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M&C Expands Its Footprint In China With M Hotel Chengdu

On July 2, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc (M&C) announced the inauguration of M Hotel Chengdu. This marks another milestone in the Group's venture into China, an event that was attended by Singapore ministers Mr Lim Swee Say, Minister in Prime Minister's Office and Mr Lawrence Wong, Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information.

M Hotel Chengdu is the second such hotel in the world, after the first M Hotel was launched in Singapore in 2000. The "M" brand caters to a new generation of travellers and centres on the young and young at heart. This is evident in the room layout, amenities and high tech IT connectivity centred within a comfortable and hip environment.

The M Hotel Singapore in its time has received many awards and accolades, among them being Best Business Hotel by TTG Asia and Best Marketing by Pacific Area Travel Association.



Hong Leong Group Executive Chairman Kwek Leng Beng (left) and M&C CEO Wong Hong Ren (right) welcoming guests at the inauguration ceremony of M Hotel Chengdu.

Referring to the Singapore ministers' presence at the inauguration, M&C Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng said, "Singapore has fostered a strong relationship with China by helping local enterprises invest and do business in China for the mutual benefit. Today, we witness an example of this strong relationship."

"We are pleased with our government's collaboration with the Sichuan government through the Singapore-Sichuan Hi Tech Innovation Park. We will be signing a memorandum of understanding to invest in this park later today. Hong Leong Group Singapore will also continue our commitment here in Sichuan both as an investor and a partner," added Mr Kwek who is also Executive Chairman of Hong Leong Group Singapore, the parent of M&C Hotels.

Other distinguished guests attending the grand hotel inauguration included former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Shaukat Aziz, who is Independent Director of M&C and Mr Wong Hong Ren, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Director of M&C.

The 196-room M Hotel Chengdu is M&C's latest venture in China. The hotel is 13-minute drive from Shuangliu International Airport and a 5-minute stroll from Xin Nan Tian Di, an area south of Chengdu with high-end housing, luxurious villas and shopping malls. The metro is also nearby and the Chengdu High Tech Zone Park is a short 10-minute drive away with many Fortune 500 companies located within.

M Hotel Chengdu is dedicated to provide the best service and amenities for its guests. Every room comes with a separate working area and a flat screen television. A spacious balcony and a soothing warm colour scheme create a residential feel. Deluxe and en suite rooms boast furnished kitchenettes that are ideal for guests on short stays or long term lease. Other hotel facilities include a gym, indoor pool, squash court, table tennis area, a billiard room, kid's area as well as a library where guests can surf the Internet or read. The hotel has two well-equipped business meeting rooms. Guests can enjoy Asian and International delicacies at M Cafe located at Level 2 or the 24 hour in-room dining service.



M&C CEO Wong Hong Ren (second from left); Minister in Prime Minister's Office Lim Swee Say (third from left); M&C Chairman Kwek Leng Beng (middle); Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information Lawrence Wong (third from right) at the inauguration ceremony of M Hotel Chengdu.

City Square Mall Welcomes Uniqlo

Uniqlo has become the latest major tenant to set up shop in City Square Mall, opening up a 9,000 sq ft store. Shopping in City Square Mall has become a more exciting affair with several tenants like Japanese budget chain Daiso and IT and electronics retailer Challenger Mini moving into the mall in recent months.

This comes after City Square Mall underwent major renovations last year on levels 4 to 5 to incorporate Golden Village (GV) and also in Basement 2, for last October's opening of the first Toys 'R' Us and Babies 'R' Us integrated store concept in South-east Asia.

Ms Corinne Yap, Deputy General Manager (Marketing/Leasing) at CDL, said: "Despite the challenging economic environment, the mall was able to establish its retail positioning with strong anchor tenants. Since then, its footfall has more than doubled. Over the years, we've also succeeded in growing and refreshing the tenant mix by attracting renowned brands like Uniqlo, Golden Village, The Body Shop, Cedele Bakery Café, Watches of Switzerland and Singapore's flagship Babies 'R' Us — its largest store in South-east Asia.

"We are at our next stage of development and in the midst of bringing in more new lifestyle brands — attesting to the mall's strong appeal."

As Singapore's first eco-mall, City Square Mall attained the Building & Construction Authority's Green Mark Platinum Award in 2007. The mall also hosts a learning hub of about 20,000 sq ft featuring a mix of educational and enrichment centres.

CDL developed the mall, which is directly linked to Farrer Park MRT Station at Basement 1, along with City Square Residences next door on the former New World Amusement Park site.



News of City Square Mall's new tenant was featured in the *Business Times*.

Remodelling Of Millennium Alaskan

Millennium Alaskan Hotel, located just minutes from downtown Anchorage in Alaska, has recently completed first phase of its renovation costing US\$483,000. The remodelled spaces included the hotel lobby, the Flying Machine Restaurant, the Fancy Moose Bar, as well as the Deck at Lake Hood.

The second phase of remodelling is scheduled to begin towards the end of this year. It will include a renovation of all meeting spaces.



With beautiful Alaskan animal mounted on the wall that include a polar bear and 1400 pound Kodiak brown bear, the lobby is now a cosy, rustic space complete with rich wood and rocks.



The Deck at Lake Hood is the busiest float plane lake in the world. Installed with a faux rock wall surrounding the deck and new patio furniture, the deck is an extension of the newly-remodelled hotel lobby where one can enjoy panoramic views of the lake.

“Changing The Landscape”: CDL’s Sixth Sustainability Report



The CDL – Singapore Young CSR Leaders Award is a youth case competition and is one of CDL’s CSR initiatives highlighted in the Sustainability Report 2013. The Award is part of CDL’s CSR advocacy efforts which included promoting thought leadership amongst youths.

In June 2013, CDL published its sixth Sustainability Report, “Changing the Landscape”. For the second year running, the Report has achieved a Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)-checked Level A+ using the G3.1 guidelines as well as the Construction and Real Estate Sector Supplement.

As Singapore’s pioneering advocate of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), CDL was the first listed company in Singapore to publish a dedicated GRI-checked Sustainability Report in 2008 and also the first listed company to publish a GRI-checked Level A+ Report in 2012.

The Sustainability Report 2013 documents continual progress in four key areas: People Engagement, Product Stewardship, Community Partnership and Environmental Conservation. It has been externally verified by an independent Certified Sustainability Assurance Practitioner based on the AA1000 Assurance Standard, as per past years.

Some highlights include updates to Corporate Governance and policies relating to Anti-Corruption, Fraud and Competition, a 11% reduction in carbon intensity emissions from baseline year 2007, continued efforts in championing Green buildings with increased number of Building and Construction Authority Green Mark awarded projects at Gold^{Plus} and Platinum tiers, increased efforts to raise awareness with builders about human rights and labour practices as well as flagship community initiatives expanded with greater outreach and impact, amongst others.

As CDL celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year, it remains committed to performing credibly in financial, social and environmental aspects, maintaining a balanced Triple Bottom Line and aligning its practices to international guidelines and models. Log on to www.cdl.com.sg/sustainabilityreport2013 to read more about CDL’s CSR and sustainability efforts.

Hong Leong Holdings Launches Luxury Freehold Condo

Hong Leong Holdings recently launched their latest project – One Balmoral. Located in the high-end residential area of central Singapore, this freehold luxury project is a gem that enjoys close proximity to Orchard Road while being away from the hustle and bustle of the world-famous shopping belt.

Nestled amidst the lush environment of the charming Balmoral estate, this 91-unit project will be highly sought after by home buyers and investors alike. The luxury condominium comprises 1- to 4- bedroom units, with sizes ranging from 592 sq feet to 1,657 sq feet. Prices start from S\$1.5 million.

Designed to appeal to city dwellers, this development features a lap pool and children's pool, a clubhouse, barbeque pavilions, table games pavilion and a children's playground. Exercise enthusiasts can also enjoy adrenalin pumping workouts in the gym and outdoor fitness area or low impact workouts in the tai-chi/yoga lawn located in the meditation garden.



One Balmoral is a freehold luxury condominium located in the charming and lush environment of Balmoral Park estate.

"The apartments in One Balmoral are designed with luxury in mind. Each unit is fitted with designer wardrobes and kitchen cabinets imported from Italy," said Ms Betsy Chng, Head of Sales and Marketing at Hong Leong Holdings. "Similar with our other projects, buyers can be assured of quality finishing and stylish designs."

Other luxury developments by Hong Leong Holdings include Sage at Nassim Road, a prestigious residential estate in central Singapore, Aalto and The Meyerise, both of which are located along Meyer Road in the East Coast area.

One Balmoral is within easy reach of amenities such as retail outlets, supermarkets, restaurants and other entertainment facilities. Recreational clubs The Pines Club, Raffles Town Club and Tanglin Club are nearby. Notable learning institutions such as Raffles Girls' School, St Joseph's Institution and Singapore Chinese Girls' School are also just minutes away. The Pan Island Expressway and Central Expressway are also nearby, which allows for easy accessibility to other parts of the city.



An oasis just minutes away from the uptown shopping belt of Orchard Road, One Balmoral features among other things a lap pool, clubhouse, barbeque pavilions, a table games pavilion and a children's playground.

CDL Launches Jewel @ Buangkok

CDL's newest project, Jewel @ Buangkok, was well-received when it launched on June 1, with about 80 per cent of the 350 units released for sale snapped up by eager property buyers so far. All unit types enjoyed good take up rates, with three out of the five penthouses sold.

The 616-unit development is just a 3-minute walk to Buangkok MRT station. Aside from its close links to the MRT network, Jewel @ Buangkok is also surrounded with abundant amenities, a comprehensive transport network and leisure options, which offer unparalleled convenience.

CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong said, "We are delighted with the healthy sales that Jewel @ Buangkok has garnered. Its top draw is arguably its affordable pricing for a development that is located near the MRT station. Furthermore, Jewel @ Buangkok's proximity to the future Seletar Aerospace Park will bolster its rental and capital value appreciation potential, making this an even more attractive purchase."

Jewel @ Buangkok features six 15 to 17-storey towers that house a selection of one to five-bedroom apartments, dual-key units as well as penthouses. Unit sizes start from 463 square feet (sq ft) for a 1 bedroom unit, to 1,701 sq ft for a 5 bedroom type. Penthouses start from 2,067 sq ft to 2,540 sq ft.



Jewel @ Buangkok brings together modern architectural excellence and nature's touches harmoniously to offer a showpiece home.



Jewel @ Buangkok's Family Pool is equipped with an aqua gym and jacuzzi, and promises hours of fun for all.

Hong Leong Finance Interview With Channel NewsAsia

Hong Leong Finance's Head of Vehicle Financing, Mr. Patrick Tan (right) was recently featured in an hour-long television programme, Money Mind, which looks at vehicle financing from a consumers' perspective.

In the pre-taped 15-minute interview, Mr. Tan also provided advice on how consumers can go about financing their loan payments in the best possible way. Other interviewees who were part of the part of the programme include Provident, Credit Counselling Singapore, and CitiBank.

Money Mind is a weekly programme that airs every Sunday at 9:30pm on Channel NewsAsia, with repeat telecast on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



JW Marriott HK Partners With DragonAir To Offer Healthy Inflight Menu

JW Marriott Hong Kong's Man Ho Chinese Restaurant collaborates with Dragonair for the second consecutive year to offer an inflight selection of innovative Chinese dishes until April 2014.

Passengers on selected flights can now enjoy a series of health-inspired dishes from the specially designed in-flight menu created by Executive Chinese Chef, Ip Kwok Fai. Chef Ip's inspiration was based on the principles of using five primary colours in food - green, red, yellow, white and black. The concept puts an emphasis on achieving balance in one's body through well-rounded nutrition that includes using ingredients of these 5 different colours. These colours are believed to be good for the liver, heart, spleen, lung and kidney, respectively.

Dragonair or Hong Kong Dragon Airlines is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hong Kong's flag carrier, Cathay Pacific, and is an affiliate member of the Oneworld airline alliance.



From left to right: Dragonair flight attendant; Mr. Richard Taffs (Resident Manager, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong); Mr. Ip Kwok-fai (Executive Chinese Chef, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong); Mr. Patrick Yeung (Chief Executive Officer, Dragonair), Mr. Andy Wong (General Manager Inflight Services, Dragonair), Dragonair Flight Attendant.

Live

ST Life! Theatre Awards At W Singapore

The Straits Times (ST), Singapore's main English newspaper, recently held the 13th ST Life! Theatre Awards at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove. W Singapore was the Official Venue Partner for the awards, which honours Singapore's best theatre professionals.

This year's event took on a new format with a forum discussion staged before the awards ceremony and a lucky draw where readers who voted for their favourite theatre production stood a chance to win a night's stay at the W Singapore – Sentosa Cove.

From local theatre director Ivan Heng to actress and Nominated MP for the arts Janice Koh, the event saw the who's who of theatre gather at W Singapore's resplendent ballroom. A scrumptious buffet spread ended the event on a perfect note.

W Singapore - Sentosa Cove was commended for their impeccable service, professionalism and efficiency in executing the event. The event was a huge success with everyone expressing how impressed they were by the posh venue.



From left: Mr. Warren Fernandez, Editor of The Straits Times; Ms. Supriya Ghosh, Director of Sales & Marketing for W Singapore; and the lucky winner of the Straits Times readers' contest.



Oliver Chong (seated, in black jacket), from The Finger Players, visibly shocked as Roots is announced Best Production of the Year.

An Italian Extravaganza With Mayfair And Pontini's Head Chefs

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotels's Italian Restaurant, Pontini was the venue for exclusive culinary collaboration between two Italian chefs- Chef Michele Granziera from Millennium Hotel London Mayfair's Avista restaurant and Pontini's head chef Daniele Sarno.

Called "Enchanting Flavours of Italy", the promotion ran from between Jun 17 to Jun 22, with a four-course wine pairing dinner on Jun 18 being the highlight of the week-long promotion.

Diners were treated to a showcase of Italy's rustic and refined flavours, with fresh organic and eco-sustainable ingredients taking centre stage in dishes such as lobster risotto, smoked duck breast, grilled beef tenderloin and pan fried cod-fillet.

Both chefs have chalked up impressive resumes honing their culinary skills at Michelin-starred restaurants in the UK and Europe.



Guest Chef Michele making preparations for the meal service at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.

A Girly Affair At Millennium Knightsbridge

Sixty personal assistants' and secretaries were attended to a fabulous party evening at the Millennium Hotel London Knightsbridge on 6th June 2013. The guests were employees from various companies including: RJI Capital, Sorgente UK, Falcon Private Wealth, National Bank of Abu Dhabi, Al Jazeera, Petropavlovsk PLC, Rockspring and Vitol.

Guests were greeted with 'Shooter' cocktails and served delicious hot and cold canapés throughout the evening, including a selection of sushi and Chinese dim sum.

The evening's meal ended on a sweet note with mini desserts such as the mini chocolate cups, a variety of creams and the meringues with chocolate mousse. Chef Anthony Robinson was also on hand to give a little talk at the end of the evening about the menu and share his tips on how to make the perfect canapé.

After-dinner activities included a gorgeous display of summer accessories, shoes and handbags by London-based luxury fashion retailer LKBennett, which also handed out discount cards to the guests attending. This was followed by a wonderful 'Perfume Profiling' presentation from boutique perfumery Shay & Blue of London.



Guests at the Pimms, Perfume, Bags and Bites event sniffing out their favourite scents from boutique perfumery Shay & Blue.



Some of the summer essential fashion accessories shown by luxury retailer LK Bennett

Impression And Expression At Millennium Abu Dhabi

H.E. Dato Ahmad Anwar Adnan, the Ambassador of Malaysia, along with Ruprecht Schmitz, the General Manager of Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi, inaugurated the art exhibition "Impression and Expression" by Malaysian-British artist Sathi Streeton. A large crowd turned up to view the paintings and sculptures by this multifaceted and versatile artist.

Sathi Streeton has been living in Abu Dhabi since 1992 and this is the second time that she has held an exhibition at the hotel. Her last exhibition was held in 2005. Passionate about giving back to society, many of her works have been auctioned off to raise money for children with special needs.



H.E. Dato Ahmad Anwar Adnan (in blue) and Sathi Streeton cutting the ribbon while General Manager Ruprecht Schmitz (right) and the ambassador's wife looks on.

Orchard Hotel Singapore's Food Makes Headlines

From pork ribs to desserts, Orchard Hotel Singapore's chefs were making headlines throughout the month of June. Among the much publicised culinary delights was Chef Ng Chee Leong's Yuzu-Apple cheesecake. Chef Ng won a gold medal for this mouthwatering dessert in culinary competition Oceanafest 2013, a culinary competition organised by the Australian Culinary Federation of Western Australia.

Another chef that was in the limelight was Masterchef Lap Fai. He was interviewed by various media on his culinary skills and also shared with main Chinese newspaper Lianhe Zaobao the different ways to cook pork ribs. He was even a guest judge on a local variety show.



News clippings on Orchard Hotel chefs

A Cake Fit For The King

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong (supreme head of state) Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah celebrated his 85th birthday recently.

To mark the celebration, the Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur presented a golf-inspired cake to His Majesty. The theme was chosen as the king is known to be passionate about golf. A team of six worked on this piece of art, headed by Chef Kam.

A team of six led by Chef Kam presented a cake with many golfing details, such as a golf buggy, Tengkolok (head dress), several branded golf bags with golf clubs, chocolate golf balls and an edible picture of the King playing golf. The team took a full month to work on the sugar details prior to the presentation at the palace. It was no easy task preparing the cake which was over two metres in height and over one metre in width. According to Chef Kam, the team encountered several problems such as the weight of the cake, which made transporting it difficult.



Chef Kam (second from right) putting final touches to the cake with his team.

"Finding the right balance was another challenge, as some portions of the cake were not meant to be flat and straight. It wasn't easy to find the right angle," he said. The chocolate and almond moist cake with apricot glaze filling had colours that matched the royal colour, with a lot of yellow, gold, silver, and of course, green.

Batavia Food Festival At Millennium Sirih Jakarta

In conjunction with Jakarta's 486th anniversary, Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta hosted the week-long Batavia Food Festival 2013.

The ceremony was opened by General Manager Millennium Hotel, Mr. Manny Mercado, Vice Director of Jakarta City Government Tourism and Culture, Mrs. Tinia Budiati, and Miss Tourism Asia 2012, Ms Reinitta Arlin Puspita.

At the Batavia Food Festival, one can try a wide range variety of traditional Indonesian food from appetizer to dessert.

Some menu specialties "betawi-Peranakan Cina" to be presented include: Ikan Gabus Pucung, Lontong Cap Gomeh, Rujak Juhi, Soto Betawi, Selendang Mayang and others.

With this event, the hotel hopes to contribute to the preservation of native Indonesian cuisine, especially the "Betawi-Peranakan Cina" cuisine.



Chef Heriyanto (extreme left) presenting the food to Mrs. Tinia Budiati (centre) and Ms. Arlin (extreme right)



Gambang Kromong (Betawi traditional music)

Congratulations

TripAdvisor's Stamp Of Excellence For 2013

Grand Millennium Sukhumvit in Bangkok, Thailand (left), is proud to announce that it has been certified "excellent" by TripAdvisor for the third consecutive year.

"We consistently strive to offer professional and warm hospitality service, and ensure our customers have a memorable experience during their stay with us. Receiving the Certificate of Excellence Award for the third time is evidence that our hard work has paid off and is recognised by the world," said Thomas Christiansen, General Manager.

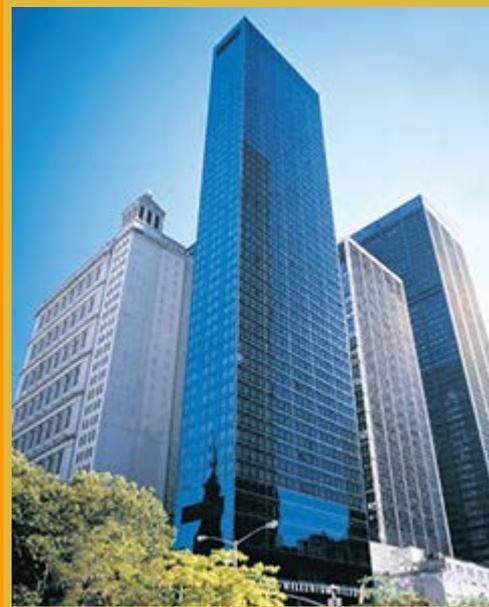
Congratulations also go to both JW Marriott Hong Kong and Millenium Hilton New York who also received the award – the former for its second consecutive year.

The accolade honours establishments with hospitality excellence that consistently achieves outstanding traveller reviews on TripAdvisor.

To qualify for the award, businesses must maintain an overall rating of four out of a possible five, and listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months. Additional criteria include the volume of reviews received within the last 12 months.



Grand Millennium Sukhumvit



Millenium Hllton



JW Marriott Hong Kong

Millennium Phuket Cooks To Win

Millennium Resort Phuket Patong's Chef Kumphal Manowan and Chef Chaiwat Ratchapiboon recently represented the hotel at the Thailand Gourmet Challenge 2013, at the Impact Exhibition & Convention Centre in Bangkok.

Chef Ratchapiboon and Chef Manowan made the hotel proud by cinching the Silver Medal and Bronze Medal respectively. Chef Ratchapiboon impressed the judges with pasta dishes cooked free style, while Chef Manowan's winning entries were modern Thai cuisine.

The gourmet competition which is in its second year, is organized by Thailand Chefs Association and German international event organizer, Koelnmesse. Held over five-days, the event saw nearly 500 participants from Thailand, Cambodia, Israel, Myanmar, Taiwan and Turkey, as they pit their culinary skills against each other.



Millennium Phuket's winning team (from left): Operations Manager, Mr Wasan Imkamol; Demi Chef, Mr.Kumphal Manowan; Acting General Manager, Mr. Jamal Sidik; Chef De Partie Mr.Chaiwat Ratchapiboon; and Executive Chef, Mr. Danai Thotrakun.

Play

NBA Players Spread Star Power At Orchard Hotel

World-famous Los Angeles Lakers cheerleaders recently turned up the heat at Orchard Hotel Singapore. The cheerleaders were in town for the National Basketball Association (NBA) 3X Singapore event.

The inaugural event was supposed to feature a series of 3-on-3 tournaments, NBA star appearances and basketball clinics. However, due to the haze which blanketed Singapore and other parts of South East Asia, the event was replaced by a "Meet the Fans" session at Orchard Hotel.

Over 1,000 fans turned up to watch the Laker girls strut their stuff and get their photos taken with NBA stars Robin Lopez and Quincy Pondexter. Denver Nuggets mascot Rocky the Mountain Lion was also present to entertain fans. The NBA experience included a viewing of the recently concluded NBA Finals and the famed Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy for fans to pose with. The NBA also supplied the first 500 attendees with a free N95 face mask to help them combat the on-going haze situation.



The Laker girls with New Orleans Pelicans centre Robin Lopez (top right) and Memphis Grizzlies guard Quincy Pondexter (top left).



Denver Nuggets mascot Rocky the Mountain Lion interacting with fans.

Celebrity Spotting

Orchard Hotel

It certainly was an exciting month of June for Orchard Hotel Singapore's staff Ms Tina Soh. She managed to rub shoulders with local celebrities Qi Yuwu, Joanne Peh and Priscelia Chan at Orchard Café.



Tina Soh with Singapore celebrities Qi Yuwu (photo 1), Joanne Peh (photo 2) and Priscelia Chan (photo 3).

W Singapore – Sentosa Cove



Football stars Nicky Butt, Ryan Giggs and Gary Neville, part of Manchester United's 1999 team, were recently in Singapore to meet their fans. They stayed at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove when they were in town and are seen here with General Manager Stephane Fabregoul (second from right).

Millennium Madejski Reading Welcomes Pop Stars For The All Starz Summer Concert



Pop stars took to the stage at Madejski stadium in Reading, Berkshire England

Millennium Madejski Hotel in Berkshire England hosted a bevy of pop stars that were in Reading for the All Starz Summer Party Concert on June 2. English singers like Jessie J and bands such as JLS, Lawson and boyband Union J were given a warm welcome at the hotel.

Female songstress Jessie J stayed in one of the hotel's suites and performed to a packed audience at Madejski Stadium. She also declared that her experience in Reading made her performance at All Starz one of her all-time best gigs.



Boyband Union J gave an enthusiastic performance at the All Starz Summer Party Concert



Singer Jessie J stayed at one of the suites in Millennium Madejski Hotel.

Millennium Harvest Beautifies With Summer

Millennium Harvest House in Boulder, Colorado, US, has initiated its first annual "Beautification Day" to improve hotel ground spreading a scenic 16-acre, while fostering the spirit of camaraderie amongst hotel staff.

The event was initiated by General Manager Marty Rosenthal and the Executive Committee.

Management representing each department of the hotel got out of their office suits and uniforms, and donned gardening garb to plant flowers and shrubs of the Summer's season.

Lauding the efforts of the management, Executive Assistant Nuri Hartley said, "This is the first of such event that Marty and Chief Engineer, Rick Steele have implemented. It gets managers out of their offices and helps build a sense of pride in the hotel we work for."



Olivia Jimenez, Assistant Executive Housekeeper, Sam Hernandez, CS Supervisor; Chaka Puplampu, IT Analyst

Front office manager, Michael Paggen agrees, "It was nice not to be behind the desk for the day. The day was a lot of fun, and a great team building experience!"

Stanley International Dragon Boat Championship 2013



Three cheers to the Marriott team who rowed their way to the Stanley International Dragon Boat Finals!

Staff from Marriott's group of hotels in Hong Kong - JW Marriott Hong Kong, Renaissance Harbour View, SkyCity Marriott and Courtyard – participated in the Stanley International Dragon Boat Championship that was held earlier in June 2013.

The boat race is an annual event that usually takes place during the Dragon Boat Festival holiday in Hong Kong.

The Marriott team comprised of 18 paddlers and one drummer.

After two rigorous rounds of competition in the mixed team race, which saw a total of 167 competing teams, the Marriott team made it to the Gold Plate Finals and won 1st runner up in The Most Outstanding Outfit Team category.

Well done to the Marriott Team!

City Sunshine Club Children Outing To the S.E.A. Aquarium

On 21 June 2013, about 20 CDL staff volunteers from City Sunshine Club (CSC), partnered the North West Community Development Council's (NWCDC) and teachers from Nanyang Girls' High School to take some 74 children from low-income families of the Marsiling neighbourhood to the S.E.A Aquarium at Resorts World Sentosa. They had initially planned to bring the children to the zoo. However, the excursion was changed to an indoor exploration of the marine world at the Aquarium due to the haze.

The kids found much excitement and cheer during their outing, which enabled them to immerse themselves in a magical aquatic realm seen through the planet's largest window to the ocean. With more than 800 species of marine animals, the aquarium houses majestic manta rays, enormous goliath groupers and the napoleon wrasse, amongst other creatures of the sea. One of the highlights of the trip was being able to see over 200 sharks face-to-face. The children also had great fun uncovering myths about these ocean predators.

The children are from families living in Blocks 3 and 4 Marsiling Road, which are made up of rental apartments. CDL's involvement in the Marsiling community is a partnership with the NWCDC under the North West Care & Repair @ Marsiling programme, where the CDC partners with the 3Ps (i.e. People, Private and Public) to improve the lives and social wellness of residents in the North West District. CDL adopted the two rental blocks in Marsiling Road as part of corporate social responsibility during the programme's official launch in January 2013.



CDL's staff volunteers partnered the NWCDC and Nanyang Girls' High School to bring cheer to the underprivileged kids from Marsiling.

HLGSRC Hosts Annual Pool Tournament



Hong Leong Group Sports & Recreation Club (HLGSRC) recently hosted their annual Pools Tournament at the Singapore Armed Forces Reservist Association (SAFRA).

SAFRA is a recreational organization to enable local National Servicemen to bond and boost morale.

The event saw a total of nearly 20 participants from the Group's companies – City Developments Limited (CDL), Hong Leong Finance (HLF), Hong Leong Asia (HLA); Hong Leong Corporation Holdings (HLCH), Millennium & Copthorne International Limited (MCIL), as well as Tower Club.

The novelty event for the fastest pool player went to Mr. Simon Boon from MCIL's Orchard Hotel, who pot in six balls at a speed of 14.8 seconds.

Orchard Hotel's Simon Boon (extreme left) pots in six balls at a record of 14.8 seconds.



Winners from Men's Singles (from left): HLF's Lim Chun Seng (second runner up); HLA's Kwek Kon Chun (winner); CDL's Lee Jun Jie.



Winners from Women's Singles (from left): HLCH's Janice Chua (second runner up); HLF's Laura Lew (winner); CDL's Low Yong Yong (third runner up).

Meals & Deals

Men In Uniform At Orchard Café



A National Serviceman taking advantage of the SAF day promotion to have lunch with his mother at Orchard Café.

In support of Singapore Armed Forces Day (1 July 2013), Orchard Hotel Singapore gave an exclusive 30% off the total food bill at Orchard Café to National Servicemen (NSmen) when they turned up in uniform or showed their military identification. Around 50 diners took part in this promotion with many military personnel smartly dressed in their uniforms and accompanied with their family.

This one-day promotion was part of the hotel's on-going CSR efforts to support local communities in Singapore. Orchard Hotel has also been an active supporter of the Singapore Armed Forces, and has given support to the 'Eat With your Family' campaign organised by the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF).

In appreciation of Orchard Hotel Singapore's support in rewarding and recognising the contributions of our Soldiers on SAF day, MINDEF has invited Mr Andrew Tan, Orchard Hotel's general manager to the 'Total Defence Symposium 2013' on 2 August where Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen will be presenting him with a certificate of appreciation.

The Great Singapore Sale At Orchard Hotel

To celebrate the Great Singapore Sale, Orchard Café and Intermezzo Bar are offering attractive 3-for-2 deals.

Hurry down to enjoy \$20 Buffet for every 2nd buffet diner at Orchard Café (Lunch/Dinner), and one dines FREE with every two paying adults at Orchard Café (Lunch/Dinner) and Intermezzo Bar (Afternoon Tea)! Sale ends 28 July 2013.



Orchard Cafe Buffet with Executive Chef Paul Then

Ramadan Delights At Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta



CAPTION

Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta is celebrating the muslim month of Ramadan with some special promotions for its guests. Guests who book rooms at the hotel until the end of August can enjoy 50 % off the best available rates, complimentary broadband Internet access for one user , and a choice of either a sumptuous dawn meal (sahur) or breakfast for two.

During this festive period, the hotel's Café Sirih will be whipping up a spread of Indonesian dishes that are guaranteed to satisfy any appetite.

For more details and reservations, go to www.millenniumhotels.com/millenniumjakarta

Culinary Delights At JW Marriott HK

From 11 to 20 July, visit Man Ho Chinese Restaurant and delight in a selection of authentic Shanghainese cuisine by Guest Chef Ji Cheng from Renaissance Shanghai Pudong Hotel. Specialty dishes include Shanghai-style sautéed river shrimp, braised sea cucumber with shrimp roe and deep fried king prawns (right).

Alternatively, diners can also look forward to Alaskan King Crab legs at the Marriott Café as well as an array of local and international dishes. Enjoy these succulent crustaceans from 12 to 28 July 2013.

Then satisfy your sweet cravings with Mövenpick ice-cream at The Lounge, from 2 July to 31 August a variety of delicious flavours from Maple Walnut to Panna Cotta, and over delicious toppings.



Foie Gras And Wagyu Beef Highlights At Hotel Nikko Hongkong



This July, Foie Gras and Wagyu Beef lovers can now enjoy these delicacies in a sumptuous dinner buffet spread at Harbour Restaurant of Hotel Nikko Hongkong.

Highly recommended dishes include Paté de Foie Gras (left), cooked-to-order Seared Foie Gras with Melba Toast and Cranberry Orange Sauce, Roasted Wagyu Chuck Beef, and Stewed Wagyu Short Rib Mediterranean Style.

Combined with spectacular harbour views, the Harbour Restaurant is sure to offer a fantastic dining experience.

Starting at HK\$398, the Foie Gras and Wagyu Beef Dinner Buffet is available from 1 July to 31 August 2013, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm daily. For reservations or enquiries, please call (852) 2802 4284 or drop an e-mail at: fnb@theharbourview.com.hk

Grand Millennium Beijing Suite Package

Wrap yourself with an exclusive experience in the luxurious Grand Millennium Suite (RMB 10,000 per night) and Presidential Suite (RMB 20,000 per night) at Grand Millennium Beijing Hotel, which includes full M Club benefits and complimentary round trip limousine service.

This offer is valid from now until 31 August 2013. For more information and reservations, please contact reservations@grandmillenniumbeijing.com.



Treats Galore For M&C Loyalty Card Members

M&C loyalty club members can expect a whole bunch of treats with the exclusive offers being rolled out across Millennium & Corpthorne's hotels this month.

Millennium Hotel Chengdu

Millennium Hotel Chengdu is offering loyalty members a third night absolutely free when they book two nights in a Club Deluxe Room under the Best Available Rate. This promotion runs until July 15.

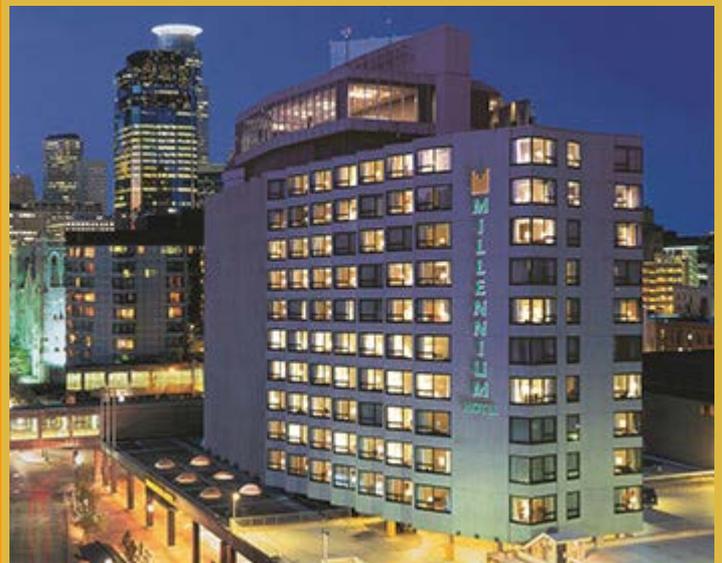


Book a two-night stay at one of the luxurious rooms at Millennium Hotel Chengdu and get a third night free.

Millennium Hotel Minneapolis

As part of its 50th anniversary festivities, Millennium Hotel Minneapolis has reopened its doors after completing its \$22 million makeover.

To celebrate this occasion, the hotel has launched a special promotion for M&C loyalty members. Stay at this downtown landmark hotel to earn double points and receive 15% off the best available rates. This offer ends in September 8.



Come celebrate Millennium Hotel Minneapolis's 50th anniversary with a special loyalty member's deal.

Millennium Hotel Wuxi

Loyalty members who redeem a free night's stay at Millennium Hotel Wuxi can look forward to a bevy of benefits as part of an ongoing promotion that runs until December 31. Under the promotion, loyalty members will enjoy the following benefits;

- one additional breakfast for one person at 50% off the normal price.
- late check-out until 3 pm
- 30 per cent discount for transportation service.



Loyalty members stand to enjoy a trio of benefits when they redeem a free night's stay at Millennium Hotel Wuxi.

For more information and reservations, go to www.mncloyalty.com

From London To Brighton

Lars Mandelkow and William McClenaghan of Millennium Gloucester Hotel recently completed the British Heart Foundation London to Brighton cycle ride. They were riding as part of the Millennium corporate team, raising £393.50 for the British Heart Foundation. Lars finished in just over 3 hours smashing his previous year's time while William finished in 4 hours on his debut ride.



Lars Mandelkow and William McClenaghan cycled from London to Brighton to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation.

Millennium Phuket Cares For Disabled Children

In the true spirit of volunteerism and charity, the management team at Millennium Resort Phuket Patong enthusiastically came out in full force to lend its support to the Panyanukul School for Disabled Children (below), by hosting a scrumptious lunch at the school premises. It was a fun-filled afternoon for the children with activities and gifts along with donations from hotel staff.



Spreading Fun And Cheer At The Assisi Hospice Charity Fun Day

255 CDL staff volunteers lent support at Assisi Hospice Charity Fun Day, held on Sunday, 16 June 2013 at SJI International, in the spirit of volunteerism.

A long-standing partner of Assisi Hospice since 1999, CDL, together with its subsidiary, CBM Pte Ltd, collaborated once again for the Charity Fun Day. CBM offered their services in the areas of cleaning management and security / traffic control while CDL, together with its sister hotels (Cophorne King's Hotel Singapore, Grand Cophorne Waterfront Hotel, M Hotel Singapore and Orchard Hotel Singapore), sold a tempting array of items such as Signature Chicken Pies and Curry Puffs, Wok-fried Mee Sua, Mushroom Soup and Four Treasure Soup, Cempedak Gateau Basque, brownies, packet dried fruits, herbal drinks and more.

The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour, Mr Teo Ser Luck, Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry. In all, the Assisi Hospice Charity Fun Day raised over \$800,000. The funds will go a long way towards helping the patients of Assisi Hospice.



CDL volunteers in high spirits, at the start of the Assisi Hospice Charity Fun Day.

Hong Leong Group Battles Singapore Haze

Many businesses in Singapore were affected by severe haze conditions that impacted the South East Asian region in June. Aware of the potential challenges caused by the worsening weather conditions, Hong Leong group's various business units quickly took steps to ensure that all its employees were able to continue working under safe and healthy conditions.

The group's five hotels in Singapore took a coordinated approach to protect both staff and guests against the effects of the haze. Close to 1,300 N95 face masks were distributed to staff at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Orchard Hotel, Copthorne King's Hotel, M Hotel and Studio M. Masks were also made available at the lobby shops for guests to purchase.

At the same time, Hong Leong Asia conducted drills for its staff to encourage them to drink more water and seek medical treatment if they felt unwell due to the haze.

Staff at City Developments Ltd (CDL) were also encouraged to seek medical attention immediately if they felt unwell immediately. Employees were also able to arrange to work from home, with requests evaluated on a case by case basis.

At its development sites, CDL's builders monitored the situation closely and conducted risk assessments to take the necessary Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) measures for protection. Staff also closely monitored air quality at building sites. Meanwhile Hong Leong Finance provided staff with masks and advised those with respiratory problems to seek medical attention.

Orchard Hotel's general manager Andrew Tan was also interviewed by Singapore Chinese news channel, Channel 8, on how the haze situation in Singapore had affected hotel and restaurant operation.

In the interview Mr Tan shared how Orchard hotel was concerned about visitors being put off from travelling to Singapore because of the haze situation. He elaborated on how the hotel's occupancy rates and restaurant reservations were not affected.

"For our Catering & Events dept, it has been business as usual for all weddings and corporate events/seminars except for one school event that has been postponed on a last minute decision yesterday afternoon after the PSI hit 350," said Mr Tan.



Orchard Hotel's General Manager Mr Andrew Tan being interviewed by Channel 8 news.



A man wearing a mask walks by Singapore's skyline that has been shrouded by the haze.

Blood Donation Day In Hong Kong

JW Marriott Hong Kong, Renaissance Harbour View, SkyCity Marriott and Courtyard recently collaborated with the Hong Kong Red Cross to host a Blood Donation Campaign, with the aim of raising awareness and also encouraging voluntary blood donation. Nearly 30 staff participated in the drive.

A total of 29 staff associates volunteered in the activity. A big thank you to the blood donors for setting a good example and for demonstrating Marriott's true "Spirit to Serve" philosophy!



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



Capps Tower when it was first opened in 1963.



Photo by Nancy Kuehn, Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

The hotel's famous dome feature breathtaking views of the Minneapolis skyline.



Conveniently located in downtown Minneapolis and connected directly to the Minneapolis Convention Centre via an enclosed skyway, the Millennium Hotel Minneapolis is within minutes of the city's sporting venues, theatres, museums and other cultural venues.



The extensive US\$22 million renovations throughout Millennium Hotel Minneapolis included an upgrading of all 321 guest rooms, offering a relaxed and refined ambience with state-of-the-art technology and amenities, and panoramic views of downtown Minneapolis.

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MILLENNIUM MINNEAPOLIS REOPENS IN TIME FOR ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

After months of construction, the 50 year old Millennium Hotel Minneapolis has finally opened its doors after undergoing a US\$22 million extensive property renovation. It opens just in time to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Since its first opening in 1963 as Capp Towers, the 321-room property has been an iconic landmark in downtown Minneapolis in the United States. The building has operated under other hotel names, including Regal Minneapolis Hotel, Park Inn, Holiday Inn Central Hotel and Capp Towers Hotel.

Since 2000, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C) has been managing the hotel which is originally owned and developed by Martin Capps. Martin or "Marty" Capps is a well-known homebuilder and developer in Minneapolis.

The hotel was launched to national fame when its 14th floor dome was featured in Life Magazine in 1963 - one of the world's most recognised publications that has seen the likes of former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and one of America's most iconic actress Marilyn Monroe, on its covers.

The hotel, which had a soft opening in April this year, closed in December 2012 to undergo a complete transformation which involved all 321 guest rooms and the hotel's public spaces getting a modern facelift. The dome remains unchanged with the exception of a new chandelier, while the rest of the 14th floor and the 12th-floor conference areas were reworked and include new audio visual equipment.

The regional character of Minnesota inspired the new design and layout of the hotel, created by Minneapolis-based firm RSP Architects. Local materials were brought in to evoke the surrounding area, including extensive use of Kasota Stone, which is also used in many of downtown Minneapolis' most famous buildings.

White marble and birch bark were used for the columns, making them reminiscent of a birch forest, while Corten steel added texture to various elements of the building, reflecting the taconite found along the North Shore. In addition, the warm woods and leathers bring visitors back to the days of the Mills along the river.

Located at 1313 Nicollet Mall, the hotel ranks as the fifth-largest hotel in downtown Minneapolis and 10th-largest in the Twin Cities area, according to a list of top hotels compiled by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal.

Guests to the newly completed hotel can choose from a variety of rooms: 281 standard rooms, 31 club rooms and nine suites. The hotel also offers 22,000 square feet of event and meeting space and a new 1,000-square-foot exercise room that is three times the size of the former one.

"With the renovation of the Millennium Hotel Minneapolis, we have created a modern hotel that appeals to corporate travelers, convention attendees and our local guests through new spaces and experiences that cater to their specific needs," said Robert Rivers, Regional General Manager – North America. "We look forward to welcoming everyone back with an impressive redesign and continued commitment to service."

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