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We want to hear from you!

Tell us about your projects, executive appointments, awards and accolades, latest promotions, charity and community outreach programmes, etc.

If you have interesting photos to go along with them, all the better!

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CDL Sparks Off Youthful Green Enthusiasm

In the second edition of the biennial BCA-CDL Green Sparks Competition – which aims to engage local tertiary students in the national effort to green the built environment – “The Greenworks” from the National University of Singapore (NUS) took home top honours at the competition finals, which was held at the BCA Academy recently.

Ms Sim Ann, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Education, was the Guest of Honour at the competition finals. She also gave out prizes to the winning teams, with the top team taking home S\$10,000 cash and a plaque.

The second and third prizes were awarded to team “Endeavour” from Temasek Polytechnic (TP) and team “SDE Sparklers”, another NUS team, respectively.

The BCA-CDL Green Sparks Competition was first launched in 2010 as a national-level green building competition and a public-private initiative by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) and leading green developer, CDL.

This year, the competition saw an increase of 15% in participation, with a total of 23 team submissions received from five tertiary institutions, including NUS, Nanyang Technological University, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic and Temasek Polytechnic.

Participants were briefed to submit a concept proposal for a revolutionary green show suite, complete with innovative green design and energy-efficient features. The design had to take into account aspects of passive and active design, cost effectiveness, functionality and occupants' comfort. Participants were tasked to tailor their concept proposals using the show suite of one of CDL's upcoming residential development sites at Buangkok Drive / Sengkang Central as a real-life case study.

Commenting on the winning team's submission, Mr Tai Lee Siang, President of Singapore Green Building Council, who was also the competition's chief judge, said: “The champion team's concept, 'The Greenswitz', had workable solutions that combined traditional architectural practice, functionality and contemporary ideas. That is not an easy feat to achieve, as it requires a high level of competency and a well thought out process to achieve it.”

The rest of the judging panel included Mr Ang Kian Seng from BCA, Mr Anthony Chia, CDL's Director of Projects, Mdm Vivian Heng, Director of RSP Architects and Er. Ng Eng Kiong, Managing Director of Squire Mech.

For the teams that competed, the end of the BCA-CDL Green Sparks Competition does not mean a full stop to their ideas.

CDL's Mr Anthony Chia shared: “The participating teams responded to our design brief with numerous refreshing ideas. For the most viable ideas, we will conduct feasibility studies with our consultants, for possible implementation in our show suites – and even residential apartment units moving forward.”



Ms Sim Ann, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Education (centre in brown), Dr John Keung (centre in blue) CEO of BCA, Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, (centre in white) Group General Manager of CDL and the winning team, “The Greenworks” from NUS.

Orchard Hotel Singapore Caters for Prime Minister's Party



The team of chefs who whipped up a sumptuous Chinese New Year spread for the Prime Minister of Singapore and his guests.

Orchard Hotel's catering service, Orchard @ Your Place, was once again engaged for a large scale event. This time, it was for the Chinese New Year Dinner organised by the Prime Minister's Office's at the Istana. It was a massive and prestigious event with 1,650 distinguished guests, including the Prime Minister and some of his cabinet ministers. With the dedication of all the Orchard Hotel staff, the event was an astonishing success, and marked a big milestone for Orchard Hotel Singapore. This was a step-up from last year's National Day Rally dinner, where Orchard Hotel served an outside catering dinner for 1,500 guests.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore Plays Cupid To Singles

Almost 40 singles from different professions participated in the Valentine's Special for singles held at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. They feasted on an elaborate five-course wine pairing dinner specially crafted by Pontini's Head Chef, Daniele Sarno. The event was the first singles event jointly organised by Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel and Wine and Dine Magazine.

Guests arrived dressed to impress and mingled over a cheese and wine appreciation session before the dinner. During the dinner, male participants rotated seats after every course.

The evening ended with a surprise lucky draw and Chef Daniele presenting a stalk of rose to all female participants. Guests were presented with goodie bags containing small boxes of Valrhona chocolates courtesy of Euraco Finefood and Toque, spa vouchers sponsored by J's Salon, wine openers by TKE and dining vouchers at Pontini restaurant presented by Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, as they departed for the night.



(L-R) A male participant with Publisher of Wine and Dine Magazine, Lynnette Lim; Marketing Communications Manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel & Copthorne King's Hotel, Jennifer Yeo; and Head Chef of Pontini, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Daniele Sarno.

Ex-NBA Star Yao Ming At Millennium Biltmore



Global humanitarian and retired NBA star, Yao Ming, recently established a Napa Valley wine company: Yao Family Wines. The inaugural wine, aptly called YAO MING®, was taste-tested by the NBA star himself at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles to increase exposure. He is photographed here towering over many of the Biltmore staff!

Symphony of Colours At Millennium Abu Dhabi



(L-R) General Manager Ruprecht Schmitz; Head of Commercial Activities Section at Abu Dhabi's Department of Economic Development, Mohamed Al Hammadi; artist Dr. Florian Messner and Director of Public Relations & Communications Nevine Albert.

General Manager Ruprecht Schmitz recently inaugurated the art exhibition "Symphony of Colours" with Mohamed Al Hammadi, Head of Commercial Activities Section at Abu Dhabi's Department of Economic Development. A big crowd of art lovers turned up at Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi to view the thirty paintings showcased by Austrian artist Dr. Florian Messner. This was his first exhibition in the UAE.

Cupcake Decoration Workshop At GCW Singapore



Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore recently held a Cupcake Decoration Workshop for children and their parents. It was a fun and engaging event which saw about 50 participants in total. Activities included a demonstration by Pastry Chef Amy Ng and a cupcake decoration contest. The top 3 winners won a box of macaroons specially prepared by Chef Amy. At the end of the event, all the children were presented with a Certificate of Attendance for completing the workshop.

Millennium Alaskan Anchorage Cooks For First Musher To The Yukon



Executive Chef Bobby Sidro, who led the Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage culinary team, in Anvik

culinary experience deep in the heart of Alaska."

The Millennium Alaskan Hotel also offered the same celebratory menu in its Flying Machine Restaurant at US\$99 per person for a limited period.

The Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage culinary team recently flew to the remote village of Anvik, Alaska to prepare a special meal for the first musher to reach the first checkpoint along the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is an annual long-distance sled dog race from Anchorage to Nome. Mushers and a team of 16 dogs cover the 1,000-mile distance over several days.

As the official host hotel and a 24-year sponsor of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, the culinary team led by Executive Chef Bobby Sidro, whipped up a five-course menu with wine and champagne pairings for the first Iditarod musher that crossed the Yukon, as well as the awards banquet for 700 guests.

The celebratory dinner menu consisted of Red King crab stuffed Portobello mushrooms, Alaskan clam chowder, roast duck salad, 14-ounce ribeye steak, four-cheese risotto cakes and a fresh fruit tart for dessert. Four wine pairings accompanied each course. The musher also received a US\$3,500 cash award presented on an Alaskan Gold Pan accompanied by a bottle of Dom Perignon.

"We have an outstanding culinary team," said Carol Fraser, General Manager of the Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage. "This event is a great way to show off not only the excellent menu they've designed, but brings out their creativity as they prepare the five courses in Anvik on camp stoves. It's really a first-class

CDL Launches 912-Unit D'Nest Luxury Condominium

A new residential gem has sprung forth in the eastern part of Singapore. D'Nest, jointly developed by City Developments Limited (CDL) and its joint venture partners Hong Leong Holdings Limited and Hong Realty (Private) Limited, is a luxury 912-unit condominium situated within the popular enclave of Pasir Ris Grove.

Located a short walk to Pasir Ris MRT station, D'Nest previewed in March to much interest, and was officially launched to overwhelming positive response. To date, over 700 units have been sold.

The development is smartly designed in a variety of layouts which offer intelligent storage solutions, maximising space to suit different family needs. Offering a unique selection of contemporary 1-bedroom to 5-bedroom apartments and sprawling penthouses, the units were launched at a special early bird selling price at an average of about \$920 psf, in view that some buyers may be required to pay the Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty (ABSD).

Comprising 12 towering blocks, D'Nest is built to be environmentally sustainable and provides a seamless integration with its natural surroundings. It is also set to be fitted with an extensive amount of solar panels to replace part of the electricity required to power the common areas. D'Nest has also recently entered the Singapore Book of Records (SBOR) successfully for achieving the national record of "Largest Solar Panels In A Condominium".

Residents will also notice that most of the apartment blocks at D'Nest are positioned to create generous landscaped spaces and maximise natural ventilation for that precious feeling of spaciousness. D'Nest is also uniquely designed with not one, but three themed Clubhouses offering a plethora of facilities.

The development is conveniently located near Pasir Ris MRT station, Pasir Ris bus interchange and White Sands shopping mall. There is also excellent accessibility connecting to the city with major expressways. A short drive away is IKEA, Giant Hypermarket and Courts, a furnishing and electrical store. Leisure options are also aplenty as Downtown East, a recreation and entertainment hub, is within easy reach. For a unique escape from urban life, Gallop Stable at Pasir Ris Park offers horse riding activities.

Several schools are also located in the vicinity, including Coral Primary School, Parkview Primary School, Hai Sing Catholic School, Meridian Junior College, United World College of South East Asia and the upcoming Singapore University of Technology and Design.

Most attractively, Changi Airport, Changi Business Park, Tampines Wafer Fab Park and the Pasir Ris Wafer Fab Park are also within easy reach of D'Nest, bolstering its popularity with professionals and expatriates who work in these vicinities, offering the potential to command competitive rental yields.



Artist's Impression
The Whispering Water Wall is stunning, dramatic, yet calming, and features soothing water rhythms. (Artist's Impression)



Artist's Impression
The 50m lap pool offers the perfect way to cool down with a leisurely swim. (Artist's Impression)

CDL Spreads Environmental Message With Green Offices

The recent Project: Eco-Office Presentation Ceremony saw over 150 like-minded people gather to celebrate the addition of new offices to The Project: Eco-Office initiative. The ceremony was officiated by Acting Minister of Manpower and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development, Mr Tan Chuan-Jin.

Project: Eco-Office is a joint initiative by CDL and the Singapore Environment Council (SEC), which was launched on 5 June 2002. Targeted at the business community, the outreach initiative provides organisations with a "starter kit" on cultivating environmental-consciousness at the workplace. Some key objectives of Project: Eco-Office include bringing the environmental message to offices in Singapore by incorporating environmental practices into the daily lives of office workers, and to inspire and educate management and non-management staff to do their part in preserving the environment.

At the ceremony, some 49 new offices – comprising over 12,000 staff - were recognised as Eco-Offices. They span across various sectors such as construction, education and engineering. These include the Housing Development Board, Immigration and Checkpoints Authority and all PAP town councils. On the other hand, 13 offices were re-certified, including the Media Development Authority and Republic Polytechnic.

Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director of CDL, said: "It is heartening to see a green wave building momentum at the workplace – impacting both the public and private sectors, with the increasing application of Eco-Office certification by businesses. In addition to environmental responsibility, businesses are realising that there are financial and social benefits to be reaped."

For 2013, the SEC is setting bold targets – its aim is to add another 100 new offices to the current tally by the end of this year. CDL and SEC hope to reach this target as part of its efforts in contributing to Singapore's commitment of reducing carbon emissions by 7%-11% from BAU (Business as Usual) levels, in support of the Sustainable Singapore Blueprint.



Dr Teo Ho Pin, Vice-Chairman, SEC (1st from left), Ms Lee Sze Yeng, Board Member, SEC (2nd from left), Mr Kwek Leng Joo (7th from left), Mr Tan Chuan-Jin (8th from left), Ms Isabella Loh, Chairman, SEC (9th from left) and Ms Esther An, CDL Head of CSR (10th from left), with the recipients at this year's Project: Eco-Office presentation ceremony.

Hong Leong Group Launches Bartley Ridge

Hong Leong Group Singapore recently launched their latest offering in the popular hot spot of Bartley, which is located in the north eastern part of the island. The launch of Bartley Ridge drew strong response with over 350 units sold to date.

Developed jointly by Hong Leong Holdings Limited, City Developments Limited and TID Pte Ltd, Bartley Ridge is well-connected by viaducts and expressways to allow a quick and smooth drive to various parts of Singapore. Bartley Ridge has the ideal location - just two minutes walk to Bartley MRT Station.

The development comprises a total of nine 18- and 19-storey blocks with North-South orientation. This 99-year-leasehold project has a range of 1- to 4-bedroom units, as well as dual key units which feature 3 bedrooms + 1 bedroom. Unit sizes range from 441 sq ft for a 1-bedroom to 1,300 sq ft for a 4-bedroom and 1,550 sq ft for a dual key.

There is also no lack of amenities within Bartley Ridge.

Besides two clubhouse clusters, residents can enjoy facilities such as a 50-metre and 25-metre lap pool, a children's fun area, tennis and basketball courts. Unique features include a gourmet pavilion with an outdoor dining area, lounge, open kitchen, dip pool and hot tub; a hydrotherapy oasis with hydro spa seat and bed with massage jets and massage pavilions; meditation pods; an ecology pond and a community garden incorporating a scented garden and gardening zones for those with green thumbs.



Artist's Impression

Enjoy undisturbed time at the Meditation pods.



Artist's Impression

For a pampering treat, immense in the Hydrotherapy Oasis for a soothing massage.

several notable learning institutions, such as Stamford American International School, Australian International School, Maris Stella High School and Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School.

"We believe that the location of Bartley Ridge will be one of the main draws for buyers," said Ms Betsy Chng, Head of Sales and Marketing at Hong Leong Holdings. "Besides being within walking distance of the MRT station, this project is just one stop away from Serangoon MRT interchange and three stops from Bishan MRT interchange on the Circle Line. The nearby Pan Island Expressway, Central Expressway and Kallang-Paya Lebar Expressway also allows for easy accessibility to the city."

No stranger to the Bartley area, the three development companies have another project within the vicinity. Bartley Residences, which was launched in February 2012, has seen tremendous response with all units fully sold.

Bartley Ridge is within easy reach of amenities such as cinemas, restaurants and sports facilities as well as

FEDDERS Establishes Footprints In Asia Pacific Region With Classic And Elegant Lifestyle Home Appliances



Management of Hong Leong Asia at the launch of Fedders (from left): EVP of Strategic Development, Benny Goh; CFO Hoh Weng Ming; CEO Philip Ting; Fedders General Manager, S.E.A., George Pan; HLA Senior Industrial Manager, Rok Jenko.



Mr. Philip Ting, CEO of Hong Leong Asia; Mr. Kelly Tan, Deputy GM (Projects) of City Developments Limited (CDL); Mr. Chia Ngiang Hong, Group GM of CDL; Mr. Daniel T'ng, GM Property & Facilities Management of CDL.

FEDDERS recently held its first exclusive business launch at the prestigious Echelon show gallery in Singapore, with the kind support of our sister company, City Development Limited. The launch in Singapore and the recent events in China's two major cities; Beijing and Shanghai represent FEDDERS' commitment and re-entry into the Asia Pacific market as a revitalised and re-energised brand for sophisticated consumers who seek to enhance their everyday experiences. FEDDERS' focus is on elegant design, comfort and smart living.

Since 1896, FEDDERS has been an established American brand with rich heritage in pursuit for innovation and quality. Since taking over the brand management rights last year, Hong Leong Asia has worked with Red Dot (which is an international acclaim for excellence in product design accreditation) European designer to develop sophisticated and unique range of large home appliances including refrigeration, climate control system and wine cellars.

FEDDERS will enlarge its footprints into the Asia Pacific region starting 2013. It positions itself as a total solution-based company offering a new range of sophisticated consumer lifestyle appliances for both B2B and B2C markets.

By leveraging on its climate control technologies and the design know-how from Europe, over time FEDDERS will continue to introduce new and exciting products to meet the lifestyle needs of home owners today such as cooking appliances, washers, dryers and our business partners for commercial projects.

For more information about FEDDERS, please visit www.fedders.com.



The Fedders launch took place in the showroom of Echelon, an upcoming development by CDL.

Quayside Isle Launches Officially

It is hard to find a location that combines an idyllic view, sublime ambience and myriad choices of F&B and retail concepts in Singapore. But if there is one place that does seem to have it all, it is Quayside Isle (QI), the newest gem on Sentosa Cove.

QI, Singapore's latest marina front lifestyle and dining destination, recently raised its curtains officially in an evening celebration that saw close to 200 notable guests arrive decked out in their finest nautical themed outfits. The evening's festivities kick-started with City Developments Limited (CDL) Group General Manager Chia Ngiang Hong, CDL Deputy General Manager of Leasing Corinne Yap and W Singapore — Sentosa Cove's General Manager Stephane Fabregoul declaring QI open with the chiming of a bell, amid claps and cheers.

The evening's activities were led by renowned host Anita Kapoor, who kept guests engaged with her lively banter, while Vocaluptuous, an a cappella group, also performed at the opening, entertaining guests with their brand of fun and refreshing vocals. Guests were also treated to a range of canapés and drinks from the restaurants in QI.

Modelled after the world's most sought-after marina locations such as Capri in Italy, Nice and Saint-Tropez in France and Cockle Bay Wharf in Australia, QI is set to bring a slice of luxury closer to home in the heart of Sentosa Cove.

As an integrated F&B and retail destination within the Sentosa Cove enclave, QI, together with The Residences at W Singapore — Sentosa Cove and W Singapore — Sentosa Cove hotel, will complete the tropical marina-oriented lifestyle that CDL had envisioned when it was first awarded this integrated site in 2006.



Guests at the QI opening came dressed in their nautical best for the evening, and certainly had a ball of fun at the soiree.



CDL Group General Manager Chia Ngiang Hong (2nd from left), CDL Deputy GM of Leasing, Corinne Yap (3rd from left) and W Singapore – Sentosa Cove's GM Stephane Fabregoul (extreme right) declared QI officially open while guests clapped and cheered.

Myriad new-to-market F&B concepts that QI offers include the high tea salon and artistic bar Museo; re-located modern French restaurant Saint Pierre; Sabio by the Sea, Tapas & Grill; fine dining Japanese restaurant Ezoca Japanese Cuisine, and more. To complete the lifestyle experience, the remainder of QI is made up of gourmet grocers, wine retailers, fine art gallery and a beauty salon, which include Jasons the Gourmet Grocer, Little Provence, The Straits Wine Company, Hera Beauty Salon and Nikei Fine Art. These concepts are collectively complemented by QI's one-of-a-kind, enchanting location.

Getting to QI both by private and public transport is a breeze as well. Ample parking is available at only S\$3.50 per entry at the basement car park in QI, W Singapore – Sentosa Cove or Sentosa Cove Village. Non-drivers can also easily hop on a free shuttle service is available for the public within Sentosa. From the Beach Station, a free shuttle bus travels to Sentosa Cove Village, which is just 5 minutes to QI. It operates from 8am to 10.30pm daily with a 30-minute interval.

Grand Millennium Al Wahda Abu Dhabi Opens Balcony 31

Grand Millennium AL Wahda Abu Dhabi recently opened Balcony 31, the hottest edition to the nightlife scene in the city. The bar and lounge is located on the 31st floor and commands a 360° panoramic scenic view of Abu Dhabi.

Balcony 31 will bring in DJ's from all over the world on a regular basis to entertain guests and offers an extensive beverage menu, Shisha and light snack menu. It is open from 9 pm until 3 am every night except Saturday and Sunday.



Hotel Manager Marwan Mseikeh and the team from Balcony 31 welcomed a group of journalists from the local media at the launch party.

Millennium Xiamen Designated Caterer At International Stone Fair



The Millennium Delicatessen Counter served up five-star meals for everyone at the Xiamen International Stone Fair 2013.

As a long-term official partner of Xiamen International Stone Fair, the Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen was once again the designated five-star hotel providing catering service for the exhibition this year. The Xiamen International Stone Fair 2013 is the world's largest stone exhibition with 158,000m² of exhibition area. The Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen set up the Millennium Delicatessen Counter inside the exhibition hall during the fair and provided on-spot dining services and beverages for the exhibitors and visitors.

Orchard Hotel Singapore Hosts WGS Awards of Excellence 2013

The World Gourmet Series (WGS) Awards of Excellence 2013 was held recently at Orchard Hotel Singapore. For more than a decade, WGS Awards of Excellence has recognised over a hundred of Food & Beverage (F&B)'s finest for their efforts in bringing the gastronomic scene to new heights. A huge turnout of more than 600 leading industry professionals witnessed 29 awards and five scholarships presented during the awards ceremony. Everyone was full of praise for Orchard Hotel's Executive Chef Taki Panayotakos, Pastry Chef Chee Leong and their talented culinary team who prepared an extensive quality spread.



General Manager Andrew Tan (middle) and Executive Assistant Manager Winnie Low (third from left) with Orchard Hotel's WGS Finalists.

Visiting Dignitaries & General Managers

Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta



Director of Food and Beverage Yudiawan (left) was pleased to welcome Indonesia's Minister of Health dr. Nafisah Mboi, Sp.A, MPH (right) upon her arrival at Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta. She was there to attend and open the KEMENKES GKIA meeting at Mutiara Ballroom, which was well-attended by 114 participants from several provinces in Indonesia.

Grand Millennium Sukhumvit



General Manager Thomas Christiansen (far right) welcomed New Zealand Ambassador Tony Lynch (centre) to "Kiwi Link South and South East Asia 2013". This event was organised recently at Grand Millennium Sukhumvit's Grand Ballroom by Tourism New Zealand. The event led by Regional Manager South and South East Asia Mischa Mannix-Opie (far left) was aimed to provide New Zealand operators the opportunity to get in front of key travel decision makers from south and south-east Asia including Thailand.

Millennium Hotel HongQiao Shanghai



General Manager Rene Teuscher (right) welcomed the Ambassador of Singapore in China Stanley Loh when he visited Millennium Hotel HongQiao Shanghai recently.

Millennium Hotel HongQiao Shanghai



General Manager Rene Teuscher (second from left), together with the together with the Shanghai GSO Team, welcomed General Manager Gino Tan (second from right) of Grand Millennium Beijing when he was in Shanghai for sales activities.

Congratulations

John Karwl-Jackes – General Manager Of Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen



John Karwl-Jackes

John Karwl-Jackes has a wealth of experience within the hotels and hospitality industry and joins Millennium & Copthorne following his successful tenure as General Manger at DoubleTree by Hilton in Aberdeen.

At an early age, John chose hospitality as a career and successfully completed a Hospitality Management Diploma. John worked his way through the ranks and up the ladder. He has learned his trade from rolling his sleeves up in the kitchen to donning his suit and tie as Front Office Manager for some large bedroom stocked properties.

John's break came when he was working for Macdonald Hotels where he progressed from Front Office Manager to Deputy General Manager at McDonald's country house property in Shropshire, Albrighton Hall. Since then, he has been General Manager at Pittodrie House and Thainstone House Hotel in Scotland.

John believes that the focus for a successful property is all about the team. Managing a happy well driven team will ensure the guests receive the welcome and the service that they have come to expect from our industry. Looking ahead at his new challenge, John's eye is firmly on the service led social media sites. These are going to be John's barometer going forward with the emphasis on listening to what the users of his product are saying and learning from it.

Yvonne Oo, Vice President Of Human Resources For Asia, MCIL

Yvonne joins Millennium & Copthorne International Limited (MCIL) as Vice President of Human Resources, Asia. She brings with her more than 23 years of human resource management and development experience from a variety of industries covering hospitality, real estate, travel, high technology manufacturing and organisational development consulting. Yvonne holds a Bachelor's degree in Science (Building) from the National University of Singapore and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom.

Prior to joining MCIL, Yvonne was Senior Vice President, Human Resources for The Ascott Limited, the hospitality arm of The CapitaLand Group, with overall responsibilities for leading, developing and executing human capital strategies and initiatives globally.

Yvonne's charter in MCIL is to execute human capital strategies, plans and programmes in Asia, including talent acquisition, compensation and benefits management, learning & development, employee engagement and productivity to support business growth in the region. Yvonne reports directly to the Senior Vice President, Asia and functionally to the Senior Vice President, Global Human Resources.



Grand Millennium Al Wahda Excels in Culinary Salon



Grand Millennium Al Wahda's chefs participated in the Culinary Salon Guild in Dubai this year and were awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals for their outstanding work. General Manager Atef Elias proudly awarded the chefs in recognition of their hard work and efforts that helped them achieve results. We would like to congratulate them and wish them all the best for the upcoming competitions in the near future.

Millennium HongQiao Hotel Presented With Charity Award

Millennium HongQiao Hotel was presented with an award from BEACON OF LOVE to recognise their efforts that they have done with the organisation. BEACON OF LOVE is a charity organisation founded by the Shanghai Children's Health Foundation that supports and save lives of children with congenital heart disease.

For the past six years, Millennium HongQiao has partnered with BEACON to allow them to utilise their meeting rooms and other hotel facilities freely for their activities. In 2012, the hotel held a Charity Carnival together with the organisation to help raise funds for the children with congenital heart disease.



General Manager Mr. Rene Teuscher and the ladies of BEACON OF LOVE.

Millenium Hilton NY Honoured With HCA Gold Award



(L-R) Namrita Dogra, Chris Hill, Fiona Tam, Ginny Arcius, Vicente Jaramillo, Jennifer Yuan, Edgar Dye and Larry Chung represented Millenium Hilton New York at the awards dinner.

The Millennium Hilton in New York was recently honoured by the Hotel Chinese Association (HCA) of USA with 2012's Gold Award, which recognises HCA members and community leaders for their outstanding contributions to the Chinese-American community of New York City. The award was presented to the hotel at HCA's 6th Anniversary Celebration and Recognition Award Ceremony.

Hotel Chinese Association of USA, Inc. is a non-profit organisation, established to help Chinese-American hotel employees to advocate for equal rights in the workplace, advance and prosper in the job, and engage in community service. HCA works with the hotel management, hotel union and community organisations to support its members and programmes.

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong Named "Hotel of the Year"

During the recent Marriott International Asia Pacific General Managers Conference held in Shanghai, the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong was named "Hotel of the Year" in the luxury category for the Asia Pacific Continent. This award is very meaningful and prestigious, and a reflection of the dedication, commitment and service excellence and gracious hospitality by all 750 associates throughout the hotel.



JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong is "Hotel of the Year" in the luxury category for the Asia Pacific Continent.

Hua Ting Named Top 500 Finest Restaurants In Asia



Hua Ting Restaurant of Orchard Hotel Singapore, was recently voted and recognised by The Miele Guide, as one of Asia's best 500 restaurants in 2013.

Voters from around the world cast their votes for the best restaurants in 17 countries across Asia, which have been shortlisted by a panel of 73 respected restaurant critics and food writers in Asia.

For Hua Ting to make the cut, it signifies that the restaurant delivers true excellence in food quality and exceptional dining.

Play

Kung Fu Show At Beijing Riviera Country Club

Riviera Clubhouse recently hosted an exciting kungfu demonstration by Jinghua Wushu Association on Mar 09, 2013, featuring some of teacher Liu's child members from Beijing Riviera.



Adam Lambert At W Hotel



American singer and songwriter, Adam Lambert (right) stayed at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove for three nights when he came to Singapore to perform a one-night-only concert. He is pictured here with W Hotel's General Manager, Stephane Fabregoul (left).

Adam grew to prominence after appearing on the eighth season of American reality game/singing competition, American Idol. Although he was a runner-up, Lambert has since launched a successful music career and has grown to international stardom.

Ne-Yo at M&C Chelsea



Ne-Yo, a Grammy Award winning American R&B recording artist, record producer, dancer and actor, recently wow-ed screaming fans with an energetic performance at Under The Bridge, a venue built under Chelsea's football ground in homage to London's rock history.

Koo Tin Lok At Millennium HongQiao



Hong Kong celebrity film actor, Koo Tin Lok recently attended a press conference of an online game, which was held at Millennium Hongqiao in Shanghai, China.

Koo's rise to prominence was due to the popularity of several television dramas in the 1990s by TVB, Hong Kong's major television broadcasting station, such as 1995's The Condor Heroes. Koo has amassed a sizeable fan base in Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, South-east Asia and North America. He is also recognised as one of the stalwarts of Hong Kong's film industry.

Scandal at M Hotel



Scandal, one of Japan's biggest pop rock girl band returned to Singapore in March. As part of their 2013 tour, M Hotel was chosen for their respite. Pictured here with the popular group is Assistant Director of Sales, Karen Lim (extreme left), and Director of Sales, Nelson Quek (standing in the middle).

"Dynamic Duo Night" At Grand Millennium Sukhumvit



Grand Millennium Sukhumvit recently organized their annual staff party, themed "Dynamic Duo Night". The event featured a 'Duo Costumes' contest where costumes are paired, such as the Devil and the Angel, Aladdin & Princess Jasmine, twin Barbie girls, Thai Duke & Duchess, boy scout and girl scout, and many more.

The highlight of the event was the 'Management Show' performed by Executive Committees and Department Heads in tango dance and harem shake, led by General Manager Thomas Christiansen in a Superman outfit (posing in the centre).

Meals & Deals

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Secretaries Week

Secretaries Week falls on 23-27 April. Show your appreciation by rewarding her with a well-deserved treat from our Singapore hotels.



Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

Café Brio's

Surprise her with a tantalising lunch buffet that includes smoked chicken with candied walnuts, pommery mustard dressing, roasted lamb chop served with ratatouille, garlic jus, pan-seared lemon sole oven-baked with herb crust, lemon butter, Norwegian salmon wellington with mustard cream sauce, orange blossom cream cheese cake and more. She will also receive a J's Salon voucher to pamper her tresses. The buffet lunch is priced at S\$46++ for adults and S\$23++ for children. Valid from 21 to 27 April.

For reservations, please call +65 6233 1100 or email fnb.rsvns@grandcopthorne.com.sg.

Pontini

If your administrative assistant prefers Italian cuisine, she'll love the 3-course Italian set lunch at Pontini. For starters, indulge in a 20-month cured Parma ham served with rock melon, premium "Grana Padano" Parmesan cheese, and black fig compote. Cleanse her palate with homemade lime sherbet with berries. For the main course, she can opt to have the pan-roasted Atlantic cod fillet, butternut squash puree, radicchio salad, "Taggiasca" black olives or 65 degrees sous-vide cooked korobuta pork belly, celeriac puree, root vegetables and port wine reduction. End the meal on a delightful note with a classic tiramisu. The set lunch is priced at S\$52++ per person. Valid from 21 to 27 April.

For reservations, please call +65 6233 1100 or email fnb.rsvns@grandcopthorne.com.sg.

Copthorne King's Hotel

Tien Court

Master Chef Ho Tien Tsai aims to woo your secretary's palate with a special 6-course set lunch and dinner. She'll love the braised shark's fin soup with caviar and crabmeat stuffed in egg white. All secretaries will also enjoy a nutritious bowl of double-boiled bird's nest with rock sugar (limited to one person per table). The set lunch and dinner is priced at S\$88++ per person.

For enquiries and reservations, please call +65 6318 3193/ 198 or email tiencourt@copthornekings.com.sg

M Hotel

The Buffet @ M Hotel

Tuck into a wide selection of international dishes such as Stir-fried Slipper Lobster in Black Bean Paste, Fresh Seabass, Sushi and Sashimi selection and much more. For those with a sweet tooth, they can indulge in mouth-watering desserts such as Double Chocolate Mousse Cake, Hazelnut Feulitin, Raspberry Mirror Cake, durian-inspired creations! The buffet lunch is priced at S\$45++ for adults and S\$22++ for children. Monday to Friday, 12pm – 3pm.

For reservations and enquiries, please call +65 6500 6116.

Songkran Water Festival

Enjoy our new and exclusive Songkran benefits on offer and spend a splashing good time and a fun holiday with family and friends. Let's go around Patong throwing buckets of fresh water and get loaded up with water guns at one another.

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Stay Period from: 10 April to 16 April 2013

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- All guests booked on this package will be able to hop on our Millennium Songkran truck on 13th April to enjoy the Songkran Festival (on a first come, first served basis)



Other benefits:

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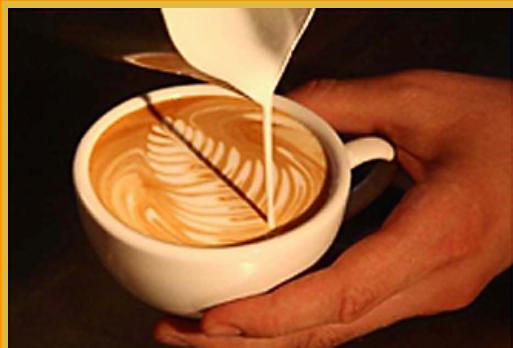
Chinese Restaurant Special Dishes



Fish fillets cooked in hot chilli oil (水煮鱼) is our specialty. The freshest fish is selected and boiled to tenderness in Chilli Oil, making this Chongqing dish spicy, yet not overwhelming.

For reservations, please call HeWeiWuan Chinese Restaurant at 010-84506888-219.

Beijing Riviera Coffee Club



The Coffee Club gives club members a chance to earn complimentary coffee, meet other members who share a passion for fine coffee, and sample new coffee flavours during our product promotions.

If you are interested in joining the Riviera Café Coffee Club, please dial 010-84506888-116.

Registration is free. Sign up now!

Sumptuous Meals Served At Hotel Nikko Hong Kong



The Sakura Set Lunch is available at HK\$298 per person.

Hotel Nikko Hongkong is serving up a variety of sumptuous meals this April.

Sagano Japanese Restaurant presents a lavish Sakura Set Lunch. Designed by Japanese Master Chef Masahiko Noka, the highlight of this exquisite set lunch is the assorted seasonal appetisers – incorporating various petit Japanese offerings such as grilled silver cod with miso paste, grilled egg rolls, grilled beef with teriyaki sauce, Zuwai crabmeat with vinegar sauce and more. For dinner, the Ohmi Wagyu Teppanyaki Set features premium Wagyu crafted by skilled teppanyaki chef.

For seafood lovers, Café Serena is putting on a "Around-the-world Seafood Feast" dinner buffet featuring fresh seafood from various countries. Grilled, seared, sautéed or stir-fried, the seafood items come in every which way imaginable, but always maintaining a certain simplicity that highlights their freshness and subtle natural sweetness. Each patron will also receive a complimentary pan-fried big head prawn with garlic butter sauce.

For more information and reservations, please call Sagano on +852 2313 4215 and Café Serena at +852 2313 4222 or book online at <http://www.hotelnikko.com.hk>.

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JW Marriott Hong Kong Presents The Best of Korea



From 11 to 21 April 2013, Guest Chef, Kang Dong Jin from JW Marriott Hotel Seoul will present an array of authentic Korean dishes to The Lounge's lunch and supper buffets. Renowned for its colourful seasonings and distinctive flavours, diners can look forward to a medley of sumptuous Korean specialities like sautéed spicy pork belly, Andong-style (braised) chicken stew, Korean rice cake and more.

For more information, please call The Lounge at +852 2810 8366.

Care

M&C Queenstown Hotels Help Local School with Recycling Project



Local primary school children learning the workings of the worm farm.

As part of their 'green' initiatives, the Millennium & Copthorne Hotels in Queenstown implemented a worm farm in 2010. The farm is located on the grounds of the Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown Lakefront.

All three hotels now process their food waste daily from the kitchens and restaurants in order to keep the worms well fed. Approximately 5,000 worms will eat about one kilogram of food a day and, in ideal conditions, will double their population every 40 days or so. The vermicast (worm castings) produced by the worms is very high in nutrients and can be used as a liquid fertiliser by diluting with 10 parts of water. The fertiliser is then used on office plants and in the garden.

Over the past two years the Queenstown hotels have also been involved with supporting the local primary school with their Enviro Schools Programme. Recently, the children came to see how the worm farm worked so they could work out how to build one at their school. The children collected food from the hotel kitchen and then fed and picked up the worms. They learnt how and what to feed the worms and how to use the vermicast on their vegetable gardens as a fertiliser.

Afterwards they enjoyed some yummy chocolate cupcakes, decorated with chocolate fondant worms!

Millennium Abu Dhabi Participates In Terry Fox Run

Headed by General Manager Ruprecht Schmitz, over 80 employees, including the management team of the Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi, participated in the 18th annual Terry Fox Run. Named after the inspiring 21-year old cancer sufferer and amputee who ran across Canada to raise research money for cancer, this year's run saw 18,000 participants taking part in the 8-kilometre run on the Corniche. Shaikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and the grandson of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sultan attended this event.



Over 80 Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi staff took part in the Terry Fox Run.

Cook For The Community, Care For The Environment

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong jointly organised a cooking class with A Drop of Life Hong Kong, a non-profit organisation to raise funds for the poor.

Conducted by the hotel's Chef Jordi Villegas, participants were taught how to make delicious Lobster and Crab Cake, Porcini Mushroom and Mascarpone Ravioli with Truffle Sauce and Tiramisu. Participants were each given a complimentary chef's hat and apron as well as a certificate upon completion of the cooking class. A total of about HK\$222,625 (S\$35,460.84) was raised for the event.

The hotel with 187 staff, family members, guests and even the regional office, also participated in the "Green Power Hike for a Green Future", an annual charity walkathon along Hong Kong Trail, to raise funds for local environmental, educational and conservation programmes. A total of US\$28,678 was raised for the event.



From left: Executive Pastry Chef, Ryan Zimmer; a guest participant; Chef Jordi Villegas; General Manager, Mark Conklin



A total of 187 hotel staff, families, guests and the regional Marriott office participated in the challenging 10-km, 25-km, and 50-km hikes.

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



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No Paper 无纸日	No Smoking 无烟日	Water Conservation 节水日
Vegetarian Diet 素食日	No One Single Use 无一次性用品日	Empty Plate 光盘日
Earth Hour 地球一小时熄灯日		

Millennium Xiamen implemented a series of "green" activities during the week leading to Earth Hour. They include "Non Smoking Day", "Water Conservation Day", and "No One Single Use Day" which encourages hotel guests to re-use hotel amenities.



As a token of appreciation, Grand Millennium Sukhumvit served complimentary "drink in candlelight" at the hotel lobby to all guests participating in the green efforts.



Management and staff at Grand Millennium Al Wahda lit 60 candles with M&C's logo, to symbolize their support for Earth Hour.

M&C Hotels Launches Worldwide Campaign To Save Energy

In celebration of Earth Hour, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C) recently launched a month-long campaign in all of its 110 properties worldwide, to save additional energy.

To achieve this, M&C is challenging itself with a series of month-long measures such as raising temperatures of its chillers from 6.5 degrees to 7.5 degrees centigrade, dimming lights in public areas, turning off the air-conditioning during office lunch hours, or setting the temperature at 24 degrees or higher.

M&C, the hospitality arm of Singapore-listed property giant City Developments Limited (CDL), has a global portfolio of 110 hotels with 30,939 rooms, in 70 cities in 19 countries. Both M&C and CDL are members of Hong Leong Group Singapore.

In 2010, M&C implemented plans to achieve its monthly target of cutting energy usage by at least 10% or 1.2 million kilowatt per hour (kWh) in all of its 110 properties around the world. The savings is equivalent to the monthly electricity consumption of 2,350 three-bedroom flats in Singapore.

The Group's 13 Asian properties with a total of 4,195 rooms are expected to achieve 1,390,312 kWh of energy savings each month, giving annual cost savings of S\$306,775 or about S\$3.68 million a year. energy-saving infrastructure such as LED lightings, heat pumps, as well as chiller and hot water plant upgrades are some samples of green measures that are being implemented to achieve maximum savings.

Elsewhere in New Zealand, M&C's 31 properties there have switched to using compact fluorescent bulbs and LED lights resulting in a wattage reduction of 30% to 86%. In China, several M&C hotels such as Millennium Harborview Xiamen, have replaced windows with double glazing ones in guest rooms.

In Europe, hotels such as Millennium Hotel London Mayfair and Millennium Gloucester Hotel have incorporated "green thinking" into their employee engagement and staff training programmes. By the end of December 2012, M&C hotels in UK achieved an overall reduction in energy consumption of up to 6.03%.

In recognition of its green efforts, M&C hotels worldwide have received various environmental awards, such as Carbon Trust Standard for its UK properties for managing and reducing carbon emissions; ASEAN Green Hotel Award was given for M&C Singapore hotels' efforts in conserving resources; and the Qualmark Enviro Award went to its New Zealand hotels' high environmental performance.

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