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Celebrating A Holly Jolly Christmas With Us All Around The World

**Deepening The
Presence Of The
'M Social' Brand**

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Merlion's Virtual Vacation At M Social Decentraland

A collaboration between STB and MHR for Merlion's 50th birthday this year.

The Merlion (centre) stands at the entrance of M Social Decentraland with his friends, also familiar Singapore icons (L-R) the hawker assistant, bird watcher, and otter.

Singapore Tourism Board (STB) and Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) have jointly launched *Merlion on Vacation*, a virtual adventure that enables players to explore Singapore in the metaverse, win prizes and enjoy a Merlion 50th Birthday themed room package at M Social Singapore.

Players will search for clues to locate the Merlion as he is teleported to Decentraland, a 3D virtual world platform, for a vacation to mark his 50th birthday. Singapore's Merlion, located at Merlion Park, turned 50 on 15 September this year.

Apart from discovering M Social Decentraland – a virtual hotel with glass exteriors and neon pink accents – players can engage in mini-games featuring Singapore landmarks such as Orchard Road, Sungei Buloh, Gardens by the Bay, and Maxwell Food Centre. Those who complete the games will enter a raffle for the grand prize of a one-night-stay at M Social Singapore, as well as hotel and F&B vouchers and other merchandise.



The Merlion checking in at the lobby of M Social Decentraland.



Users can play mini-games and explore the sights at M Social Decentraland.

M Social Singapore has also launched a Merlion 50th Birthday Package to mark the Singapore icon's jubilee, allowing guests to experience Merlion-themed cocktail-mixing and perfume-making workshops.



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The virtual adventure *Merlion on Vacation* builds on the opening of M Social Decentraland in May this year, which marked MHR as the world's first hotel group to operate a hotel in the metaverse. M Social Decentraland occupies prime real estate in Decentraland as it is one tram stop from Genesis Plaza, the starting point for all visitors to the virtual platform.

"M Social Decentraland may be in the virtual world but the campaign is grounded in the reality of reaching new customers and generating new revenue sources with the metaverse as the platform. Our partnership with STB on the Merlion's virtual vacation is one such example. By getting local and international guests to participate in this campaign, we are promoting Singapore and the M Social brand, while sweetening the pot with rewards for stays and dining that can be used at our physical hotel, M Social Singapore," said Mr Saurabh Prakash, Group Senior Vice President, Commercial, Millennium Hotels and Resorts.

The world was introduced to the M Social brand in 2016, starting with M Social Singapore, and has since expanded with other physical outposts in Paris, New York and Auckland. M Social Decentraland marks the first virtual location in the metaverse. MHR plans to grow the brand in more physical locations including Suzhou, Phuket, London, Sunnyvale and key cities in the Middle East, with strong characters to capture diverse stories in vibrant and creative communities.



The special Merlion 50th Birthday Package includes 15% off stays at M Social Singapore with 2,000 My Millennium bonus points, a Merlion Bearskin pouring workshop including a bear brick (above left image), and a Merlion perfume making workshop (above right image).

Guests and members of the public are invited to participate in the adventure to find the missing Merlion by playing games and winning prizes all in one place at the M Social Decentraland. Players are rewarded with 2,000 My Millennium points and dining and vacation vouchers amongst the myriad of different prizes.

To top it all off, a special Merlion 50th Birthday Package has also been launched with 15% off their stay at M Social Singapore and an additional bonus 2,000 My Millennium points. An extra S\$50++ also gets one a special cocktail at the Beast & Butterflies restaurant, a Merlion cocktail making workshop and a Merlion perfume making workshop that comes with one bottle of perfume.

The Merlion 50th Birthday Package ends 31 December 2022.

Access to M Social Decentraland is free of charge. Visit msocial.com/merlion50 for more information.

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Catch The World Cup Fever At The M Zone Dudley

The ideal spot to enjoy the World Cup action.

Don't miss out on the World Cup fun at the M Zone, the perfect spot to enjoy the game with fellow football fans.



As the world goes into World Cup frenzy, Millennium Hotel & Convention Centre Kuwait has designed the perfect spot to indulge your football fever – the M Zone.

Open daily from 1 pm till 12 am, World Cup fans can catch live screening of the matches on the large screen and cheer on their favorite teams while relaxing comfortably on colourful bean bags. They can also enjoy football-themed games, activities with live station and delicious food and beverage options to make their World Cup nights even more memorable.

Don't miss the green vibes, cool breeze and football fever at the M Zone at Millennium Hotel & Convention Centre Kuwait!

Enjoy the highlights from the M Zone, a great spot to catch the World Cup!



Top 20 Cool And Unusual Hotels In Auckland

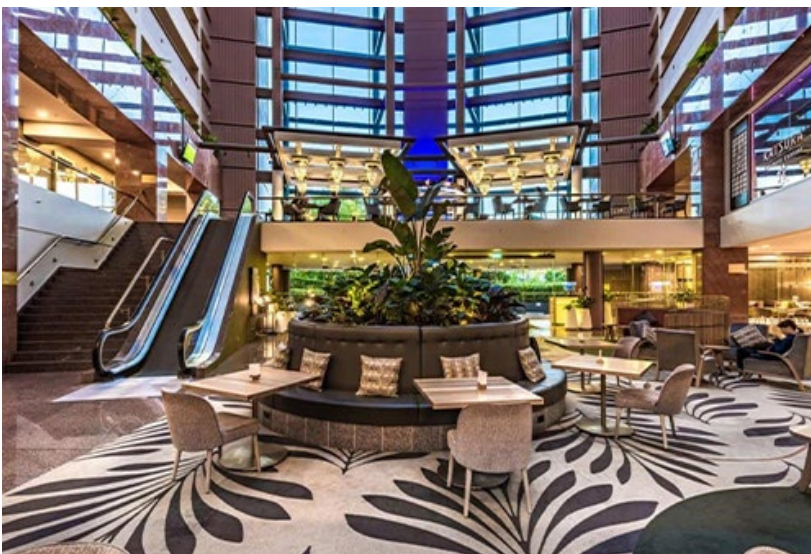
Our Auckland hotels receive a special mention by Global Grasshopper.

At M Social Auckland, the bright and striking entrance evokes style and functionality, which spreads through the creative and cool interiors.

A shout-out to M Social Auckland and Grand Millennium Auckland which were featured in the [Top 20 Cool and Unusual Hotels in Auckland](#) by popular travel blog Global Grasshopper!

M Social Auckland got the nod as “a fun and sociable contemporary hotel located in Princes Wharf perfect for partying Millennials and Gen Zs”, while Grand Millennium Auckland was recognised as “a grand, striking and modern hotel with incredible city views”.

Check out these hotels on your next trip to Auckland!



Fantastically located in the city centre, Grand Millennium Auckland offers a superior and luxurious experience through great attention to detail.



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Client Appreciation Day At The M&C Hotels At Chelsea Football Club

Big smiles all around at the Client Appreciation Day to thank M&C Chelsea Football Club clients and staff for their unwavering support.

On 2 November, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels at Chelsea Football Club hosted an appreciation day for over 65 clients and staff to thank them for their support over these difficult recent years.

When COVID struck, the hospitality industry was greatly impacted and suffered a decline in sales that was as sharp and severe as the ramping up of pressure on medical staff and resources across the country. Chelsea FC took the battle into their own hands and offered to accommodate London NHS staff in their two London hotels, a complimentary gesture that was to extend to nearly 10,500 room nights in total!

Travelling through a deserted London to offer respite to medical NHS staff, the hotel team was recognised for their efforts by the football club collectively as their employees of the year. At the same time, UK's leading hospitality recruitment brand Caterer.com picked up on the indomitable spirit of the hotel team and named the business as one of their featured top 30 hospitality companies to work for in the UK in 2020.

As hotels across the world started to recover from Covid, dark clouds were still over Stamford Bridge as the UK government imposed trading sanctions on Chelsea FC in March this year. Battling the odds once again, morale at the hotel remained strong through the remarkable camaraderie and team spirit and once again it received the repeat accreditation in the annual review of the top 30 places in the country to work for in hospitality the following year.

Featuring an exquisite sit-down dinner with tickets to watch Chelsea play at their home ground, the evening was a celebration of all that had been achieved and hopes for a brighter future. Mark Gregory-White, Hotel General Manager, gave a speech of appreciation to clients and his team. *"I'm so proud of the team I work with...they are an amazing bunch and I wouldn't change them for the world...and that goes for our clients too! We provide transparency and honesty...we are proud of who we are, what we are and how we identify ourselves".*



Hotel General Manager Mr Mark Gregory-White with appreciative clients at the sit-down dinner before the football match.

The appreciation event held at the hotel's 55 Restaurant consisted of a delicious 3 course-meal followed by the Chelsea FC vs. Dinamo Zagreb match at Stamford Bridge stadium. Clients enjoyed top seats with superb views of all sides of the pitch. The evening ended perfectly with Chelsea delivering a 2-1 victory to cement their place in the next round of the Champions League competition. Both on and off the pitch, the Chelsea teams proved that evening that they go from strength to strength.

Story by Ernest Attah



The highlight of the night was definitely the Chelsea FC vs. Dinamo Zagreb match at Stamford Bridge stadium, made sweeter by the superb views and a victory from the Chelsea team!



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CDL Pledges To Support COP27 Action Declaration

Working towards net zero and a more sustainable future.

Designed with sustainability in mind, Copen Grand is the first Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Platinum Super Low Energy (SLE) EC in Singapore. Copen Grand also incorporates renewable energy technology in the form of photovoltaic systems that tap on solar power, providing partial energy replacement for the clubhouse (pictured here), function room, swimming pool and gymnasium.

Corporate Knights and the Global 100 Council announced a joint Action Declaration on Climate Policy Engagement at COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. This initiative garnered the support of over 50 global companies, whose annual revenues of almost US\$900 billion account for 1% of global GDP.

The Action Declaration brings together corporate leaders who are committed to improving public-private policy engagement to move the world to the clean economy needed to address climate change.

As a signatory to the Action Declaration, CDL reaffirms its commitment towards supporting climate action aligned with the Paris Agreement while working with its stakeholders, including industry partners, trade associations and policymakers.

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL Group Chief Executive Officer, said, “The climate emergency calls for urgent and collective action that transcends borders and industry sectors. Stakeholders must act with unity and resolve to amplify impact in the global Race to Zero. Kudos to Corporate Knights for rallying Global 100’s Most Sustainable Corporations in the World to step up action. CDL fully supports this Action Declaration at COP27. We will continue our long-standing commitment to align our climate action roadmap with the Paris Agreement towards reaching our net zero targets.”

In 2021, CDL stepped up its decarbonisation commitment with more ambitious carbon emissions reduction targets validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). By 2030, against a 2016 base year, CDL will:

- Reduce its Scope 1 and 2 Green House Gas (GHG) emissions by 63% per square metre (per m²) leased area
- Reduce its Scope 3 GHG emissions from purchased goods and services by 41% per m² Gross Floor Area (GFA)
- Reduce absolute Scope 3 GHG emissions from investments² by 58.8%, including hotels managed by CDL’s wholly-owned hotel subsidiary, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Limited

In addition, in February 2021, CDL was the first real estate conglomerate in Southeast Asia to sign the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC)’s Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment, pledging to achieve net zero



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operational carbon by 2030. CDL has since extended its pledge towards a net zero whole life carbon-built environment, including reducing embodied carbon.

Through this expanded commitment, CDL's new and existing wholly-owned assets under its direct management and operational control, will operate at net zero carbon and achieve maximum embodied carbon reduction in new developments, compensating for any remaining residual operational and upfront embodied emissions via offsetting by 2030.

CDL's robust ESG integration and disclosures are recognised by 13 prominent global ratings, rankings and indexes. These include ranking 5th on the 2022 Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World, and double 'A's in the 2021 CDP Global A List for corporate climate action and water security.



King's Centre Unveils A Fresh New Look

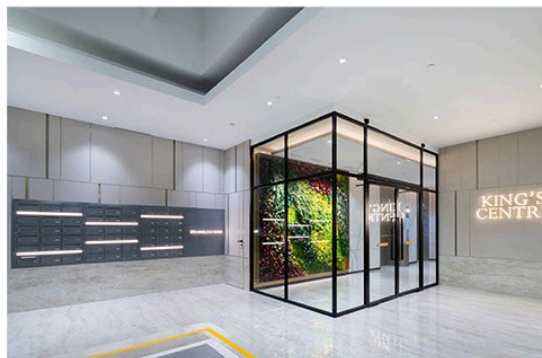
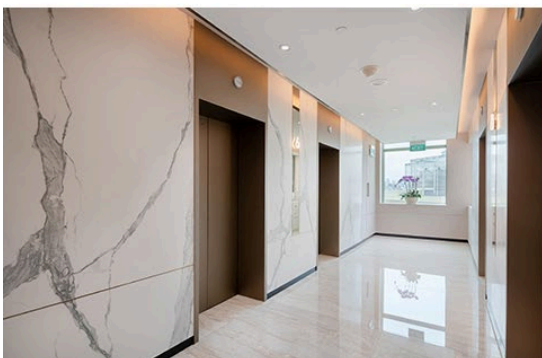
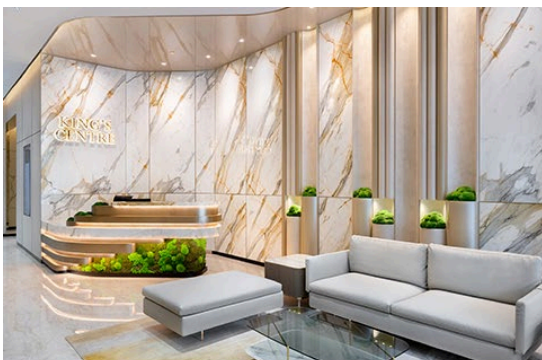
With expansion and upgrading of its main lobby and common areas.

The modern and spacious new look of King's Centre after the completion of the AEI.

King's Centre, located along the prime waterfront of the Singapore River on Havelock Road, has completed a recent Asset Enhancement Initiative (AEI) which included the revamp and expansion of its main lobby and upgrading of common areas such as lift lobbies and rest rooms.

Having achieved committed occupancy of over 95%, King's Centre is poised to attract new tenants to further boost occupancy, especially with the newly-opened Havelock MRT station a short walk away.

Check out the glistening revamped spaces in the pictures below! King's Centre is part of an integrated development that comprises an office block, retail complex Waterfront Plaza and the adjoining Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore.



With a refreshed lobby and contemporary common areas, and the newly-opened Havelock MRT a short stroll away, King's Centre is well positioned to attract new tenants.



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CDL Remains Resilient Across All Business Segments: Q3 2022 Operational Update

Copen Grand EC fully sold a month after launch.

The luxurious Copen Grand EC is in the heart of Tengah Town, envisioned to be Singapore's first smart and sustainable precinct.

Against the backdrop of macroeconomic headwinds clouded with uncertainties, the CDL Group stayed agile and maintained a resilient performance across all its business segments. Below is an update on the Group's operating performance for the third quarter ended 30 September 2022 (Q3 2022).

Property Development

Singapore

In Q3 2022, CDL and its joint venture (JV) associates sold 95 units with a total sales value of \$281 million. Sales were slower for the quarter as the Group has a low inventory of unsold units as its launched projects have been substantially sold, with Sengkang Grand Residences selling out in Q3. Moreover, there were no new launches in Q3.

For the first nine months ended 30 September 2022 (YTD Sep 2022), the Group and its JV associates sold 802 units with a total sales value of \$1.9 billion (YTD Sep 2021: 1,382 units with a total sales value of \$2.5 billion). However, sales have surged to 1,417 units with a total sales value of \$2.8 billion as at 30 November 2022, mainly led by the recent launch of the Group's JV project, Copen Grand Executive Condominium (EC) in October 2022.

The 639-unit Copen Grand EC opened for e-applications on 7 October and sales bookings commenced on 22 October for eligible buyers. It received a very strong response with 465 units (73% of the project) sold on its launch day. Under prevailing EC regulations, only 30% of the project can be allocated to second-time buyers during launch and the quota was reached.



Copen Grand EC receiving visitors to its sales gallery during e-applications.

On 26 November, the Group started sales bookings for second-time buyers who were unable to purchase a unit during the initial launch period. The response was overwhelming with the remaining 146 units snapped up over the weekend, making the project fully sold just one month after its launch.



The 639-unit Copen Grand EC was fully sold as of 26 November 2022. Pictures are of its four-bedroom apartment.

The average launch price was \$1,300 per square foot (psf), with an additional 3% applied to units sold under the deferred payment scheme. Located in the heart of Tengah Town, envisioned to be Singapore's first smart and sustainable precinct, Copen Grand is within walking distance of three MRT stations on the upcoming Jurong Region Line – a rare attribute for an EC. It will also have convenient access to two neighbouring hubs – the Jurong Lake District and the Jurong Innovation District. The demand for well-located ECs augurs well for the Group's pipeline EC project in the same vicinity, at Bukit Batok West Avenue 5, which will have around 510 units.

With rising interest rates and inflationary concerns, on 30 September 2022, the Government introduced additional property cooling measures aimed at ensuring prudent borrowing. The reference interest rate used to compute the Total Debt Servicing Ratio (TDSR) and Mortgage Servicing Ratio (MSR) increased by 0.5% from 3.5% to 4.0%. Other measures were more targeted at the HDB market.

With the tightened maximum loan quantum limits for housing loans, potential buyers are likely to be more cautious in their decision-making, mindful of their mortgage servicing capability. Nonetheless, the Group expects the property market to remain resilient given the low stock levels. Moreover, with a recovering economy, Singapore's



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political stability, and its strength as a financial hub, there is sustained interest from local buyers, foreign investors and high-net-worth individuals.

To replenish its development pipeline, the Group successfully secured an expansive 178,936 square feet (sq ft) EC Government Land Sales (GLS) site at Bukit Batok West Avenue 5 with a bid price of \$336.07 million (or \$626 psf ppr) in September 2022. The Group won by a razor-thin margin of 0.2% (or \$1 psf ppr) versus the second highest bid. The EC project will comprise 10 blocks of 12 to 13 storeys with around 512 units. The site is conveniently situated between three MRT stations and within the Bukit Batok Nature Corridor.

Australia

In Australia, the Group recently completed The Marker in Melbourne, where 84% of the 198 units have been sold to date. Residents have been progressively moving into the apartments since October. The Group's purchase of its first Private Rented Sector (PRS) development site in Melbourne's Southbank was completed in November 2022. Project construction is targeted to commence in Q2 2023 and will yield around 240 units.

Investment Properties

Singapore

As at 30 September 2022, the Group's office portfolio remained resilient with 94.3% committed occupancy, above the island-wide occupancy of 88.3%. Republic Plaza, the Group's flagship Grade A office building, is 96.1% committed with a positive rental reversion of 5.9%. The Grade A office market is expected to remain resilient, driven by the limited CBD supply.

The Group's retail portfolio also remained healthy with 95.3% committed occupancy, above the island-wide occupancy of 92.2%. The robust performance was led by City Square Mall and Palais Renaissance, with a committed occupancy of 98.2% and 100% respectively.

Overseas Markets

China

Multiple lockdowns were imposed due to the emergence of COVID-19 cases which caused disruptions to businesses and negatively impacted sales of the Group's existing stock. The Group is providing some financial support to its commercial tenants to help them overcome the challenges. The Group continues to hold a positive long-term view of the China property market and is actively looking for new development sites.

UK

London's office leasing market remained relatively stable, with demand for Grade A energy-efficient buildings as this helps to mitigate soaring energy bills. 125 Old Broad Street and Aldgate House are benefitting from such resilience, providing well-located Grade A offices with enhanced amenities and a robust sustainability strategy. Existing occupiers are renewing their leases, increasing their footprint or in active discussions around a longer-term lease arrangement.

The Living Sector

UK

Limited supply and mortgage affordability issues, exacerbated by higher interest rates in the near term, continue to underpin the rise in rental demand for PRS accommodation in the UK as people turn to renting instead of purchasing homes. This augurs well for The Junction, the Group's 665-unit PRS development in Leeds, which has begun pre-leasing as its phased completion is on track to commence in Q4 2022.

Japan

The Group's PRS portfolio in Osaka and Yokohama enjoys stable rent with strong average portfolio occupancy of above 95% for stabilised assets. Demand is fueled by individuals and corporates returning to the workplace, with lesser remote work and a higher propensity to stay within the same prefecture. Employment is normalising to pre-pandemic levels. Restrictions on foreign nationals entering Japan are fully lifted, which should further boost the demand for rental apartments.



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Hotel Operations

With the easing of travel restrictions and the pent-up travel demand, the Group's hotels continued its recovery path, registering a global Revenue Per Available Room (RevPAR) growth of 88.9% to \$161.9 for Q3 2022 (Q3 2021: \$85.7). For YTD Sep 2022, global RevPAR rose 108.3% to \$127.7 (YTD Sep 2021: \$61.3), with London and New York improving their RevPAR by 291.2% and 113.3% respectively.

Fund Management

The unprecedented interest rate hikes in 2022 have severely impacted the initial public offerings (IPO) of REITs in Singapore, with several planned IPOs and secondary fund-raising exercises of REITs withdrawn. Amid this challenging market, the Group is placing a temporary pause on its IPO aspirations for its UK commercial properties until the market stabilises. The short-term market uncertainties present opportunities for the Group to make strategic acquisitions that will complement its fund management strategy.

Outlook

Given the global economic uncertainty, unabated inflation and rising interest rates, the outlook remains unpredictable and highly sensitive to market changes. Despite these challenges, the Group continues to accelerate its Growth, Enhancement and Transformation (GET) Strategy, focusing on portfolio growth, strong execution, operational excellence, active capital recycling and driving sustainability initiatives.

The Group's timely divestments earlier in the year, with the sale of Millennium Hilton Seoul as well as the successful collective sale exercises for Tanglin Shopping Centre and Golden Mile Complex, will provide the Group with adequate financial headroom to deleverage, seek opportunistic investments and maximise shareholder value.

The Group will continue to exercise prudence in its investments and growth plans. By maintaining a robust balance sheet and disciplined capital management, the Group is confident of weathering the storms and emerging stronger.



CDL's 5-Star EHS Sports Challenge And Award Ceremony

An annual event to boost engagement and safety at the workplace.

Senior Minister of State for Manpower Mr Zaqq Mohamad (extreme right in red) cheering on participants at the 5-Star EHS Sports Challenge as CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong (in sunglasses) looks on.

On 13 November 2022, CDL held its 5-Star Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Sports Challenge and Awards Ceremony, an annual event where its workers can build camaraderie and teamwork through healthy competition.



A celebration of sportsmanship by cheering the teams on!



During the awards ceremony, CDL recognised deserving contractors and workers who have demonstrated a strong commitment to safety, in line with how it has been awarding incentives to contractors with good safety performance.

A yearly culmination of CDL's EHS initiatives, this event is a reinforcement of its steadfast commitment to keeping workers healthy, safe and happy.

For more than 20 years, all of CDL's main contractors have been undergoing quarterly inspections and audits under the CDL 5-Star EHS Assessment System conducted by independent auditors. The developer also takes a holistic approach in selecting builders that evaluates Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) performance alongside other key criteria.

By working collaboratively towards ensuring clean safety records, the reinforcement of safety in the built environment sector can be elevated to the highest standards.



Relish In Sumptuous Festive Spreads At M Hotel Singapore

Featuring highlights from
Café 2000 and The Buffet
Restaurant.

Impress your guests with our delectable selection of festive goodies and celebrate an unforgettable Christmas with your loved ones. Indulge in our Signature Christmas Turkey and favourites like our Honey-baked Ham and Signature Jumbo Chicken Pie. Don't forget our Ondeh-ondoh Log Cake and Christmas Irish Coffee Fruit Bundt and our festive combos for you to bring home!

Café 2000, M Hotel Singapore

Celebrate the festive season with us and join us for a Christmas feast this year at Café 2000! We have an abundance of Christmas offerings this year like Roasted Pumpkin Soup, Roasted Turkey, Honey Baked Ham and Seafood on Ice like the freshly poached Tiger Prawns and Chilean Sea Scallops. Don't miss out on our exciting array of festive desserts such as Gingerbread Custard Crème Brûlée, Log Cakes and Stollen*!

*Menu items are subject to change and availability. For reservations, please call +65 6500 6112 or visit email cafe2000.mhs@millenniumhotels.com.

The Buffet Restaurant, M Hotel Singapore



This Christmas, gather round a pot filled with rich and flavourful MSG-free broth with a variety of fresh seafood, handmade Yong Tau Foo, premium meats and our famed herbal prawns at our halal steamboat restaurant, The Buffet. Ring in the holiday season with us as we introduce a Christmas carving station which includes Roasted Turkey, Turkey Ham, and decadent desserts including our Signature Durian Puff, Christmas Log Cake, Fruit Pie and more!

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Celebrate The Joyous Season At Copthorne King's Hotel

Choose from Penang buffet, Chinese cuisine or takeaway the festive carvings and desserts.

Thinking of something different this Christmas? Our Peranakan-inspired festive goodies will be sure to impress your friends and loved ones! The Roasted Boneless Turkey Breast with Buah Keluak sauce, inspired by the Peranakan dish - Ayam Buah Keluak, perfect for 5 to 6 people will surely be a hit at your gatherings. Don't forget the Herb-crusted Salmon Roulade and our various log cakes to sum Christmas all up!

Princess Terrace, Copthorne King's Hotel

Feast over an extravaganza feast at Princess Terrace this year. Savour our Penang buffet with a festive twist, highlights at our carving station include our Roasted Boneless Turkey Breast, Honey Glazed Chicken Ham and many more! Indulge in desserts such as our fresh beancurd made daily, homemade assorted Nonya Kueh, Christmas Log Cake and Assorted cookies!

For reservations, please call +65 6733 0011 or email princessterrace@millenniumhotels.com.

Tien Court, Copthorne King's Hotel



Have a jolly Christmas with your loved ones at Tien Court and delight in our specially curated Christmas set menus! Start off your meal with our three-combination appetizer, then move on to our Imperial Seafood Soup in Whole Coconut or Superior Pumpkin Soup with Fish Maw in Hot Stone and more! End your meal on a sweet note with desserts like our Mango Sago or Lemongrass Jelly.

Choose from our 5-course menu at \$78++ per person or 6-course menu at \$98++ per person.

For reservations, please call +65 6318 3(193/198) or email tiencourt@millenniumhotels.com.

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Immerse In Joyful Festive Moments At JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

An array of festive dining experiences and takeaways awaits you.

Discover a myriad of sumptuous dining experiences, delectable takeaways as well as exquisite gifts at JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, and embrace the festive spirit with your loved ones.

The Lounge, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

Eat, drink and be merry with the epicurean feasts at The Lounge, boasting a panoramic view of the glistening city and sparkling lights through the floor-to-ceiling windows for diners to bask in the wondrous joy. The sumptuous festive Champagne Brunch Buffet and Christmas Dinner Buffet feature a medley of alluring delicacies, including fresh seafood, Beef Wellington, Herb-crusted Rack Of Lamb, Basted Boston Lobsters, Pan-fried Foie Gras, Peking duck and dinner-exclusive Braised Abalone.

Guests can also enjoy free flow of selected Champagne, sparkling wine and house wines for an additional HK\$298.

For reservations, please call +852 2810 8366 or email jwmarriott.hk@marriott-hotels.com.

JW Café, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong



Elevate your Christmas with an extravagant spread of traditional Christmas dishes and international favourites meticulously prepared by chefs in various live stations. Dive in jet-fresh seafood with Boston Lobsters, Brown Crabs, 5-6 head South African Abalone and many more. The carving station features Australian M5 Wagyu Tomahawk Steak, Beef Wellington and other delights such as South African Abalone with Fish Maw, Braised Sea Cucumber, Baked Tiger Prawn with White Wine and Cheese and many more.

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Flint, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

Curated with the best of the season, indulge in the decadent 5-course festive dinner menu begins with the tantalising Pork Pâté with Ibérico Ham, Pan-seared Scallop with Caviar, and Lobster Bisque. Choose your favourite from our delectable main course selections, including Beef Wellington with Red Wine Jus, Herb Roasted Turkey with Giblet Gravy, and Ref King Prawn Risotto with Shellfish Broth. Sweeten up your meal with handcrafted desserts such as choco-holic Christmas Night or fruity Strawberry Dream.

For reservations, please call +852 2810 8366 or email jwmarriott.hk@marriott-hotels.com.



Dolce 88, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong



Celebrate Christmas at home with Dolce 88's festive takeaway offerings and enjoy a lavish yet hassle-free feast. Christmas must-haves include the Signature Roasted Turkey and Honey Glazed Gammon Ham, both complemented with an array of homemade trimmings such as mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, roasted carrots and many more. The takeaway set also comes with a complimentary pecan pie, apple pie or pumpkin pie to ring in the season with a sweet note.

Order [here](#).

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Yulefest At JW Marriott Singapore South Beach

Whether you are looking for hampers for gifting, a restaurant for festive meals or a short getaway, we got you covered.

Experience the holiday season with a Christmastime promise of an indulgent spread of traditional classics and great company.

Festive Takeaways, JW Marriott Singapore South Beach

This holiday season, let JW Marriott Singapore South Beach inspire your celebrations with a masterfully executed festive takeaways and bring yuletide cheer to loved ones or cherished clients with our signature hampers, takeaway afternoon tea set, signature roasts and festive sweet treats.

Complimentary islandwide delivery with \$198nett spend. 2-day advance order is required.

Order [here](#).

Beach Road Kitchen, JW Marriott Singapore South Beach



Celebrate Christmas and New Year's weekends with an elevated spread including Whole Poached Salmon, Pork Roll with Sage Stuffing and the finest selection of Barbecue Seafood including Lobster, Flower Crab, Mud Crab, Oyster and Scallop. Festive Roasts boast carvings of Traditional Whole Roasted Turkey, Honey Glazed Ham, Prime Ribs and a roving Bombe Alaska Flambé at the table.

Supplement \$88 per person for free flow champagne, wine, beer and juices

For reservations, book [here](#). View menu [here](#).



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Madame Fan, JW Marriott Singapore South Beach

Discover a modern Cantonese gourmet voyage in a presentation of masterful culinary showmanship with festive a la carte highlights curated just for the jolly season. Relish in conversation-worthy cuisine in an elegant setting by Executive Chinese Chef, Pak Chee Yit. Tantalise your tastebuds with expertly curated a la carte highlights for the festive season including Boston Lobster Truffle Dumpling Creamy Soup, Pan-seared A4 Wagyu with Foie Gras in Black Miso Sauce and Roasted Sucking Pig with Wok-fried Turkey Ham and Black Truffle Glutinous Rice in Pumpkin Cup.



'Dim Sum, Drink Sum' with Madame Fan's signature brunch featuring specially curated highlights such as Claypot Roasted Suckling Pig with Truffle Glutinous Rice and Festive Desserts. Holiday Dim Sum Brunch is available from \$118++ per person, with option of a free-flow list of cocktails, wine and beer at a supplement of \$68++ per person highlighted by the tipple of the season – Joyeux Noel, a whisky based cocktail with passionfruit puree and salted coconut syrup, specialty crafted by Madame Fan Bar.

For reservations, book [here](#). View menu [here](#).

Akira Black, JW Marriott Singapore South Beach



Lean into the magic with a 6-course sharing menu as a party in the mouth awaits as you bless loved ones over a sumptuous lunch of dinner highlighted by Signature AB Tuna Pizza, Jeju Domi, Lobster Tempura, before arriving on a sweet note with Basque Cheesecake.

For reservations, book [here](#). View menu [here](#).



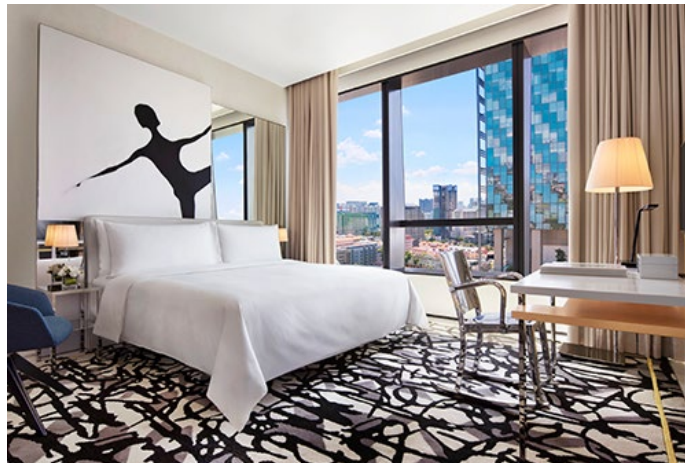
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Stay Package, JW Marriott Singapore South Beach

Create memorable moments this holiday season with a soul nourishing stay in a haven designed to let you focus on the whole you. The luxurious staycation for two is complete with a one-night stay in our well-appointed Deluxe Room, while the table is set for a decadent Festive Seafood Dinner Buffet and International Breakfast at Beach Road Kitchen.

1 to 30 December 2022 (black out dates apply), from \$640++ for two persons per night.

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Spa by JW, JW Marriott Singapore South Beach

Exclusive for the month of December, relax and unwind amidst the festivities with a thoughtfully curated spa journey and 3-in-1 treatment at the contemporary Spa by JW. Get pampered with the Festive Glow Retreat, which includes a 60-minute Feel Revived Massage, 30-minute Body Polish, 60-minute Radiance Facial and complimentary usage of spa facilities including sauna, steam room and jacuzzi prior to treatment.

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An Unforgettable Celebration At New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel

Embark on an epicurean journey with our festive delights.

Gear up for Christmas and New Year with a range of enticing cuisines and festivities to celebrate the season with guests.

Café East, New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel

Café East presents over 100 delicacies this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinner buffet, including unlimited servings of seafood on ice, such as Boston Lobsters, Crabs and Mussels, as well as Christmas must-indulge Roasted Turkey, Duck Foie Gras Mousse with Figs, Black Truffle and Tuna Tartare, and many more. Dessert indulgences include Yule Log Cakes, Christmas Puddings, Stollen, freshly baked Crème Caramel, a live dessert station and kids' counter.

Special appearance by our friendly Santa Claus at lunch, afternoon tea and dinner buffets from 24 to 26 December 2022, to hand out children's goodies. Guests receive party favours on 31 December to usher in the New Year.

For reservations, please call +825 2313 4222 or visit the website [here](#).

La Table French Brasserie, New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel



Indulge in the 5-course Christmas Eve Set Dinner with highlights such as Salmon Confit, Brown Crab Bisque, Black Truffle Turkey Ballotine and many more. Complete the dinner with a specially curated New Year's Eve special dessert.

Advanced reservation is required for the set dinner.

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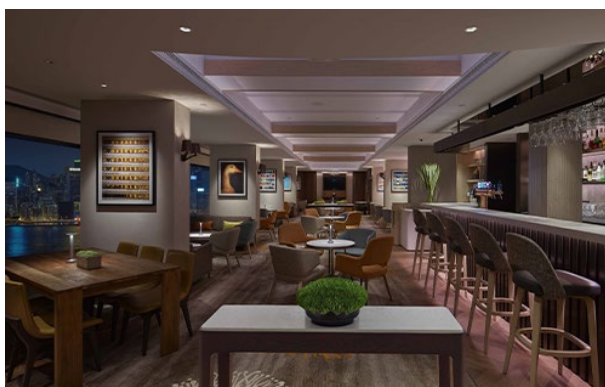
Sagano, New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel

Celebrate the festive season Japanese-style. Enjoy a 7-course set menu at Sagano with highlights including Japanese-style Stewed Wagyu and Kujo with Egg, Seasonal Sashimi, Japanese-style Stewed Fresh Beancurd Skin with Zuwai Crabmeat and more. Sip on a complimentary glass of Thiénot Brut NV Champagne when you opt for the set menu.

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Residence Lounge & Bar, New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel



Revel in a 4-course set dinner with a stunning backdrop of the Victoria Harbour views as you celebrate the festivities at Residence Lounge & Bar. Menu highlights include Brown Crab Bisque, Foie Gras with Cranberry Sauce, Grilled Wagyu Striploin with Caramelised Chestnut and Christmas pudding.

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Tao Li, New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel

Discover authentic Cantonese delicacies at Tao Li with the Festive Dinner Set Menu. Savour the flavours through highlights such as Bird's Nest Pastry, Stewed Whole Six Head South African Abalone, Marinated Pigeon with Chinese Wine and more.

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Festive Elf Village At Orchard Hotel Singapore

Explore our Elf Village and catch the worker elves in action.

Celebrate the season with a life-size Elf Village Goodie House, delectable Christmas goodies, festive feasts and season room package at Orchard Hotel Singapore.

Elf Village, Orchard Hotel Singapore

Shop at the Elf Village Goodie House adorned with exquisite ornaments and colourful seasonal flowers, ideal for your perfect holiday photo spot. Look out for the cheeky Christmas elves hanging around, helping guests prepare the festive takeaways, including the Elf Christmas Hampers, gourmet home treats of succulent roasts, handcrafted log cakes and fruitcakes, as well as a medley of confectioneries.

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Orchard Cafe, Orchard Hotel Singapore



Explore the festive flavours at The Orchard Cafe with Christmas highlights including Roasted Turkey with Truffle Butter, Slow Roasted Australian Grass Fed Angus Beef Striploin, Maple Glazed Ham, Foie Gras Slider, Beetroot Cured Salmon and more. Indulge in Seafood Extravaganza, premium Christmas dessert selection as well as Chef Thenesh's special treats such as Roasted Whole Lamb, Roasted Australian Wagyu Beef Leg (dinner only), Whole Yellowfin Tuna Sashimi (dinner only) and 20KG Giant Panettone specially flown in from Italy.

Children will be in for a treat at our Christmas Cookie Decoration Station where kids can bring home their decorated gingerbread or assorted cookies.

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Hua Ting, Orchard Hotel Singapore

Luxuriate in Hua Ting's Festive 6-course menu this Christmas. Indulge in exquisite dishes such as Signature Inaniwa Noodles in Lobster Stock, Boston Lobster Sashimi, Hairy Crab Roe Beancurd, Braised Superior Bird's Nest with Oscietra Caviar and Scallop, and more.

Enjoy a complimentary bottle of Prosecco with booking of festive menus for 5 persons and above.

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Bar Intermezzo, Orchard Hotel Singapore



Immerse yourself in the festive vibes and joyful cheers and be treated to an elegant Festive High Tea Semi-Bufferet with a complimentary glass of M Wines, featuring the best of both cold and hot savoury items, such as Bagel with Beetroot Cured Salmon and Avruga Caviar, Yellowfin Tuna Tartare, Iberico Pork Cheek Croquettes with Iberico Ham and Truffle Mayo, and more. Sweet delights include the free-flow Dessert Bar, consisting of the classic Chocolate Log Cake, traditional Fruit Minced Pie, Marzipan Stollen, Baked Cheese Cake, Apple and Cinnamon Crumble, and more.

For reservations, please call +65 6739 6668 or email intermezzobar.ohs@millenniumhotels.com.

Festive Room Package, Orchard Hotel Singapore

Celebrate Christmas on A Great Street with the perfect location of The Orchard Hotel with 10% off room rates inclusive of breakfast and a complimentary \$50 Credits for The Orchard Cafe Buffet. In partnership with the Great Christmas Village organised by Orchard Road Business Association (ORBA), the first 50 bookings will receive \$50 Great Christmas Village Credits.

This exclusive festive Package at The Orchard Hotel is for stay period from 12 November 2022 to 2 January 2023 (minimum 2 nights stay).

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A Luminous Christmas At The St. Regis Singapore

Have a bright and merry Christmas with exciting culinary delights and a lavish retreat.

The St. Regis Singapore presents A Luminous Christmas, a homage to the inventive mind of Gilded Age doyenne, Caroline Astor where cherished rituals at St. Regis are inspired by the trendsetter, tastemaker, and socialite. This festive season, the hotel invites you on an exquisite journey through the House of Astor captured in the brand's expertise in Iconic Celebrations, Modern Indulgences and Signature Rituals.

Festive Takeaway Celebrations, The St. Regis Singapore

Discover the true spirit of Christmas with a splendid soiree featuring an assortment of succulent Festive delights including Smoked Salmon infused with The St. Regis Tea Blend, Honey-glazed Gammon Ham, Cote de Boeuf and Signature Whole Roasted Turkey, served with accompaniments from buttered Brussel sprouts to truffle mashed potato and chanterelle mushrooms. Relish in intimate festive indulgences highlighting a glistening miscellany of artisanal yule logs, ambrosial confections crafted and curated selection of Christmas Hampers for the yuletide season.

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Brasserie Les Saveurs, The St. Regis Singapore



Serenade your senses with a lineup of festive gastronomy presented by Executive Chef Fabio Granata at Brasserie Les Saveurs. Exuding a timeless elegance, immerse in an indelible dining experience displaying a penchant for the finest ingredients, flourished with French application. Highlights include Alaskan King Crab Salad, Pumpkin Veloute topped with Truffle Espuma, New York Beef Steak and more.

You can also choose to indulge in a tantalizing array of savoury enchantments and sweet delights with a tailored Afternoon Tea experience, complete with an accompaniment of live instrumental music.

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Astor Bar, The St. Regis Singapore

Imbibe in an array of prestigious vintage champagne, inspired New York, New York cocktails and signature Bloody Mary rituals at Astor Bar. Discover famed interpretations of the tomato juice and vodka cocktail first created in The St. Regis New York, as well as the local interpretation of Chilli Padi Mary crafted with bird's eye chilli.

For reservations, book [here](#). View menu [here](#).

An Art de Noel Lavish Retreat, The St. Regis Singapore

Uncover a legacy of luxury meets tradition at our resplendent rooms and suites adorned with refined amenities, luxurious design within a spacious abode for an unparalleled experience.

From \$579++ per night's stay for two persons, package includes:

- A night's stay in choice of our luxurious rooms and suites
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- St. Regis Butler Service

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Wellness Wonderment at Remède Spa, The St. Regis Singapore

Discover a world of tranquility and respite with the art of well-being and pampering at Remède Spa. Perfect for the modern tastemaker, relish in a medley of curated rejuvenating experiences complete with our unique signature touches this holiday season.

For 120-minute treatment at \$400++ per person, package includes:

- 30-minute Seasonal Body Scrub
- 60-minute Tension Release Massage
- 30-minute Hydrating Express Facial
- Access to Wet Lounge facilities including Cedarwood Finnish Sauna, Eucalyptus Scented Steam Room and Jacuzzi

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Fun And Fuel With HLGSRC

Two action-packed months with exciting social activities & tournaments.

Smiles all around as staff, including HLGSRC committee members, raise their drinks in a toast.

Drinks and a healthy serving of competition were on the menu in September and October as the Hong Leong Group Sports & Recreation Club (HLGSRC) organised two fun-filled social activities for staff as well as a series of exciting tournaments.

Coffee Pourover Workshop – 17 September, 1 October

20 staff attended the Coffee Pourover Workshop held at Hook Coffee's very first coffee bar located at Lau Pa Sat, where they learnt how to brew coffee in its purest form with the Hario V60, a tool favoured by professionals and enthusiasts alike. Participants gained new understanding about what makes a good brew and received tips and tricks for brewing coffees of different origins.

Each participant also brought home a bag full of Hook Coffee merchandise to kickstart their brewing adventure after the workshop!



Happy participants ready to brew their own coffee after the informative and enjoyable workshop.

Wine & Cheese Night – 29 October

Tower Club held their annual Wine Buffet on 29 October 2022, and 23 staff and guests had the privilege to dine on Chef Elson's tempting creations and a selection of cheeses as they enjoyed sampling an estimated 150 or more labels of wine and champagne - the excess bottles from the judges' tasting session earlier in the day.



The lovely ladies from the HLGSRG Social Committee, Rita Chua (left, Social Secretary) and Low Xiao Ting (right, Asst. Social Secretary), showcasing 2 giant bottles of champagne.

Go-Kart – 25 September

The HLGSRG held its first-ever Go-Kart Race on 25 September 2022. After being briefed on the safety rules by the staff of The Karting Arena @ Bukit Timah, 36 staff battled it out on the track in 2 categories – 30km/hr and 50km/hr races. Each participant raced around the track for 8 minutes, with their fastest lap timing logged for the competition. There was an air of excitement and laughter all around as this was an activity not many staff had experienced before.



Safety first! Staff taking part in the race listening attentively to the safety briefing by The Karting Arena staff.



HLGSRG Sports Secretary, Lim Teng How, posing cutely for the camera as he prepares for his 50km/hr race.



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Congratulations to our winners!

Men's 30km/hr

1st: Han Bo, CBM Pte Ltd & Zhang Peng, CBM Pte Ltd (tied for 1st place)

2nd: Chen Long, CBM Pte Ltd

3rd: Alfred Ng, City Developments Limited

Men's 50km/hr

1st: Affandi Bin Kamsany, CBM Pte Ltd

2nd: Ng Hong Sum, CBM Pte Ltd

3rd: Hidayat Bin Bongsu, CBM Pte Ltd

Women's 30km/hr

1st: Gwen Yeo, Hong Leong Finance Ltd

2nd: Sophia Peh, City Developments Limited

3rd: Sabrina Chng, City Developments Limited

Women's 50km/h

1st: Salihin Binte Mahadi, City Developments Limited

2nd: Dorothy Lum, Hong Leong Finance Ltd

3rd: Joyce Wang, HL Building Materials Pte Ltd



Action on the track!



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Golf Tournament – 16 October

18 players, both seasoned and fresh faces, joined in the annual HLGSRG Golf Tournament held on 16 October 2022 at Sembawang Country Club. Many players were excited to be back on the green and enjoyed the friendly competition.



Participants of the Golf Tournament all ready to bring their A-game.



The winning team (left to right): Stephen Lim (Guest), Roy Chiang (CBM Pte Ltd), Benjamin Ng (President, HLGSRG), Henry Lim (Guest).



2nd place (left to right): Tan Lye Woo (Guest), Mak Khay Ming (HL Building Materials Pte Ltd), Vincent Ang (HL Building Materials Pte Ltd), Benjamin Ng (President, HLGSRG).



3rd place (left to right): Tan Eng Keat (Guest), Benjamin Ng (President, HLGSRG), Glenn Teo (CBM Pte Ltd), Allan Tan (Guest).



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HLGSRC AGM: Rounding Up A Great Year And Welcoming Our New Committee Members

Sports Tournament Prize Winners pose for a photo with HLGSRC Patron, Mr Kwek Eik Sheng (standing, extreme left), outgoing President, Mr Benjamin Ng (front row, centre), and incoming President, Ms Kwek Pei Xuan (front row, 2nd from left)

The Hong Leong Group Sports & Recreation Club (HLGSRC) held its Annual General Meeting on 22 November 2022 at Distrii Event Hall at Republic Plaza.

A quorum was obtained and proceedings started with the welcome address by outgoing President, Mr Benjamin Ng (Hong Leong Finance Ltd). Mr Ng shared that with the relaxation of COVID-19 safety measures this year, the Club was able to plan more activities for members. He also encouraged all members to download the myHLGSRC app and allow notifications via the app if they have not done so, for access to the e-membership card and to receive first-hand information on Club activities, promotions and news.

In the area of Social activities, the Club organised workshops, movie nights, tours, and dining events in partnership with Tower Club Singapore. For Sports activities, the Club ran 4 tournaments - Bowling, Pool, Go-Kart and Golf - which saw participants taking part with enthusiasm despite the limited practice sessions due to COVID-19 restrictions in the earlier part of the year.

In closing, Mr Ng thanked the Club's Patron for his unwavering support, the dedicated team of Committee Members for their continual efforts to keep the Club relevant during these challenging times, and all members for their support during his tenure as President. He also introduced the new incoming President, Ms Kwek Pei Xuan (Hong Leong Asia Ltd) and invited her to share a few words at the end of the proceedings.



Incoming HLGSRC President, Ms Kwek Pei Xuan, sharing a few words after the AGM proceedings.



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There being no contest, the members of the **HLGSRC Management Committee 2022/2023** were confirmed as below:

Executive Committee

President: Ms Kwek Pei Xuan, Hong Leong Asia Ltd

Vice-President: Mr Reagan Lim, City Developments Ltd

Hon. Secretary: Mr Justin Lee, Hong Leong Finance Ltd

Hon. Treasurer: Ms Wendy How, CBM Pte Ltd

Social Secretary: Ms Rita Chua, Hong Leong Finance Ltd

Asst. Social Secretary: Ms Low Xiao Ting, Hong Leong Asia Ltd

Sports Secretary: Mr Tedric Foo, City Developments Ltd

Asst. Sports Secretary: Mr Kenneth Chong, Hong Leong Finance Ltd

Company Representatives

CBM Pte Ltd: Ms Charlene Han

City Developments Ltd: Ms Adelene Goh

Hong Leong Asia Ltd: Mr Patrick Yau

Hong Leong Finance Ltd: Ms Annie Koh

Hong Leong Holdings Ltd: Ms Doreen Tham

Millennium & Copthorne Int'l Ltd: Ms Meredith Sim

Tower Club: Mr Peejay Bermeo

After the AGM proceedings, Mr Ng and Ms Kwek presented the prizes to the Sports Tournament winners and all attendees were treated to a sumptuous buffet dinner thereafter.

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Desert Adventure With The Studio M Arabian Plaza Team

Building a strong team the
fun way.

The Studio M Arabian Plaza team showed their great teamwork and sense of adventure during their recent Desert Safari outing.

The Studio M Arabian Plaza team went on an adventurous experience at Desert Safari, filled with fun, excitement, and lots of laughter.

Having fun together makes the team stronger and all members thoroughly enjoyed the entertaining dune bashing, camel ride, fire show, belly and Tanoura dance, henna painting and sand boarding, ending off the day with a delicious BBQ dinner feast.

Cheers to growing stronger together! 🍷

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Celebrating A Holly Jolly Christmas With Us All Around The World

A life-size Elf Village at Orchard Hotel Singapore where you can catch the elves working hard this Christmas.

Get ready for the yuletide season this year with glistening decorations at our properties all around the world and see how we are celebrating this festive season. From Paw Patrol decorations for our mini fans at City Square Mall, Singapore, to a mini wonderland at The Bostonian Boston, a Mother Goose Christmas journey at Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao, and an adorable army of Santa Claus at Studio M Arabian Dubai, we have the perfect photo opportunity for everyone!



Festive light-up greets guests as they enter the driveway and lobby at Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore.



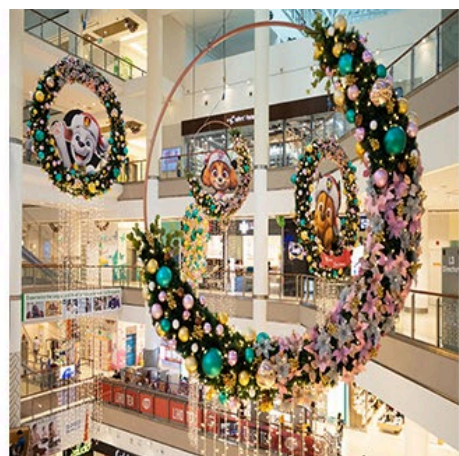
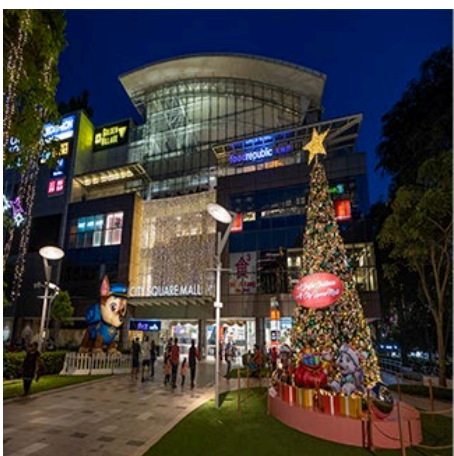
It's a white Christmas at Millennium Hotel Taichung. Guests are greeted by Polar and his family at the lobby.



It's getting cosy with the festive spirit at Copthorne Tara Hotel Kensington London.



Jingle Jangle with Mother Goose as she embarks on her Christmas journey around Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao.



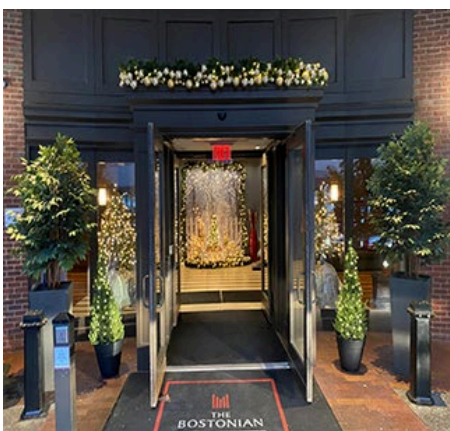
Paw Patrol fans can head to City Square Mall, Singapore for Christmas this year, with special Paw Patrol-themed gifts and rewards to redeem and larger-than-life displays, including a six-metre-tall Chase!



Bask in the Christmas spirit, when you visit Republic Plaza, Singapore.



Catch an army of Santa Claus, Snow the Snowman, Rudolph and Santa Elves as they bring Christmas cheer to guests and their family at Studio M Arabian Plaza Dubai.



Enter into a mini-Christmas wonderland as you walk into the heart of The Bostonian Boston.



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A festive homely welcome at The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington's lobby.



Dance around the 25-feet tall Christmas tree at JW Marriott Hong Kong's lobby.

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Doing Good Through The Sustainable Christmas Market

Celebrating Christmas the more environmentally-friendly way

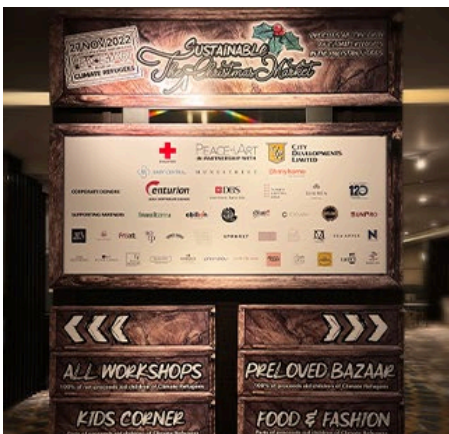
The first certified carbon neutral Christmas Market in Singapore, the Sustainable Christmas Market aims to help Singaporeans celebrate Christmas in a more environmentally-conscious way while raising funds to support children of Climate Refugees.

Christmas is one of the most anticipated celebrations of the year, but it can also create significant waste. An artificial Christmas Tree, for example, takes 20 years of use to work off its excess carbon footprint when compared to a real tree.

With this in mind, the Sustainable Christmas Market - the first certified carbon neutral Christmas Market in Singapore – was organised to help Singaporeans celebrate Christmas in a more environmentally-conscious and socially-responsible manner. The event also aimed to raised funds to support vulnerable children of Climate Refugees impacted by the Pakistan floods.

Helmed by Eunice Yeo, Founder of Peace of Art, in partnership with City Developments Limited and Singapore Red Cross, the multi-faceted event was held on 27 Nov 2022 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.

With environmentally-minded Christmas workshops for both children and adults, a pre-loved bazaar to satisfy any shopaholic, sustainably-made fashion, toys and lifestyle products, an exciting range of curated F&B and retail offerings, and a Santa's Photo Booth, there was something for everyone. The event attracted a few thousand people and almost \$150,000 was raised to provide aid for children of Climate Refugees via Singapore Red Cross.



There was something for everyone at the Sustainable Christmas Market, from hands-on Christmas workshops to exciting and eco-conscious shopping and dining offerings.



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The Guest of Honour for the event was Her Excellency Ms Rukhsana Afzaal, High Commissioner of Pakistan, Singapore, together with other VIPs – Ms Selena Tan (creator and original Dim Sum Dolly), champion of Sustainability Mr Vikas Garg (founder and CEO of abillion), and Mr Sherman Kwek (Group Chief Executive Officer, CDL).



(L-R) Her Excellency Ms Rukhsana Afzaal (High Commissioner of Pakistan, Singapore), Mr Sherman Kwek (Group Chief Executive Officer, CDL) and Ms Selena Tan (creator and original Dim Sum Dolly) lent their support at the meaningful event.

Organiser of Sustainable Christmas Market, Eunice Yeo, shares, "I am extremely pleased that the event achieved strong attendance and the amount raised exceeded our expectations. The funds will enable us to do more to aid the children of Climate Refugees in Pakistan. In addition, I believe that the Sustainable Christmas Market has helped to build awareness for sustainability and the adverse effects that we are facing globally.

We look forward to Sustainable Christmas Market 2023. Corporate donors and other organisations have already indicated that they would like to do more next year for this meaningful event, the Christmas market with deep-rooted purpose in sustainability, while doing good for those in need."



Happy Farmers Having Fun With Grobrix At CDL's Office

Putting our green fingers to work.

Happy office farmers channelling positive vibes with their bountiful harvest!

CDL welcomed an edible vegetable wall in its corporate office at Republic Plaza in early October and has been harvesting crops of vegetables, which include varied collections of romaine lettuce, butterhead lettuce, red frills mustard, red oak lettuce and more.

This initiative is a result of partnership with Grobrix, a local company that aims to promote sustainability, self-sufficiency and food security, through the world's first modular edible soilless green wall that uses a low pressure aeroponic design to grow edible plants in an air environment rather than soil.

With this edible green wall, CDL hopes to not just promote food sustainability and green workspaces, but also to provide a healthy space – and build a sense of community – for its employees to bond and connect with fellow colleagues while putting their green fingers to work.



Some delighted employees gathered on-site to pluck the vegetables to pair with lunch.




A great variety of healthy vegetables on the green wall which also brightens the office space.

This pilot programme initiated by CDL's Enterprise Innovation Committee (EIC) will run for six months with a target to become a permanent feature at other floors or other properties if response from fellow co-workers is good.



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Watch the reel of the recent harvest:






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Happy afternoon and positive vibes! We popped by our office's green wall for our second harvest and look at the variety of veggies we got! 🥒🥒🥒

All thanks to our colleagues at CDL's Enterprise Innovation Committee who initiated this partnership with @Grobox, a local company with friendly folks that brought us the world's first modular edible soilless green wall.


Isn't this like a green community where urban farmers / green fingers can bond together? Except it is set in our modern (and very cozy) workspace at Republic Plaza with like-minded co-workers 🐱🐱

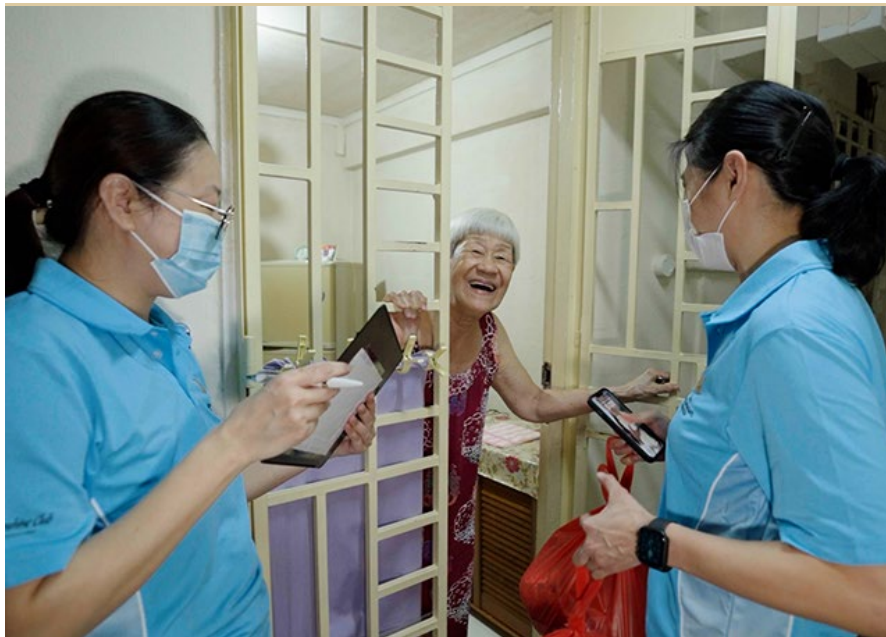
Audio on to listen in to our convos about all things green!

(👂Psst fellow colleagues, come join us for the next harvest!)

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International Volunteer Day: CDL Celebrates Employee Volunteers

Making a positive impact in the community through City Sunshine Club.

City Sunshine Club volunteers bringing smiles to the elderly residents during their food distribution event.

International Volunteer Day takes place on 5 December and is an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate volunteers all around the world who dedicate their time and efforts to make a difference in their communities.

This year, CDL prepared a heart-warming video to thank volunteers of City Sunshine Club (CSC), CDL's employee volunteer platform since 1999, for their meaningful participation in CSC's community and charity initiatives.

Through the activities organised by CSC, volunteers are able to serve underprivileged and vulnerable groups and bond with colleagues from other departments while doing good together. The food distribution events to support the elderly are especially popular, with the volunteer slots often filled up within the same day!




Capturing a special moment under the moonlight at this year's mid-autumn festival event at Assisi Hospice; it is especially meaningful for CSC volunteers to interact with the patients at Assisi Hospice and put a smile on their faces.




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Watch the inspiring video and let's continue to make a positive impact together!






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At CDL, we're encouraged to spend our time meaningfully by supporting various community / charity initiatives through our employee volunteering platform, 🌟City Sunshine Club🌟, to reach out to the less fortunate.


We get to serve these underprivileged groups during allocated slots in our working hours, which also allows us to bond with other colleagues from other departments, through the act of doing good together.

The food distribution events to support the elderly are always the most popular – the slots are always filled up within the same day! 🍲 Watch this heart-warming video and you'll prolly find out why ❤️

This International Volunteer Day, we say thanks to City Sunshine Club and all the volunteers out there making a positive impact to the world! 🙌

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In Conversation With Chris Van Dam, General Manager Of Millennium Gloucester Hotel

Find out what keeps his
passion aflame through
the years.

Chris has been with MHR for 12 years, having led teams in both UK and US. He is passionate about the hotel industry and enjoys meeting people from all over the world.

To celebrate International Men's Day, we interviewed Chris Van Dam, General Manager of Millennium Gloucester Hotel, to share his hospitality journey. 54-year-old Chris is from Johannesburg, South Africa.

Q: Hi Chris, how did you get into the hotel industry?

My family worked in this industry. My mother was the Director of Catering and my brother was an award-winning chef at the Carlton Hotel in South Africa, which inspired me to join the hotel industry. My journey began as a front office porter and receptionist at the same hotel.

Q: What do you love about working in the hotels?

You meet people from all parts of the world. I love the everyday madness, exceeding people's expectations, and to help staff grow and develop. I have learnt a lot in the process.

Q: When did you come to the UK?

I came in 2010 from South Africa and joined Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) in the capacity of General Manager of the Copthorne Tara. Soon I progressed to other hotels like the Millennium Mayfair, Millennium Gloucester, The Baileys, The Chelsea Harbour Hotel and Chelsea Football Club Hotels in London and The Broadway and Premier Hotel in NYC. I have been with MHR for 12 years now.

Q: We heard Batman moved to the UK, where did this come from?

We had scooters in our resorts in Egypt, South Africa and Zambia. Some people called me Batman as my open jacket used to fly in the wind as I rode on the scooter! Today I still ride around London on my scooter, but not many know of the Batman story...



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Chris with his enthusiastic team from the Millennium Gloucester Hotel.

Q: What do you love about working in MHR?

Millennium has a different twist, where they allow people to be more entrepreneurial, to grow as individuals and to have their own personalities.

Q: What are your most used taglines? We know you have a few.

"No money, no honey!", "Small things do matter!" "What is this Spaghetti?!!!"

Q: Which is your favourite hotel in the world besides MHR hotels?

There are two hotels that stand out for me. First is "The Palace of The Lost City" in the Sun City resort in South Africa, which is a Top 100 hotel of the world. This iconic resort was the first creation of Sol Kerzner that led to the two Atlantis in Bahamas and Dubai and inspired many other themed hotels.

The other is "The Royal Livingstone" in Zambia, which was opened in 2001. This hotel was recognised as the Top 50 new hotels of the world and changed tourism in Zambia and the Victoria Falls.

Q: What is your most memorable experience working in the hotel industry?

Having the opportunity to work with Oprah Winfrey and over 250 high profile guests including Tina Turner, Mary J. Blige, Chris Rock and many others when she came to open a school in South Africa.

Prior to Oprah opening her school to develop and inspire the future talent of young women in South Africa, her entourage came to the hotel to spend a few days over New Year's Eve. The high-profile group brought many challenges to the team and the hotel and we were delighted to have met all expectations, which was very rewarding.



One of Chris' most memorable experiences was meeting the challenges and expectations from Oprah Winfrey (pictured here with a younger Chris) and her high-profile entourage during their stay at the hotel in 2006.

Q: What do you enjoy outside of work?

I enjoy paddle boarding, which I picked up this past summer. I also love travelling and learning about different cultures. I hope to visit Morocco, India and China soon.

Q: What advice would you give to the next generation who is looking to join the industry?

I always tell people to be hands on, be passionate, apply yourselves and get involved if you want to be successful.



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Deepening The Presence Of The 'M Social' Brand

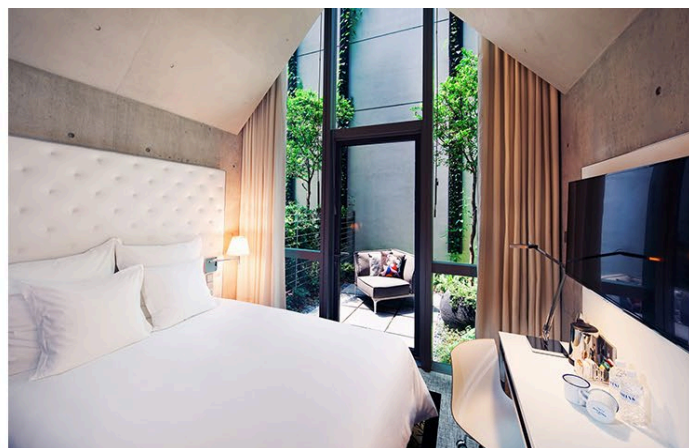
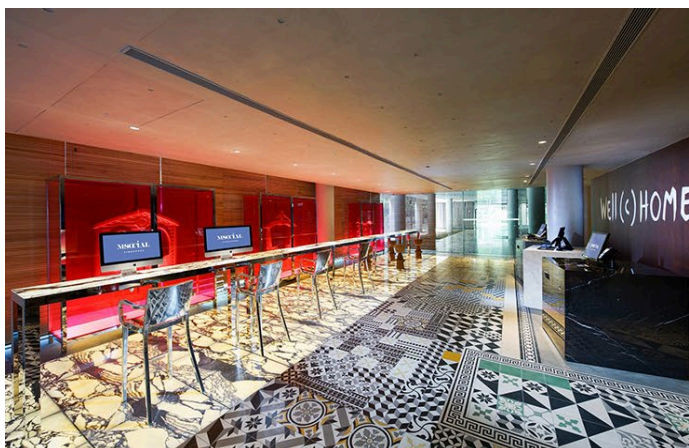
Expanding its footprint a
city at a time.

The stylish and eclectic hotel lobby of M Social New York. Since its launch in Singapore in 2016, M Social has expanded its footprint to Paris, New York and Auckland, with plans to grow the brand in more locations.

It has been six years since the launch of M Social in Singapore in 2016 – the brainchild and creative vision of Mr Kwek Leng Beng, Executive Chairman of Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Limited (M&C). The distinct, stylish and vibrant brand has since expanded to three other cities, and even to the metaverse in 2022.

Follow us as we explore the journey of M Social and how it continues to deepen its brand across the globe.

The world was first introduced to the M Social brand in 2016 with the launch of M Social Singapore, situated along the picturesque Singapore River. A stylish and vibrant lifestyle hotel designed by the world-renowned Philippe Starck, M Social Singapore emphasises community experience in a contemporary, creative setting. In Starck's words, "M Social will be the new and vibrant place in Singapore where elegance, creativity and technology meet to offer a unique experience to our global smart tribe."



M Social Singapore created waves for its stylish and innovative concept and technologically driven functionality.



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A frontrunner in adapting new technology and driving digital excellence, M Social Singapore was the first hotel in Singapore to offer a self-check-in kiosk to ensure a quick, streamlined process. It also introduced the region's first Front-of-House Autonomous Service Delivery Robot, or AURA.

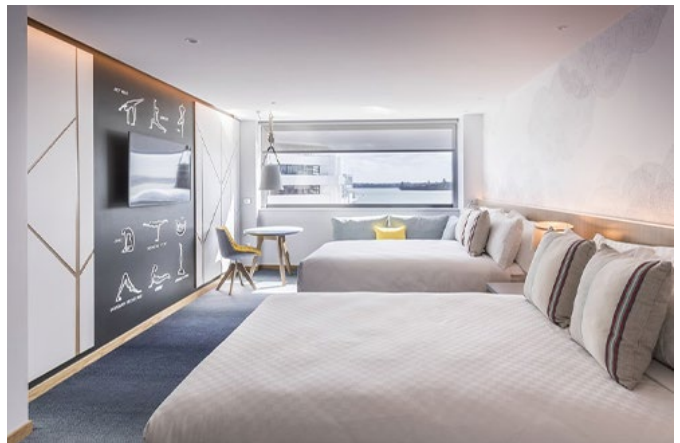
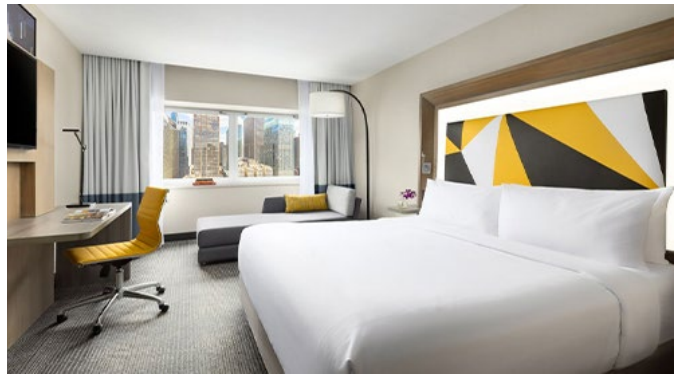
In the following years, the M Social brand expanded across the world, with striking and innovative hotels in first-rate locations in Paris, New York and Auckland. Each hotel carries its own local design influence and characteristics but stay true to the M Social lifestyle concept – one that embraces technology and enables travellers to interact with one another, rest and play.



The captivating M Social Paris, combining 1920s grandeur with modern amenities and impeccable service.



Contemporary and edgy, M Social New York invites you to experience the electricity of Times Square.

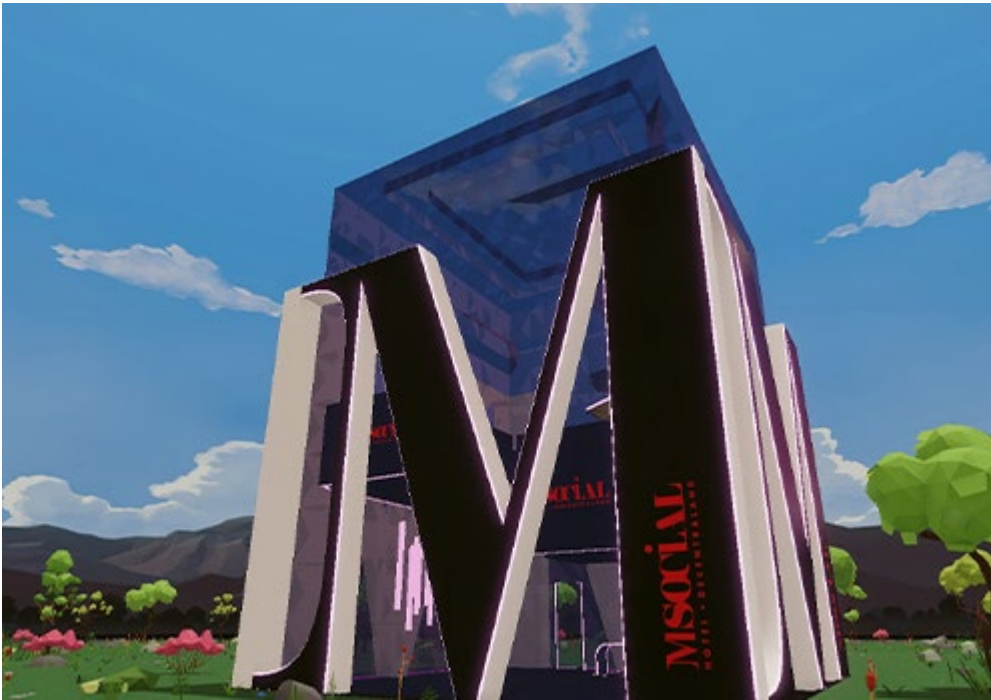


M Social Auckland boasts modern and creative interiors with sunlit rooms overlooking the vibrant Princess Wharf.



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In April 2022, MHR extended the reach of M Social to the metaverse with the launch of M Social Decentraland, making it the world's first hospitality group to operate a hotel in the metaverse virtual world. Located near Genesis Plaza, at the heart of Decentraland, the hotel sits on prime digital land and encapsulates M Social's brand essence of being a trendsetting lifestyle and is positioned as a hub for explorers to discover new experiences and connect with like-minded individuals.



The virtual hotel flaunts a giant “M” on each of its four sides, with glass exteriors and neon pink accents creating a sleek interior look.

With the success of the first four physical M Social hotels, MHR plans to grow the brand in more locations including Suzhou, Phuket, London, Sunnyvale and key cities in the Middle East, with strong characters to capture diverse stories in vibrant and creative communities.

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CDL Service Stars Shine Bright At The SRA Excellent Service Award

Celebrating and recognising service excellence.

(L-R) Ms Natalie Lim, Ms Lim Siok Yee and Mr Flogean Baguio (first from right) receiving their award onstage at the Excellent Service Award ceremony.



Congratulations to our CDL Service Ambassadors who were recognised at the Singapore Retailers Association (SRA) Excellent Service Award (EXSA) ceremony this year, with 5 Star awards and 1 Silver Star award by the City Square Mall and Palais Renaissance teams.

Launched in 1994, EXSA is a national award that was spearheaded by Singapore Retailers Association. It seeks to recognise individuals who have delivered quality service and identify service champions.

Held on 9 and 10 November, the award ceremony honoured 4,217 retail staff from 130 companies for their exemplary customer service. Our award winners went onstage to receive their awards on 10 November.

Heartiest congratulations to our service stars who received the award for their top-notch service!



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CDL Wins HR Asia Best Companies To Work For In Asia Award 2022

Recognising companies
with strong employee
engagement and
workplace excellence.

Mr Steven Tan, Chief Human Resource Officer, receiving the HR Asia Best Companies to Work for in Asia Award for CDL, its fourth consecutive win.

Congratulations to CDL for winning HR Asia Best Companies to Work for in Asia Award 2022 for the fourth year in a row!

The HR Asia Best Companies to Work for in Asia Awards recognises companies that have shown world-class employee engagement and workplace excellence, while displaying demonstrable empathy and care for their employees.

With the theme, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the awards this year focused on the efforts of companies in promoting diversity and inculcating inclusion in the workplace, while retaining HR Asia's stringent evaluation criteria.

In all, 31,510 employees from 309 Singaporean companies took part in HR Asia's proprietary Total Engagement Assessment Model – ranking their own employers on metrics ranging from workplace happiness and team cohesion to employee advocacy and continued job motivation.

The top 50 companies who made the cut off point this year are then named HR Asia Best Companies to work for in Asia 2022 for the Singaporean market.



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M Hotel Singapore & Copthorne King's Hotel Recognised At The SkillsFuture Employer Awards 2022

M Hotel Singapore and Copthorne King's Hotel recently recognised at the SkillsFuture Employer Awards 2022, presented to organisations that champion employees' skills development and build a lifelong learning culture at the workplace.

M Hotel Singapore and Copthorne King's Hotel were awarded Silver at the SkillsFuture Employer Awards 2022. Presented by the President of the Republic of Singapore, the SkillsFuture Employer Awards honour organisations' exemplary efforts that champion employees' skills development and foster a culture of lifelong learning in the workplace.



(L-R) Andy Tan, Senior Vice President of Global Operation & Partnership, and Anthony Lim, Cluster Hotel Manager, receiving the prestigious award from President Halimah Yacob.

M Hotel proactively reskilled its employees and rolled out job redesign initiatives to retrain them for expanded job roles during Covid-19. To improve productivity, employees from the Food and Beverage (F&B) Services were cross-trained in Housekeeping, and Engineering and Administrative staff were cross-trained in F&B Services, Security and Front Office roles. M Hotel also embarked on the Career Conversion Programme to expand its employees' skillsets.

Copthorne King's Hotel regularly sends its employees for mandatory and other training for them to pick up new skills. It partners various government agencies to provide place-and-train and the Career Conversion Programmes to facilitate cross training of its employees. They are also tagged to experienced mentors in the company for on-the-job training. This has diversified their skillsets and enabled them to be effectively redeployed.



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Both hotels have partnered with the Institute of Technical Education and polytechnics to develop trainees' skills through the SkillsFuture Work-Study Diploma Programme.



The award is testament to the efforts by M Hotel Singapore and Copthorne King's Hotel to help their employees develop and expand their skillsets.

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Hong Leong Finance Bags Multiple Accolades

A great endorsement of its strong performance and customer-first initiatives.

Mr Jeffrey Toh, Senior Vice President of Corporate and Consumer Business, with two of the awards that the Hong Leong Finance team has won this year.

Congratulations to Hong Leong Finance (HLF) for being recognised across various prestigious awards and categories, testament of its strong performance, customer-centric initiatives and being resilient and adaptable to challenges and opportunities. Kudos also to the Hong Leong Finance team for their efforts and innovation in achieving these wins!

Making Our Mark as Leaders in Corporate Banking & SME Marketing

- Corporate Banking, Notable (1st time)
- SME Banking, Notable (1st time)

In addition to their awards for the Best Banks and Global Awards which are open to banks only, Euromoney unveiled the Euromoney Market Leader rankings this year with seven categories in Singapore - Investment banking; corporate banking; SME banking; environmental, social and governance; digital solutions; corporate and social responsibility; and diversity and inclusion.

HLF is honoured to receive the Notable award in the Corporate Banking and SME Banking, a great endorsement of our strong support to the corporates and SMEs communities.

Best Performing Bank in Singapore for the 2nd Year Running

- Best Performing Bank in Singapore 2022 (2nd time)
- TOP 1000 World Bank Ranking 2022 (5th time)
- TOP 100 ASEAN Bank 2022 (5th time)

HLF maintained its reign as the best bank in the overall performance in Singapore for the second consecutive year.

The company also scored top in two of the eight categories, Soundness and Leverage, and performed well for several others too, defeating the three local banks.



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Its strong Tier 1 Capital at US\$1,385 bil as of Dec 2021 earned HLF the 680th ranking in the TOP 1000 World Banks 2022 and 60th position in the TOP 100 ASEAN Banks 2022. Since its participation in 2018, HLF is proud to be part of these two leader boards yearly.

Strong Track Record as ASEAN Finance Company of the Year

- ASEAN Finance Company of the Year 2022 (9th time)

HLF received its ninth consecutive ASEAN Finance Company of the Year Award for 2022.

With the ever-evolving changes and challenges in the industry, HLF has remained agile and innovative in introducing products and services to meet the needs of its customers. The consecutive wins are testament of HLF's excellent track record and outstanding performance through the years.

Notable initiatives rolled out include the introduction of customer-centric programmes on COVID-19 relief measures, financing green vehicles, insurance premium financing and more digitalised customer services to create greater convenience for payment, deposits and loan take-up. All these were supported by effective outreach programmes against the backdrop of operating responsibly in the environment and in the community.

Showing Our Excellence in Search Marketing

- Excellence in Search Marketing 2022 (Bronze, 1st time)

HLF scored Excellence in Search Marketing (Bronze) at the Marketing Excellence Awards by Marketing Interactive, Singapore's go-to awards platform for benchmarking across the marketing communications spectrum for over a decade.

This award is even more significant as HLF's search campaign is planned and executed in entirety inhouse, unlike participating top companies which often use marketing agencies to run their campaigns.