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## Celebrating 90 Years With Biltmore

More than 200 top customers gathered at Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles to celebrate the landmark hotel's milestone 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Gatsby-themed Client Appreciation Gala was attended by senior management such as Wong Hong Ren, Chief Executive Officer; Bhupesh Yadav, Chief Business & Administration Officer; Patricia Armstrong, Vice President of National Sales and Global Accounts; Martin Bundy, Vice President of Finance; North America Regional General Managers Colin Wang and Robert Rivers; Area General Manager John Beier; ONE UN New York General Manager, Paul Wong; and Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles General Manager, Wanda Chan; and staff.



*Top customers and senior management attended the Gatsby-themed Client Appreciation Gala to celebrate Millennium Biltmore's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

## A Grand Wedding Show



Orchard Hotel Singapore recently held the Grand Wedding Show attended by more than 120 guests. In addition to having Singapore celebrity DJ Vernetta Lopez as the Master of Ceremony, the fashion show was made even more special with the hotel's own Catering & Events team opening the show with a parade of wedding and evening gowns by La Belle Couture Bridal Boutique.

Part of the team were Ms. Poom Monterde, Director of Sales, MICE & Corporate (left), and Mr. Prem Kumar, Sales Executive (right) as they beamed at the guests and modelled on stage.

The show was a huge success for the hotel. It resulted with 20 confirmed weddings and estimated revenue of S\$650,000.



## Orchard Hotel Singapore On TV

Orchard Hotel's Chef Peter was once again featured in the third season of popular cooking variety programme, 3-Plus-1, on Singapore's Channel 8 programme. This time he teamed up with local actor Desmond Tan to whip up four dishes within S\$20 budget and a given timeframe.

With broccoli as the special ingredient, the team prepared Pan Fried Fish with Tomato Butter Sauce, Roast Spring Chicken with Marmite sauce, Broccoli Croquette with Truffle Mayo, and Sardine Fish Soup.



*Chef Peter (right) with local actor Desmond Tan (left) on popular cooking variety programme, 3-Plus-1.*

Singapore's Channel U recently featured Orchard Hotel on its programme, Let's Talk, which provides young viewers with an in-depth look at what goes on behind-the-scenes for various jobs in the hospitality industry.



*Assistant Front Office Manager Ian Soh (centre) shows what front it is like to work in the front office.*



*Senior Director of Catering Sales, Choi Chin Chin (centre) showing discussing a menu with an intern (right) and Executive Sous Chef (Banquet) Kay Lee (left).*

Orchard Café's Straits Chinese delights will soon be placed on the world map. The restaurant will be featured as part of the Singapore episode of Taiwanese tourism cuisine programme, Fusion World. It will air in **Taiwan on November 16, 2013 on STAR Chinese Channel at 8pm.**



*Host Delie Chen (centre) and Taiwan-based Singaporean artist/singer Wong Jing Lun (left) cheered after a fun and educational mini cooking session with Chef Paul (right).*

## Millennium & Copthorne Holds Inaugural Travel Blogger Conference

Millennium & Copthorne held its first Travel Blogger Conference at London's Millennium Gloucester Hotel London Kensington on October 7.

The event also marked the launch of Millennium's new travel app, The Trip Tailor, which provides suggestions for things to do whilst travelling.

Around 90 bloggers attended the conference which was led by a panel of travel writers – Simon Calder, Senior Travel Editor of The Independent, Sally Shalam a freelance journalist and columnist at The Guardian and Julie Falconer, author of the blog "A Lady in London". Also on the panel was Sam Haseltine, Senior Social Media Strategist from the digital agency Greenlight Digital.

Nayan Peshkar, Vice President of Revenue Management & Ecommerce - Europe, at Millennium & Copthorne Hotels said, "We were proud to organise such a successful launch event. Travel bloggers came away from the conference with some invaluable tips for their future blogging endeavours. We believe in investing in this type of event to allow us to maximise engagement with our guests and to provide them with services to enrich their experiences."



*Simon Calder, Senior Travel Editor of The Independent, addresses the conference.*

## Work

## Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen Caters For The World's Largest Buddhist Exhibition



*Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen's team at the Millennium Vegetarian Delicatessen Counter.*

The Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen has once again showcased its high standards in food & beverage and service by catering for the 2013 Xiamen International Buddhist Items and Crafts Fair. This opportunity was the result of the hotel's long-term official partnership with the Xiamen International Exhibition Center, the venue for the fair. Held from October 10-13, the Xiamen Buddhist Items and Crafts Fair 2013 was touted as one of the largest Buddhist exhibitions in the world. The hotel had set up the Millennium Vegetarian Delicatessen Counter inside the exhibition hall during the fair and provided dining services and beverages for exhibitors and visitors.

## Singapore President Tony Tan Attends Induction Commitea 2013 & 21<sup>st</sup> Gordon Arthur Ransome Oration

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*General Manager, Mr Winston Reinboth receiving President of the Republic of Singapore, Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam when he attended the Induction Comitia 2013 & 21<sup>st</sup> Gordon Arthur Ransome Oration at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel on 23 August 2013. Close to 400 attendees from the medical field attended the event to witness the induction of new fellows.*



# The Venue Residences And Shoppes Set To Invigorate The Upper Serangoon Neighbourhood

The Venue Residences And Shoppes, a joint venture between City Developments Limited (CDL) and Hong Leong Holdings Limited, opened for booking on Friday, 18 October 2013. This mixed development offers a unique seamless living, shopping and dining experience through its 266 apartments, and 28 retail and dining units.

At its launch, 60% of the 28 retail units at The Venue Shoppes were sold at between \$4,700 to \$6,000 per square foot (psf). Of the 50 residential units released for sale at The Venue Residences, about 65% were sold at an early bird average price of \$1,380 psf.

At The Venue Residences, buyers can take their pick of units ranging from 1-bedroom suites to 3- and 4-bedroom penthouse suites available. Those in search of a relaxing ambience will take delight in the 2-bedroom + study duplex units that are just steps away from the pool. Multi-generational families can also enjoy the convenience of communal living with the 3-bedroom dual-key suites. Sizes start from 495 square feet (sq ft) for a 1-bedroom suite up to 2,142 sq ft for a penthouse suite, with all units boasting well-appointed interiors and premium finishings and appliances.

Located on the ground floor, the retail units at The Venue Shoppes will feature full-height glass frontages and will be surrounded by lush verdant grounds, including two specially-conserved Angsana trees over 30 years old that will take centre stage at the development's frontage. Unit sizes range from 301 sq ft to 1,130 sq ft.

Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, CDL's Group General Manager, said, "The Venue Residences and Shoppes enjoys a very strategic location at the city's fringe and within the tranquil Sennett landed estate. In conceptualising this landmark site, we envisioned it to be a vibrant leisure destination that will enliven and rejuvenate the tranquil estate. In Singapore, demand for homes that are located near MRT stations, in particular those integrated with commercial/ retail components, continues to be robust. Investor interest in strata retail units has also been strong and the Shoppes present a rare opportunity to leverage on the exciting developments and growth of this residential neighbourhood. With the ongoing transformation of the area around Potong Pasir MRT station into a key private residential enclave close to the city, we expect this integrated project – which offers exclusivity, connectivity and unparalleled convenience – to be highly sought after by both discerning homebuyers and savvy investors."

The Venue Residences And Shoppes Sales Gallery is open from 10.30am to 7.00pm on weekdays, and from 9.30am to 7.00pm on weekends. For sales enquiries, please call the sales hotline: 6287 2922.



*All retail units are located on the ground floor with great visibility and direct access from street level.*



*The Venue Residences And Shoppes is just a 3-minute walk to Potong Pasir MRT station.*

## MCIL Visits Grand Millennium Sukhumvit

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*Mr. Franz Zeller, SVP of Millennium & Copthorne International Limited (centre, in a yellow tie) visited Grand Millennium Sukhumvit for the first time, where he was welcomed and met by the hotel's Executive committees and Department heads at the breakfast gathering.*

*Accompanying him on the visit are Ms. Cecilia Lim (6th from left), Vice President Sales & Marketing, Asia; and Mr. Adrian Tan (5th from left), Regional Director of Revenue Management.*

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## Portman Travel Visits Millennium Biltmore

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Global Account Director Stuart Orr recently escorted a group of Branch Managers and Assistant Branch Managers from Portman Travel to Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles. The visit was co-hosted with British Airways and American Airlines.

The group flew business class, courtesy of British Airways, to Los Angeles in the brand new Airbus A380. The group arrived just in time for dinner where they had their first encounter of Hollywood glamour. They sat next to Hollywood actor Danny DeVito, who had just finished a performance in the Sunshine Boys play.

During the trip, the group was brought on a VIP Tour of Universal Studios' back lot and theme park sponsored by the Los Angeles Tourist Board, which included back stage access to famous sets including Desperate Housewives, C.S.I., Psycho, Jaws and Waterworld. The group also made a trip to Sunset Boulevard and enjoyed a private dinner at Soho House, West Hollywood, where they spotted US celebrity blogger, Perez Hilton.

American Airlines sponsored the return flight to London in Business Class on their Boeing 777.



*The group from Portman Travel with Global Account Director Stuart Orr (5<sup>th</sup> from left).*



## The InFlora Launches With A Roaring Success

The InFlora, a 396-unit residential condominium was successfully launched on 25 October 2013. As of 7 November 2013, the project is 98% sold.

This 99-year leasehold development is jointly developed by Hong Leong Holdings Limited, City Developments Limited and TID Pte. Ltd. It comprises a total of nine 8-storey blocks with North-South orientation.

Prices start from over \$400,000 for a 1-bedder apartment. Unit sizes range from 462 sq ft for a 1-bedder to 1,302 sq ft for a 4-bedder, and 1,463 sq ft for a dual-key apartment.

Taking inspiration from the Bird-of-Paradise flower, The InFlora is set in resort-style surroundings and lush greenery. Embracing natural elements in its design, this development features a floral arch main entrance that leads guests to the clubhouse with a naturally ventilated courtyard. Other facilities include a 50-metre lap pool and children's pool, a social pool with hanging loungers and a spa pool, a sunken tennis court, a jogging track and an aqua gym.

The project is located near Tampines MRT Station and the future Tampines East MRT Station which will open in 2017. It is also within easy reach of Changi Airport, Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal, expressways to the city and East Coast. Amenities close by include Giant supermarket, IKEA, Tampines Mall, White Sands Mall and Changi Village. Singapore Expo and Changi City Point are also a short drive away. Elite schools in the area include the Japanese School, United World College, Temasek Polytechnic and Singapore University of Technology and Design.

Expected TOP for the development is 31 March 2017.



*The InFlora is set in resort-style surroundings and lush greenery, embracing natural elements in its design.*



*Facilities will include a social pool with hanging loungers, 50-metre lap pool, spa pool, sunken tennis court, jogging track and an aqua gym.*

## China Yuchai Announces Changes to JV agreement in China

China Yuchai has announced changes in the ownership structure of the joint venture entered into by its main operating subsidiary, Guangxi Yuchai Machinery (GYMCL) and GYMCL's joint venture company, Y&C Engine, with Baotou BeiBen Heavy Duty Truck and Inner Mongolia First Machinery Group, which was announced on June 4. The new joint venture will produce advanced diesel and gas engines to meet the needs of Baotou Bei Ben's heavy-duty and medium-duty trucks and buses.

As part of the changes, the First Machinery Group will exit from the joint venture and be replaced with Baotou Beifang Chuangye in which the First Machinery Group is the single largest shareholder with a 23.62% interest. Beifang is listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and is principally engaged in the research, development, manufacture and sale of railway transportation vehicles. The company distributes its products domestically in China as well as overseas.

Beifang will hold 15% of the new joint venture entity with the remaining 85% interest held between BeiBen, GYMCL and Y&C Engine.



*CYI produces a range of heavy-duty diesel and gas engines, including the new 6-cylinder National IV and V compliant YC6K Engine.*



## Third Quarter Financial Results

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### CDL Hospitality Trusts

CDLHT registered gross revenue of S\$35.9 million in 3Q 2013, a marginal 0.8% decrease compared to the previous corresponding quarter ("3Q 2012"), mainly due to lower gross revenue from its Singapore Hotels. Fixed rent contribution from its Australia Hotels was down year-on-year in the quarter, attributable to the weakened Australian dollar. These reductions were however, mitigated by a S\$1.9 million revenue boost from the Angsana Velavaru resort in the Maldives based on its prorated minimum rent contribution <sup>[1]</sup>. The resort continued to perform well since its acquisition in January 2013, registering a year-on-year RevPAR growth of 13.9% for the three months ended 30 September 2013.

<sup>[1]</sup> The gross revenue for the reporting period comprise a prorated minimum rent of US\$500,000 per month (based on a current minimum rent of US\$6.0 million per annum). The excess of the income above the minimum rent will only be recognised in the fourth quarter results once the full year performance of Angsana Velavaru is determined.

## Congratulations

### Copthorne Hotel Sheffield Wins Two Awards At The Sheffield Hospitality Awards 2013

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Staff at Copthorne Hotel Sheffield have clinched two awards at the recent Sheffield Hospitality Awards 2013. The annual awards recognise the talent, hard work and customer service skills of those who work within Sheffield's hospitality sector.

Ms Das Batty, one of the hotel's receptionists, won the Sheffield Smile of the Year Award while Ms Anita Grelet, Head Housekeeper at the hotel, took home the Sheffield Mentor of the Year Award. The whole hotel team and management are very proud and congratulate the two ladies for receiving the awards.



*Ms Batty(left) and Ms Grelet celebrating at the awards ceremony with their trophies.*

## Tree House Wins Prestigious Skyrise Greenery Award 2013

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*The 24-storey-tall green wall is a key feature of the Tree House development.*

Tree House, a joint venture project between City Developments Limited (CDL) and Hong Realty (Private) Limited, has garnered the Special Award (Best Design for Maintenance) at the Skyrise Greenery Awards 2013, organised by the National Parks Board (NParks).

Launched in April 2010, the fully-sold 429-unit Tree House was conceptualised as a green oasis that would complement its lush natural surroundings comprising Dairy Farm Nature Park, Zheng Hua Park, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and Upper Pierce Reservoir.

One key feature is the expansive 24-storeys-high vertical green wall that acts as a bio-shading device that filters pollutants and carbon dioxide from the air. For ease of maintenance, platforms and cat ladders have been installed behind these green walls, from which the planter boxes of the creepers can be easily accessed.

There are also sky gardens that do double-duty as common landscape areas and additional green lungs for residents, distributed at the 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> floors of each apartment block.

Having already been awarded the top tier Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Platinum award for its numerous green features, Tree House is now proud to add another feather to its cap.

“CDL has been a strong advocate of building sustainability and environmental responsibility for close to two decades now. Introducing green innovations and creating green spaces in our residential and commercial developments have been an integral part of our business commitment. We are honoured that our efforts in providing the extensive 24-storey vertical green wall in Tree House have been recognised at the

Skyrise Greenery Awards 2013. This win affirms CDL's continued investment in greening our environment,” said Mr Allen Ang, CDL's Deputy General Manager, Projects, and Head of Green Building.

The annual Skyrise Greenery Awards was launched in 2008. Through it, NParks hopes to promote and reward environmentally sustainable greening efforts in urban developments, in line with the broader vision of Singapore as a garden City.



## City Square Mall Staff Win Service Excellence Awards

Three customer service staff of City Square Mall – Aivy Lau, Muliani Bte Masod and Sivajothi d/o Elangovan – were recognised by the Singapore Retailers Association (SRA) at the Excellent Service Awards (EXSA) held on 31 October 2013, for their efforts to deliver superior customer service.

Muliani and Aivy obtained a Silver and a Gold award respectively, while Sivajothi was conferred a Star award, the highest honour. In addition, Sivajothi also clinched the SRA Service SUPERSTAR Award 2013, among the highest accolades for customer service professionals.

"I am truly honoured to have won the Star award and be the Service Superstar 2013. I'll admit that when I was first nominated for EXSA by my manager, I didn't think it was possible to win as there are so many excellent frontline staff. So, for me to have reached this far is beyond my wildest dreams. My family, friends and of course, my colleagues, are all delighted for me and I wish to thank them all for their constant support and encouragement. I will keep on giving my very best to my customers and the company," said Sivajothi.

Launched in 1994, 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.

EXSA is managed by seven industry lead bodies (the Association of Singapore Attractions, the Land Transport Authority, the Public Service Division, the Restaurant Association of Singapore, the Singapore Hotel Association, the Singapore Retailers Association, and the Association of Banks in Singapore) and supported by SPRING Singapore.



*Sivajothi d/o Elangovan clinched the pinnacle SRA Service Superstar Award 2013, winning the judges over with her consistent efforts to serve customers to the best of her ability, overcoming the challenges of her hearing impairment.*



*(From left) Ms Sivajothi d/o Elangovan with Ms Foo Chui Mui, Head, Customer Service, CDL; Mrs Helen Khoo, SRA's Honorary Secretary; Ms Aivy Lau and Ms Muliani Bte Masod at the SRA Service Excellence Awards 2013.*

## Stephen Kamat, Director – Marketing and Branding

### Millennium and Copthorne Middle East & Africa

Mr. Stephen Kamat joins Millennium and Copthorne Middle East & Africa (MEA) as Director of Marketing and Branding. Mr. Kamat will be responsible for developing plans and executing projects and initiatives that support the broader short and long term brand strategy of our regional office.

With a heavy focus on brand consistency, standard guidelines, innovation and the in-hotel guest experience, he will coordinate with every department to ensure the brand remains relevant to guests and that all initiatives support the brand promise. He will be a key factor in delivering maximum growth and strategic direction for Millennium & Copthorne MEA. Skilled in concept development for Food & Beverage, he will also take charge of this aspect for the MEA region in order to align the hotel offerings and brand image.

Mr. Kamat holds a degree in Marketing and has over 15 years of experience in Marketing and Branding for various industries including hospitality.

In his previous role, Mr. Kamat was working for Curious, a unique design agency based in London that has already helped the Group in further improving its brand image. He was also pivotal in the creation of Millennium & Copthorne MEA's newer brands Biltmore and Agarwood.



## Joy Faber, Executive Assistant Manager

### Orchard Hotel Singapore

Joy Faber joins Orchard Hotel Singapore as Executive Assistant Manager. Ms. Faber carries with her more than a decade of international experience undertaking various roles in hotels and resorts. Countries she has worked in include Malaysia, Italy, Egypt and Zanzibar. Her last stop prior to joining us was in Malaysia where she was the Resort Manager at The Datai Langkawi.

As the Executive Assistant Manager, Ms. Faber will be responsible for the Front Office, Housekeeping and Engineering Departments and will be reporting directly to the General Manager. With her extensive international experience in this industry, she will lead and take Orchard Hotel's Rooms Division Team to the next level.



## Millennium Resort Mussanah Plays Host To Millennium Facebook Contest Winner



*Mr Maurice de Rooij, general manager at Millennium Resort Mussanah welcomes Ms Catherine L Antonio to the hotel. Ms Antonio is the winner of Millennium & Copthorne's "Millennium Moments of the Month" Facebook photography contest. Her entry of her and her friends lounging at Millennium Resort Mussanah's pool beat over 100 photo submissions, winning her a complimentary three-day, two-night stay for two at any Millennium property.*



# CDL Wins Best Developer (Singapore) Award At SEA Property Awards 2013



*The Glyndebourne – a Lifestyle of Distinction.*

At the South East Asia Property Awards (SEAPA), a glamorous affair held at the Shangri-La Hotel Singapore on 31 October 2013, City Developments Limited (CDL) was conferred the prestigious Best Developer (Singapore) Award.

In addition, The Glyndebourne also clinched the Best Residential Interior Design Award and was “Highly Commended” in the Best Residential Architectural Design and Best Condominium (Singapore) categories. Quayside Isle came in “Highly Commended” in the Best Commercial Architectural Design category.

Now in its third year, the SEAPA aims to celebrate the best of the best in the region’s luxury residential property sector, shining the spotlight on the various types of high-calibre work within the real estate industry, encompassing construction, architecture, interior design as well as property management services.

The SEAPA kicks off with nominations from the public and industry before continuing with entry submissions, followed by judging by a panel of professionals. It then culminates in just one winner in each category, testament to the stringent competition standards to which the nominees and award winners are held.

The SEAPA is organised by Ensign Media, the publisher of Asia’s monthly leading luxury real estate magazine Property Report and the quarterly supplement, Helm Superyacht Lifestyle.



*Quayside Isle came in “Highly Commended” in the Best Commercial Architectural Design category.*

## M Hotel Awarded Hotel Security Excellence Award

M Hotel has been awarded a Hotel Security Excellence Award. This annual award was jointly presented by the Singapore Police Force, National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and the Singapore Hotel Association (SHA).

Hotels that want to qualify for this award have to undergo a stringent audit which includes inspection of physical security, contingency and crisis plans, and training procedures. All documents and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) must be in compliance with Singapore Standards for Hotel Security (SS545).



(From Left-Right) Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Jack Chua Executive Assistant Manager at M Hotel Singapore and Mr Joseph Lau, the hotel's Security and Fire Safety Manager.

## Grand Millennium Al Wadah's Zayna Spa Wins What's On Award



(From centre left to right) Mr Marwan Mseikeh, Hotel Manager at Grand Millennium Al Wadah, Mr Atef Elias, the hotel's General Manager, and Ms Jeanette Haua, Zayna's Spa Director with the entire team at Zayna Spa. The Spa has received the 2013 What's On Award for Favourite Spa. The What's On awards are organized by What's On magazine, a popular UAE entertainment magazine. Now in its twelfth year, the awards are a celebration of the UAE's top performers in the hospitality, entertainment and leisure sectors.



## Celebrity Spotting

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### Millennium Mayfair



Legendary Tottenham Hotspur and England midfielder Glenn Hoddle (left) with Sky Sports Journalist Bill Bradshaw (right) outside the Millennium Mayfair. Glenn Hoddle was at the Millennium Mayfair to unveil Zapsportz, a sports website which he co-founded. Famous faces from the football world who showed up to lend their support included Argentina World Cup winner Ossie Ardiles, former England goal keeper Dave Beasant, ex-England striker Tony Woodcock and former Chelsea legend Alan Hudson. BBC News, BBC World News, ITV News at 10 and Sky Sports were among the media who interviewed Glenn Hoddle in the Waterloo Suite.



England football legend Kevin Keegan enjoyed an evening at the Copthorne Merryhill when he attended a sportsmen's dinner in aid of Compton Hospice last night.

*Kevin Keegan & Hardip Madahar, Sales Manager Copthorne Merryhill*

## Singer Jay Chow At Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai



Famous popular Singer Jay Chow (third from left) with the DGM Mr. Eric Wang & hotel management team at Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai on Sept 29. The popular singer was at the hotel for his press conference for a food brand. Jay Chow promotes the greater development of Asian music.

## One Fighting Championship At Copthorne Kings Hotel



General Manager of Copthorne Kings Hotel Jeane Lim with reigning One Fighting Champion (One FC) with Soo Chul Kim, a mixed martial artist from Gangwondo province in South Korea. The hotel was the official hotel for the One FC event and played host to several top fighters including Shinya Aoki and Steve Coty.

## 93.3 FM DJ Ivy Tan at M Hotel Singapore



Ivy Tan, a popular DJ on the Singapore Chinese radio station 93.3 FM checking out the gym equipment at M Hotel Singapore. Ms Tan checked into the hotel on 19 October for a staycation.



## Tennis Tournament At Beijing Riviera

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This year's Annual Fall Tennis Tournament brought together some of the best tennis players at Beijing Riviera for two days of heated competition.

New friends were made, medals were awarded for the winners in each category, and the spirit of good sportsmanship prevailed with the winners.



*Men's Singles: Champion, Matthew Estes (right); Runner-up, Zheng Hai (left).*



*Teens Singles: Champion, Edric Ma (second on the left); Runner-up, Karl Vauver (second one on the right).*

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## JW Marriott Competes In Hong Kong Hotel Association Soccer Tournament

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The Hong Kong Hotel Association's annual seven-a-side Soccer Tournament kicked off in early October with its first round of matches on October 10. A team from JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, consisting of 14 associates, was pitted against the team from Hyatt Regency Hong Kong. The game, which was held at Moreton Terrace in Causeway Bay, was an exciting one from start to finish. Although this was the first time the hotel was taking part in this competition, the JW Marriott team emerged victorious with a score of 4-1, with all team members demonstrating great skill, sportsmanship and team spirit.



*The soccer team from JW Marriott.*

## Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Celebrates Sports Day

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Grand Millennium Sukhumvit recently hosted its annual Sports Day for staff and management to encourage team building and camaraderie.

The activities took place at Srinakarin Wiroj University's stadium. The atmosphere was fun and exciting as everyone participated in games such as Egg and Spoon Race, Sack Race, Piping Race, an aerobic dance, volleyball and Futsal.

The highlight of the event was the "Cheery Battle" with the cheering songs by the two cheering team, Green Lion and Blue Tiger. It was the most joyous activity with the shows, well organized, from each cheerleader team.



*Sports Day is a great way to encourage team building and camaraderie for staff and management at Grand Millennium Sukhumvit.*



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## Australian Guitarist Tommy Emmanuel At Orchard Hotel Singapore



(Left to Right) Ms Win, Myanmar Club Executive, Ms Fauziah Barrell, Orchard Hotel Singapore's (OHS) Guest Services Manager, Legendary acoustic guitarist and two- time Grammy award nominee Mr Tommy Emmanuel and Ms Michelle Victoria, OHS Guest Relations Assistant Manager. Mr Emmanuel was recently in Singapore to perform at the Esplanade Concert Hall. In his 50-year career, he has performed with many musical legends like Eric Clapton, Stevie Wonder and Tina Turner. He was previously voted "Most Popular Guitarist" by Rolling Stone Magazine and has earned four Platinum and Gold albums.

## Meals & Deals

### Spread The Joy With Millennium & Copthorne's Merriments Campaign



Millennium & Copthorne International Limited (MCIL) is ringing in the year-end festivities with the return of their signature Merriments campaign!

From 1 December 2013 through 8 February 2014, book a stay at any of the group's 19 hotels across Asia to enjoy fabulous discounts of up to 40% off the best available rate. All stays include breakfast with free internet on us.

Bookings open from 1 November 2013 and can be made via the Merriments webpage at [www.millenniumhotels.com.sg/merriments](http://www.millenniumhotels.com.sg/merriments), or through the local reservation hotline.

- Indonesia – 001 803 65 6541
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- Singapore – 6735 7575
- Taiwan – 008 01 651 505
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- South China – 108 0026 52531

## Exquisite Hairy Crab Delights At The St. Regis Singapore

Celebrate the long-awaited season of hairy crab by savouring delectable hairy crab dishes specially crafted by Yan Ting's Executive Chinese Chef Mak Kip Fu. From now till 15 December, partake in this annual indulgence and delight in scrumptious signature creations from a selection of two 8-course set menus priced at S\$148++ and S\$188++, featuring the Pan-Seared Scallop with Shrimp Mousse, Pan-Roasted Rack of Lamb with Chef's Signature Coffee Glaze and of course, Steamed Whole Hairy Crab.

Known for its lusciously sweet and delicate meat, the heavenly Steamed Whole Hairy Crab can be individually purchased at S\$60++ per 200 gram and S\$98++ per 250 gram.

Yan Ting's Hairy Crab Promotion is available for lunch and dinner daily from now till 15 December.

For enquiries and reservations, please call Yan Ting at +65 6506 6887 or email [yanting@stregis.com](mailto:yanting@stregis.com). For more information, please visit [yantingrestaurant.com/hairycrab](http://yantingrestaurant.com/hairycrab).



*Steamed Whole Hairy Crab is known for its lusciously sweet and delicate meat.*

## Heritage Hotel Manila's Pasta Fusion



This November, Heritage Hotel Manila introduces a new line-up of delightful offers for the palate. The hotel's Riviera Café introduces Pasta Fusion, a pasta station that will take the Italian staple on center stage where guests can enjoy an international buffet as well as their pasta and sauces prepared the way they like it.

Experience Pasta Fusion amongst other international offerings for a semi-buffet lunch at Ph950++ and PhP650++ (child) or explore the full buffet dinner for PhP1,300++ (adult) or PhP700++ (child).

Also up for the hotel's delicious line-up is the delectable Cake of the Month, the Holiday Chocolate Bliss. This wonderful chocolate cheesecake is infused with red cherries, roasted cashews, and amaretto liqueur. Experience this at PhP950++ for a whole cake and

PhP170++ for a slice.

November also brings a refreshing beverage in the form of Carrots and Citrus Delight, a special blend of Carrots, Oranges, and the Philippine native fruit, Dalandan.

For inquiries and reservations, please call The Heritage Hotel Manila at (632)854 8888 loc. 7355, email [foodbev@heritagehotelmanila.com](mailto:foodbev@heritagehotelmanila.com), or visit [heritagehotelmanila.com](http://heritagehotelmanila.com).



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# Festive Promotions At Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

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## **Café Brio's Festive Buffet**

If culinary variety is what you desire, head down to Café Brio's during the festive period and be enthralled by the lavish array of seasonal favourites.

Start your gastronomic journey by savouring the Christmas cold cut platter served with gherkins, honey tomato and green olive, poached Alaskan whole salmon with lemon and plum sauce (dinner only) and seafood on ice specials such as fresh water prawns, baby clams, chilled New Zealand mussels, chilled snow crab claws, freshly shucked Canadian oysters, bamboo clams and Chilean scallops with roe (dinner only).

For the mains, be tempted with a feast of international favourites including herbed steamed Tasmanian salmon with hearty parsley broth, wok-fried beef slivers with XO sauce, string beans and pine nuts, kurobuta pork loin with chorizo, haricot beans, roasted sweet bell peppers and more.



Meat aficionados can now satiate their carnivorous appetites by indulging in prime cuts of meats roasted to perfection such as turkey breast with condiments, lamb leg provençal and prime rib with prestige truffle jus (dinner only).

End off the meal on a sensationally sweet note by titillating your taste buds with our signature chocolate truffle cake, snowball strawberry cheese cake, festive berries macerated with amaretto and spiced ginger bread cream brulee.

## **Café Brio's Festive Buffet Lunch**

18 November to 31 December 2013

Monday to Saturday

Adult S\$52

Child S\$26

## **Festive Buffet Dinner (weekdays)**

18 November to 30 December 2013 (excluding 24 and 25 December)

Monday to Thursday

Adult: S\$62

Child: S\$31

## **Festive Buffet Dinner (weekends)**

18 November to 30 December 2013(excluding 24 and 25 December)

Friday to Sunday

Adult: S\$72

Child: S\$36

The above prices do not apply on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Call 233 1100 or email [dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com)

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### ***Pontini's Festive Set Dinner***

Pamper your palate in December with an exquisite Italian festive set dinner at Pontini's. Start off this exhilarating dining experience with slow-poached Boston lobster, celeriac puree, toasted hazelnut and aged balsamic vinegar. Truffle aficionados will love the capon consommé, chestnut "Fagottini", Italian winter black truffle. Tantalise your palate with risotto (vialone nano rice) with "Sicilian" fresh red prawn carpaccio, green zucchini and lime. For the main course, indulge in a crowd pleaser: pan-roasted line caught Mediterranean sea bass fillet, sautéed chanterelle mushrooms, Italian radicchio salad and "Taggiasca" black olive oil. If you craving something more traditional opt for the boiled Italian traditional pork, stewed black lentils, purple crushed potato, broccolini and Italian winter black truffle.

**1 to 23 December and 26 to 30 December**

**3-course Festive Set Menu at S\$88++ per person**

**4-course Festive Set Menu at S\$108++**

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**Call 6233 110 or email [dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com)**



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### ***Waterfront Goodie House***

The season of giving won't be complete without an array of traditional festive goodies and delectable cakes. The assortment of seasonal treats packaged in elegant wrapping will make this year's Christmas a season to remember.

Savoury goodies include Christmas turkey galantine with goose liver and truffle pate and wild morel cream, traditional marinated whole turkey, honey baked gammon ham, roast beef with mixed spices, oven-baked Australian lamb rack and more.

Satisfy your sweet tooth with traditional lemon pound cake with cranberries, rich Christmas fruit cake, cranberry and apple crumble tart, Christmas stollen and more. Kids will love the confectionary items such as Santa Claus with Teddy, Chocolate Snowman, Santa in bus and more. Other Christmas specials include the Milano Panettone, organic orange marmalade jam, organic Christmas chocolate collection, Farmhouse chocolate chip cookies, sugar iced panettone and more.



**Please place all orders before 13 December 2012 and enjoy up to 20% early bird discount for festive takeaways (festive specials and cakes).**

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## Wagyu Delights At Marriott Café



Diners can look forward to a feast that has been hailed by many gourmets as the world's finest, most tender and flavorful beef - the highly sought-after wagyu, at JW Marriott Hong Kong Hotel's Marriott Café, from 1 to 30 November 2013.

Enjoy a variety of wagyu dishes from the sumptuous dinner buffet, from roast Australian wagyu rib-eye, pan-fried Australian wagyu sirloin steak to a Shabu Shabu station (savory Japanese-style hot pot) and sukiyaki station (sweet Japanese-style hot pot) with sliced Japanese rib-eye and condiments.

For more information, please contact (852) 2810 8366.

## Holiday Promotions At Copthorne Kings Hotel

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Celebrate Christmas 'Penang style' at Princess Terrace. Enjoy Penang favourites such as Hokkien prawn mee soup, nasi ulam, Penang laksa, char kway teow, popiah, kueh pie tee and an assortment of delectable Nyonya kueh. You can also indulge in traditional festive favourites such as roast turkey on the wagon, baked honey glazed ham and more.

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24 and 25 Dec

Adult S\$53.80++

Child S\$30.80++

#### **Pre New Year's Eve Buffet Lunch and Dinner (with Roast Wagon of the Day)**

26 to 31 Dec (lunch only on 31 December)

Lunch

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WITH CHAMPAGNE - \$148++

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*Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay*



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*Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel Chicago*

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## **JW Marriott Opens Flint Grill & Bar**

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong has unveiled its latest dining concept, Flint Grill & Bar. Located on level 5, Flint Grill & Bar offers an exceptional dining experience in a cutting-edge industrial chic setting, serving quality grills and modern classic dishes, expertly prepared with delicious home-made recipes and imported market fresh ingredients. Signature dishes include Nebraska 63 days dry-aged on the bone, and Six Point Berkshire Black Pork Chop, with crusted fennel seed and apple compote. The restaurant also features an array of iconic cocktails, specialty drinks and premium wines.



*JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong's newest F&B establishment; Flint Grill & Bar*

## Celebrate Thanksgiving At The St. Regis Singapore

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*Enjoy a sumptuous Thanksgiving spread at Brasserie Les Saveurs.*

Partake in this meaningful occasion to reflect on the year's successes with friends and cherished ones, amidst a traditional Thanksgiving spread of specially-crafted savouries at Brasserie Les Saveurs.

Dine in opulence while relishing the divine spread of creations including a tantalizing selection of fresh catches like Shucked Oysters and Sri Lankan Crabs, as well as exquisite passed-around canapés that include Smoked Duck with Washington Apples, Black Walnut and Blueberry Vinaigrette and Fried Oyster with Truffled Corn Sauce. Indulge in a la minute highlights like the Pan-Seared Foie Gras with Apple Cider, Poached Boston Lobster with Mushroom Cream Sauce and Peach Compote and Avruga Pearl Caviar.

In addition to the assortment, delight in gastronomic savouries like the Roasted Free Range Turkey Roulade with Giblet Gravy and Pan Seared Georges Bank Black Cod. Complete the gourmet indulgence with an ensemble of delectable desserts consisting of Pecan Pie with Pumpkin

Pie, Apple Tart with Ginger Glaze and Cranberry and Apple Sponge Cake.

Conclude the night by making a toast! Select from a collection of exquisite wine and champagne while relishing the enthralling melodies from the live performers, ensuring a captivating and memorable experience for the momentous occasion.

The St. Regis Thanksgiving Dinner, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm-midnight (last order 10.30 pm) S\$98++ and S\$58 ++ per child (4-12 years old)

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Brasserie Les Saveurs at (65) 65066860, email [bls@stregis.com](mailto:bls@stregis.com) or visit [www.brasserielessaveurs.com](http://www.brasserielessaveurs.com)



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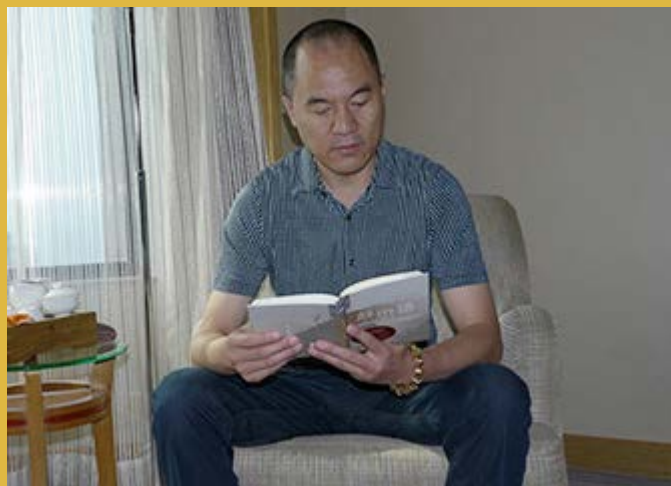
## Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen Starts "Pay It Forward" Chain Of Events With Book

Mr. Liu, a philanthropist from Xu Zhou in Jiangsu Province, visited Xiamen a few months ago and stayed at the Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen. While in his room, he came across the book "Jing Si Aphorisms", which is placed in every guest room of the hotel. Written by Buddhist nun Master Cheng Yen, "Jing Si Aphorisms" translates the essence of Buddha's teachings into simple and easy to understand language and uses everyday events to exemplify life lessons.

After reading the book, Mr. Liu was deeply touched by the book's message and immediately bought the collection from the local bookshop. He also contacted the Tzu Chi Foundation, the charity organisation that produces "Jing Si Aphorisms", expressing his desire to spread the message of generosity and selflessness from the teachings of this book to his home town in Xuzhou. He promised to create a centre where interested parties can gather to learn and spread the message of "Jing Si Aphorisms".

Back in 2010, General Manager of Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen, Mr. Simon Jim, had read "Jing Si Aphorisms" and decided to place the book in the guestrooms to share with guests the profound message of the book. Executive Assistant Manager Mr. Michael Chen, who is a volunteer of Tzu Chi Foundation, was also eager to make this book available to more people.

Through the simple act of providing this book to its guests, Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen played an incognito role in spreading the message of "paying it forward" by connecting Mr. Liu to the Tzu Chi Foundation. Since that visit, Mr. Liu has been a loyal guest of Millennium Hotel. In thanking him for his contribution, Tzu Chi's Da Ai TV Channel interviewed Mr. Liu at the Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen.



Mr. Liu was inspired to spread the message of generosity and selflessness after reading "Jing Si Aphorisms".



Guests of Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen have commented that "Jing Si Aphorisms" – a book on Buddhist teachings, is an inspiring and enjoyable read.



## Millennium Cincinnati Strides For Breast Cancer



*The team of Millennium Cincinnati with staff, friends and family, collected US\$5,140.50 in the fight against breast cancer.*

Millennium Cincinnati participated in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer with a total of 29 staff, friends and family. Together they raised US\$5,140.50, placing the hotel in third place (out of 685 teams city-wide) for its fundraising efforts.

Of the 5,570 cancer walk participants, Millennium Hotel Cincinnati had four members whose efforts also placed them in the top 100 in the city. They are Haudi Makris-Banquets (5<sup>th</sup> place), Sarah Simpson-HR (7<sup>th</sup> place), Greg Klaus-HR (36<sup>th</sup> place), and Chris Davis-HR (68<sup>th</sup> place).

The cancer walk was a huge success and raised over \$225,000 in Cincinnati.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is the largest network of breast cancer awareness events in the USA, uniting nearly 300 communities to finish the fight. The organisation works with the American Cancer Society to raise awareness and fight the disease with research, information and services, and access to mammograms for women who need them.

## JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong Participates In Hong Chi Climbathon 2013

Associates from JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong took part in a charity stair climb to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hong Chi Association. The annual event, which was held on Oct 5 this year, challenges individuals and relay teams to climb 1,688 steps – 75 floors of the Central Plaza, one of Hong Kong's tallest buildings. The "Marriott Power Team", was represented by 5 associates from the JW Marriott, Renaissance Harbour View, SkiCity Marriott and Courtyard Sha Tin. Members of the team completed the race in 9 minutes and 1 second, coming in 2nd runner up in the competition.

A total of HK\$38,869 was raised by the Marriott International Hotels Hong Kong. The donations will be used to support the Hong Chi Association for their continuous development on training and rehabilitation services for people with intellectual disabilities.



*The associates from JW Marriott that took part in the Hong Chi Climbathon 2013.*

## Asian Environmental Journalism Awards 2013

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*(From left) South China Morning Post journalist Ms Jing Li receiving her award from Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communication and Information, with SEC Chairman Ms Isabella Loh and CDL's General Manager for Corporate Affairs Ms Esther An.*

In keeping with its ethos of championing environmental causes and sustainability, City Developments Limited (CDL) is once again a sponsor of the Asian Environmental Journalism Award (AEJA) 2013. Organised by the Singapore Environmental Council (SEC), this is the second year that the AEJA has been held. Through the AEJA, the SEC aims to recognise and reward excellence in environmental journalism at all levels of society throughout Asia, from passionate citizen journalists and outstanding professional journalists, to media organisations.

At this year's awards ceremony held at the InterContinental Singapore, the CDL Environmental Journalist of the Year Award went to Ms Jing Li of the South China Morning Post, for her stories on the emergence of "cancer villages" in Shandong where the rising incidence of cancer is suspected to have arose from pollution from nearby petrochemical plants, an interview with China's first Environment Minister, and the poaching of wild birds in China's

southern rural areas.

"Journalists like Jing Li possess the integrity and courage to uncover and report the truth. Knowing the real issues will allow solutions to be found. Environmental issues are as real as the consequences they bring and what better way to bring awareness to the masses than through the representation of the people in the field. CDL is happy that it is able to recognise these outstanding individuals with this award," said Ms Esther An, CDL's General Manager for Corporate Affairs and Head of Corporate Social Responsibility.

Aside from Ms Li, two other journalists emerged Merit Winners for the CDL Environmental Journalist of the Year Award – Ms Neo Chai Chin from TODAY Singapore, for her coverage of this year's haze crisis; and Mr Meng Yew Choong from Star Publications in Malaysia, for his overall coverage on topics ranging from waste disposal to energy efficiency and conservation.

In addition to the CDL Environmental Journalist of the Year Award, the AEJA 2013 featured four other award categories: CITIC Telecom International Environmental Photograph of the Year, Coca-Cola Environmental Story of the Year, Environmental Blogger of the Year (newly introduced this year), and Lee Foundation Excellence in Environmental Reporting by a Media Organisation.



## 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



HLF has been a long-standing supporter of SME conferences and was recently a Gold Sponsor at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual SMEs Conference and 16<sup>th</sup> Infocomm Commerce Conference organised by the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce. (From Left -Right) Mr Andrew Ho, Head of Factoring, HLF; Ms Yet Pek Yeen, Head of Marketing Services, HLF; Mr Ang Tang Chor, SEVP of Corporate & Consumer Business, HLF; Mr Lee Yi Shyan, Senior Minister of Trade and Industry and National Development; Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng, President of SCCC.



The centre at City Square Mall is the first SME Centre@ Branches HLF launched. In the last three years, the company has opened a total of seven such centres.

As an SME specialist, HLF understands the needs and challenges faced by Singapore's SMEs and promotions such as the Productivity Loan Promotion are geared towards supporting and nurturing the local SME business community.



Hong Leong Finance recently celebrated the successful listing of ISOTeam in July. (From Left -Right) Mr Lawrence Wong, Head of Listings at SGX; Mr Danny Foo, Executive Director of ISOTeam Ltd.; David Ng, Executive Chairman of ISOTeam Ltd; Mr Ian Macdonald, President of HLF; Mr Anthony Ng, Executive Director and CEO of ISOTeam Ltd. (partly hidden).

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## **HONG LEONG FINANCE'S ROLE IN HELPING SMES GO PUBLIC**

With expertise and experience accumulated over 50 years, Hong Leong Finance (HLF) has steadfastly supported the financing needs of local Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and hopes to groom nascent companies into successful businesses.

From its humble beginnings as a small loans provider, HLF, the financial services arm of Hong Leong Group, has since grown into Singapore's largest finance company. It has supported the expansion plans of many SMEs including Fragrance Group, Roxy-Pacific Holdings, BH Global Marine and ISOTeam via public listings.

Going public signals that a company is commercially viable and ready to transition out of SME status and expand overseas. According to SGX rules, the main board listings are typically established companies with a track record of at least three years. An aspirant will have to achieve a cumulative pre-tax profit of at least S\$30 million for the latest financial year and have an operating track record of 3 years, or a minimum market capitalization of S\$150 million post listing.

Now however, if small and fast-growing companies are unable to tap the main board for funds, they can look to the Catalist Board which does not have a minimum quantitative entry criteria. A Catalist listing takes about six months, depending on the readiness of the business structure and current status of the company's accounts. Applicants must be sponsored and supervised by approved sponsors such as HLF. These companies are then listed based on the sponsor's assessment.

HLF received full Catalist sponsorship status earlier last year, enabling it to provide financial advisory and fund-raising services to SMEs aiming to list on Catalist. Since then, it has built a strong momentum with the aim of becoming one of the major sponsors in the Catalist market. This follows the sponsorship of estate maintenance company ISOTeam Ltd's Initial Public offering (IPO) on the Catalist board.

"We truly believe that quality financial advice to SMEs is critical to their success. Our SME specialists have the financial knowledge and insights to help them manoeuvre through difficult financial periods," said Mr Ian Macdonald, President of Hong Leong Finance.

For companies that are not ready for listing and hence unable to tap on public funds for growth, they can seek customized financing advice from HLF. The company has continually expanded its team of SME relationship managers with senior professionals who have vast working experience in the financial industry. This expertise and experience is a valued asset as more SMEs face complex funding needs."

HLF has also lined up a healthy pipeline of SMEs from across various industries that are looking to tap funding opportunities to grow, reinforcing its role as a SME Specialist.

The company is always looking for ways to support Singapore's SME business community and has launched several promotions, like the recent Productivity Loan Promotion, to assist companies in becoming more efficient. These efforts are in line with the recent push by the Singapore government to raise productivity standards of SMEs.

Today, HLF has grown to become Singapore's largest finance company with a distribution network of 28 branches, pulling in a net profit of S\$77.6 million for the year. It was named 'Domestic Finance Company of the Year' in 2012 at the Asian Banking & Finance Retail Banking Awards. Since 2010, HLF has opened seven SME Centre @ Branches.



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