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Bloggers Dine On "Alternative Christmas Menu" At Millennium Knightsbridge



A very successful 'blogging' event was hosted recently at Le Chinois at Millennium Knightsbridge. Ten Food & Wine bloggers enjoyed "The Alternative Christmas Menu". The table was set with festive candles and Christmas crackers much to the guests' delight. The menu was delicious and once seated the photographs and tweeting took place!

Bloggers taking photos of the lovely items offered on "The Alternative Christmas Menu".

Orchard Hotel Singapore Plays Host To Radio DJs

Radio DJs from Singapore Chinese radio station Love 97.2 FM were at Orchard Hotel Singapore (OHS) on October 30 to celebrate the station's 19th birthday. Wendy Tseng and Marcus Chin, along with two lucky listeners, were treated to a high tea session at Intermezzo Bar. Part of the session involved the DJs doing a live report back to the radio studios, with the guests at the session sharing their dining experience.

Dennis Chew, a popular Singapore radio DJ and local comedy actor, also made an appearance at the hotel. He took advantage of the hotel's latest staycation package, "The Weekend Deal with Free Champagne", and checked in for a weekend stay with his family. The hotel's pastry department also prepared a special sweet treat for Mr Chew; a cake inspired by a popular school boy character he voices on the TV show "Blk 88".



DJs Wendy Tseng (second from left) and Marcus Ng (second from right) and OHS's Marketing Communications Director Amy Ang (fourth from left) tuck into a delicious high-tea spread at Intermezzo bar with some lucky station listeners.



(From left to right) Popular Singapore radio DJ and comedy actor Dennis Chew poses with OHS Front Office Assistant Manager Ian Soh.

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Celebrate Halloween

Millennium and Copthorne Hotels around the world got into the spirit of Halloween by going all out and throwing "spooktacular" parties.

Millennium Mayfair's Avista Bar hosted a great Halloween Party complete with decorations like spider's webs, skeletons and Halloween Lanterns to create a more festive atmosphere. Fifty local guests & clients danced the night away to tunes including Michael Jackson Thriller. Both clients and guests had a fabulous time as they danced and laughed the night away.



Hotel guests and clients at Millennium Mayfair's Avista Bar.

Over in China, residents at Beijing Riviera Country Club celebrated the occasion with residents distributing candy and other goodies to the younger members of the Riviera community.



Friends and family having a great time at Beijing Riviera's Halloween party

Meanwhile, guests at the Millennium Alaskan Hotel in Anchorage were treated to a fun-filled Halloween with the hotel holding its annual pumpkin-carving and costume contests for all employees. Pumpkins were provided free to every participating employee, after which they had one week to complete them. The pumpkins were then displayed in the front lobby of the hotel with guests and employees asked to vote for their favourites. Bartender Bill Thompson was crowned the pumpkin carving king with his realistic recreation of a skull. The pumpkin entries carved by the Housekeeping team and Front Desk team came in a close second and third place respectively. In addition to their spooky creations, employees were rewarded for their costumes; Gracie Hedlund took first place with her costume as a witch. All outfitted employees then held a costume parade for guests throughout the lobby, with General Manager Carol Fraser, dressed as Cruella Deville, leading the way.



The winning pumpkin from Bartender Bill Thompson.



Staff at Millennium Alaskan Hotel donned their spookiest costumes.

Millennium Knickerbocker's GM Cooks Mexican For Staff



General Manager Jim Gould (back row, second from left) whipped up a Mexican feast for staff with the help of the hotel's culinary team. Standing at the back from left are Pilar Flessor, Chalee Ponjarearn, Feliciano Murga, and Fabian Espino. In the front row from left are Graciela Espino, Cheryl Perkins, and Edilberta Bustamante.

The staff of Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago was in for a treat when General Manager Jim Gould whipped up a wonderful Mexican feast.

The lunch menu featured arracheras (grilled skirt steak), pork and chicken tamales, corn and flour tortillas, as well as Mexican flan. It was a delicious meal that showed off Chef Gould's culinary skills and was enjoyed by all.

Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai Debuts Micro Film On Touch Media

Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai has launched a new micro film on Touch Media, China's leading in-taxi media network. The short film called a "A New Beginning" was broadcast from 1 -30 November 2013, and charts the blossoming of a beautiful love story set in the hotel.



Paul Frank Showcases Spring/Summer 2014 Collection At Millennium HongQiao Shanghai



Fashion and Lifestyle brand Paul Frank held their product conference at Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai on 19 November 2013 showcasing their new fashion collection for Spring/Summer 2014 collections in an exciting runway show.

Studio M Hotel Singapore Hosts Taiwanese Travel Media



A group of key travel media from Taiwan stayed at Studio M Hotel Singapore on 20 November 2013 as part of familiarisation trip to Singapore. (From left to right) Lindy Lin (Marcom Manager, Studio M), Sherry Foo (Sales Manager, Studio M), Jessie Chu (Travel Reporter UDN.com), Esther Wai (General Manager, Studio M), Ida Huang (Manager, SIA Holidays), Doris Hung (Chief Editor, Travelrich.com), Charlene Wang (Reporter, China Times) and Fannie Hung (Marketing Planner, SIA Holidays).

Millennium Xiamen Hosts Cantonese Food Festival



Millennium Xiamen's Chef Wen Zeming (left) and Guest Chef Zheng Yuqiang (right)

The Traditional Nostalgic Cantonese Food Festival was recently held at Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen from Nov 11 -24. To launch the event, the hotel invited Guest Chef Zheng Yuqiang, a Hong Kong native with more than 35 years of culinary experience at 5-star hotels in Hong Kong and China.

Together with the hotel's Chef XXX, the festival presented an array of traditional Cantonese cuisine and featured some of Chef Zheng's recipes from his private collection, some of which have been passed down through generations. These include nourishing Cantonese soups, a signature and common dish at meal times with Cantonese families.

Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Hosts Pre-Christmas Media Dinner

Grand Millennium Sukhumvit hosted a pre-Christmas media dinner to showcase the hotel's upcoming festivities, including a charity dinner and a hamper sale. The dinner was held in the hotel's kitchen, which was transformed into "Santa's kitchen" with ice craving panels and sculptures as decorations. Food and drinks highlighted on the traditional Christmas menu included glazed ham, turkey, stuffing, gluhwein and many more prepared by Executive Chef Pierre Andre Hauss, who popped in to greet the guests dressed as Santa Claus.



Executive Chef Pierre Andre Hauss gamely dressed up as Santa Claus to greet members of the media at the pre-Christmas dinner to showcase the hotel's festive offerings.

Work

Selected Third Quarter 2013 Results

City Developments Limited announced a net profit of \$120.6 million for the third quarter of 2013, a decrease of 10.4% as compared to the same period last year. For the third quarter of 2013, the property development segment remained the lead contributor, contributing 50.2% to the CDL Group's pre-tax profit. Net profit for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2013 increased by 7.7% to \$462.0 million, while revenue remained relatively stable at \$2,387.8 million. The CDL Group's balance sheet remained strong with net gearing ratio at 22% as at 30 September 2013 and interest cover of 14.4 times for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2013.

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc (M&C) reported third quarter pre-tax profit rise of 6 per cent rise to £40.4 million, on revenue of £197.1 million, which was up 3.1 per cent from the same period in 2012. M&C also announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, King's Tanglin Shopping Pte Ltd, has signed a Collective Sale Agreement with respect to its strata-titled interest in Tanglin Shopping Centre, a shopping-cum-office complex situated at Tanglin Road in the Orchard Road shopping and tourist district of Singapore.

Hong Leong Finance (HLF) reported an increase of 17.4% in net profit to S\$19.9 million for third quarter of 2013. Earnings per share was 18.02 cents compared to 15.40 cents last year. Net interest income/hiring charges for the quarter decreased by 4.1% to S\$37.0 million.

Hong Leong Asia (HLA) reported a third quarter net profit of S\$3.2 million from a loss of S\$1 million in the corresponding period a year ago. Revenue rose 7.9 per cent to S\$1.1 billion. Earnings per share were S\$0.86 cents compared to a loss of S\$0.28 cents last year.

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Richfield Hospitality To Manage Five Properties In Minnesota, US

Richfield Hospitality, a subsidiary of City Developments Limited, recently announced that it has been retained by Kahler Hotel Group to manage five hotels in Rochester, Minnesota, US.

They are The International Hotel, Kahler Grand Hotel, Kahler Inn & Suites, Marriott Rochester Mayo Clinic Area, and Residence Inn by Marriott Rochester Mayo Clinic Area.

These hotels are located in the downtown district and are the closest to the renowned Mayo Clinic, part of the Mercy Health System which is a vertically integrated health system with 69 medical facilities in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

"This is a great portfolio of hotels," said Greg Mount, President of Richfield Hospitality.

"To provide the special service that guests require, especially when including health care related issues. This portfolio also can leverage economies of scale to operate at a highly efficient level, while encompassing luxury to extended stay hotel categories."



Clockwise from top left: Marriott Rochester Mayo Clinic Area, Kahler Grand Hotel, Kahler Inn & Suites, Residence Inn by Marriott Rochester Mayo Clinic Area.

Not pictured: The International Hotel, which is located within the Kahler Grand.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong At Our Hotels



General Manager, Mr Winston L. Reinboth (left) was seen with Prime Minister, Mr Lee Hsien Loong (right) at Grand Copthorne Waterfront. Mr. Lee was the Guest-of-Honour for Sengkang West Angel Night 2013, a fundraising gala event held at the hotel.



Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (bottom row, fifth from left) was at Orchard Hotel Singapore for the Gala Dinner thrown by Xin Min Secondary School's Alumni Association. The dinner was held to thank donors who had contributed to the school's building fund.

Millennium Hotel Amman Employees Complete First Aid Course



Mr. Nabil Khuzouz, General Manager of Millennium Hotel Amman (left), presenting the course certificate to a participant, as members of the Jordanian Civil Defense Department and hotel staff look on.

Twenty employees from the Millennium Hotel Amman recently completed a First Aid course, held by the Jordanian Civil Defense Department on the hotel premises. These certified first-aiders now form part of the Millennium Hotel Amman Emergency team.

The First Aid course included all life-saving procedures, including resuscitation and assessing any life-threatening injuries, while waiting for medical help to arrive.

The Millennium Hotel Amman considers the safety of its guests and staff as a high priority. Accidents and illness can happen at any time and first aid can save lives and prevent minor injuries from becoming major ones. Hence, it is important to the hotel that its employees are professionally equipped to deal effectively with such situations, as first responders, when they occur.

Tourism Authority Of Thailand Visits Millennium Resort Patong

A group from the Tourism Authority of Thailand recently stayed at the Millennium Resort Patong. They were warmly received by General Manager Gerard Tan and Assistant Director of Sales, Ms. Praisie Huang. The hotel was delighted that the group from Tourism Authority of Thailand chose to stay at the Millennium Resort Patong when they were in town.



Mr. Gerard Tan, General Manager of Millennium Resort Patong (front row centre) and Ms. Praisie Huang, Assistant Director of Sales (front row 2nd from right), with the group from Tourism Authority of Thailand.

Congratulations

CDL Takes Honours At SIAS Investors' Choice Awards



Ms Catherine Loh, Deputy General Manager and Head, Corp Secretarial Services, received the Most Transparent Company Award – Runner Up (Real Estate Category) award on behalf of CDL. This is the 13th year running that CDL has picked up this accolade.

excellence in corporate governance standards.

CDL also took home the Internal Audit Excellence Award – Merit. First introduced in 2011, the Internal Audit Excellence Award recognises companies that have established an effective Internal Audit Function to enhance corporate governance, risk management and assurance. CDL is the first winner from the real estate sector.

City Developments Limited (CDL) took back two honours at the Securities Investors Association (Singapore)'s (SIAS) Investors' Choice Awards on 8 November, in a dinner presentation ceremony held at Resorts World Sentosa. The Guest-of-Honour for the evening was Mrs Josephine Teo, Senior Minister of State for Finance and Transport.

The SIAS Investors' Choice Awards honours and recognizes public listed companies which have demonstrated exemplary corporate governance and transparency practices throughout the year.

CDL picked up the Most Transparent Company Award – Runner Up (Real Estate Category). Since 2000, in recognition of its corporate transparency based on criteria such as timeliness, substantiality and clarity of news releases, degree of media access, frequency of corporate results, availability of segmental information and communication channels, CDL has received the Most Transparent Company Award. For the 13th year running, CDL was awarded this accolade for its consistency and



Ms Jennifer Vayding, Assistant General Manager, Internal Audit (second from left), collected the Internal Audit Excellence Award – Merit, on behalf of CDL. She is seen with other winners of the award category here and CDL is the first winner of this award from the real estate sector.

Millennium Broadway Congratulates Sales Team

Millennium Broadway has been rewarding their top sales performers with three types of awards: The Lion's Share of Business, the Bulldog Award, and the Booking Star of The Month.

These awards are rotated to the desk of the winner and displayed there on a monthly basis. The aim is to incentivise and recognise the sales team for their efforts, as they become more motivated to drive sales to new heights.

For the month of October, the winners are:

The Lion's Share of Business Award for highest total revenue producer goes to Senior Group Sales Manager, Marilyn Ubiera.

The Bulldog Award for the most aggressive and scrappy salesperson who exhibits extra strong levels of drive and hustle, goes to Senior Group Sales Manager, Pooja Pendse.

The Booking Star of The Month for the most number of bookings in a period is awarded to Group Sales Manager, Alana Helbling.



From left: Group Sales Manager Alana Helbling; Senior Group Sales Manager Pooja Pendse; Senior Group Sales Manager Marilyn Ubiera.

JW Marriott Hong Kong Awarded “Best Ethnic Dining”



(L-R) Ms. Angelina Lee, Senior Editor, Target Magazine with Mr. Richard Taffs, Resident Manager of JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong and Mr. Thomas Wan, Restaurant Manager of The Lounge, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong.

The Lounge at JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong has been voted one of the “Best Ethnic Dining” venues in the first annual poll conducted by Target Magazine China, one of the top luxury lifestyle magazines with a monthly circulation of 120,000 nationwide. The award aims to recognise restaurants that demonstrate exceptional dining experiences, high service standards and overall ambience. Congratulations to The Lounge!

Our Award-Winning Hotels



W Singapore – Sentosa Cove recently won the “Favourite New Hotel – Overseas” award at the Readers’ Travel Awards 2013 by Conde Nast Traveller India, the Indian edition of the global travel magazine.



Orchard Hotel was recently a proud recipient of the Epicurean Star Award for its award-winning catering packages at Orchard@YourPlace. General Manager Riaz Mahmood (right) received the award together with the hotel’s F&B Director Jorg Behrend (left). The Epicurean Star Award celebrates the milestone achievements of establishments and individuals in Singapore’s F&B industry.

Riaz Mahmood, General Manager, Orchard Hotel Singapore



A 20-year veteran of the hospitality industry, Mr Mahmood will take on the helm at the 5-star Orchard Hotel, located in the heart of premier entertainment and shopping belt – the renowned Orchard Road.

Armed with international industry experience and well-rounded knowledge amassed from his association with major hotels in Asia Pacific and Middle East counties, Mr Mahmood’s areas of expertise include pre-opening and opening of luxury hotels and resorts, voted consistently as the best properties.

Most recently, he was the General Manager of the Sheraton Dammam Hotel and Towers, Saudi Arabia. He has also been associated with several internationally established hotel chains like Raffles, Swissotel and Starwood in various senior management positions over the past 20 years.

Mr Mahmood graduated from Calcutta University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Commerce and not resting on his laurels, has also further upgraded his academic qualifications with the General Manager’s Program from Cornell University’s School of Hotel Administration.

“We are delighted to welcome Riaz to M&C family and its flagship property in Singapore. With his wealth of experience and excellent track records, we are confident that Orchard Hotel will attain greater heights and strengthen its position

as one of M&C’s leading hotels” says Mr Franz Zeller, Senior Vice President, Asia of Millennium & Copthorne International Ltd.

Speaking of his new position, Riaz Mahmood remarked, “It is an exciting opportunity for me to embark on a new journey with one of the largest Singapore-owned hotel groups in the world and together with the talented team at Orchard Hotel, I look forward to continue creating memorable experience for our guests and to achieve unparalleled service excellence at this remarkable property.”

Gerard Tan, General Manager, Millennium Resort Patong Phuket



Mr. Tan a versatile and seasoned hotelier with extensive experience in Thailand. He is fluent in the Thai language and has a solid understanding of the Thai culture.

He started his career within the F&B department in Singapore and progressively rose to the position of General Manager of luxury hotels in Thailand. Most recently, he was the General Manager of The Racha, Racha Yai Island, Phuket. Under his leadership, "The Racha" earned three distinguished international awards including the award of being 'Top 10 Best Beach Resorts in South East Asia' by Asia Tatler Magazine in 2012.

Gerard graduated from the American Hotel & Motel Association and is a Certified Hotel Administrator.

Gerard will report directly to Mr Franz Zeller, Senior Vice President, Asia.

At the same time, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels International (MCIL) would also like to thank **Mr Jamal Sidik, Acting General Manager for Millennium Resort Patong, Phuket**, for his outstanding commitment and contributions.

Jamal will support and assist during the handover period to Gerard, and thereafter will be transferred to another M&C property.

CDL Wins At MIPIM Asia

City Developments Limited (CDL) has demonstrated its position as a leading property developer not only in Singapore but also in the Asia Pacific region, with two award wins at the MIPIM Asia Awards, held in Hong Kong on November 5.

MIPIM Asia is a property leaders' summit in Asia Pacific and the MIPIM Asia Awards is in its seventh year. The awards honour outstanding real estate projects in the Asia Pacific region and took place during a prestigious gala dinner at Hong Kong's Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Cementing CDL's leadership in green building innovation in Asia Pacific was a Gold award for Tree House, in the Best Innovative Green Building category. The second award CDL picked up was for Cube 8 – it was accorded a Bronze in the Best Residential Development category.

Organised by MIPIM Asia, the property leaders' summit in Asia Pacific, the MIPIM Asia Awards jury's vote, combined with MIPIM Asia delegates' online vote for their favourite projects, determined the Gold, Silver or Bronze ranking of the winners.

In addition, Ms Esther An, General Manager (Corporate Affairs) & Head (Corporate Social Responsibility) at CDL, was also invited to speak at the MIPIM Asia conference on the topic: "Sustainability & ROI in Asia: Hope or Reality?"

Ms An, a pioneer CSR practitioner, together with three other speakers from Asia Pacific, touched on topics such as the value of smart technology in both the mid-term and long-term; green based innovation, as well as motivating factors which drive developers to incorporate green initiatives in their developments.



Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, CDL Group General Manager (centre), with (from R-L) Mr Tang Kok Thye, ADDP Architects, Mr Anthony Chia, Director of Projects, CDL, and Mr Allen Ang, Deputy General Manager, Projects, and Head, Green Building, collect CDL's Gold Award in the Best Innovative Green Building category from MIPIM ASIA Awards Jury member, Ms Ada Fung, President of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects.

CDL Staff Celebrate 50 Glorious Years

It was a night filled with much merriment, laughter, songs and dancing as City Developments Limited (CDL) staff marked the company's golden milestone with a joyous celebration.

Held at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove, the evening was themed Glamorous 50 FM. True to the event's name, the line-up included exciting musical highlights performed by CDL staff including a rousing "Flash Mob" dance performance, "A Medley of 50 years" featuring iconic songs through the past five decades, as well as a special rendition of "We Are The World" complemented by a slideshow of CDL's key community outreach initiatives over the years.

Staff were also treated to a viewing of CDL's 50th Anniversary corporate video that narrates the Company's inspiring growth through five decades of transformation as well as a special segment: a celebration of some of CDL Managing Director Mr Kwek Leng Joo's photographic work, created using animation and a carefully curated music selection. Mr Kwek compiled the presentation personally as a visual treat for the staff and to share his passion - from nature to architecture.

The CDL Special Achievement Award was accorded to three exemplary members who have stood out for their passion and accomplishment, both on a professional and personal level. All of them have gone the extra mile, beyond their work scope, to champion specific causes with conviction. Their achievements have contributed to CDL's track record and reputation as a responsible industry leader, an innovative green champion and a community partner.

Additionally, in commemoration of staff who were instrumental to the Company's success, five individuals received the CDL Special Recognition Award, in appreciation of their faithful long service. All of them are from supporting functions within the Company and have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, to help the Company excel in its business operations, processes and governance.

The memorable evening ended on a high note with a screening of a heartwarming "CDL Stories" video featuring various CDL staff, young and old, as well as a finale performance of a "CDL Song" with specially-crafted lyrics, based on the tunes of the popular hit "Y.M.C.A.". All staff was also gifted with a specially-commissioned TWG "Jubilation Tea" to mark the occasion.



Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director (second from right), who was accompanied by Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, Group General Manager (fourth from right), gave out the CDL Special Achievement Awards to jubilant recipients which included Ms Foo Chui Mui, Head of Customer Service (far left), Ms Esther An, General Manager of Corporate Affairs and Head of CSR (centre) and Mr Allen Ang, Deputy General Manager, Projects Division and Head of Green Building (far right).



Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director (centre), accompanied by Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, Group General Manager (third from left), presented the CDL Special Recognition Awards to Mr Teo Keng Lee, Assistant General Manager, Treasury (far left), Ms Sharifah S Shah, Deputy General Manager, Head of Legal Department (second from left), Mr Tan Seng Chee, Chief Information Officer (fifth from left), Mr Anthony Goh, Deputy General Manager, Property and Facilities Management Division (sixth from left) and Ms Catherine Loh, Deputy General Manager, Head of Corporate Secretarial Services (far right).



Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director (second from left) and Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, Group General Manager (third from left) share a jubilant toast with CDL staff.



The evening started on a high note with an adrenalin-pumping "Flash Mob" performance by CDL staff.



CDL staff in high spirits during the celebration.

HK Actress Charlie Young Weds At W Hotel

W Singapore - Sentosa Cove was the venue for the star studded wedding of Hong Kong actress Charlie Young & Khoo Shao Tze. The hotel's wedding specialist Patrina Koh assisted in making the couple's dream wedding into a beautiful reality.

The hotel was a-buzz with activity as more than 40 reporters and photographers gathered at W Singapore for the luxurious white and gold angelic-themed wedding ceremony held at the hotel's Great Room.

Charlie Young's bridesmaid was Taiwanese singer Valen Hsu. The star-studded guest list included the who's who of the Hong Kong entertainment industry such as Anita Yuen and Gigi Leung, film director Tsui Hark, as well as Singapore's own couple Andrea de Crus and Pierre Png.



It was media frenzy outside W Hotel's ballroom as bride Charlie Young (2nd from right) and bridegroom Khoo Shao Tze (extreme right) shared with the press about their almost 20-year courtship.



Hong Kong director Tsui Hark of critically-acclaimed films such as Once Upon a Time in China and Seven Swords waving to the media as he attended the wedding reception.



Hong Kong actress Anita Yuen (left) and Aaron Kwok's manager Xiao Mei (right) were part of the star-studded guest list at W Hotel.



Hong Kong Cantopop singer and actress Gigi Leung arrived at the wedding reception with her husband Sergio.

Ex-Pussycat Doll Band Member At Millennium Mayfair



Ashley Roberts was recently at the Millennium Mayfair for a photo shoot with Fab Magazine. The former member of American pop girl band Pussycat Dolls was photographed enjoying Afternoon Tea in the luxurious Grosvenor Suite. Beautiful shots were taken of the lovely Ms Roberts biting into delicious scones whilst posing with the hotel's gorgeous Wedgewood crockery

Ex-Pussycat Dolls Ashley Roberts at a photo shoot in the Grosvenor Suite at the Millennium Mayfair.

“Make Me Beautiful”

Together with popular beauty retailer, The Body Shop in Indonesia, Millennium Sirih Jakarta hosted a beauty class, “Make Me Beautiful” that teaches participants on how to maintain healthy skin and how to apply natural make up.

A total of 80 participants attended the beauty class, including career women, students and housewives.



Millennium Sirih Jakarta was filled with participants keen to learn the finer skills make up application and beauty maintenance.

A Perfect Weather For Golf

Millennium Seoul Hilton held its annual Millennium Seoul Hilton Golf Tournament at Solmoro Country Club on 11 October 2013. A total of 40 of Korea's top movers and shakers attended the event. The invitational event is for the top management of the hotel's key customers. It is a wonderful networking opportunity and a chance to enjoy Korea's beautiful fall weather while playing golf.

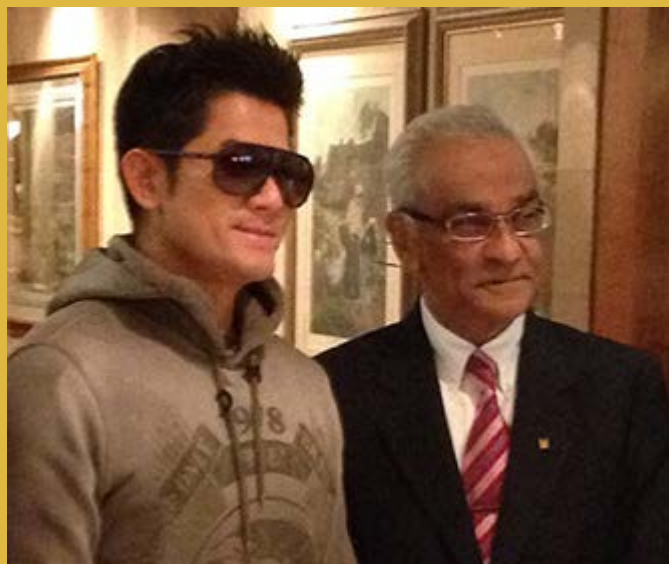


Millennium Seoul Hilton recently held its annual Golf Tournament at the Solmoro Country Club for top management of its key clients. It was a great way to enjoy Korea's beautiful fall weather as a total of 40 participants from Korea's top movers and shakers attended the event.

Celebrity Spotting



Millennium Mayfair recently hosted a series of Afternoon Tea Royal Etiquette events with Princess Katerina of Yugoslavia (centre) in the hotel's Avista Private Room. In the background is Grand Harrold (former butler to Prince Charles). It was a successful event that was covered by Tatler, Evening Standard and Riverside Magazine.



(Left to Right) Famous Asian actor/singer Aaron Kwok posing with Mr Ali Alavi, general manager of Copthorne Tara Hotel London Kensington. Mr Kwok was in London to attend the 5th China Image Film Festival where he was awarded the The Wan Xiang Award for Best Leading Actor.



(Left to right) Singapore radio DJs Yasmin Cheng and Ivy Tan popped in to M Hotel's signature restaurant – The Buffet- to check out the popular Steamboat Buffet Dinner.



(Left to right) Singapore Actor Christopher Lee with Night Manager Thomas Ng at Copthorne Kings Hotel. The actor was at the hotel for the filming of his new movie.

Beaujolais Nouveau Est Arrivé



Dressed up as a mermaid, Ms. Jennifer Yeo, Marketing Communications Manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, "delivers" the Beaujolais Nouveau to Singapore.

A Mermaid was sighted along the Singapore River, near Grand Copthorne Waterfront, on 21 November – or so it appeared. The Mermaid was a staff member of Millennium & Copthorne International Limited who played the part to promote the hotel's "**Beaujolais Nouveau est arrivé!**" ("The New Beaujolais has arrived!") in Singapore.

The breakfast wine affair by the Singapore River was organised by the Grand Copthorne Waterfront hotel, where the Mermaid made her appearance with a case of Beaujolais Nouveau. The event was attended by members of the French community, business associates and the media.

The morning programme kicked off with two French men cycling along the Singapore River, where they discover a Mermaid sitting on the quayside. She delivers them a case of Beaujolais Nouveau 2013 and they excitedly exclaimed in French that the "Beaujolais Nouveau has arrived in Singapore!" This was the cue for staff to serve the chilled Beaujolais Nouveau to guests.

The third Thursday of every November traditionally marks Beaujolais Nouveau Day and is the annual global celebration heralding the arrival of the season's first wine. Beaujolais Nouveau is a red wine made from Gamay grapes produced in the Beaujolais region of France.

"After Bastille Day, Beaujolais Nouveau Day is regarded by many as the next most celebrated day in France. We are very delighted to bring this French wine celebration here and we hope that this will be an annual

affair that the wine loving community can look forward to every year," said Winston Reinboth, General Manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront.

"I'm very happy that the staff came out in full support of this event and even got into the spirit of the things by dressing up for it and having a bit of early morning fun," he added. The Mermaid was played by Ms Jennifer Yeo, Marketing Communications Manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.



General Manager Winston Reinboth (front row, 1st from left) with staff from Grand Copthorne Waterfront all decked out in French-inspired attire for the event.

M&C Celebrates Christmas Around The World

In this festive edition of Hi Life, we bring you festive highlights from M&C hotels around the world as they celebrate the joyous season of Christmas.

Orchard Hotel Singapore

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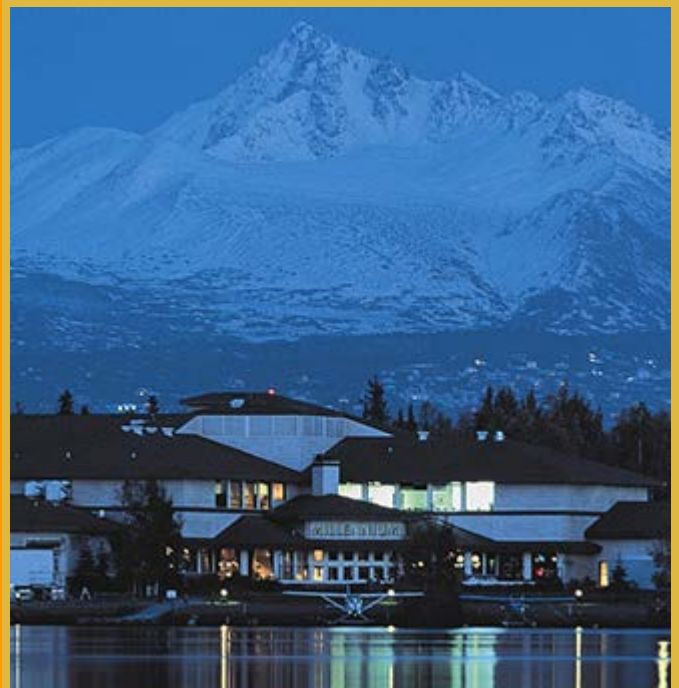
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CDL Presents Green “Gift to the Nation”



The CDL Green Gallery and SBG Heritage Museum was declared officially open by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (second from left), in a ribbon cutting ceremony which also included (L-R) Mrs Christina Ong, Chairman, NParks; Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister for National Development; and Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director of CDL.

As part of its 50th Anniversary celebrations, City Developments Limited (CDL) presented a “Gift to the Nation” in the form of the CDL Green Gallery – Singapore’s first zero energy Green Gallery, which is located at the Singapore Botanic Gardens (SBG).

On the morning of 30 November, the CDL Green Gallery, together with the SBG Heritage Museum, was declared officially open in a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Guest-of-Honour Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and dignitaries such as Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister for National Development, Mrs Christina Ong, Chairman, NParks, and Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director of CDL.

The CDL Green Gallery, which sits on Holttum Lawn, together with the SBG Heritage Museum housed next to the gallery at Holttum Hall, will feature interactive exhibits and visitors can learn more about the rich history of the 154-year old Gardens and Singapore’s greening journey over the last five decades. Together, these two new amenities will help to jointly support SBG’s nomination bid in becoming Singapore’s first

UNESCO World Heritage Site.

CDL, together with 10 like-minded and passionate partners, came together to conceptualise, design and build the 314sqm new eco-friendly gallery. As an extension of the SBG Heritage Museum, the CDL Green Gallery will feature botanical- or greening-related exhibits that will be changed every six to nine months. The first exhibition held there showcases Singapore’s greening journey, to commemorate 50 Years of greening our island.

Mr Kwek Leng Joo, CDL’s Managing Director, said: “In celebration of CDL’s 50th anniversary this year and in support of the Gardens’ nomination bid as Singapore’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site, we are delighted to leverage our green building expertise and gather like-minded partners to contribute to the development of these green icons as our gift to the nation. Singapore has won many accolades on our economic success, we sincerely hope to do our part to help Singapore win international recognition of our cultural heritage.”

PM Lee, together with the dignitaries, enjoyed a tour of the SBG Heritage Museum and the CDL Green Gallery, as part of the opening festivities.

The CDL Green Gallery features, for the first time in Singapore, two eco-innovative features. The first is an eco-friendly bio-material known as Hempcrete (largely made from the hemp plant) which is used as the external wall cladding. It has very good thermal performance, superior acoustic properties, is durable, non-combustible and is pest, mould and mildew-resistant.

The second is a prefabricated modular system where its steel components are pre-fabricated and assembled in an off-site production facility, then hoisted by a crane into position onsite. Like building blocks, they are pieced together onsite to form the entire structure. It is easy-to-build, flexible and has a lower environmental impact.

Another key feature of the building is the solar photovoltaic (PV) cladded roof panels that are expected to generate an estimated annual energy yield of over 31,000 kWh. This is estimated to off-set the electricity needed (about 30,000 kWh yearly, excluding energy used for customised exhibition installations) to operate the gallery, making it self-sufficient for energy.

Heritage in Green – a photographic walk through of the Singapore Botanic Gardens

In conjunction with the celebration of the CDL Green Gallery's opening, CDL's Managing Director, Mr Kwek Leng Joo, who is also an avid photographer, also held a photography exhibition aptly titled "Heritage in Green" at SBG – showcasing the beauty and heritage of the Gardens. The photographs – many which showcase unique heritage features and stories little known to most – were all taken through Mr Kwek's own lens.

The "Heritage in Green" exhibition opened on 27 November with a private reception that saw over 130 guests such as business associates, foreign dignitaries, academics and members of the CSR community in attendance. In addition, PM Lee, who was the Guest-of-Honour at the Grand Opening of the CDL Green Gallery on 30 November, together with Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister for National Development, also took time to stop by "Heritage in Green" to admire Mr Kwek's photographic works.

"Heritage in Green" runs till 15 December 2013, from 9.00am – 7.00pm in the Function Hall at the Botany Centre, Singapore Botanic Gardens.



Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong toured the CDL Green Gallery, where an eco-friendly bio-material known as Hempcrete was used for the first time in Singapore in the gallery's external walls. Mr Allen Ang (foreground), CDL's Head of Green Building, explains the use of Hempcrete in the CDL Green Gallery as (L-R) PM Lee, Minister Khaw Boon Wan (partially hidden, in red polo shirt) and Mr Kwek Leng Joo look on.



Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (second from left) and Minister Khaw Boon Wan (third from left) stopped by the "Heritage in Green" photo exhibition which showcases the beauty and heritage of the Gardens as seen through the lens of CDL's MD, Mr Kwek Leng Joo (extreme left).



One for the memories – Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Minister Khaw Boon Wan (sixth and seventh from right respectively) pose for a photo with Team CDL and Team NParks outside the "Heritage in Green" exhibition after viewing Mr Kwek Leng Joo's works.

Millennium MEA Takes Part In Pink Walkathon



Staff from M&C MEA joined more than 15,000 people in the 2013 Burjuman Pink Walkathon to raise funds for breast cancer.

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels, Middle East & Africa recently took part in the 2013 Burjuman Pink Walkathon, which took place at Zabeel Park, Dubai to raise funds for breast cancer. The non-competitive 3.6 kilometre walk was followed by a Pink Party including live music and arts & craft activities.

"We are delighted to participate in this incredibly important event. Providing support towards charitable causes is an important part of our corporate culture and we hope that our support will go a long way in helping the fight against breast cancer", said Naeem Darkazally, Vice President – Sales & Marketing, Middle East & Africa.

The "Pink Walkathon" is part of the Safe & Sound campaign and is one of the largest, most comprehensive breast cancer awareness campaigns in the Middle East. Launched in 1997 by Burjuman, this year-round program focuses on the key message of survival through early detection and treatment. Safe & Sound has encouraged families in the UAE to proactively take charge of their health, helping to increase understanding and empower

women in the fight against breast cancer.

All proceeds from fund raising initiatives go towards providing further breast cancer awareness, free mammograms and patient care. All funds are monitored by the UAE Red Crescent.

Celebrating Peace With Giant Doves

To honour International Day of Peace, Millennium Seoul Hilton recently donated 50 used bed sheets to The Biodiversity Foundation, an initiative that was jointly created by primatologist and UN Messenger of Peace Jane Goodall and Ewha Womans University, a leading university for women in South Korea.

As part of the eco-friendly initiative, giant dove puppets are created from the used bed sheets and showcased in a walk throughout the university grounds.

International Day of Peace promotes world peace through the absence of war and violence. First celebrated in 1982, September 21 is now observed annually as the International Day of Peace after the UN General Assembly passed a resolution in 1981 to devote this day to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace.



Celebrating International Day of Peace, students walked the grounds of Ewha Womans University with giant dove puppets made from used bed sheets donated by Millennium Seoul Hilton.

Hair Dyed Pink And Shaved Bald For Charity



Haudi Makris from the F&B (left) and HR Director Sarah Simpson (right) shaving the head of General Manager Bill Loughran.

When Millennium Hotel Cincinnati participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk earlier in October, General Manager Bill Loughran promised to shave his head for cancer if the hotel reached a US\$2,500 goal for cancer research.

The hotel more than doubled the goal and raised US\$5,150.50. It was even placed 3rd in the city for the amount raised.

Making good on his promise, Bill dyed his hair pink for the staff's Halloween party, and was even shaved bald.

Millennium Sirih Jakarta Hosts Blood Drive

Millennium Sirih Jakarta together with the Indonesian Red Cross recently hosted their annual blood donation drive at the hotel.

The hotel has been hosting this event for the past three years as part of their annual activities to give back to the community. As a gesture of gratitude, the hotel also provided food to donors at the drive.

This year saw over 150 participants that include hotel staff and members of the public.



A doctor from the Red Cross checking for a potential donor's blood pressure.

Coming Together for Survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in Philippines



Thomas Christiansen, General Manager of Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Bangkok (5th from left) together with a group of management and associates paid a visit to the Embassy of The Republic of the Philippines in Bangkok where they were met by Ms Ana Marie Santos, Third Secretary and Vice Consul (5th from right) for a presentation of a THB 25,000 cash donation to help survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The proceeds were gained from the sale of elephant dolls and a donation from hotel associates during 15 – 25 November.

Lighting Up The Christmas Tree With Kindness

To gear up for the final sprint for their fund raising efforts, Grand Copthorne Waterfront "lit up" the façade of the hotel and a 20-foot majestic Christmas tree at the lobby of the hotel on Thanksgiving Day, which is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. A donation desk is set up to encourage invited guests to contribute to Singapore Kindness Movement's Seed Kindness Fund – a platform to motivate students with innovative projects to inspire kindness in Singaporeans.

The "light-up" ceremony saw invited corporate clients, business associates and hotel guests participating in this noble cause. Dr William Wan, General Secretary of the Singapore Kindness Movement will grace the event as Guest-of-Honour.

"Graciousness and kindness are values that have to be inculcated in people since young. Therefore, we are happy to be able to do our part to contribute to this seed fund and to inspire people to exhibit acts of kindness and make a positive difference to society," said Mr. Winston Reinboth, General Manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore.

Earlier this year on Kindness Day SG (31 May 2013), the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel launched a Kindness campaign by encouraging hotel guests and employees to make a contribution through donation boxes placed at the reception and Security Checkpoint. Kindness cocktail and mocktail were also sold at The Piano Bar to raise funds for Singapore Kindness Movement's Seed Kindness Fund.



Lighting up with Santarinas at Grand Copthorne Waterfront. From left: General Manager, Mr Winston L. Reinboth, General Secretary of Singapore Kindness Movement, Dr William Wan and Member of Parliament for Pasir-Ris Punggol GRC, Mr Zainal Bin Sapari.



Adopt a Wishing Star at Orchard Wishing Tree: (clockwise from right) General Manager Riaz Mahmood, Santarina, Director of HR Joseph Chia and Executive Chef Paul Then hanging up the wishes of needy children on the tree.

Adding to the festivities, sister property Orchard Hotel Singapore is also lighting up with a Charity Wishing Tree Campaign where the penned wishes of children from Fei Yue Community Services and MINDSville will be collected and hung onto the tree in Orchard Café from 21 November. Guests and staff of Orchard Hotel are encouraged to 'Adopt a Wishing Star' to grant the wishes of these children, who come from low-income families or suffer from intellectual disabilities.

Guests are invited to witness the light up with a cocktail reception at Intermezzo Bar with General Manager Mr. Riaz Mahmood.

Instead of the usual Christmas theme, Orchard Hotel will be celebrating the festivities with a Singapore twist this year. Guests can experience a Nyonya-inspired Christmas, with food and beverage offerings and festive decorations centred around a Peranakan theme.

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Headquartered in Singapore, HL Global Enterprises Limited ("HL Global Enterprises") is a subsidiary of Hong Leong Group and is listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange. It has businesses in various sectors of the real estate market such as property development, hospitality operations and investment holdings. The company, through its joint venture companies, owns a number of hospitality assets in China and Malaysia - Copthorne Hotel Qingdao, Elite Residences and Copthorne Hotel Cameron Highlands**. It also jointly manages Equatorial Hotel Shanghai.

Situated in the heart of Qingdao's central business district, Copthorne Hotel Qingdao is an international deluxe hotel located close to the province's most luxurious mall. It is the first Copthorne Hotel in China and is a short 30 minutes drive to the airport. With 455 guestrooms and suites, Copthorne Hotel Qingdao caters to the needs of both business and leisure travelers by providing an array of facilities and impeccable services.

Guests can enjoy a variety of dining experiences and the hotel is equipped with a spectacular lobby lounge, a coffee house, Chinese and Japanese restaurants, a large grand ballroom, meeting facilities, a well-equipped fitness centre and an indoor heated swimming pool with sauna facilities.

HL Global Enterprises also owns Elite Residences, a serviced apartment building in Shanghai. It is located in a bustling hub filled with shopping, dining and entertainment choices, with convenient transportation to Shanghai's most central locations. The serviced apartments development redefines the concept of luxury living and has 112 elegantly-refurbished apartment units, ranging from Studio, Premier, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedrooms units. Each apartment is designed with a unique combination of style and functionality and features high-quality fittings and furniture.

Residents can take advantage of the facilities at Elite Residences which include a gymnasium, residents' lounge and meeting room. The building also faces Zhongshan Park, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding greenery, a real rarity in Shanghai.

Equatorial Hotel Shanghai sits in the heart of the Shanghai City, at the junction of Hua Shan Road and West Yanan Road and is managed by HL Global Enterprises's joint venture company. The attractive location puts it in close proximity to the Shanghai Exhibition Centre, major tourist attractions and key intersections within the city such as East Nanjing Road, People's Square and Huaihai Road.

The hotel offers a choice of 507 guestrooms and suites which feature a range of modern conveniences and facilities including a Chinese restaurant, a café, an indoor heated swimming pool, a sauna, a hair salon and a spa.

Aside from its properties in China, HL Global Enterprises also owns and manages Copthorne Hotel Cameron Highlands**, a resort perched at the highest accessible point of the highlands. Spread across 13 acres, the resort is surrounded by majestic mountains and undulating valleys. It offers attractive self-contained low-rise and high-rise apartment suites. Each suite comes with a living room, a kitchenette and a spacious balcony which provides a spectacular view of the valley.

The resort is famous for its capability to host events ranging from company incentive trips to conventions and seminars and its hotel tower has 270 guestrooms and suites that offer beautiful views of the highland landscapes.

*****As of 1 January 2014, Equatorial Cameron Highlands will be re-branded to Copthorne Hotel Cameron Highlands. Hi Life will share more details in the February 2014 issue.***

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