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## Budding Talents Unveiled At CDL Photography Award

Initiated by Mr. Kwek Leng Joo, CDL Deputy Chairman, CDL Singapore Young Photographer Award (SYPA) was launched in 2006 with the support of the local photographic community, Singapore Art Museum and the National Youth Achievement Award. It is the first national-level photography award of its kind inception only for youths, with the aim of discovering and nurturing local photographic talents between the ages of 13 and 25.

The winners of the 5<sup>th</sup> CDL SYPA were unveiled at a prize presentation ceremony at the National Museum of Singapore on 13 August 2014. Mr. Lawrence Wong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, and Second Minister for Ministry of Communications and Information graced the event.

Vanessa Lorraine Chea, a 16-year old Chemical Engineering student from Temasek Polytechnic, emerged victorious in the Junior category while 23-year old Charmaine Yap took top honours in the Youth Category. Koh Chaik Hong, a 19-year old photography student at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts clinched the Young Architectural Photographer Award once again and Bernice Won, 25, won the Themed Body of Work category.

This year, CDL SYPA received over 1,500 entries, a three-fold increase from 400 entries in 2006 when the contest started. Additionally, for the first time in the competition's history, the number of female winners clinching top honours in all four categories outweighed their male counterparts. The winners were picked by the nine-member judging panel, comprising industry professionals of the award and esteemed photographers, who viewed nearly 10,000 images.

Mr. Kwek Leng Joo who was also part of the judging panel shared, "Since its inception in 2006, CDL SYPA has grown by leaps and bounds. I am heartened to see so many young photographic talents with immense potential emerging in each edition of the competition. One interesting trend we have observed in this year's competition is the increase in the number of younger participants taking part, and who have exhibited their artistic flair through the images they captured. These trends show that photography as an art form is gaining a steady and significant presence in Singapore. Together with our partners, we hope to nurture a thriving community of local photographic talents and produce more quality artistic content that Singapore can be proud to call its own."

The winning works of CDL SYPA are on display at the National Museum of Singapore from 13 August to 7 September 2014. The exhibition also features a line-up of photo works by the SYPA panel of judges: Kwek Leng Joo, Chow Chee Yong, Lee Tiah Khee, John Clang, Darren Soh, Ho Hui May, Bob Lee, Sarah Choo and Robert Zhao.



Winners of the 5<sup>th</sup> CDL SYPA with Guest-of-Honour Minister Lawrence Wong (second row, seventh from left); CDL Deputy Chairman, Mr. Kwek Leng Joo (second row, eighth from left); CDL Chief Sustainability Officer, Ms. Esther An, (second row, extreme right); Director of the National Museum of Singapore, Ms. Angelita Teo (second row, fourth from left); National Heritage Board Group Director of Programmes, Mr. Tan Boon Hui (second row, third from right); as well as judges and partners.





Guest-of-Honour Minister Lawrence Wong and Mr. Kwek Leng Joo in a discussion with Ms. Charmaine Yap, overall winner of the 5<sup>th</sup> CDL SYPA – Youth Category.

## A Candlelight Ceremony For Thai Queen



Honouring the Queen's birthday with a candlelight ceremony.

Grand Millennium Sukhumvit recently held a candlelight ceremony to commemorate Queen Sirikit's 82nd birthday. Management and staff of the hotel and guests joined in lighting candles at 7.19pm to mark the Queen's birthday.

The Thai Queen's birthday which is on August 12, is believed to be an auspicious occasion and is celebrated annually throughout Thailand as Mother's Day. It is also a national holiday for the country.

## Grand Millennium KL Joins In Mourning MH 17 Victims



*United in solemnity: On August 22, staff and guests of Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur joined Malaysia in a nation-wide day of mourning. They gathered at the hotel entrance to observe a minute of silence and pay their respects to the victims of Malaysia Airlines MH 17. The ill-fated aircraft was fatally shot down over the Ukraine-Russia border on July 17, killing all on board. Of the 298 people that died, 44 were Malaysians.*

## New Zealand's Award-Winning Cuisine

New Zealand's Millennium & Copthorne restaurants have proven once again that our chefs know how to prepare and create award winning dishes.

Earlier this year, Copthorne Wellington Oriental Bay's One80 Lounge Bar and Restaurant won the restaurant category with their dish, "Meadow Mushroom My Way" at the Meadow Mushrooms Capital Grande Entrée Competition.

Following this success, Millennium Rotorua's chefs produced two winning dishes at a charity event that raises money for Canteen Rotorua and Cure Kids, two well-known New Zealand charities. These dishes were a chilled honeydew melon and ginger soup with fresh mint, and a beef eye fillet. The fillets were trimmed, rolled, and tied to shape overnight then cut into medallions which were pan seared, and roasted. This was served with creamed celeriac, baby vegetables and drizzled with Pinot Noir jus. The beef dish was voted best meal by the diners.



*The award-winning dish, "Meadow Mushroom My Way" prepared by One80 Restaurant at Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay.*

Sous Chef Stephen Locke, the creator of both dishes, arrived in Rotorua just three months prior to the competition, and was given this charity lunch as one of his first tasks. Although the beef fillet was the winning entrée of the day, both received great feedback from guests and other chefs involved in the competition. Chef Stephen said, "After only being in Rotorua for a short time, to be noticed amongst the chef community is a great honour."



## JW Marriott HK Chef Displays Skills At Food Expo



*Chef Ryan demonstrating how to make his signature S'more dessert.*

Executive Pastry Chef Ryan Zimmer from JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong was recently invited as a guest chef to participate in a cooking demonstration at the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's 25th Food Expo, which was held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Chef Ryan showed how to make his signature S'more, a traditional summer campfire dessert, which consists of freshly roasted marshmallow with a bar of chocolate sandwiched between two pieces of graham cracker.

Every year, the Food Expo draws thousands of people with its variety of quality products from around the globe; from bakery products, beverages, snacks, food to green and organic food, visitors get to sample as well as purchase these products. It also provides an excellent avenue for exhibitors and trade buyers to network and seek out potential business opportunities.

## Cook With Millennium Harbourview Xiamen

Microblogging site Sina Weibo recently launched a cooking class at Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen. Ten food lovers were selected from Sina Weibo to attend the cooking class conducted by Executive Chef Leon Wen from the hotel's Loong Yuen Chinese Restaurant.

Chef Wen taught the class to cook Fried Fish Ball with Fruit and Frozen Goose Liver with Matsutake. After the demonstration participants were invited for a mini cook-off.

The winner won prizes sponsored by the Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen. This event garnered wide publicity through weibo.



*Executive Chef Leon Wen showing off his culinary skills.*



*Executive Chef Leon Wen with the participants from Sina Weibo.*

## Copthorne King's At The New Paper Wedding Show 2014



Copthorne King's Hotel hosted a booth at The Love @ Vivacity New Paper Wedding Planner Show from 1 to 3 August 2014, providing valued advice to couples who were planning their dream wedding.

(L-R) Tien Court's Chef Ho Tien Tsai, Marketing Communications Manager Ms. Jennifer Yeo, Senior Sales Manager Ms. Liza Huang, and Senior Sales Manager (Catering) Mr. Ivan Tan.

## Studio M Singapore Opens New Self-Serve Café

Studio M Hotel Singapore recently opened MEMO, one of Singapore's latest hip and trendy café on the ground floor of the hotel.

A cosy place to meet for a chat or a quiet time with oneself, MEMO is a versatile concept that reaches out to the unique demographic of hotel guests and neighbourhood residents. It offers self-serve conveniences and caters to the savvy and independent individual.

By day, it's a casual deli for people-mingling and cosy conversation, while offering coffee and quick bites for those on-the-go. By night, the mood changes from the excitement of a busy deli to a bar complete with chill tunes, perfect for winding down and socialising.

Studio M Hotel Singapore exudes avant-garde style and class in its offer of a great business stay or leisure getaway in the iconic entertainment precinct of Robertson Quay. Designed by Italian style maestro and architect, Piero Lissoni, it is the first fully loft-inspired Singapore hotel that also occupies a prime location in the city, within easy reach of Chinatown, the Central Business District and the world famous Orchard Road.



MEMO is a versatile concept that caters to the unique demographic of hotel guests and neighbourhood residents of Robertson Quay.



## Work



*The upcoming Hong Leong City Center is an iconic mixed development at Jinji Lake, Suzhou.*

sold projects that are recognised based on stages of construction. Hotel operations, primarily from Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc (M&C), formed the next highest contributor.

In the local residential realm, demand remains healthy for high quality developments that are attractively located and priced. Coco Palms and Commonwealth Towers, launched in May 2014, topped the best-selling list for that month in terms of sales volume. However, profits from these two projects have yet to be recognised as were those from three fully sold Executive Condominiums (ECs). Subject to market conditions, the Group plans to launch New Futura, a 124-unit freehold project in Leonie Hill Road in 2H 2014.

On the commercial front, the Group's office portfolio continued to enjoy healthy occupancy of about 96.5%. South Beach Tower, the office component of the South Beach development, is expected to be completed by end 2014. Lease commitment for approximately 20% of South Beach Tower's 500,000 square feet of lettable prime Grade A office space has been secured at good market rental rates. South Beach Consortium is at advanced stages of negotiation with a few major tenants.

The Group continued to step up its overseas expansion plans and platforms. It acquired six freehold sites in the Greater London area for £157.0 million for investment, signalling exciting prospects ahead. M&C's new hotel in Tokyo's Ginza district, Millennium Mitsui Garden Hotel Tokyo, is also expected to officially open in December 2014.

CDL China Limited's Eling Residences in Chongqing and Hong Leong City Center in Suzhou are ready to commence sales at the appropriate time. Prelaunch marketing for Eling Residences has received positive interest. A third project, Huang Huayuan mixed-use development in Chongqing, is making good progress in excavation and retaining wall works.

Commenting on the outlook, CDL Executive

Chairman Mr. Kwek Leng Beng said, "The macroeconomic environment of domestic and international markets, while unpredictable, appears to be stabilising. Singapore's property landscape continues to experience challenging headwinds. CDL's business model is evolving, with growth focused on new geographies and products. We will accelerate our overseas expansion initiatives to supplement existing operations. We remain optimistic but cautious in our approach to new markets. CDL is looking actively in Japan and Australia and we hope to establish our platforms in these markets by the end of the year. We are also actively seeking to develop funds management products."

CDL's core earnings\* increased by 89.7% to \$137.9 million in Q2 2014 and by 37.3% to \$257.5 million in 1H 2014, against \$72.7 million and \$187.6 million respectively for the same periods last year.

The core earnings\* exclude divestment gains in 1H 2013. Specifically, there were no significant gains from divestments in 1H 2014 compared to gains primarily from the sale of 100G Pasir Panjang which occurred in Q2 2013, and strata units in Citimac Industrial Complex, Elite Industrial Building I and Elite Industrial Building II, which occurred in Q1 2013.

Property development was the main contributor to the Group's earnings, despite the challenging Singapore market. Profits were booked in from fully or substantially



*Prelaunch marketing for Eling Residences, a luxury development comprising 126 exclusive units located at the peak of Eling Hill in Yuzhong District, Chongqing, has garnered positive interest.*



Sharing a light-hearted moment at CDL's results briefing (L-R): CEO Mr. Grant Kelley, Executive Chairman Mr. Kwek Leng Beng, Group General Manager Mr. Chia Ngiang Hong, and CFO Ms. Goh Ann Nee.

\* Refers to net profit after tax and non-controlling interests of the Group, on a like-for-like comparison, excluding divestment gains that occurred in 1H 2013.

## Other Selected Financial Results

Excluding the positive contribution from its Maldives properties, **CDL Hospitality Trusts** registered a gross revenue of S\$66.3 million for 1H 2014, S\$4.1 million lower than the corresponding period last year. Net income for 1H 2014 registered at S\$51.3 million. This was mainly due to reduced rent contributions from Singapore hotels and Claymore Link as well as lower contribution from Australia hotels. As such, income to be distributed per unit for the first six months of this year was 5.25 cents, 3.0% lower as compared to the corresponding period last year.

The long term outlook for Singapore tourism market remains positive. This is aided by its reputation as a leading MICE destination and further complemented by the continual development and introduction of leisure attractions and sporting events (eg, the WTA Championships in October).

**Millennium and Copthorne Hotels plc (M&C)** reported a profit before tax of £58.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2014, while revenue for the same period was £380.6 million. The Group's RevPAR in the first half of 2014 was £65.67. An interim dividend of 2.08 pence per share has been declared for the period.

**Hong Leong Finance** recorded group profit after tax of S\$28.5 million for the first six months of 2014 while group pre-tax profit was S\$34.45 million. Net interest income for the half year fell 0.4% to S\$73.7 million, with fee and commission income at S\$5.6 million.

**Hong Leong Asia** reported a profit attributable to the owners of S\$22.89 million for the first six months of the year. Revenue for the same period grew 7.8% to S\$2.42 billion, largely due to higher revenues recognised from the diesel engines and building materials units. While the group continues to be subject to currency fluctuation risk as the bulk of its businesses are located outside of Singapore, it expects to report a profit in the next quarter and in the current financial year, barring any unforeseen circumstances including any change in policies of the Chinese government and any adverse change in the business climate.

**China Yuchai International (CYI)** reported revenue of RMB 8.8 billion in the first six months of this year, an increase of 9.4% as compared to the same period last year. Gross profit was RMB 1.6 billion while operating profit rose to RMB 673.9 million, higher than the RMB 672.7 million from the same period in 2013. Earnings per share rose to RMB 9.27 from RMB 9.12. CYI sold a total of 279,708 engine units in the first six months of the year, increased from the 271,891 units sold in 2013 for the same period.

Mr. Weng Ming Hoh, President of China Yuchai, commented, "We are pleased to report higher revenue in the first six months of 2014 as a result of increased engine sales to the off-road market, namely the agriculture, marine and power generation segments. We continue to focus our research and development efforts to build higher quality engines with enhanced performance and improved engine emissions which will help to strengthen our relationships with our customers."



## Hong Leong Finance A Gold Sponsor At SCCCI SME Expo 2014

Hong Leong Finance (HLF) is proud to once again be a Gold Sponsor at the 16th Annual SMEs Conference and 17th Infocomm Commerce Conference.

Organised by the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCCI), the annual event was held on the 20 and 21 August at the Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre.

The two-day conference was attended by 4,700 participants. Activities for this year's event were based on the theme of "Recalibrate, Reload and Renew." Minister for Communications and Information, Dr Yacob Ibrahim was the guest-of-honour at the event. As a committed SME specialist, HLF has been a long-standing supporter of the SME conferences. A dedicated team of HLF consultants were on hand at the company's exhibition booth to assist SMEs with financial queries.



*The Corporate and Consumer Business team from Hong Leong Finance (HLF) at the SCCCI SME Expo 2014. (L-R) Ms. Shirley Yap, Relationship Manager; Mr Jeffrey Toh, Senior Vice President, Corporate and Consumer Business; Ms. Melissa Wong, Relationship Manager; Ms. Yet Pek Yeen, Vice President and Head, Marketing Services; Mr. Tan Yan Shan, Relationship Manager; Mr. Ren Xing, Relationship Manager.*

## M&C To Open First 'Studio M' In Middle East



*Scheduled to open in 2015, the 145 room property will be M&C's first Studio M in the Middle East, and will be centrally located in Riyadh on King Fahd Road.*

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C) has unveiled plans to launch the 'Studio M' brand in Riyadh. The 145 room property will be the first Studio M in the Middle East, and will be centrally located in Riyadh on King Fahd Road. It is scheduled to open in the second quarter of 2015.

The 'Studio M' brand is targeted at the Generation Y regional market segment, as well as consumers of all ages who are "young at heart" and appreciate hip and contemporary design.

"Studio M is a very distinctive brand that addresses an under-represented segment of the regional market. In Riyadh, budget hotels account for just 10% of existing supply and only 1,000 rooms in the pipeline, compared to 7,000 for the upscale to luxury segments. We see tremendous potential for a contemporary budget brand, given that this existing market segment is too often represented by independent properties of variable quality," said Mr. Ali Alzaabi, President and CEO of Millennium & Copthorne Hotels, Middle East & Africa.

The modern day concept, designed by world-renowned Italian architect and interior designer Piero Lissoni, has been created to appeal to smart and trendy corporate and leisure travellers, offering stylish and tech-driven functionality. Studio M Hotel - Riyadh features contemporary signature design, dedicated meeting facilities and an exciting new all-day dining concept called 'At the M'. The centrally located development will also include a swimming pool, gym, pool deck as well as a number of retail outlets.

# Millennium Hongqiao Upgrades To A “Grand Millennium”



The Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao sporting the new red logo signage on the hotel exterior as part of its recent upgrade.



With rooms no less than 40sqm, Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao boasts one of the biggest rooms in the Hongqiao area.

Certified as a 5-star hotel by the China Tourism Bureau for five consecutive years, Millennium Hongqiao Hotel Shanghai has recently been upgraded to Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao. The latest hotel to join the Grand Millennium brand, it is also the first hotel within the Millennium & Copthorne Group to use the new brand standard guideline. Sporting a bright red hotel signage, the Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao will feature upgraded services and guest collaterals to reflect their brand and logo, which is expected to be completed in September 2014.

Work is currently in progress to redecorate the hotel lobby. Other enhanced guest services include remote controlled curtains in executive club rooms, new carpets in many guest areas and new conference equipment.



## Millennium Harbourview Xiamen Hosts Great Eastern Life Delegates

The 10th Worldwide Chinese Life Insurance Congress and International Dragon Award was recently held in Xiamen Exhibition Centre. More than 7,000 insurance professionals from 17 countries and regions attended this congress in Xiamen. Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen was the hotel of choice for Great Eastern Life Assurance Co Ltd. The hotel management team was proud to welcome the convention group from Singapore during their stay in Xiamen.



The team from Great Eastern Life Assurance Co Ltd

## Connect With JW Marriott Hong Kong On WeChat

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong is pleased to introduce the launch of their official WeChat account.

WeChat is one of the most influential social media marketing tools for Chinese audiences, and allows the hotel to build a more interactive experience with guests by providing instant messaging and micro-blogging service. Followers can also conveniently browse through the hotel's information and updates as well as dining and accommodation offers.





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## Hong Leong Finance's Latest Jurong West Branch



*Hong Leong Finance (HLF) renovated its Jurong West branch which now features bright open spaces in a clean and contemporary design. The newly-revamped wheelchair-friendly branch is better able to serve customers from all walks of life.*

## Congratulations

### Tree House Receives Double Awards

Since its entry into the Guinness World Records for the largest Vertical Garden, the 429-unit eco-inspired Tree House has become a distinctive icon of the Chestnut residential area. Recently, it added two more feathers to its cap. It was recognised as one of three Outstanding Projects in Landscape Excellence Assessment Framework (LEAF) certification and won in the Sustainable Development category of Singapore Property Awards 2014.



*The stunning 24-storey, 2,289 square metre Vertical Garden in Tree House is expected to achieve air-conditioning energy savings of between 15% and 30% by reducing heat absorption.*

#### LEAF Certification

Awarded by the National Parks Board, the LEAF certification scheme recognises developers and property owners who have ingeniously integrated greenery and nature into their developments. Tree House was recognised as an Outstanding Project as it showcases innovation in design and implementation of greenery, and demonstrates high quality landscapes and biodiversity enhancement above and beyond the norm.

Taking the place of pride in Tree House is the stunning 24-storey Vertical Garden. Designed with environment sustainability in mind, it acts as natural insulation, reducing heat absorption and lowering the energy needed to cool indoor spaces. This is expected to achieve approximate savings of between S\$12,000 and S\$24,000 annually for the 48 west-facing master bedrooms that are insulated by the Vertical Garden.

Residents can also enjoy the myriad landscaping amenities within the estate, such as the Chestnut Tree Houses (from which the development's name was derived), Discovery Pond, and more.

#### Singapore Property Awards 2014

The Singapore Property Awards was inaugurated in 2011 by FIABCI Singapore, the local chapter of the prestigious FIABCI (also known as the International Real Estate Federation). The aim of the Awards was to promote excellence in design, construction and management for the local real estate industry.

Tree House was named a winner in the Sustainable Development category of the Singapore Property Awards 2014. It was the only



residential project to win in this category. In addition to its stunning Vertical Garden, the development is equipped with features such as heat-reducing laminated green tinted windows, lifts with Variable Voltage and Variable Frequency motor drive and sleep mode programming as well as motion sensors at staircases that will activate lights automatically. These fixtures are expected to result in energy savings of over 2,400,000 kilowatt hours per year and water savings of 30,000 cubic metres per year, or approximately over S\$500,000 annually.



*More than just a unique architectural structure, the Vertical Garden serves as a green lung by filtering pollutants and carbon dioxide.*



*Majestic and ingenious structures, the Chestnut Tree Houses are linked to the Tree Top Walk within the development, perfect for a romantic stroll.*

## Orchard Hotel Singapore Receives Business Excellence Certification



*Orchard Hotel Singapore*

Orchard Hotel Singapore has successfully acquired the People Developer (PD) Certification and also renewed the Service Class (S-Class) Certification. PD is the certification for business excellence niche standard for people, while S-Class is for the business excellence niche standard for service.

To achieve these certifications, Orchard Hotel welcomed People Developer assessors for a full day visit to the hotel. The assessment included presentations from Head of Departments and interviews with all levels of staff, ranging from upper management to rank and file staff. Orchard Hotel is the first hotel in the Millennium & Copthorne Group to achieve this milestone.

## Red Cross Salutes Heritage Hotel Manila Staff

The Philippine Red Cross recently saluted staff of Heritage Hotel Manila, Mr. Richard Desoloc and Mr. Edwin Putan for having donated one gallon of their blood to the Red Cross Blood Services.

The hotel management is proud to have both gentlemen on the Heritage Hotel Manila team as Demi Chef and HR & Administrative Coordinator respectively.

The Philippine Red Cross also recognised the hotel's management for their unselfish acts of charity. Their outstanding service extends not only to The Heritage Hotel Manila's guests, but also to their countrymen in need.



Saluted for their unselfish act: Heritage Hotel Manila Demi Chef Edwin Putan (pictured left in blue) and HR Coordinator Richard Desoloc (pictured right in blue) with representatives from the Philippine Red Cross.

## Bernard Rodrigues, GM, New World Millennium Hong Kong



Mr. Bernard Rodrigues has been appointed General Manager of New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel to lead a fresh chapter in the history of the landmark five-star hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui East.

Mr. Rodrigues was the general manager of The Charterhouse Causeway Bay Hong Kong prior to joining New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel. He possesses more than 29 years of hospitality experience across Asia having held hotel leadership positions for InterContinental Hotels, Dusit Hotels & Resorts, and Royal Princess Hotels and Resorts.

In 2013, he graduated with an MBA in International Hospitality and Industry Service Management from the Glion Institute of Higher Education, Switzerland. Mr. Rodrigues started his hotel career with Marina Mandarin Singapore after graduating from SHATEC, Singapore and Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne, Switzerland.



## Nicolas Maugard, Executive Pastry Chef, MCIL

Millennium & Copthorne International Limited (MCIL) is pleased to welcome award-winning master chef, Mr Nicolas Maugard, as its Executive Pastry Chef for Asia.

Hailing from Normandy, France, Chef Nicolas Maugard comes from a family of bakers. Inspired by his father in pastry making, he spent much of his childhood playing dough in the family bakery. This growing passion made him pursue professional courses to refine his skills. He received a Brevet d'enseignement Professionnel and a Certificate d'Aptitude Professionnelle in pastry and dessert making from France.

During the early years of Chef Nicolas' career, he worked for renowned Michelin starred restaurants in France such as Le Faventia (2-star), Le Cinq (3-star) and La Palme d'Or (2-star). His specialised skills and interest in travel took him to Mauritius, Monaco and Shanghai. Chef Nicolas' creativity and fervour was recognised with a second prize win at the prestigious Championnat de France des desserts competition with his signature creation – roasted pineapple with eight flavoured sorbet.

He believes, "a good pastry chef can turn an ordinary dessert into an extraordinary one. Dessert making is an art. You will need creativity, patience and dedication. A good dessert must not only be visually appealing, it must taste great. Choice of ingredients is vital to create harmony and balance."

In his new appointment, Nicolas will work closely with the pastry teams across Asia to introduce new concepts and create exciting pastries and desserts.

It is Millennium & Copthorne Hotels' mission to always deliver superior quality and innovative products to our guests around the world.



## Play

### Celebrities At St. Regis Singapore



International celebrity Zhang Ziyi, recently stayed at The St. Regis Singapore's Astoria Suite while in Singapore for an exclusive interview and photoshoot with PIN Prestige Magazine. The hotel also hosted her for dinner at Chinese restaurant, Yan Ting.

Zhang Ziyi has starred in movies such as Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, Rush Hour 2, House of Flying Daggers, and Memoirs of a Geisha. Here seen right, is St. Regis Director of Communications Jesmine Hall.



Hong Kong celebrity Andy Lau, seen here with St. Regis Assistant Director of Sales Jenny Kang (right) recently stayed at the Caroline Astor Suite while he was in Singapore for an exclusive meet and greets session with 188 guests from the Andy World Club Limited. The session was held at the John Jacob Ballroom.

Andy Lau is one of Hong Kong's most successful actor and singer since the 1980s. He has acted in more than 160 films, and is branded by the media as one of the Four Heavenly Kings of Cantopop.

## Copthorne Gatwick Hosts Jamaican National Team



*(Third from right) Jamaican track and field sprinter Jason Livermore poses next to Copthorne London Gatwick's Revenue Manager Craig Marshal and his trainers and team mates outside the hotel's reception area.*

The Copthorne London Gatwick Hotel played host to members of the Jamaican Commonwealth team when they were in Gatwick on a one-night stop over on their way home from the Glasgow Commonwealth Games. Members of the Jamaican team included Jason Livermore, the track and field sprinter who won Gold in the 4 x 100 m and Bronze in the 200 m races at the Games. Several guests were surprised when the team checked in and a couple of guests went to congratulate the athletes for clinching 22 medals at the Games. The hotel has really played its part in 2014's exceptional sporting summer; showing every major event on the big screen in the hotel's White Swan Pub – including every game during the recent Football World Cup, as well as the Commonwealth Games.

## M&C UK Baristas Battle In Coffee-Making Challenge

Multinational coffee company, Douwe Egberts and Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C) teamed up in a coffee-making contest to select its "Barista of the Year". Douwe Egberts is also M&C's designated coffee supplier.

All 19 M&C hotels in the UK were invited to participate and demonstrate their coffee-making skills and creative flair by creating a personal signature drink.

Candidates were asked to prepare three drinks for each member of the judging panel including a cappuccino, espresso, and the signature hot drink of each candidate's choice. The judging panel included General Managers from the host hotels (Copthorne Slough Windsor, Copthorne Sheffield, and Copthorne Merry Hill), and coffee experts from Douwe Egberts.

"Our focus is to drive our team members in delivering a great product to the customer every time. Coffee is a very important part of our offering and can influence the way our customers feel about our brands. The winning speciality coffee will be added to our coffee lists across the UK for the customers to enjoy," said Director of M&C Operations Phil Bland.

Two finalists were selected from each regional – London, Northern and Southern UK – to compete in the grand finals which will be held in October.

The winner will scoop the prestigious Barista of the Year, £500 worth of holiday vouchers and chance to add their signature drink to the hot beverages menu across the Millennium & Copthorne estate.



*Barista Krystian Dzida from Millennium Madjeski Reading whipping up a signature coffee drink while Douwe Egberts Head Barista Damon Wilson looks on.*



*Pictured with Douwe Egberts' Jon Hodson (extreme left) and Director of M&C Operations Phil Bland (extreme right) are winning baristas Missara Blackburn from Copthorne Birmingham (2nd from left) and Millennium Madjeski Reading's Krystien Dzida (2nd from right). They will be entering the final stage of the coffee-making competition in October.*



# Millennium Harvest House Hosts The Ironman Race



Millennium Harvest House Boulder General Manager Marty Rosenthal participated as an athlete in the Ironman Race.

Millennium Harvest House Boulder found itself caught in the thick of the action when Colorado hosted the world's largest and inaugural Ironman Race with athletes from all over the world.

The Ironman Race is a 140.6 mile triathlon which is widely celebrated throughout the city of Boulder. Athletes compete in a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run. The marathon section runs right through the hotel's grounds on Boulder Creek path.

The pavilion and garden area became packed with action as spectators turned up to cheer on runners on the Boulder Creek Path. Athletes passed through the hotel's grounds four times during this section on their way to the finish line. Guests also enjoyed live music, DJs, lawn games and a

BBQ on property while cheering on the athletes.

Marty Rosenthal, General Manager of Millennium Harvest House Boulder, also participated as an athlete in the race. Staff tracked his journey diligently from the start to finish and cheered him on as he passed through the property. The team will always remember being a part of supporting Marty throughout his major accomplishment.



The hotel grounds became packed with action as spectators turned up to support athletes running through the grounds on Boulder Creek path.

## Encouraging Winter Wellness



Hotel staff participating in a mini health and safety obstacle course as part of the Wednesday Winter Wellness programme.

A special lunch event was held for all employees on the final Wednesday of the month that included participation in a mini health and safety obstacle course. Prizes were awarded, and the local council even played their part in encouraging health and safety awareness, by providing ice scrapers to remove the layers of snow and ice off windscreens – all indicative of a great winter season.

Copthorne Queenstown Lakefront recently held a Wednesday Winter Wellness campaign as part of their annual health and safety objective programme. Organised by the hotel's Health & Safety Committee, the campaign is designed to encourage employee participation and well-being amongst the team.

Each Wednesday, two committee members will share tips for surviving a Queenstown winter on a colourful information sheet, such as ski safety tips, walking safely on icy footpaths, and well as the best foods to eat to maximise your vitamin intake in winter. The kitchen brigade also got on board and produced tasty soups with immunity boosting properties and hot fruit crumbles for a healthy sweet treat at lunch time.

## Meals & Deals

### A Taste Of Japan At Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel's Executive Chef David Toh and his team are proud to present a Japanese-inspired mouth-watering buffet spread at Café Brio's this September. Savour Japan on a plate as you indulge in Assorted Sashimi, Yakiniku Beef, Deep-fried Soft Shell Crab, Gindara Teriyaki and more.

For reservations, call +65 6233 1100 or email [dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:dining.gcw@millenniumhotels.com). Alternatively, you can make a booking online [here](#).



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## Buy 1, Get 1 FREE Afternoon High Tea Set



Indulge in High tea set

From 18 August until 30 September 2014, the Lobby Lounge at New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel is providing the first 20 guests who book the high tea set daily, a special one-for-one offer with complimentary refill of coffee or tea. This offer is valid from Monday to Sunday.

Guests may enjoy a range of delicacies during afternoon high tea, such as the Green Tea Financier, the English Raisin Muffin, the shell-shaped Chocolate Madeleines, Blueberry Opera Cake, Baked Puff Pastry with Parmesan Cheese, and Mushroom and Baked Barbequed Pork Pastry with Honey.

The high tea set also features American Cheesecake, Chocolate-dipped Strawberries, Sandwiches, Assorted Cookies and Mini fruit tarts for the enjoyment of guests.

The High Tea is available at the Mezzanine Level from 2:30 to 6 p.m. HKD228 per person and HKD378 for two persons (excluding 10% service charge), and includes free parking for one hour. For enquiries or reservations, please call (852) 2313 4210.

## Cocktails And Irish Beef At JW Marriott HK

From now to 9 October, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong's popular alfresco venue, **Fish Bar and Pool Lounge** is pleased to present an array of well-crafted cocktails, inspired by the classic Australian Chandon Brut. Using this vibrant sparkling wine as a base, the Chandon cocktails go perfectly well with Fish Bar's seafood selections. Enjoy concoctions like Chandon Mojito, Chandon Pink Grapefruit Mimosa and more.

After cocktails, pop over to **Flint Grill & Bar** for a special Early Bird 3-course dinner menu, where diners can enjoy a delicious meal at a special price from 6pm to 7.45pm on weekdays. Menu includes an appetiser, main course, dessert and a glass of wine at \*HK\$400 per person.

From 8 to 28 September, Head Chef Sven Wunram will serve up artisanal beef dishes using John Stone free range Irish beef at Flint Grill & Bar. Matured the traditional way for 21 days on the bone, John Stone is renowned for producing the finest range of dry-aged, grass-fed and free range beef. Available during dinner, dishes include T-bone with fat chips, green salad and béarnaise sauce; and roast prime rib on the bone, naturel jus, roast root vegetable and Yorkshire pudding for 2 persons.

*\*Price is subject to 10% service charge.*



Flint Grill & Bar

## Porters Pub At Grand Millennium Al Wahda Celebrates Two Years



Celebrate two years at Grand Millennium Al Wahda's Porters Irish Pub.

Celebrating its' second anniversary, Grand Millennium Al Wahda is inviting all guests to enjoy special prices on drinks, and traditional Irish tunes with resident band and DJ Roland at the Porters Pub. Available from August 29 from 7:00pm. For reservations, please call +971 2 495 3936.

Also happening at the hotel is Seafood Delights at Toshi Japanese Restaurant. Enjoy a classic array of sensational fresh seafood mains including prime lobster, oyster and other seafood dishes for AED 229++ including wine and selected beer. Available every Sunday from 7:00pm to 11:30pm. For reservations, please contact [toshi@grandmill-alwahda.com](mailto:toshi@grandmill-alwahda.com) or +971 2 495 3921.

## Citrus Flavours At Millennium Abu Dhabi





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## Care

## Hong Leong Group Adopts ComChest Walk As Part Of Family Day

Hong Leong Group Singapore recently sent a strong contingent to take part in the ComChest Heartstrings Walk. The walk organised by The Community Chest of Singapore was the second successive year that Hong Leong Group staff took part in. Proceeds collected for the walk went towards making a difference in the lives of over 300,000 people under the care of Community Chest.

“We wanted a meaningful Family Day, a day that would not only allow staff to bond with one another, but one that also allows us to contribute to the good of society. Making the ComChest Heartstrings Walk part of our Family Day was naturally the best solution,” said Mr. Benedict Ng, President of the Hong Leong Group Sports & Recreation Club (HLGSRG).

The initiative clocked up 550 participants from the Group's various companies. Participants donned a specially designed red T-shirt, in line with Singapore's National Day celebrations, with the HLGSRG logo on the day.

Hong Leong staff and family members who signed up also enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel after the Walk. This was followed by entertainment, games and a lucky draw.

HLGSRC focuses on building a strong community spirit among staff from Hong Leong member companies City Developments Limited, Hong Leong Holdings, Millennium & Copthorne International Limited, Hong Leong Finance and Hong Leong Asia.



550 HLGSRC members (in red) signed up for the ComChest Heartstrings Walk to raise funds for the needy.



Participants having fun at the photo booth at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. All participants were treated to a sumptuous buffet breakfast after the Walk.

## Novotel New York Times Square Ice Bucket Challenge



Using hotel room ice buckets, the staff at Novotel New York Times Square gamely dumped ice on themselves on the hotel's rooftop terrace, to support ALS research



Millennium Abu Dhabi General Manager James Wilson gets dunked with buckets of ice water by Heads of Department at the hotel.

Novotel New York Times Square and Millennium Abu Dhabi recently participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which raises funds and awareness for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's disease.

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, and ultimately leads to paralysis, vital organ failure and death.

The "Ice Bucket Challenge" is a social media stunt that goes like this: People make a video of themselves dumping a bucket of ice water on their heads, post it on Facebook, Instagram or other social media sites, and then challenge friends to do the same within 24 hours or donate \$100 to ALS.

Novotel New York Times Square has since nominated General Manager Marc Sternagel and The Sofitel New York, while Millennium Abu Dhabi challenged its M&C sister hotels in Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates region.



## 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



Yamaha key management (L-R): Parts Manager Tay Peng Kian, Group General Manager Philip Ting, Deputy GM, Sales Lee Kwan Meng, Consultant Hoe Boon Meng.



The Yamaha showroom is located in Paya Lebar, Singapore.



Yamaha at the Singapore Motorshow 2008.

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**Deputy General Manager, Sales**  
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## HONG LEONG CORPORATION HOLDINGS IS THE SOLE DISTRIBUTOR OF YAMAHA MOTORCYCLES

Hong Leong Corporation Holdings (HLCH) is the sole distributor for Yamaha motorcycles in Singapore. HLCH, a private trading and investment company in the Hong Leong Group, is also the immediate holding company of Singapore-listed Hong Leong Asia.

HLCH was appointed in 1979 as the Sole Distributor for Yamaha motorcycles in Singapore. Within the first 6 months, Yamaha was able to overtake its major



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competitors and became the leading motorcycle brand by market share in Singapore. Since then, Yamaha has continued to remain as the market leader for total sales of registered motorcycles, except for the period from 2003 to 2005. From 2003 to 2013, Yamaha captured an average of 45% of total market share. For the first six months in 2014, Yamaha has achieved an average of 35% market share; the dip was due mainly to the shrinking certificates of entitlements quota allotted for motorcycles.

In 1985, due to the success of its motorcycle distributorship in Singapore, HLCH was awarded the Sole Distributorship for Yamaha golf buggies. Subsequently in 1988, the company also became an authorized distributor of John Deere, one of America's leading names in golf and turf equipment.

In 1993, due to the business expansion and to better provide aftermarket support and parts supply to its customers, HL Golf & Turf Equipment was set up as a subsidiary in the Malaysian state of Selangor. It became the sole distributor for Yamaha golf buggies in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei. Yamaha golf buggies have the biggest market share in Malaysia as it is well supported by a network of dealers.

HLCH started with only a few pioneer staff and has since expanded to its present 70 staff strength, including its Malaysian subsidiary. It has a warehouse facility in Jurong to house its inventory of motorcycles, golf buggies and assembly activities.

Yamaha Motorcycle is supported by an extensive network of 15 main dealers and about 100 sub-dealers in Singapore. During the early days of its business, Yamaha has organized various promotional events by sponsoring riders and motorcycles in the Malaysian GP, a motor-cross event held in Senoko and a Service Campaign held annually where old and new Yamaha motorcycle owners could have complimentary servicing and oil change.

Yamaha participated in the 2008 Singapore Motorshow at Suntec City Singapore that drew as many as 150,000 visitors. In 2010, Yamaha organized a "One Make Race" where only Yamaha brand of motorcycles could participate, and an ASEAN Race that saw regional participants.

The company's commitment and infrastructure of its sole distributorships, together with the support of its dealers, and the various promotional events in its early days of business have made Yamaha a strong leader and recognizable brand in Singapore and Malaysia.



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