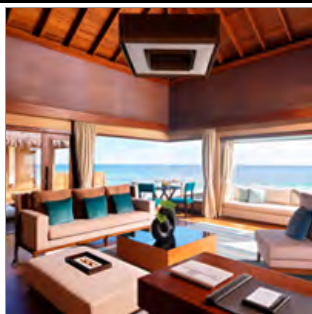


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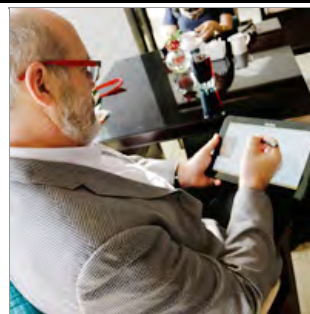
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## Live

## Orchard Hotel And Sony Collaborate On Good Photography Workshop



In collaboration with Sony Digital, a food photography workshop was organized with Orchard Hotel's Executive Chef Paul Then (extreme left) to educate participants about food photography and food styling. It was a successful workshop with a total of 50 enthusiastic participants.

## JW Marriott Takes Part In The Coastal Cleanup Campaign 2013

JW Marriott Hong Kong recently took part in a Coastal Cleanup campaign as part of a team of companies from the Hong Kong Business Council. The hotel, along with staff volunteers from Renaissance Harbour View, SkyCity Marriott and Courtyard participated in the cleanup effort on 23 November at the Lung Kwu Tan neighbourhood in the Tuen Mun district. The event aims to generate public awareness and responsibility in protecting the marine environment. Over 130 associates, together with volunteers from Hong Chi Association and children from Fresh Fish Traders' School, participated in the meaningful event collecting a total of 340kg of garbage along the coastal strip.



Volunteers from JW Marriott pose with the rest of the team from the Hong Kong Business Council. They were joined by volunteers from Hong Chi Association and children from Fresh Fish Traders' School.

## Tracing Hokkien Roots With The Peranakan Chef At Orchard Hotel

Orchard Hotel Singapore was recently involved in the filming of an episode for a new Singapore cable TV show "Are you Hokkien?". During the filming, hosts Marcus Chin, a popular radio DJ in Singapore, and Huang Jinglun, a Taiwanese Singer, explored the relationship between Hokkiens and Peranakans. They invited Chef Paul, who has Peranakan heritage, to demonstrate how to cook Nonya Mee, a Peranakan noodle dish which shares similarities with the recipe for Fried Hokkien Prawn Noodles. The show seeks to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the Hokkien language, culture and values amongst young viewers and is slated to be telecast starting February 2014 on Singtel Mio TV Channel, Jia Le (佳乐台) (Channel 502 and 503).

Some of the hotel's other chefs were also in the spotlight with Executive Sous Chef Kay Lee giving an interview to Mediacorp Channel 8 News. The news team came down to the hotel to film the life-sized Gingerbread House, Nyonya Turkey, as well as the hotel's Charity Wishing Tree. During the filming Chef Kay Lee shared his experience of building the Gingerbread House, the ingredients used and how to maintain profitability in the kitchen.



Chef Paul shows "Are You Hokkien?" hosts Marcus Chin and Huang Jinglun how to serve up the perfect plate of Nonya Mee.



Chef Kay Lee being interviewed by a journalist from Channel 8 News.

## Studio M's Dinner & Dance Party 2013



*D&D committee members Ismail Hasid, Assistant Operations Manager, and Geraldine Teo, Administrations Executive, drum up some fun as they man the reception tables.*



*General Manager Esther Wai (top row in black) with the hotel's Housekeeping team.*

Staff at Studio M Hotel let their hair down as they partied at the hotel's recent Dinner & Dance event. The evening started on a fun note as staff arrived dressed to impress. Everyone had a few laughs taking part in the party games and indulging in the delectable Penang buffet. The party even included a karaoke session that left everyone with a smile on their faces.

## Celebrities At Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore



*General Manager Jeane Lim with Japanese musician, composer, record producer, pioneer of New Age Music, Grammy Award and Golden Globe Award winning recording artist, Kitano.*



*The Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore team with the cast of "Spouse for House". The cast was at the hotel to film a scene for the upcoming sitcom which is due to air in Singapore on Channel 5, February 4.*

## Christmas Carols With Ora Et Labora Children Choir At Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta



*Student performers from the Ora et Labora Children Choir singing Christmas Carols at the hotel lobby.*

As part of its Christmas celebrations, Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta collaborated with Ora et Labora Children Choir (OeLCC) from Ora et Labora School to organise a Christmas Carol session at the hotel's lobby from 17 to 19 December at 7 pm. The choir consisted of 20 students from elementary to junior high school and they performed more than 30 Christmas carols over the three days. The choir members also added to the festivities by handing out chocolates and candies to some guests when they checked in.

## A Culinary Focus On Italian Composer Giuseppe Verdi

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel recently joined hands with the Italian Cultural Institute to present a Thematic Dinner & Lecture "Giuseppe Verdi Food Compositions". The event, which was held on 27 November at the hotel's Veranda Room, saw Professor Llarra Dioli of the University of Cattolica in Piacenza, Italy conducting a lecture on the cooking and culinary habits, and dishes of famous Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi. The event was part of celebrations for Verdi's 200th birthday. Giuseppe Verdi was an Italian Romantic composer primarily known for his operas and he is considered one of the preeminent opera composers of the nineteenth century.

During the event, Pontini's Head Chef, Daniele Sarno prepared a selection of Italian dishes featuring some of Verdi's unique creations.



*(Second and third from left) Chef Daniele Sarno with Dr. Marina Damaggio, Trade Commissioner of Trade Attaché of the Italian Embassy and other guests in at the event*

## Copthorne Hotel Cameron Highlands Rebranded



*Perched at the peak of the highlands, Copthorne Hotel Cameron Highlands offers a spectacular view of the valley.*

From 1 January 2014, Equatorial Cameron Highlands will be rebranded as Copthorne Hotel Cameron Highlands. Spread across 13 acres, the Tudor-styled resort offers 141 attractive, self-contained low rise apartment suites, as well as 268 superior rooms, deluxe rooms and suites in the hotel tower - all with breathtaking views of the surrounding highlands.

Crowning the peak at 1,628 metres above sea level, Copthorne Hotel Cameron Highlands is the only resort at the highest accessible point in the highlands.

Hotel-wide Wifi internet access is available, and the range of facilities includes multiple meeting rooms, a ballroom, indoor heated pool, fitness facilities, and a bar and restaurant serving international cuisines, wines, spirits and beers.

With its vast grounds and extensive recreational facilities, the Copthorne Hotel Cameron Highlands is a popular choice for company incentive trips, and as a meetings and conference venue. The hotel also arranges trips to the "Orang Asli" settlement for guests interested in learning about the indigenous people of Malaysia. There are other day trips to nearby tourist attractions.

The hotel is situated within walking distance to popular tourist attractions and a short drive to Brinchang and Tanah Rata towns.

"The move to rebrand the hotel will see it join the Millennium & Copthorne stable of hotels. This will align our Cameron Highlands hotel to the service standards of our other hotels," said Mr Franz Zeller, Senior Vice President, Asia, Millennium & Copthorne International Ltd.

The current team at Copthorne Hotel Cameron Highlands will continue in their existing roles so guests are assured of a smooth transition during the rebrand.

The hotel opened its doors in 1996 and has been experiencing increased interest over the years. In 2004, the opening of the Simpang Pulai route boosted traffic into Cameron Highlands via Ipoh and the North South expressway.

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"With the fast-approaching Christmas and Lunar New Year festive seasons, there's no better time to celebrate. Hong Leong Finance understands the needs of our customers. This Express Share Loan promotion aims to help those looking for some extra cash during the festive period, to create joyous moments this Christmas and to usher in a prosperous new year," said Mr Ian Macdonald, President of Hong Leong Finance.

## Royal Visitors At Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur



Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur General Manager Peter Gibbons (far left) accompanied Princess Raja Puan Besar of Perak Darul Ridzuan, Tuanku Zara Salim (far right) when she arrived at the hotel for the IChemE Malaysia 2013 Awards and Annual Dinner. The Malaysia princess was the Guest-of-Honour of the event, which was held at the hotel's Millennium Ballroom.



General Manager Peter Gibbons (second from right) and Naquiyuddin Tuanku Ja'afar, a royal member from the Malaysian state of Negeri Sembilan (extreme left) hosted Bahrain's royal family during their stay in Kuala Lumpur.

The VIPs Abdulrahman Mubarak Hamad Alkhalifa (extreme right) and Shaikh Salman Bin Khalifa (second from left), who is also an advisor to the Prime Minister of Bahrain, were impressed with the outstanding hospitality of hotel staff. They promised to return in 2014.

## CDL Hospitality Trusts To Acquire Its Second Maldives Property, Jumeirah Dhevanafushi



CDL Hospitality Trusts (CDLHT) is expanding its portfolio with the proposed acquisition of Jumeirah Dhevanafushi, its second property in the Maldives. Located on the private island of Meradhoo at the southern edge of the Maldives archipelago, the 53,576 square metres luxury resort, to be purchased for US\$59.6 million, comprises 19 beachfront villas and 16 over-water villas, with two additional beachfront villas slated for completion in 2014. The resort's extremely spacious villas are amongst the largest in the Maldives, with villa sizes averaging 240 square metres, each complete with its own private pool. The luxurious beachfront villas occupy the main island of Meradhoo and located some 800 metres away are the resort's 16 over-water villas, which boast high 6.3-metre ceilings that showcase all-round pristine views of the environment and provide complete privacy to guests.

Jumeirah Dhevanafushi offers a whole host of facilities, including four food and beverage outlets, an over-water gym, yoga platform, two infinity edge pools, a library, gift shop and the award-winning Talise Spa. In addition, its dive centre and water sports centre provide guests with a wide array of activity choices, including diving, snorkelling, sailing, kayaking, canoeing and windsurfing.

Mr Vincent Yeo, CEO of M&C REIT Management Limited and M&C Business Trust Management Limited, the managers of CDLHT, said, "We believe that the Maldives will continue to benefit from the increased patronage of Asian travellers with a rapidly rising level of disposable income for leisure travel. Our second Maldives resort acquisition following that of the successful acquisition of Angsana Velavaru is the execution of our strategy to capitalise on this trend and on the strong demand for Maldives generally."

Amidst a buoyant hospitality sector in the Maldives, Jumeirah Dhevanafushi has benefitted from the increase in Chinese and Russian visitorship, with the two countries forming the Property's top two source markets and likely to be key drivers of its performance.

"We are pleased to be able to secure a new, top quality asset with asset enhancement potential," added Mr Yeo. Besides the two beachfront villas currently under construction, further asset enhancement and expansion opportunities include the potential fitting-out and conversion of an existing partially completed structure and the conversion of unutilised spaces into income-generating facilities to the likes of a spa and/or bar. Post-acquisition, the resort will continue to be operated by the Dubai-based global luxury hospitality player, Jumeirah Group. Offering a unique brand proposition, Jumeirah Dhevanafushi caters to the very top end of the upmarket resort sector in the Maldives. Notwithstanding that the Property is still undergoing gestation, given its luxury positioning, it has achieved a healthy RevPAR of US\$754 for the first nine months of 2013. Based on the purchase price, the resort's pro-forma annualised net property income yield for the nine months ended 30 September 2013 would be 6.2 per cent. This translates to a Distribution per Stapled Security (DPS) accretion of 2.2 per cent, with potential for upside having opened only on 1 November 2011. New resort hotels generally require a period of gestation to allow the base of business to be progressively built up and property awareness propagated. This will mark CDLHT's second acquisition in the Maldives this year, following its US\$72.4 million purchase of Angsana Velavaru resort in January.

## Sculpting A Creative Legacy

The biennial CDL Singapore Sculpture Award is the first and only nation-wide sculpture competition. Since the first Award was held in 2003, CDL has commissioned and unveiled a total of six full-sized public sculptures by local artists. Its latest artwork, "All the Essentially Essential", a 3-metre tall interactive sculpture, by artist/educator Tan Wee Lit, was recently unveiled at Raffles Place Park.

In creating his winning piece, Wee Lit was intent on creating a sculpture that extends a visual experience into an experiential one. The extensive array of items on the cast giant toy kit represents all the material needs of the well-organised but "packed-to-the-brim" lives of Singaporeans. The deliberate exclusion of the human element from the entire kit set reminds one that the fabric of life is never complete without the most important thing: people, and the spirit and aspirations that they embody. The piece engages viewers by allowing them to see themselves in the artwork, and completing it – by being a part of it.

"As a homegrown developer, we have always recognised the important role we can play to shape our built environment and landscape, going beyond buildings. Our sustained support for the sculptural art form has not just provided platforms for exposure for budding young artists and sculptors, but has also contributed to increasing the number of local artworks in the public domain. We hope that the display of these public sculptures will help further inspire local creative talent and enrich Singapore's cultural legacy," said Mr Kwek Leng Joo, CDL Managing Director.



*The playfully interactive stainless steel public sculpture by artist/educator Tan Wee Lit (above) is sited at Raffles Place Park, at the heart of Singapore's Central Business District. Resembling a giant toy kit with elements depicting the 'essential' items for the 24/7 city, viewers are invited to step into the frame to complete the 'picture'.*

## Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai Rolls Out New E-signature Check-in And Out Service



*Not only does the e-signature system reduce a considerable amount of paperwork but it also adds an extra layer of security for guests.*

Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai is taking more steps to go green with the implementation of its new e-signature check-in and out system.

Executive Club guests can now check-in to their rooms on a mobile tablet, removing the constraints of a desk check-in. At the Front Desk, there are four fixed e-signature tablets to facilitate this process. The use of these e-signature tablets is part of the hotel's on-going efforts to improve the guest experience.

Millennium HongQiao is the first hotel within the Millennium & Copthorne hotel group to use the e-signature tablet for handling guest transactions.

## M&C Board Changes

Susan Farr was on 12 December 2013 appointed to the Board of Directors of Millennium & Copthorne Hotels as an independent non-executive director and a member of the Remuneration Committee, each with immediate effect. Sue currently serves as Executive Director, Business Development on the Executive Board of Chime Communications plc, where she has worked since 2003, and as a non-executive director of Dairy Crest plc and Motivcom plc. Prior to her current roles, Sue had a successful career in marketing, business development and corporate communications, having held senior positions at Vauxhall Motors UK, Golin Harris International, the British Broadcasting Corporation and Thames Television plc. Sue also acted as the Chair of both The Marketing Society (1994) and the Marketing Group of Great Britain (2001 - 2002).

"I am delighted to welcome Sue to Millennium & Copthorne," said Chairman Kwek Leng Beng. "Sue brings a wealth of experience and proven track record with regard to marketing, communication and business development, which will help to support the group's efforts to strengthen its branding and marketing strategies and drive incremental revenue from our existing portfolio."

"M&C has a fascinating portfolio of brands," said Sue Farr, "I relish the opportunity to provide fresh ideas on branding and marketing. This is a unique opportunity and I look forward to applying my expertise to help further develop M&C's strategy in those respects."

Separately, M&C announced that Ian Batey has resigned as an independent non-executive director of the Company. Ian's resignation will be effective on 20 February 2014, immediately following the next meeting of the Board of Directors. "I would like to thank Ian for his service to the Board and wish him every success in the future," said Chairman Kwek.

## Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Hosts Delegates From The Trans-Pacific Partnership Ministerial Meeting



General Manager, Mr Winston L. Reinboth, receiving Mexico's Chief Negotiator, Mr Jose Luis Roberto Zapata Barradas.

The Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel recently hosted delegates from the Trans-Pacific Partnership Ministerial Meeting (TPP), an event that was held from 7 to 10 December. Delegates from 12 countries were involved in the negotiations; Singapore, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, USA and Vietnam.

## Beijing Riviera Rolls Out New Features for 2014

Members at Beijing Riviera Country Club can look forward to a series of new features the club will be unveiling in the coming months.

The club's Spa & Massage service on the third floor has undergone a facelift and will open as "Xiang Spa". Operated by Beijing Meng Shuang Cosmetic Management Company Limited, which consists of highly experienced industry professionals, Xiang Spa will provide Riviera members with specialized treatments such as Aromatherapy, Facial Treatment, Depilating, Lymphatic Treatment, Spa Massage and Reflexology.

The Polo Bar which is currently under renovation will also be reopening after the Chinese Lunar New Year. Members will be able to enjoy a brand-new bar with a more spacious layout, with highly-trained staff on hand to give a great experience.

Jamaica Blue, a renowned global franchise café chain, will be opening up a branch at the Beijing Riviera Country Club after the Chinese Lunar New Year as well. Established in Australia in 1992, the chain has over 100 locations worldwide and is renowned for its fine coffees and fabulous food.



Beijing Riviera members can look forward to some exciting new features at the club in 2014 like a new Jamaica Blue café and a fresh look for the Polo Bar.

## Copthorne Merry Hill Receives Barnardo Community Award



(Left to right) Mr Matt Ward, General Manager of Copthorne Merry Hill, receiving a community award from Managing Director of Children's charity Barnardo's Midlands & South West Mr Hugh Sheriff. Copthorne Hotel Merry Hill has been supporting Barnardo's for the past three years and the award recognises the continued support that the hotel has provided to both the children and foster parents alike.

## Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai Awarded "China Top Hotel Member 2013"

(Left to right) Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai's Communication Manager Ms Cecile Gao receiving the "China Top Hotel Member 2013" award from Wenhui Daily Tourism Billboard 2013. Wenhui Daily is major Chinese media publication.



## Triple Honours for CDL

As testament to its green building leadership and conviction to responsible business practices, CDL added three more feathers to its cap last December.



*Eco-Green Outstanding Leadership Award at the Asia Responsible Corporate Awards – the highest tier of the Singapore's Built Environment Industry (BEI) Asia Awards.*



*Inaugural winner of the Best Sustainability Practice category at the IR Magazine Awards – South East Asia 2013.*



*Best Sustainability Report in Singapore at The National Center for Sustainability Reporting's (NCSR) 9th Indonesia Sustainability Reporting Awards.*

The Eco-Green Outstanding Leadership Award acknowledges companies who have demonstrated excellence in establishing successful businesses while engaging in best business practices such as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) through sustainable efforts.

Since the mid-1990s, CDL was determined to change the perception of the building sector, which was then seen as “destroying before constructing”. CDL was committed to transforming its business strategy to one that “conserves as it constructs” for long-term sustainability.

Over the two decades, CDL has been championing the development of green building in Singapore from design, construction, procurement, maintenance and even stakeholder engagement – from suppliers to customers and investors. The entire life cycle of CDL's buildings is essentially aligned with environmental sustainability in mind, while the Company's success and achievements are measured based on the triple bottom line approach of People, Planet and Profits.

The IR Magazine Awards honour South East Asian companies and individuals that do the best job of communicating with investors and analysts, and are decided solely by an independent survey of investors and analysts located in the region. Underpinning the awards is the IR Magazine Investor Perception Study – Asia 2013/2014 where 370 buy-side and sell-side analysts and portfolio managers participated in surveys and interviews to identify the best current exponents of IR in Asia today, and to analyse their success and best practices. The inclusion of the new “Best Sustainability Practice” category in the Awards reflects the increasing importance investors are placing on companies to maintain a balanced triple bottom line.

CDL is also a firm believer in the importance of sustainability reporting. Since 2004, it has been incorporating a concise CSR report into its Annual Report, with the objective of reaching out to investors and sharing the Company's CSR efforts. With substantive data, in 2008, CDL issued a dedicated Sustainability Report, which was the first Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)-checked report published by a Singapore company. It attained a Level A+ checked report in 2012 – a first for a Singapore-listed company – which was maintained in 2013.

As an affirmation of its efforts, for two consecutive years, CDL won the Best Sustainability Report 2011 and 2012 from Singapore accorded by NCSR, a non-profit organisation based in Indonesia which honours organisations that publish and develop sustainability reports centred on the GRI Framework.

## Millennium Al Wahda Clinches Several Culinary Awards

Chefs at Millennium Al Wahda have clinched several prominent culinary awards across various competitions including the World Hospitality Championship, La Cuisine by SIAL and Abu Dhabi Time Out Magazine Awards. List of Winners

1. **Indana Sandanayake** – Three Bronze Medals at the World Hospitality Championships WACS for the Live Ice Carving, Live Fruit and Vegetable Carving and Chocolate Showpiece categories.
2. **La Nina Alvarado, Artyom Hakovyan and Afzal Abrar Ahmed** – SIAL Competition, Gourmet Gold Medalists for the Abu Dhabi Australian Lamb 5 Course Dinner Menu category.
3. **Rubel Alam Malek, Sheikh Afsal Mohammad and Rabiul Alam Malek** – Abu Dhabi Time Out Magazine Awards, Porters Pub Highly Recommended Pub and Grub

## St Regis Singapore's Receptionist Gwendolyn Chia Wins Receptionist Of The Year 2013 Award

After a six-month intensive journey of interviews, writing test and roleplays, The St. Regis Singapore's Front Office Receptionist, Gwendolyn Chia impressed the judges of the Association of Rooms Division with her outstanding performance and optimistic attitude. Her efforts have helped her attain the distinguished award and title of Receptionist of The Year 2013.

At the annual Dinner and Dance celebration of the Association of Rooms Division in November, Gwendolyn was honoured with the award. She will represent Singapore to compete in the David Campbell Trophy - International Hotel Receptionist of the Year Competition that will take place this month.

The Hotel Receptionist of the Year Competition is organised by the Association of Rooms Division Executives, Singapore, to recognise the professionalism of the hotel Front Desk employees.



*Ms Gwendolyn Chia, a receptionist at St Regis Singapore beat 40 top-notch candidates in Singapore who were vying for the Receptionist of the Year 2013 Award.*

## M Hotel Receives Two Awards

### Excellent Service Award



(Left to Right) M Hotel's Assistant Concierge Manager Paul Bonifacio and M Club Manager, Nadia Goh have won Excellent Service Awards (EXSA). Launched in 1994, the EXSA is a national award that recognises individuals who have delivered quality service. It seeks to develop service models for staff to emulate, and to create service champions.

### National Kindness Award



M Hotel's Front Office Manager Nick Chia was one of the 94 service staff from the hotel industry to receive a Service Gold Award for providing excellent service. This year marks the 19th edition of the annual Awards organised by Singapore Hotel Association and Singapore Kindness Movement.

## Celebrity Spotting

### Lights, Camera, Action! At Millennium Broadway

The month of December saw several celebrities at Millennium Broadway's Hudson Theatre, which continues to be one of New York's premier event spaces. Here are some of them who passed through the doors.

#### Cast of 'Downton Abbey'



*The cast of critically acclaimed television series, Downton Abbey was recently at Hudson Theater for the North American media launch of Season Four.*

Standing here in the photo shoot from left are: Phyllis Logan (Mrs. Hughes); Lesley Nicol (Mrs. Patmore); Allen Leech (Tom Branson); Michelle Dockery (Lady Mary); Julian Fellowes, (executive producer); Laura Carmichael (Lady Edith); and Rob James-Collier (Thomas Barrow). They were part of the premier which included a panel discussion moderated by Bill Carter from the New York Times. Downton Abbey is wrapping up its fourth season in the UK, and will premiere in the United States on 5 January 2014.

## Millennium Broadway 'Dances With The Stars'



Dancing with the Stars finalists Corbin Bleu, Jack Osborne & Cheryl Burke were at the Millennium Broadway Hotel New York after performing live on Good Morning America and The View. They stayed over at the hotel before catching their flights home back to Los Angeles.

## Basketball Legend Julius Erving



Basketball legend Julius "Dr. J" Erving (right) was recently at Hudson Theatre for a special interview with Centerstage, a U.S. television talk show. The interview with host Michael Kay (left) included topics about his life, rivals in his career, and even shopping.

Julius Erving is one of the true legends of basketball and was a 16-time All-star, ABA MVP, NBA MVP, League champion, and has been voted a top 50 player of all time. The segment was filmed in early December in the iconic Hudson Theatre which served as a regal venue for one of the greatest players to ever play the sport of basketball.

## Andie Chen, Kate Pang Tie The Knot At Orchard Hotel



Orchard Hotel was the venue of the nuptials between Singapore-born MediaCorp actor Andie Chen (left), who is now based in Taiwan, and Taiwan-born MediaCorp actress Kate Pang. The celebrity couple who have been dating for over a year, held a private solemnisation and dinner at the hotel's Hua Ting restaurant, witnessed by hotel staff (background).

## Gigi Gu At Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel



Veteran local songstress Gigi Gu held an intimate session at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel with fans and the media on 6 December. (Left to right) Marketing Communications Manager, Grand Copthorne Waterfront & Copthorne King's Hotel, Jennifer Yeo with veteran singer, Gigi Gu.

Gu was an instant pop idol when she debuted in the eighties - her first hit being The Snail and the Oriole Birds. Her album sales broke the record for local singers at the time and her sweet and demure image led fans to crown her "Student Idol".

## Jackie Chan At The St Regis Singapore



International Action movie star Jackie Chan with staff at The St Regis Singapore. The actor stayed at the hotel from 14-16 December while in Singapore for a personal visit.

## Grammy-nominated DJ Steve Aoki In The House



General Manager Thomas Christiansen (far left) extended the Thai hospitality to Grammy-nominated DJ Steve Aoki (second from left) during his stay at the hotel when he was in Bangkok for his DJTour.

Steve Aoki is an American electro house musician, record producer, and founder of Dim Mak records. He is widely known for his acrobatic crowd-surfing stunts, throwing cake at fans, spraying champagne bottles, and riding rafts on the dance floor.

## Millennium Cincinnati Builds Gingerbread Town



*The traditional Gingerbread town in the lobby of Millennium Cincinnati was a welcome delight for hotel guests and families.*

Adding a little traditional Christmas décor to the lobby, Millennium Cincinnati built a Gingerbread town that took about 15 hours to complete.

The entire Gingerbread village is made of sweet treats such as 140 candy canes, 50 snicker bars, 5 lbs of Jolly Ranchers, 50 cookies and cream candy bars, 150 egg whites, 21 boxes of Frosted Mini Wheats, and four boxes of ice cream cones for the Christmas trees and Chimneys. The smoke from the chimneys is made of toasted marshmallows.

## Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Celebrates Christmas With Staff

Grand Millennium Sukhumvit, led by General Manager Thomas Christiansen, recently hosted a "Management Get Together & Christmas Party 2013" to thank the team for their hard work and thrive towards success throughout the year. It was also a celebration of the Christmas and New Year festivities with activities like games, karaoke singing, Christmas carols by Grand Millennium choir taking place during the event, including a surprise visit from Executive chef Pierre Andre Hauss dressed up as Santa Claus! The fun-filled night was full of team spirit and laughs.



## Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Announce Sponsorship Agreement With Al Wahda Sports Club

Millennium and Copthorne Hotels, Middle East and Africa (M&C MEA) has signed an agreement to become the official hospitality sponsor of Al Wahda Sports Club, the Abu Dhabi-based athletics club.

The sponsorship deal for season 2013/2014 will enable M&C MEA to increase its brand visibility and promotional exposure through various regional media and communication channels.

"The official sponsorship agreement signed with the esteemed Al Wahda Sports Club reflects our commitment to serve this nation and support the growth of athletic talent and activities that will encourage young people to various sports and games offered by the club" said Mr. Ali Hamad Lakhraim Al Zaabi, President & CEO, M&C MEA.

Further expressing his appreciation of the partnership, Mr. Al Zaabi added, "We are delighted that Millennium and Copthorne will become an official partner to Al Wahda Sports Club as we strengthen our existing relationship with the Club and look forward to working closely together to nurture sporting talent in the UAE."

Under the patronage of the Club's President, Sheikh Diab Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the sponsorship agreement was signed in the presence of Mr. Ahmad Al Rumaithi, Al Wahda Sports Club Board Member and Chairman of the Higher Committee of Marketing and Mr. Ali Hamad Lakhraim Al Zaabi, with a number of key media and press representatives in attendance at the event.



## M Hotel Organises KL Trip For Business Associates



*M Hotel's Sales & Marketing Team with their clients and families.*

It is never only about business at M Hotel Singapore. The hotel recently organised a 3 day 2 night trip to Kuala Lumpur for its top clients. Some of the clients came with their families and it was a fun and fulfilling trip which enabled the hotel's Sales & Marketing Team to foster stronger client relationships.

## Christmas Delights Workshop At Grand Copthorne Waterfront

Grand Copthorne Waterfront recently partnered with Gourmet Living magazine to present a Christmas Delights Culinary Workshop for Gourmet Living readers. About 40 participants attended the event which saw Pontini's Head Chef, Daniele Sarno demonstrating how to prepare risotto funghi, mascarpone, trevigiano & noci (vialone nano rice, porcini mushrooms, mascarpone cheese, Italian radicchio and walnuts). Participants were also treated to a cooking demo by Assistant Pastry Chef Tiffany Yeo, who showcased how to prepare a tutti frutti swiss roll.



*Assistant Pastry Chef Tiffany Yeo showing participants how to style their desserts.*

## M&C Loyalty Rewards

### South East Asia Promotion: Up to 40% off with Festive Merriments in Asia!

This festive season, enjoy up to 40% off best available rate at participating Millennium & Copthorne Hotels in Asia. The package includes:

- Complimentary breakfast
- Complimentary broadband
- 20% off F&B at participating dining outlets

Booking period: 10 November 2013 to 08 February 2014  
Stay period: 01 December 2013 to 08 February 2014

Promo code: "MPARTNERSHIP"



*Enjoy up to 40% off with Festive Merriments in Asia*

### Celebrate Lunar New Year in Amazing Taiwan

Book now and stay with us between 22 January to 09 February 2014 to enjoy these exclusive benefits:

- 15% off BAR (minimum of 2 nights stay)
- Complimentary breakfast for 2 persons
- Complimentary 1 extra bed (subject to availability upon reservation)
- Complimentary 1 glass of house wine (red or white) per person (maximum 2 glasses per room) while dining in The Prime Restaurant only.

Quote Promo Code "LNY" for your reservation or [Book HERE](#).



*Book into the Millennium Vee Taichung this Lunar New Year*

### Spring Festival at Magnificent Shanghai

Come celebrate Spring Festival with your family and friends in Shanghai. You will get to enjoy 33% off our Best Available Rates for room only, enjoy a complimentary upgrade from Deluxe to Club Room and a late check-out till 3pm.

Stay period: 24 January 2014 to 08 February 2014

Quote Promo Code "SPRING" for your reservation or [Book HERE](#).



*Millennium Hongqiao Shanghai*

## Lunar New Year Promotions

The Lunar New Year is just round the corner and Millennium & Copthorne hotels around the world have come up with food and beverage promotions to usher in the Year of the Horse.

### Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

During the Lunar New Year season, Executive Chef David Toh and his team of chefs have prepared a prosperous spring buffet menu at Café Brio's consisting of traditional festive favourites to woo your palate.

Feast on unique appetisers such as Seafood Trio Salad with "Yu Sheng" Pickles and Sour Plum Sauce and Singapore Roasted Duck with Spinach; Chinese New Year favourites such as Stewed Pork Knuckle with Garlic, Yam and Mushroom and Steamed Seabass with Coriander and Chilli Slices in Black Bean Sauce; and not forgetting Grand Copthorne Waterfront's signature Laksa.

Buffet items are available on a rotational basis.

#### Chinese New Year Eve Buffet Dinner

**30 January 2014**

Adult: S\$88.88++ / Child: S\$44.88++

(Includes free flow of wine, beer, juices and soft drinks)

Enjoy 20% Early Bird Discount when you confirm your reservations by 19 January 2014.

#### Chinese New Year Festive Buffet Lunch (daily)

**31 January to 13 February 2014 (excluding 6 and 14 February)**

Adult: S\$48.88 ++ / Child: S\$24.88++

#### Chinese New Year Festive Buffet Dinner

**31 January to 13 February 2014**

Weekdays (Mondays to Thursdays)

Adult: S\$63.88++ / Child: S\$32.88++

Weekends (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays)

Adult: S\$68.88++ / Child: S\$34.88++

#### Fai Cai Yu Sheng

**31 January to 14 February 2014**

This Lunar New Year, delight your business associates, relatives and friends with our Salmon Lo Hei Platter. Toss for prosperity, good health, success and happiness.

*Salmon Lo Hei Platter* Small (2 to 4 persons): S\$48.88++ per platter

Large (6 to 8 persons): S\$78.88++ per platter

Please place your order 3 days in advance. Enjoy 15% off Fai Cai Yu Sheng from 31 January to 14 February 2014.

Café Brio's is located at the lobby, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.

For reservations, call +65 6233 1100 or email [dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com)  
Please book early to avoid disappointment.



*Singapore Roasted Duck with Spinach, Bean Sprout, Hoi Sin sauce*



*Fa Cai Yu Sheng*

## **Copthorne King's Hotel**

### **TIEN COURT**

#### **Lunar New Year Takeaway**

From 1 January to 14 February, Tien Court is offering Lunar New Year Takeaway. From S\$49.80++ onwards, tease your taste buds with Tien Court's Fai Cai Yu Sheng – a special new creation of lobster, abalone and vegetable yu Sheng or feast on the Prosperity Pen Cai with whole abalone, sea cucumber, fish maw, dried scallop, dried oyster, shark's fin, sea moss and more for S\$388++.

Tien Court also caters to parties at home with their prosperity à la carte dishes such as crispy-fried prawn with spices and spicy crispy garlic, BBQ platter, whole suckling pig, braised dried oyster and more

#### **Reunion Dinner**

**30 January 2014** (1st seating: 5.30pm / 2nd seating: 8.30pm)

7- and 8-course set menus are available from S\$68.80 per person

#### **Lunar New Year Celebratory Menus**

**31 January to 14 February**

7- and 8-course set menus are available from S\$63.80++ per person onwards.

A la carte dishes are also available.

For enquiries, orders and reservations, call +65 6318 3193/ 198 or email [tiencourt@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:tiencourt@millenniumhotels.com)

### **PRINCESS TERRACE**

#### ***Penang themed Chinese New Year Reunion Feast with Salmon Yu Sheng***

**25, 26 and 30 January 2014**

Satiate your taste buds with an endless array of traditional Penang favourites such as assam pomfret and deep-fried prawn roll with salmon yu sheng at Princess Terrace.

Lunch: Adult: S\$48.80 / Child: S\$29.80 (between 5-12 years old)

Dinner: Adult: S\$62.80 / Child: S\$38.80 (between 5-12 years old)

#### ***Festive Penang Heritage Buffet***

**31 January to 9 February 2014**

Relish mouth-watering favourites such as fish maw, assam stingray, deep-fried prawn with salted egg yolk, wok-fried chilli slipper lobster, sambal sotong, chicken satay, fried porridge and more.

Lunch: Adult: S\$48.80 / Child: S\$29.80 (between 5-12 years old)

Dinner: Adult: S\$53.80 / Child: S\$32.80 (between 5-12 years old)

For enquiries and reservations, please call + 65 6318 3168 or email [princessterrace@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:princessterrace@millenniumhotels.com)

## Orchard Hotel

### Chinese New Year Packages



## Chinese New Year Packages

Set Lunch Packages from \$688 per table of 10 persons (minimum booking of 6 tables)

Set Dinner Packages from \$788 per table of 10 persons (minimum booking of 6 tables)

**Packages include:**

- Choice of 'Happiness', 'Double Happiness', 'Prosperity' and 'Wealth' Set Menus
- Free flow of soft drinks and Chinese tea throughout the event
- Pre Lunch / Dinner cocktail with mixed nuts and soft drinks
- Waiver of corkage for hard liquor (duty paid & sealed)
- Complimentary 20% parking coupon based on guaranteed attendance
- Complimentary 'Lucky Goody Bag' for all your guests

Valid for booking from 15 January to 14 February 2014.

For enquiries and bookings, please call Catering Sales Team at 6750 6632 / 6553 / 6552 or email catering.orchard@millenniumhotels.com

## Hua Ting



**HUA TING Restaurant Level 2**

## Spring Abundance

Chinese New Year

Hua Ting Prosperity Menus start from \$98 per person (minimum 2 persons) and \$888 per table for 10 persons.

Be sure to catch our very own God of Fortune blessing us with luck and treats!

2 January to 14 February 2014

- Chinese New Year Goodies & Yusheng •
- Chinese New Year Set Menus •
- Hua Ting Deluxe Pen Cai •
- Traditional Nian Gao •
- Carrot Cake with preserved Chinese sausage •
- Cinnamon Blossom Water Chestnut Cake •

For reservations & information, please call 6739 6666 or email hua.ting@millenniumhotels.com

## Orchard Cafe



**ORCHARD CAFE Lobby Level**

2 January to 14 February 2014

## Tossing to a Fabulous Year

Take your reunion up a notch with Mediterranean Yu Sheng "Lo Hei", Eight Treasures Chicken and more!

For reservations and information, please call 6739 6565 or email orchardcafe.che@millenniumhotels.com

**Kirin Beer \$8 per bottle**

## **M Hotel Singapore**

When it comes to Chinese New Year reunions, there are some AUSPICIOUS traditions that you simply cannot do without, including tossing of yu sheng. A FORTUNE of choices in our menus to choose from, TREASURE your family, friends and colleagues and start a HARMONIOUS dining to a year of PROSPERITY and HAPPINESS! For a full round-up of M Hotel Chinese New Year Banquet menus, [click here](#). For bookings and enquiries, please call Catering Department at +65 6500 6211 or email [catering.mhs@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:catering.mhs@millenniumhotels.com)

## **St Regis Singapore**

### **Yan Ting**

Toss to an auspicious start with Yan Ting's Prosperity Yu Sheng with Norwegian Salmon and savour Michelin-starred Chef Mak Kip Fu's selection of heavenly soups like the Braised Superior Bird's Nest Broth with Crab Meat. Other celebrated dishes include the tantalizing Stewed Pig's Trotter with Moss and Prosperity Oyster in Brown Sauce, Braised Whole 5-Headed African Abalone with Fish Maw, Mushrooms and Seasonal Greens and Savoury Steamed Marble Goby 'Soon Hock' with XO Sauce. For a sweet end to your exquisite meal, indulge in new Cantonese dessert including the Steamed Milk with Hashima and Egg White, Glutinous Rice Cake and Fragrant Homemade Almond Tea with Egg White.

The exclusive a la carte menu features traditional favourites like Fortune Barbecue Platter containing classics such as crispy Suckling Pig, Fragrant Roasted Duck, Barbecued Pork Glazed in Honey and Marinated Jelly Fish. The Lobster with Elm Fungus and Asparagus, Crispy Roasted Chicken with Truffles and Crispy Scallop Roll with Mango are not to be missed either.



*Prosperity Yu Sheng with Norwegian Salmon*

#### **Dine-in Set Lunch and Dinner Menus (min of 2 guests)**

Bountiful 6-course Set Menu at S\$108++ per person  
Success 6-course Set Menu at S\$138++ per person  
Affluent 6-course Set Menu at S\$168++ per person  
Prosperity 6-course Set Menu at S\$198++ per person  
Vegetarian Set Menu 8-course Set Menu at S\$108++ per person

#### **Dine-in Set Lunch and Dinner Menus for Tables of 10 guests**

Abundance 8-course Set Menu at S\$1,288++ per table  
Fortune 8-course Set Menu at S\$1,688++ per table  
Auspicious 8-course Set Menu at S\$2,088++ per table

Lunch: From 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Dinner: From 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

## **JW Marriott Hong Kong**

Man Ho offers a perfect venue to celebrate a hearty reunion meal with the family during the upcoming Lunar New Year. Diners can look forward to a delicious selection of dim sum as well as a la carte dishes, crafted by Executive Chinese Chef Ip Kwok Fai from 15 January to 16 February 2014. Highlights include Steamed Pork Dumpling with Scallop; Baked Abalone Pastry with Oyster Sauce; Sautéed Fillet of Garoupa with Lily Bulb and Brown Fungus; and Steamed Milk Custard Cake.

Complement a perfect home celebration with Man Ho's signature delicacies, which include delicious Lin Gao or Chinese Pudding (HK\$198 nett per box) and Turnip Cake (HK\$218 nett per box). Available from 6 to 30 January.



*Nian Gao*

## **Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen**

### **LOONG YUEN CHINESE RESTAURANT Lunar New Year Good Fortune Dinner**

From the Lunar New Year's Eve until the seventh day of the new Lunar Year (30 January to 6 February 2014), Loong Yuan restaurant has several themed feasts to offer, such as Success Feast, Fortune Celebration Feast, New Year Celebration Feast and the Wealthier Feast, starting at CNY 3898 + 15% per table. For reservations, please call us at 0592-2023333-6616.

### **HARBOUR CAFÉ Lunar New Year's Eve Reunion Buffet Dinner**

On 30 January 2014, Harbour Café will serve up luxury global delicacies such as Hong Kong style roasted pig, French style steamed lobster, American style soy-sauce abalone, for Reunion Dinner. Enjoy this New Year's Eve with a luxurious and global buffet of fine food for CNY 298 + 15% per person. For reservations, please call us at 0592-2023333-6696.



## **Valentine's Day Promotions**

Get in the mood for love with these romantic offerings at the hotels this February.

### **JW Marriott Hong Kong**



JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong is pleased to present a stunning choice of venues and delicious culinary offerings by award-winning chefs to celebrate Valentine's Day on 14 February. From sumptuous buffets at Marriott Café and The Lounge to a delectable 6-course set menu at the new Flint Grill & Bar, each venue offers a delightful option to reward your loved one with an exquisite dining experience. Spice up the occasion with Dolce 88's Valentine's Day "Sweetheart" Cookies, Truffles or Chocolates in elegant heart-shaped gift boxes and more, from 4 to 14 February.

### **Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen**



The Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen is ready to offer the best from the Western and Chinese cuisine to help create a romantic and wonderful moment for lovers.

Those looking to inject some extra sparkle into their relationships can take in the romantic atmosphere at Harbour Café and indulge in the Valentine's Day dinner buffet is at 269 yuan +15% per person. Each diner will receive a glass of imported wine and an unlimited flow of soft drinks. Valentine's day wouldn't be complete without gifts for your sweetheart; the Harbour Café is giving Valentine's Day diners a bunch of roses with various

complimentary home-made chocolates to express your feelings to your sweetheart.

Opt for a Chinese Style Valentine's dinner at Loong Yuen Chinese Restaurant. The restaurant is offering a Valentine Set dinner is only at 498 yuan +15% for 2 persons, inclusive of a glass of imported wine and a bunch of roses.

If you prefer an exotic atmosphere, the Portofino Italian Restaurant would be the best choice. Enjoy a romantic Candle Light San Valentino set dinner for 2 persons for 598 yuan+15%. The dinner includes a bouquet of roses, a box of home-made sweet chocolates, a glass of imported wine and a bunch of roses.

## Grand Copthorne Waterfront Pontini Restaurant

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### Winter Delights

**17 January to 15 March**

6-course degustation dinner menu \$118.00 per person excluding wines (minimum two persons)

Entrall your senses with robust Italian flavours. Sample Italian Moscardini Octopus, Veraci Clam and Live Bouchon Mussels' Pot served with Seaweed Crunchy Bread and Piedmont-style Slow-braised 400 Days Grain-fed Wagyu Beef Brisket, Polenta and Porcini tart, Braised Savoy Cabbage, Barolo Wine Jus. For the finale, titillate your taste buds with the exquisite Poached Pear in Aromatic Red Wine, Hazelnut Crème Brulee and Dark Chocolate Warm Foam.

### Brand New Menu at Pontini

**Starting from 20 January**

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## Gastronomic Delights At Copthorne King's Singapore

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### Princess Terrace

#### **Singapore's Best-Loved Penang Buffet**

**2 to 23 January (only applicable from Mon to Thurs)**

To show its appreciation for the support it has received in 2013, including being crowned one of the winners of the Top 3 Buffet Restaurant Awards at Asiaone People's Choice Awards 2013, Princess Terrace is inviting diners to join them to satiate their taste buds with a sumptuous feast with one diner eating for free with every three accompanying adults.

Lunch: Adult - \$43.80 Child: \$28.80 (between 5-12 years old)

Dinner: Adult - \$48.80 Child: \$28.80 (between 5-12 years old)

#### **Penang Themed Spring Buffet**

**24 January to 29 January (Lunch & Dinner)**

**Lunch only on 30 January**

Indulge in a sumptuous spread at Princess Terrace that features Braised Shark's Fin with Crab Meat Soup, Penang Char Kway Teow, Hokkien Prawn Mee Soup, Braised Pork Leg with Vinegar, Roast Duck with Sour Plum Sauce and Chilli, Chinese Cabbage with Dried Oyster and Sea Moss, Chinese New Year goodies such as Pineapple Tarts, Nian Gao with Sweet Potato and Yam and more.

Lunch: Adult - \$48.80 Child: \$29.80 (between 5-12 years old)

Dinner: Adult - \$53.80 Child: \$32.80 (between 5-12 years old)

## **Starscave**

### **New Delights at Starscave**

Whet your appetite with our new culinary delights that are added to the menu. Satisfy your taste buds with new dishes such as Grilled Hawkes Bay's Rack of Lamb, Roasted Half Spring Chicken, Tortellini Pasta, Spaghetti with Cherry Clam, Basil and White Wine Tomato Sauce, Warm Chocolate Lava Cake with vanilla ice cream among others.

### **Meat Lovers Rejoice!**

1 January to 28 February

Meat lovers have another reason to rejoice with Starscave's delicately prepared flavourful lamb stew and pan-roast tenderloin specials.

- Menu is refreshed every two weeks.
- Available for lunch and dinner.
- Receive a glass of Carlsberg at \$10 (Usual Price: \$13) with every purchase of this special.



### **Wagon Special of The Day**



Meat fanatics can look forward to a satisfying dining experience with the Daily Wagon of the Day - a one stop shop that features all heartily roasted meats such as Roast Chicken, Sirloin Steak, Pork Loin and Roast Leg of Lamb.

Available daily 6pm to 9.30pm

For enquiries and reservations, please call 6318 3186 or email [foodbev.cks@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:foodbev.cks@millenniumhotels.com)

## **Connections Lounge**

### **Happy Hour**

Unwind and groove the night away with Alvin and Partner as we spin a series of Mandarin and dialect hits from 6pm to 8.30pm.

- Daily from 3pm to 8pm.
- Special 1-for-1 house pour.

After happy hours, from 9pm till closing, live music lovers are in for another round of satisfying treat! Our resident band, Overflow will entertain you with an international repertoire. Connections Lounge will be closed every Sunday for a private event.

### **Live Telecast of English Premier League (EPL)**

Catch the English Premier League live on the giant screen right at Connections Lounge. Be part of this vibrant scene every Saturday and Monday. Complete the exhilarating experience with the perfect combination of Heineken and a Fish & Chips set meal.

- 5- Heineken in a Bucket.

### **Connections Lounge's Privilege Card**

For every eight bottles of the same spirit purchased, privilege card holders are entitled to redeem for a same bottle of spirit absolutely free.

- Terms and Conditions: Purchased and accumulated within two months

### **Japanese Alcoholic Beverages**

#### **1 to 31 January**

Start the New Year in 'Japanese' style by treating your taste buds to the new alcoholic beverages from Japan.

- Hibiki single malt Whisky - \$148
- Suntory beer - \$11, a bucket of 5 - \$50
- Sake Martini (Saketini) - \$11

### **Celebrate your birthdays at Connections Lounge**

#### **1 January to 31 March**

Celebrate birthdays at Connections Lounge and enjoy a 50% discount for the 2nd bottle purchased by the birthday boy or girl.

For enquiries and reservations, please call 6318 3161 or email [connections@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:connections@millenniumhotels.com)

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## **JW Marriott Turns 25**

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JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, the first JW Marriott brand in Asia, first opened its doors on 27 February 1989 in the heart of Hong Kong's most prestigious commercial and entertainment complex, Pacific Place.

To commemorate the important milestone and to celebrate 25 years of hospitality excellence, the hotel is marking its silver anniversary with several activities for the associates as well as themed promotions starting this month. These include attractive 25th anniversary themed room offers and catering packages.

Log on to <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hkgdt-jw-marriott-hotel-hong-kong> for more details.



## A Wishing Star For A Child



*Christmas carols filled the air as the children's choir from Garden International School sang to hotel guests in front of the Gingerbread Castle at Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur.*

Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur launched its annual "Star for A Child" Campaign and Christmas tree lighting ceremony on 5 December 2013. The event was officiated by Ambassador of Finland, Matti Pullinen and was made even more memorable with the rendition of Christmas carols by children of Garden International School.

The CSR campaign encourages guests to pick a wishing star from the Christmas Tree and purchase a present for a child currently receiving treatment at the KK3 Cancer Ward, Kuala Lumpur General Hospital. All gifts were then delivered to the hospital on December 20, 2013.

## City Sunshine Club Spreads Year-end Cheer And Goodwill

In keeping with its mission of lighting up the lives of the less fortunate, City Sunshine Club (CSC) helped spread early yuletide joy to beneficiaries who live in blocks 3 and 4 of Marsiling Road. These two blocks were adopted by CDL as part of its participation in a year-long programme called the North West Care & Repair @ Marsiling, to bring about regular engagements for the residents.

In partnership with the North West Community Development Council, CDL volunteers helped to organise a Christmas celebration at CDL's City Square Mall, where over 130 elderly and children together with their parents from the Marsiling rental blocks participated. The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour Mr Hawazi Daipi, Member of Parliament for Sembawang GRC (Marsiling).

The residents enjoyed a sumptuous dinner, a magic show and ballet performances, and received goody bags. The evening ended on a magical note with an open-top HiPPo bus ride that enabled them to take in the festive sights of the Christmas light-up.



The beneficiaries enjoy a light-hearted moment with CDL volunteers at the Christmas celebration.



Beneficiaries were presented with presents by Guest-of-Honour Mr Hawazi Daipi (fourth from left), Member of Parliament for Sembawang GRC (Marsiling), accompanied by Ms Esther An (centre), General Manager, Corporate Affairs and Head, Corporate Social Responsibility, CDL.

As a highlight of its Character Building Programme, CSC organised its annual year-end camp, with a sleepover at C-Base, CDL's staff activity lounge located at City House, CDL's operational headquarters in the Central Business District.

About 54 CDL staff volunteers and beneficiaries (aged between 7 to 13 years old) attended the camp. The beneficiaries come from two family service centres: Serangoon Student Care Centre/Family Service Centre and Viriya Family Service Centre.

The camp was tied to 'TOUCH Movie Nite' where CDL sponsored movie tickets to treat the children to a screening of Walt Disney's "Frozen", in advance of the movie's worldwide release. After the movie, the children hopped on to the HiPPo bus for an exciting tour of the annual Orchard Road festive light-up. A morning walk from City House to Marina Bay Sands was planned but unfortunately, it could not materialise due to rain. The children were occupied with alternative activities such as quizzes and games which they took part in with great zeal and fun.



Beneficiaries enjoying the festive sights along Orchard Road accompanied by CDL staff volunteers.



CDL staff volunteers and beneficiaries at C-Base, CDL's staff activity lounge.

## Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Helps Needy Children



The team at Grand Millennium Sukhumvit led by Director of Rooms Ms Suneephan Boupoh (third from right) recently donated cupcakes, drinking water and stuffed toys to Fico Pattana Foundation, represented by Ms Pannee Pipatpratueng (fourth from right). The donations will be sent to needy children at Baan Kok Laan School in the northeastern part of Thailand.

Also in this photo are Training Manager Ms Melanie Goenchanart (second from left), Director of Prevention & Loss Mr Ramin Riabroi (far right) and Assistant HR Manager Ms Monticha Eiamsam (second from right).

Fico Pattana Foundation is founded by Fico Corporation Co., Ltd., who owns Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Hotel.

## Spreading Christmas Joy At JW Marriott

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong celebrated its annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on 4 December. The event was followed by a charity reception themed "A Gift From The Heart". The event involved two local charities - Mother's Choice and Hong Chi Association and the evening's programme included special highlights such as performances by the JW Marriott choir and Hong Chi students, and the distribution of presents donated by JW Marriott associates to the young beneficiaries from the charities. The event aims to bring together the young beneficiaries as well as volunteers who have dedicated their time and efforts to share the joy of the season with the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong team.

The hotel has also been spreading Christmas cheer by been working closely with the Hong Chi Pinehill Integrated Vocational Centre to provide working opportunities and job training programmes to students. The annual 'Hong Chi Gourmet Cookies Charity Sale' is one of these projects. The cookies are made by trainees with intellectual disabilities in a licensed bakery workshop of the training centre.

A total of 646 cans of cookies, priced at HK\$80 per can, were ordered by associates and guests across the Marriott Hong Kong Hotels. All proceeds will be donated to the Hong Chi Association Charity Fund to support their continuous effort in helping people with intellectual disabilities.



## Music For The Soul - A Benefit Concert For Typhoon Haiyan Survivors



*The Voices of Praise choir entertained the audience with a medley of 13 soothing songs, all of which inspired the spirit of oneness and brotherhood.*

Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta recently held the "Music for the Soul" benefit concert for the survivors of Typhoon Haiyan. The event was hosted by the hotel's General Manager, Mr Manny Mercado and his wife Elaine and was held at the hotel's Mutiara Ballroom. Proceeds from the event were channelled to families of Filipinos working in Indonesia who had been severely affected by the typhoon catastrophe. Part of the collected proceeds will be donated to Philippine National Red Cross, one of the charitable institutions endorsed by the Philippine Consular Office in Jakarta.

The event featured performances by the Voices of Praise, a choir consisting of 25 Filipino professionals working in Jakarta. The two-hour charity event also involved the audience being invited to join the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the hotel lobby where the Philippine Ambassador to Indonesia, HE Maria Rosario Aguinaldo gave her Christmas message to the community. Mr. Manny Mercado also delivered a brief message before lighting up the tree to signal the start of the advent season as Voices of Praise sang joyful Christmas Carols.

## 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



## Millennium & Copthorne's Heritage Hotels

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels provide guests with comfort and style in exceptionally convenient locations. While several of its hotels can be considered modern icons, the group also has several properties around the world that combine history and heritage.

These iconic hotels have colourful pasts and if walls could talk, they would have endless stories to tell:

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#### 1. Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles, USA

The Millennium Biltmore Hotel opened in 1923 to national acclaim as the largest hotel west of Chicago. This 683-room hotel, with its Spanish-Italian Renaissance interiors, delicately detailed carvings and stunning cathedral-like ceilings, was designated a historic and cultural monument in 1969. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science held its founding banquet in the Crystal Ballroom in 1927. Eight Academy Awards banquets were subsequently held in the hotel in the 1930s, with legends like Clark Gable and Ginger Rogers accepting their awards on the Biltmore stage. Robert Kennedy spoke at the hotel in 1960 during his brother John Kennedy's bid for his party's presidential nomination.

#### 2. Hudson Theatre, Millennium Broadway Hotel, USA (formerly The Macklowe New York)

The dramatic history of New York City's 1903 landmark Hudson Theatre begins with Henry B. Harris, an up-and-coming producer who built the theatre but later perished aboard the Titanic. Developer Harry Macklowe incorporated the theatre into a hotel and conference centre (which later became the Millennium Broadway Hotel) he built next door and opened in 1989. This 109-year-old historic landmark, a deco masterpiece decorated with priceless Tiffany mosaics, is the second oldest theatre in New York, where stars such as Barbara Streisand and Louis Armstrong made their debuts and Elvis Presley performed.

#### 3. Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel Chicago

Located at the gateway to the famed Magnificent Mile, this beautiful and historic hotel first opened its doors in 1927. Notable architects Rissman & Hirschfeld, built the 350-room, 14-story, gothic-inspired gem in less than one year. Rumour has it that when prohibition reigned, Al Capone's brother Ralph operated a casino and speakeasy on the Penthouse floor. In 1952, Richard Nixon, nominee of the US Vice Presidency then, stayed at the hotel during the presidential campaign. In the 1970s, it was known as the Playboy Hotel under owner Hugh Hefner.

#### 4. Millennium Hotel London Mayfair, UK

The Millennium Hotel London Mayfair was formerly a magnificent 18th century mansion, primarily built as a Stately Townhouse for the Duchess of Kendal. The hotel site is where the first public announcement of Wellington's victory at the Battle of Waterloo was made. Much of the historic charm of this 336-room hotel has been maintained over the centuries. With its Georgian façade and classic Doric columns, it imparts the discreet charm and comfort of an exclusive private residence, making it one of the most distinct hotels in all of Mayfair.

#### 5. Millennium Bailey's Hotel London Kensington, UK

As one of the oldest existing hotels in London, the Millennium Bailey's Hotel boasts a fascinating history which dates back to 1876 and includes the remarkable achievement of its original owner, the Right Honourable Sir James Bailey. Built in a time when there were few hotels in London, the hotel was considered very modern for its time. In 1885, the advertisements bragged of an "ascending room" (a lift), a "safe room" (a safe) and bathrooms on every floor of the hotel, all of which were very unusual at the time. The hotel survived the two world wars and has amazingly maintained much of its original structure, with its imposing marble pillars, grand staircase, stained glass windows and sumptuous Victorian plasterwork. It has also welcomed many prominent guests such as the Austrian composer Eduard Strauss,

who stayed at the hotel in 1885 and members of the British and Dutch royal families.

#### **6. Millennium Hotel Paris Opera, France**

The Millennium Hotel Paris Opera opened in 1927. The hotel was created in the style of Années Folles ("Crazy Years") by architects who were given free reign to combine the Belle Epoque, Beaux Arts and Art Déco styles. The main hall of this 163-room hotel has retained many features, including elaborate marble, wood and brass carving, art deco furniture, tinted mirrors and magnificent pillars. It is topped with a cupola, lit through a roof of glass, adorned with gold and yellow motifs. American aviator Charles Lindbergh, who had completed his first solo flight across the Atlantic and was awarded the prestigious Carnegie prize, was a guest at the hotel.

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