by Professor Leo Tan, Chairman, Garden City Fund and Mr Poon Hong Yuen, Chief Executive Officer, NParks for the CDL Green Gallery and Mrs Elaine Ng, Chief Executive Officer, NLB for My Tree House.

For his steadfast dedication and contributions to CDL, Mr Kwek Leng Beng was honoured with a special token of appreciation, together with Mr Kwek Leng Joo and Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong. All three have devoted decades of wisdom, guidance, commitment and expertise to CDL. They have played a crucial and pivotal role in the Company's success.

Having developed over 30,000 homes and owning over 7.8 million square feet of lettable space globally, Mr Kwek Leng Beng said CDL has remained loyal to its roots and is insistent upon the tag "Made in Singapore". He said, "It was the Company's desire to enhance Singapore's reputation as a vital business hub, a stylish capital of Asian management, innovation, hospitality, architecture and commerce." Mr Kwek acknowledged the Singapore Government's leadership and farsightedness in providing political stability and establishing pro-business policies that created a dynamic business environment which had enabled home-grown companies like CDL to excel locally and grow globally.

Now with over 110 hotels in gateway cities around the world through its London-listed subsidiary, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc (M&C), CDL has indeed created a lasting impression on city skylines – in Singapore and beyond

As a Singapore-listed international property and hotel conglomerate, CDL is involved in real estate development and investment, hotel ownership and management, facilities management and the provision of hospitality solutions.

With an extensive network of more than 350 subsidiaries and associated companies under its wings, the Group currently owns and manages a solid portfolio of residential and investment properties, including hotels. CDL's network spans over 80 locations across 27 countries, including Asia, Europe, Middle East, North America and New Zealand/Australia.



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