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## King Charles III Thanks Aberdeen For Helping Ukraine Refugees

*King Charles III immersed in his conversation with Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen General Manager Mr Jamie Snowdon on how the hotel has been helping to provide temporary accommodation for the refugees of Ukraine.*

**King Charles III recently visited the city of Aberdeen in Scotland, fondly named “Granite City” for its locally granite-built buildings, to thank the community for providing shelter and aid to refugees from Ukraine, Syria and Afghanistan. Hundreds of families were forced to flee their country due to conflict from the ongoing war between Russian and Ukraine.**

**Mr Jamie Snowdon, General Manager of Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen were among the representatives of local organisations who met with the King during a reception at the city’s Town House. Copthorne Aberdeen is among the hotels that have been providing a temporary home for the refugees. Mr Snowdon shares his experience in this article contributed by MHR Global Digital Marketing Executive Mr Ernest Attah.**

On Monday 17th of October, King Charles III travelled to the Granite City for a special reception to thank the people of Aberdeen and support teams, NHS Grampian, the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership and Aberdeen University, as well as local businesses and hotels.

The event was held at the Town House to "celebrate and acknowledge the warm welcome those fleeing international conflicts have received from the city."

Jamie Snowdon, the General Manager of the Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen, was extremely fortunate to have a short time with the King to discuss the existing families residing, their requirements and how the hotel has adapted to the family's specific needs.

The King was charming, charismatic and very interested to hear first-hand the challenges from the support teams and resettlement stories.



*In another photo of the king still in conversation with Mr Snowdon, shows him donning his kilt as he also met with families from Afghanistan, Syria and Ukraine who have settled and built new lives in Scotland.*



*The king happily watches the lively interaction of refugee kids in the Town Hall. (Photo credit: Aberdeen City Council)*

King Charles III received a warm local welcome and walked around the room for over an hour. The King talked with individuals about their experiences and, with the support teams, how they helped families and individuals resettle in the city and elsewhere in the UK.

Copthorne Aberdeen has been honoured to support the Afghan Relocation project hosting many families since September 2021 and will continue to support this partnership in the future.



## Hard Days Night Hotel Warmly Welcomes MHR Chairman Kwek Leng Beng

*MHR Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng (2nd row in the middle) takes centre stage with the team at Hard Days Night Hotel. On his left is Owner's Representative in Europe Mr Vincent Chan; General Manager Mr Trevor Vels (2nd row extreme left in glasses); Area General Manager for MHR Northern UK hotels Mr Ken Ellington (in front of Mr Vels); and SVP Global Food & Beverage Mr Fabrice Blondeau (front row extreme right).*

**MHR Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng recently visited Hard Days Night Hotel to the delight of the team and staff employees who have few opportunities to meet with him. Hard Days Night Hotel General Manager Mr Trevor Vels describes the visit below.**

“Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng recently visited Hard Days Night Hotel in Liverpool as he had not had the opportunity to do so since the purchase of the hotel in 2015.

We were pleased to have, among other guests, Mr Vincent Chan, the Owner's Representative in Europe, Mr Fabrice Blondeau, MHR Senior Vice President, Global Food & Beverage, and a designer who has worked extensively with MHR.

I was able to proudly escort them around our fantastic hotel which I know is very close to Chairman Kwek's heart.

We hosted them to a lunch in our Hari's Bar where our chef created a special dish that “captured the true essence of Eastern spicing.”

My entire team enjoyed meeting our Chairman and really appreciated being able to capture a photograph to remember his visit.

Having seen the hotel's food and beverage operations, we are going to embark on a project to uplift our Restaurant and Bar to ensure that we remain at the forefront of the city's Beatles establishments.”



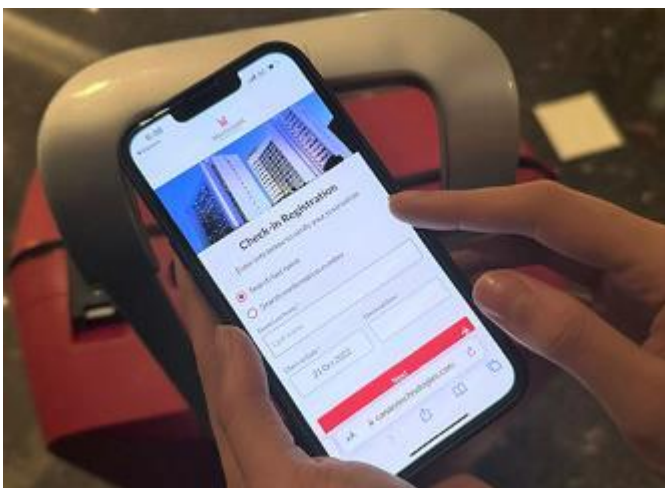
## MHR Launches Contactless Check-In With Singapore Tourism Board

**A safe and contactless check-in experience:** Integrated with STB's E-Visitor Authentication's facial recognition technology that matches passport images to guests, check-ins at MHR's six Singapore hotels including Orchard Hotel is now a seamless and safer process for guests.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) has led the way towards a fully contactless check-in experience by integrating Singapore Tourism Board's (STB) E-Visitor Authentication (EVA) system across all six hotels in Singapore. These hotels are Orchard Hotel Singapore, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Copthorne King's Hotel, M Hotel, Studio M Hotel and M Social Singapore.

Rolled out in January across the six hotels, STB's EVA system uses facial recognition technology to match passport images to that of guests. When integrated with a hotel's self-check-in solution, EVA creates a fully contactless check-in experience.

Mr Andy Tan, Senior Vice President of Global Operations and Partnership at Millennium Hotels and Resorts, said the fully contactless check-in experience reduces manpower needs and assists in turning over rooms more efficiently. It facilitates better schedule organisation and increases productivity as employees now have more time to perform multiple duties.



A link or SMS notification to MHR's self-check-in portal are sent to guests two days before arrival.

"Our jobs have become more attractive as it promotes manpower efficiency and lightens the workload during busy periods. Our staff also find that they have more time for training, and are more motivated to be cross-skilled across various operational functions such as security, call centre and reservations," said Mr Tan.

"Overall this has benefited us as our employees can be cross-deployed to other departments, or even our sister hotels under the MHR group when needed," he added.

The new EVA system is part of STB's launch of their Hotel Industry Transformation Map (ITM) 2025. The Hotel ITM 2025 aims to achieve real value-added growth of 5.9% from 2020 to 2025, transform existing hotel jobs into higher-valued ones, and strengthen Singapore's workforce by creating new roles in emerging areas like sustainability and technology.



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## MHR Launches Revamped Dining Loyalty For Every Dollar Spent

*The newly revamped Á LA CARTE REWARDS dishes out rewards to members for every dollar spent at participating MHR F&B outlets.*

Millennium Hotels & Resorts has launched a new dining loyalty programme, Á LA CARTE REWARDS that rewards members when they dine at participating outlets.

The loyalty programme allows members to enjoy a diverse selection of cuisine and earn rebates each time they dine at a restaurant or bar, which can be used to offset bills on future visits. Members will enjoy exclusive offers and invitations to special events to experience Á LA CARTE REWARDS.

There are three tiers in the Á LA CARTE REWARDS programme—Silver, Gold, and Platinum. Membership to the Silver tier is free, and loyal members are rewarded by upgrades to the Gold and Platinum tiers based on their spending per year.

Upon joining, members will enjoy exclusive benefits including a \$10 welcome voucher, birthday perks, invitations to lucky draw campaigns, and more.

### **Membership Tiers and Benefits**

Members earn 10% rebate for every S\$1 spent before taxes and discounts. These rebates can be earned and redeemed for both dine-ins and takeaways, and can be accumulated and used to offset the bill for future visits. Rebates are valid for 1 year from the date of issuance.

### **LIMITED-TIME SIGN UP BONUS**

Starting from 1 October 2022, all new membership sign ups will be entitled to receive an exclusive sign-up bonus, a bottle of M White Wine (Sauvignon Blanc) (worth \$68). While stocks last.

For more information, please visit <https://www.alcrewards.com>.



## Palais Renaissance Unveils Luxe New Look With Exciting Multi-Sensory Experiences

*Celebrating the momentous occasion of Palais Renaissance's exclusive re-opening are CDL's key management Chief Executive Officer Mr Sherman Kwek (left) and Chief Operating Officer Mr Kwek Eik Sheng (right). In the centre are CDL Group Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng and his wife Mrs Cecilia Kwek who graced the event as the guests-of-honour.*

On 10 October 2022, Palais Renaissance (Palais), an exclusive retail mall on Singapore's famed shopping belt Orchard Road owned and managed by City Developments Limited (CDL), unveiled its new look with an exclusive launch reception in modern renaissance style for nearly 80 guests including CDL's board of directors and senior management.

The private reception complete with canapés and cocktails, live music and performances, celebrates the completion of the mall's S\$7 million major asset enhancement initiative that began in 2021. The rejuvenation has now transformed Palais into more than just a shopping destination, providing a new sensory experience.



*Mr Sherman Kwek giving the welcome address at the private launch reception that saw nearly 80 guests including CDL board of directors and senior management enjoy an afternoon of canapés and cocktails, live music and performances.*



*Mr and Mrs Kwek resplendently dressed in the style of modern renaissance take a pose for the cameras.*

The enhancements include an expanded main entrance and an alfresco dining area at the ground floor fronting Orchard Road, transforming the area into a bustling and porous streetscape that seamlessly blends the public and private areas, allowing passers-by to soak in the atmosphere and activities at the mall.



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An extensive redesign has been applied to Palais' interiors with a soothing palette of warm hues applied to exquisite masonry that carries through the curved atrium. Handpicked materials – such as copper, marble and gold trims – take the splendour to another level with artisanal techniques like marquetry and hand-set mosaics elevating the classic renaissance allure.

Other upgrades include escalators to the basement to improve accessibility and a sleek infinity mirror wall in the basement – an eye-catching spot specifically designed for visitors to capture picture-perfect moments at Palais. Improvements have also been made for the office tenants, featuring geometric arches and curves at the common areas and upgraded office floor lift lobbies.



*Sleek infinity mirror wall in the basement for visitors to capture precious memories of time spent at Palais Renaissance.*



*Gorgeous alfresco dining spaces that face Orchard Road and provide an open, welcoming space for guests.*

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL Group Chief Executive Officer, said, “The ongoing rejuvenation of our portfolio is a key component of our corporate strategy whereby we seek to enhance our assets and elevate their performances. Since 2019, we have completed several major AEIs, including Republic Plaza, Le Grove Serviced Residences and King’s Centre, amongst many others. I am excited to unveil the new look of Palais Renaissance and I am confident visitors will greatly enjoy the refreshed mall, not only for its beautiful interiors but also the enhanced tenant mix filled with many new F&B offerings. Beyond physical upgrades, we also introduced our proprietary CityNexus smart building app to enhance our tenants’ daily operations. Post-AEI, the mall has now achieved full occupancy and positive rental reversion.”

### ***Unveiling New Offerings at Palais***

Home to well-known establishments such as the Michelin-starred Sushi Kimura (#01-07), PS.Cafe (#02-09A), Merci Marcel (#01-03), and upscale whisky library The Writing Club (#02-10), Palais has recently welcomed several new-to-market dining concepts, further expanding its F&B repertoire. 75% of the tenants are exclusively found only at Palais in Singapore.

### ***New Gastronomic Experiences***

The refreshed mall has introduced an array of impressive new dining concepts such as Estuary (B1-04), a stylish seafood restaurant and oyster bar that is a haven for pescatarians, Caviar (B1-07), which boasts the island’s largest selection of exquisite caviar, as well as Ishinomaki Dégustation (B1-01), an intimate, reservations-only space that offers exclusively curated menus and tailored wine, sake or spirit pairings. Dessert enthusiasts can indulge in artisanal desserts at Cakebar (#01-07A) to sweeten up their day.



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*Located along Singapore's renowned shopping belt on Orchard Road, Palais Renaissance has completed its S\$7 million rejuvenation and opened its doors to enthrall shoppers and tourists into its exclusive retail haven of well-known dining establishments such as Michelin-starred Sushi Kimura and P.S. Café, as well as a plethora of new fashion and lifestyle concepts.*

### ***New Lifestyle Offerings***

The major revamp has drawn a diverse mix of dining, fashion, and lifestyle brands to join Palais' curated network of tenants, with 75% of offerings exclusive to Palais Renaissance.

Some of Palais' latest lifestyle additions include Mutiny (#01-08/09), a boutique gym that caters to customers of different fitness levels, offering heart-pumping Xformer™ workouts and meditative yoga sessions, as well as Artifactt (#01-06), a store well-loved by professional chefs and customers for its thoughtfully considered ceramic ware that elevates any table setting or home space. LuxeHouze (#02-03) also debuts its first-ever physical store, allowing watch collectors and enthusiasts to trade and purchase treasured timepieces in person.



*The major revamp has drawn a diverse mix of brands from high-end luxuries to everyday indulgences to join Palais' curated network of tenants. About 75% of these tenants such as Mutiny (left photo) and Artifactt (right photo) are exclusive to Palais Renaissance.*

Ms Callie Yah, CDL Executive Vice President, Head of Global Asset Management Division, said, "The rejuvenation of Palais has attracted an array of specially curated dining concepts such as Estuary and Caviar and unique lifestyle concepts such as Mutiny and Artifactt, found exclusively in Palais Renaissance. With a carefully curated tenant mix, coupled with the various aesthetical and functional improvements made to the property, Palais offers an inviting and uplifting experience for both shoppers and tenants."

### ***Introducing the CityNexus smart building app to Palais' tenant community***

Originally launched in Republic Plaza's office community in September 2019, CDL has introduced its proprietary CityNexus app to Palais, making it the first retail property in CDL's portfolio to feature a unique smart building app that aims to enhance the experience and daily operations of its tenants by facilitating greater convenience and heightened productivity.



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Apart from the existing smart building features, Palais' tenants will be able to access new functions in CityNexus. They include a self-service tenant portal where tenants can access lease information and invoices, as well as update information and personnel remotely. Tenants can also track their requests and transactions.

Visit Palais' [website](#) for a full tenant directory and additional information on promotions and events.



*Get ready to immerse in a new and fresh retail experience at Palais.*



## Strong Uptake For Copen Grand With 73% Of Units Snapped Up On Launch Day

*During the e-application period from 7 to 17 October 2022, Copen Grand saw strong interest with around 20,700 visitors to its sales gallery. Homebuyers were drawn to Copen Grand's strong locational attributes and proximity to three upcoming MRT stations, which is unique for an EC.*

City Developments Limited (CDL) and joint venture partner MCL Land successfully launched the highly anticipated Copen Grand Executive Condominium (EC) on Saturday, 22 October 2022. The first EC in the upcoming future-forward Tengah Town, Copen Grand achieved strong sales with 465 units (73% of the project) sold on the first day of launch.

The average launch price was S\$1,300 per square foot (psf), with an additional 3% applied to units sold under the deferred payment scheme.

All unit types were well-received by homebuyers, with the four-bedroom deluxe units fully sold. Choice units are still available for booking by eligible first-time buyers. Under prevailing EC regulations, only 30% of the project can be allocated to second-time buyers during launch. For Copen Grand, this quota was reached. Interested second-time buyers who were unable to purchase a unit during the launch period can make their bookings for the remaining units one month later. E-applications for second-time buyers will take place from 17 to 23 November, with sales booking to commence on 26 November 2022.

Apartments are attractively priced from S\$1.08 million for a two-bedroom plus study, S\$1.18 million for a three-bedroom deluxe, S\$1.28 million for a three-bedroom premium, S\$1.48 million for a four-bedroom deluxe, S\$1.58 million for a four-bedroom premium and S\$1.88 million for a five-bedroom premium. Unit sizes range from 807 square feet (sq ft) for a two-bedroom plus study to 1,722 sq ft for a top-floor five-bedroom premium unit.

**Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL Group Chief Executive Officer**, said, "We are heartened by the healthy take-up which reflects the demand for well-connected and thoughtfully designed properties. Copen Grand will be a future icon for Tengah Town, Singapore's premier smart and sustainable district. Besides the appeal of being within walking distance of three MRT stations, which is a rare attribute for an EC, this project is the epitome of green and smart living. With the future-forward infrastructure and comprehensive amenities coming up in this beautifully master-planned district, Copen Grand homeowners will enjoy living in such an exciting precinct. This project marks yet another successful collaboration between CDL and MCL Land."



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*Located in Tengah Garden Walk in the heart of Tengah Town, which is envisioned to be Singapore's first smart and sustainable precinct, the luxurious 639-unit Copen Grand EC comprises 12 blocks of 14-storey residential towers.*

### **Luxurious Living in a Futuristic Enclave with Excellent Connectivity**

Copen Grand has unrivalled public transport accessibility as it is located within a short walking distance of three MRT stations on the upcoming Jurong Region Line – Tengah, Hong Kah and Tengah Plantation – as well as a bus interchange. It is well connected to the nearby Choa Chu Kang, Boon Lay and Jurong East MRT stations. Residents will also have convenient access to two neighbouring hubs – the Jurong Lake District, earmarked as the largest mixed-use business district outside the city centre, and the Jurong Innovation District, a hub for advanced manufacturing.

Situated in Singapore's first HDB town to be fully integrated with the surrounding nature, residents will enjoy access to nearby green spaces, such as the future 20-hectare Central Park and a 5km Forest Corridor. It is close to shopping malls such as JEM, Westgate and IMM, which provide plentiful shopping, dining and entertainment options. Once completed, the future Tengah Town will include a sports centre, community club and polyclinic.

### **Designed with Sustainability and Convenience at its Core**

At the first Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Platinum Super Low Energy EC in Singapore, residents will be spoilt for choice with a wide array of over 45 eco-luxury recreational facilities spread across eight clubs.



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*With a renewed focus on smart and sustainable living, options for relaxation, recreation and rejuvenation include an iconic multi-tiered clubhouse that cascades down to co-working spaces and a 50-metre lap pool and hydro pool.*

The Copen Clubhouse is also equipped with study pods, a gymnasium, an entertainment room, and a dance studio. Multiple BBQ pavilions, a tennis court and a zone for pets are some of the other offerings that residents can look forward to.

All apartments come with quality fittings from Rigel and Grohe, carpentry and branded kitchen appliances. In addition, every apartment is integrated with a Smart Home System for enhanced convenience and security. Within each unit is a Smart Hub gateway that allows homeowners to remotely control appliances, such as the air conditioning and lighting, via a mobile app and a Smart Power Monitoring system that allows easy tracking of household energy consumption.

Designed with wellness and sustainability at its core, units are thoughtfully configured in a north-south facing orientation with adequate openings to provide better cross-ventilation. In addition, Copen Grand incorporates renewable energy technology in the form of photovoltaic systems that tap on solar power, providing partial energy replacement for the clubhouse, function room, swimming pool and gymnasium.

The Copen Grand sales gallery, located next to Lakeside MRT station, is open daily from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm, by appointment only. Marketing agents are ERA, PropNex, Huttons and OrangeTee & Tie. For enquiries, please call the sales hotline: +65 8783 1818 or visit [www.copengrand.com.sg](http://www.copengrand.com.sg).



## Singapore Bridges Korean Fintech With ASEAN

80RR is the bridging platform.

*A group photo of the South Korean delegates and representatives from 80RR Fintech Hub and Singapore Fintech Association.*

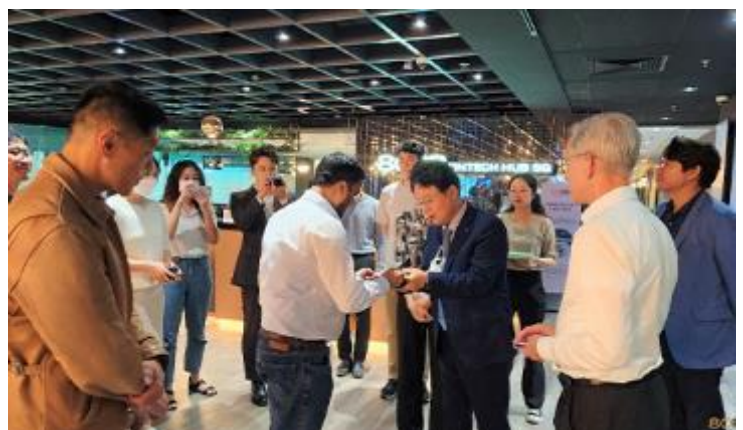
80RR Fintech Hub SG (80RR) recently welcomed South Korean delegates from D.camp and Korea Federation of Banks to its co-working space on 10th October 2022.

The delegates went for a tour at the premises as 80RR's Community Director, Mr Gan Boon Seng, and Singapore FinTech Association (SFA)'s COO Mr Reuben Lim, shared with the delegates about Singapore's growing Fintech Economy, Singapore's vibrant start-up scene, and Singapore's unique ecosystem where start-ups and conglomerates coexist and learn from each other.

Located at 80 Robinson Road in the heart of Singapore's Central Business District, 80RR Fintech Hub is part of SFA's efforts to nurture fintech ventures in Singapore. It was jointly established in 2017 by SFA, Hong Leong Holdings and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). 80RR aims to be an open co-working space for start-ups. Currently, 80RR is home to more than 50 companies from diverse countries and background.



Mr Gan Boon Seng, Community Director of 80RR (in white shirt) showing the event space to the Korean delegations including Mr Kim Gwang-Soo, Chairman of D.camp and Korea Federation of Banks (in blue suit).



Mr Kim and SFA President Mr Shadab Taiyabi exchanging information about Singapore's growing fintech and start-up scene as Mr Gan and SFA Chief Operating Officer Mr Reuben Lim (in brown jacket) look on.



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“For smaller companies, having a physical space is important for them to meet up and network. As opposed to big companies like Korean Air and Samsung, people do not know the names of these companies, and they have to make themselves known to the rest of the world. Having a physical space therefore facilitates a more cohesive interaction and collaboration opportunities,” said Mr Gan Boon Seng, Community Director at 80RR.

Singapore has established itself as a financial hub for Southeast Asian countries, and has been quickly growing as a fintech leader under the government’s clear regulations with well set-up rules.



## CDLHT Posts 54.4% Rise In Net Property Income Following Robust Return Travel

*The overall improvement in CDLHT's 3Q 2022 performance including the hotels in Perth reflects the robust growth in global travel following the easing of pandemic-related travel restrictions and restoration of public confidence. Pictured here is Rubix Bar & Cafe at ibis Perth.*

CDL Hospitality Trusts (CDLHT) posted a 54.4% increase or S\$11.1 million in net property income (NPI) to S\$31.6 million for 3Q 2022. Gross revenue rose 46.4% yoy to S\$58.5 million for 3Q 2022, out of which S\$31.8 million was contributed by its Singapore Hotels. The improvements reflect the overall robust growth in global travel as border restrictions eased post-pandemic.

The increased NPI contribution arose mainly from the Singapore and Australia properties, which increased collectively by S\$15.4 million yoy for 3Q 2022. This was however offset by lower NPI from the New Zealand Hotel, which declined by S\$4.7 million yoy for 3Q 2022 following its exit from the government isolation programme.

The Singapore hotels benefitted from a strong return in events in September 2022. Yielding strategies reflective of the compression in the city propelled the Singapore hotels to record the highest ADR and RevPAR for a single month in September and for the reporting quarter. With the exception of the government contracted hotel, the remaining five hotels achieved RevPAR levels exceeding that of 3Q 2019.

The Perth Hotels achieved a collective RevPAR of A\$109, after coming off a low base of A\$33 last year when performance was impacted by strict travel restrictions into Western Australia. Collectively, the Perth Hotels posted an NPI increase of S\$1.7 million yoy to achieve an NPI of S\$1.4 million for 3Q 2022.

In the UK, Hilton Cambridge City Centre and The Lowry Hotel recorded a collective RevPAR growth of 24.9% to £146 in 3Q 2022 compared to £117 in 3Q 2021, and the highest recorded RevPAR of £163 for July 2022.

Hotel Cerretani Firenze reported a RevPAR of €194 for 3Q 2022, the highest recorded RevPAR in any third quarter since acquisition, up from a low base of €56 for 3Q 2021.

[Please click here for CDLHT's full Q3 2022 results.](#)



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- Five ballrooms including notable venues in Oscar history: Crystal Ballroom and Biltmore Bowl



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- 12 meeting and event spaces
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- 7 meeting and event spaces
- Embrace the spirit of Alaska in breathtaking surroundings and a modern lodge ambiance



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- 316 guest rooms and suites
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## MINNEAPOLIS

- 321 guest rooms and suites
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- 15 meeting and event spaces
- Iconic dome overlooking downtown Minneapolis



## NASHVILLE

- 287 guest rooms and suites
- 26,000 sq ft of meeting and event space
- 12 meeting and function spaces
- Crown Ballroom atop hotel offers spectacular views of the Nashville skyline and rolling hills of Tennessee



## SCOTTSDALE

- 125 guest rooms and suites
- 13,000 sq ft of meeting and event space
- 8 meeting and event spaces
- Lakeside Ballroom's floor-to-ceiling windows on the shores of Camelback Lake showcase the McDowell Mountains and McCormick Ranch Golf Club as the backdrop



## Calling All Hairy Crab Lovers, The Season Has Arrived!

Featuring Hua Ting and Tao Li restaurants.

*Tao Li restaurant at New World Millennium Hong Kong is serving Jiangsu hairy crabs, prized for their high nutritional value in protein, amino acids and calcium.*

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**The early autumn breeze marks the arrival of the hairy crab season from now until December. Two of our popular Chinese restaurants are serving Jiangsu and Yangcheng Lake hair crabs this season!**

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### ***Tao Li, New World Millennium Hong Kong***

New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel's Chinese Head Chef So Kei Pak of Tao Li restaurant presents diners with a hearty feast made with hairy crabs specially selected from the acclaimed breeding grounds of China's Jiangsu province.

Jiangsu hairy crabs are prized for their high nutritional value in protein, amino acids and calcium, and are beneficial to the immune system. Highlights include Steamed Glutinous Rice with Hairy Crab in Bamboo Basket, and Braised Egg White Dumplings with Hairy Crab Coral and Diced Chicken.

The Hairy Crab Feast à la carte menu is available for lunch and dinner at Tao Li daily. Guests can also opt for a special seven-course set dinner menu priced at HKD2,280 for two persons, plus 10% service charge.

Available from **now until 31 December 2022**. For more information or reservations, please call (852) 2313 4222 or visit [www.newworldmillenniumhotel.com](http://www.newworldmillenniumhotel.com).



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**Hua Ting, Orchard Hotel Singapore**



*Hua Ting's Master Chef Lap Fai has created sumptuous delicacies that highlight the fresh, creamy buttery flavours of Yangcheng Lake hairy crabs.*

From the sweetness of fresh crabs to creamy buttery flavours of crab roes, savour the unique take on Yangcheng Lake Hairy Crab delicacies by Master Chef Lap Fai, with highlights including Drunken Hairy Crab with Hua Diao Chinese Wine, Bird's Nest with Hairy Crab Roe and Egg White, and more!

Available from **1 November to 15 December 2022**. For reservations, please contact (65) 6739 6666 or email [huating.ohs@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:huating.ohs@millenniumhotels.com).

*\*All information correct at time of print.*



## Relish In An Early Festive Feast At Orchard Café!

*Christmas comes early to Orchard Café with a festive feast starting 21 November 2022.*

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. Enjoy Seafood Extravaganza on Ice including Fresh Canadian Oyster, Boston Lobster and Fresh Cut Sashimi.

Moving from savoury to sweet, indulge in Christmas special dessert selections of premium Yuzu Log Cake, classic Chocolate Log Cake, traditional Fruit Minced Pie, Mixed Fruit Cake, Marzipan Stollen and other favourites.

The buffet will also feature a fun activity at the Christmas Cookie Decoration Station for all and especially kids to decorate their own unique gingerbread or assorted cookies.

Elevate your festive spirit and pair with free-flow beers and wines at just S\$28! The Festive Buffet items are on a rotational basis and are available from **21 November 2022 to 2 January 2023**.

For reservations, please contact (65) 6739 6565 or email [orchardcafe.ohs@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:orchardcafe.ohs@millenniumhotels.com)

*\* All information correct at time of print.*



## JW Marriott Hong Kong Takes Alfresco Dining To New Heights At The Revamped Fish Bar

*Crab and Lobster Cake is among the Fish Bar's signature favourites.*

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong has announced the completion of its popular alfresco Fish Bar refurbishment on level 7. Diners can look forward to an upgraded modern restaurant with a fine selection of Fish Bar ever classic and sustainable seafood dishes for lunch and dinner. The restaurant also includes an additional outdoor area where guests can just sit back and enjoy their meals by the newly renovated pool and pool deck.

With its tranquil landscape and scenic mountain views, Fish Bar is an ideal setting for any social or corporate events like cocktail receptions and BBQ parties for 70 persons or theatre-style meetings for 60 persons.

Some of Fish Bar's signature highlights include the **3-tiered Chilled Seafood Tower** piled with fresh oysters, king crab legs, Boston lobster, pink prawns, mussels cherry stone clams and clams, **Crab and Lobster Cake** with mashed potatoes, **Mussels and Fries**, **Grilled Spanish Octopus**, and a wide variety of sustainable fish like Glacier 51 Toothfish, Italian seabream and Norway King Salmon cooked to order.

For reservation please contact (852) 2810 8366 or email [jwmarriott.hk@marriott-hotels.com](mailto:jwmarriott.hk@marriott-hotels.com).

*\* All information correct at time of print.*



## Orchard Hotel Races To The Singapore Grand Prix 2022 With A Strong Finish!

*Great start, strong finish! Kudos to the Orchard Hotel team that cooked, served and delivered a world-class hospitality experience for all 61 laps of the 5.063-kilometre Marina Bay Street Circuit at the Singapore Grand Prix 2022.*

The culinary teams at Orchard Hotel Singapore were recently appointed as official caterers of Singapore Suite for Singapore Grand Prix 2022, from 30 September to 2 October.

The Singapore Grand Prix is Formula One World Championships' first night race and first street circuit in Asia, with its Marina Bay Street Circuit passing through some of Singapore's landmarks such as the Padang, Merlion Park and The Float at Marina Bay. The Club and Sky Suites are located along the street circuit which offer guests a vantage point view of the thrilling F1 action.

General Manager of Orchard Hotel Ms Jacqueline Ho and the teams worked round the clock to support the culinary crew for the 300 guests hosted by Singapore Tourism Board which comprised of corporate clients and media partners. The guests enjoyed a gourmet showcase including delectable sweet and savoury treats such as Boston Lobster with Noodles, Roasted Quail, A5 Miyazaki Wagyu, Baked Australian Lamb Rack and more

Let's catch up on their activities in this video!





## Power Of Ferrari And F1 Combine In Copper Structure At South Beach

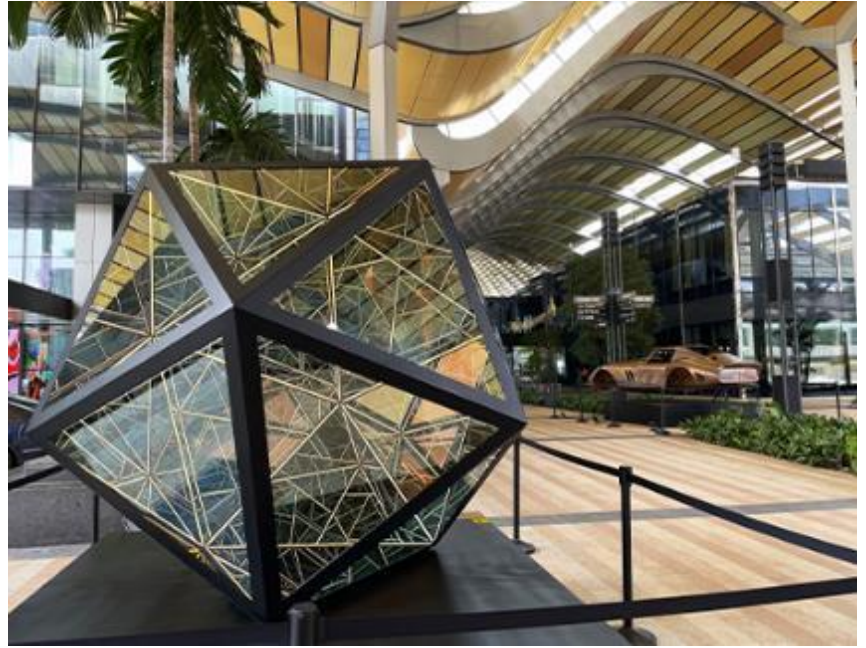
*Display of light and matter with Anthony James' copper sculpture of a Ferrari car body at South Beach.*

In conjunction with the Formula 1 Grand Prix weekend on 30 Sep to 2 Oct, South Beach, in collaboration with Opera Gallery, presents *Repose/Reimagined* – Anthony James' display of light and matter. The *Repose/Reimagined* features a Ferrari car sculpture – an ode to everyone's long-awaited race car action.

Anthony James took the idea of “repose” – the state of eternal rest and tranquility and shaped it into a Ferrari body, casting it in copper, a material intentionally and energetically conductive. In its original incarnation, the Ferrari is an exemplary automotive specimen—the apex of power, form, function, and aesthetics. Yet, here it is memorialised in performative stillness—monumental memories of its own pasts. The sculpture, stripped of its speed and rhythm, is lying in heavenly serenity.

On the other side of the walkway, stands “Reimagined”. A combination of cutting-edge techniques and concepts of Euclidian geometry that Anthony James has created with his own visual language of light, prompting visitors to dive right into his world of infinite mirrored precision and futuristic paragons. They are ethereal, but casual, minimalist, yet intricate.

Anthony James *Repose/Reimagined* sculptures will be at South Beach Level 1 from now till Nov. Join us in an exploration of the ways the artist experiments with and sculpts the intangible, bringing light and matter together in a cosmic fusion of art, science and mathematics.



*A combination of cutting-edge techniques and concepts of Euclidian geometry prompt visitors to dive right into the world of infinite mirrored precision and futuristic paragons.*



## Biltmore's Jack-O-Lantern Never Looked So Cool

*Pitting staff's talents for the best scary gourd look is an annual Halloween tradition at the Millennium Biltmore Los Angeles.*

Biltmore's got talent! It has become tradition at the Biltmore in Los Angeles for the team members of each department to utilise their creativity and holiday spirit to decorate the best pumpkin and compete for the highest number of votes from visitors and guests of the hotel.

Although this event has been a hit every year, this Halloween was an astounding testament to the level of talent here at the Biltmore. The lobby came alive with buzz and excitement as onlookers photographed, pointed and admired their favorite creations.



*Displayed above at the hotel are some of the employees' creative gourds.*



## Annual Fundraiser Children For Children Returns With Carnival Fun For 1000 Kids

Among the sponsors at the cheque presentation ceremony are Hong Leong Group representatives **(from left)**: Mr Jeffrey Toh, HLF Senior Vice President, Corporate & Consumer Business; Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, CDL Group General Manager; and Mr Quek Kon Hui, Governor of Hong Leong Foundation and representative for HLHL. **(Front row from extreme right)**: Ms Kwek Pei Xuan, HLA Head of Sustainability and Corporate Affairs, and Mr Andy Tan, MHR Senior Vice President, Global Operations & Partnership. They are pictured here with Ms Jennie Chua, Chairman of TRCL (6th from left); Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law (8th from left); and Mr Wong Wei Kong, Editor of The Business Times (10th from left).

Laughter and cheer resounded throughout the Coliseum of Resorts World Sentosa as 1,000 underserved children from over 40 primary schools in Singapore attended the 14th edition of Children for Children 2022 (CFC 2022), an annual fundraiser for The Business Times Budding Artists Fund (BT BAF).

Hong Leong Group was once again named a Champion Sponsor for its largest support of S\$30,000 towards the annual fundraiser Children for Children charity for The Business Times Budding Artists Fund (BT BAF). This is the Group's 5th consecutive year of its continuing support.



A dance performance by students of CHIJ Kellock Primary School encapsulates this year's theme of "Sow the Seeds, Share the Blessings"

Together with other key sponsors, Hong Leong Foundation, City Developments Limited (CDL), Hong Leong Holdings Limited (HLHL), Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR), Hong Leong Finance (HLF) and Hong Leong Asia (HLA) helped raise a total of S\$233,000 for the cause this year.

At the event, the kids enjoyed a carnival featuring mini game and food booths by volunteers, students and teachers from CHIJ Kellock (Primary). The children then spent the afternoon at Universal Studios Singapore which is the main highlight of CFC 2022. The theme of CFC 2022 was "Sow the Seeds, Share the Blessings".

CFC has impacted the lives of more than 13,000 children since its launch in 2008. CFC 2022 is co-organised by The Business Times, not-for-profit arts organisation TRCL, and CHIJ Kellock (Primary).



## MHR Middle East Reinforces Importance Of Hygiene On Global Handwashing Day

***We Clean. We Care. We Welcome.***: Various teams across Millennium Al Barsha, Millennium Atria Business Bay and Millennium Monte Rose Dubai Science Park being observed on their handwashing techniques as the respective properties reinforce the importance of hygiene on Global Handwashing Day.

Article contributed by Mr. Mohamed Darwish, Cluster H.Marcom & Digital Strategy for Millennium Al Barsha, Millennium Atria Business Bay, and Millennium Monte Rose Executive Apartments.

On the 15th of October each year especially after the pandemic, the world became to recognize the importance of washing hands and its effect on the total hygiene. The world recognizes this day as "Global Handwashing Day".

In our hotels Millennium Al Barsha, Millennium Atria Business Bay and Millennium Monte Rose Dubai Science Park, we are not only marking this day on our calendar, but we are keeping our calendar always marked with our need to be on the top of the hotels with the highest standards of Hygiene levels. Thanks to all who took the time to demonstrate such great activity, and to show our followers and keep updating the society that we are always caring about their health and that their health is our paramount. Since the initiation of Millennium Hotels and Resorts (We Clean, We Care, We Welcome) campaign, we never stopped having this initiative in our daily agenda.



*Keeping hands clean is paramount in food and safety.*

The usual care comes from Ziad El Hawi our Cluster General Manager who is always keen to show our staff clean and neat in every corner, along with Shilpasri Karanam our Food and Hygiene Safety manager who is always on the top of our brand standards and providing trainings on usual basis that adheres to the standards provided by the Dubai Health Authority. Thanks to all our colleagues and staff members that do all what it takes to make our guests pleased with the quality of service given.



## Millennium Airport Dubai Appeals For Outdoor Plants To Raise Environment Awareness

*Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai appealed for donations of outdoor plants which are then re-planted to spruce the outdoor areas of the hotel. This initiative is part of the hotel's month-long "Green Wave" campaign to raise awareness on environment conservation.*

As part of its Green Key program, the Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai organised a "Green Wave" initiative encouraging everyone to participate by donating any outdoor plants to the hotel. The objective is to involve as many people as possible to amplify the sustainability awareness and commitment to protect the environment. All plants collected by the team to be planted at the hotel outdoor garden area to create more greenery ambience. As a token of appreciation, the hotel offers free pool access at Oasis Pool to all participants.

Emphasising the importance to protect and conserve the environment, Mr. Simon Moore, General Manager of Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai said, "We always focus in implementing sustainable ways in all our business practices. I am glad to see the high enthusiasm and commitment of the team to drive this campaign. We pledge to take care those plants and nurture them. We strive to provide our guests a safe place and a true essence of comforts while supporting at the same time the community."

The Green Wave initiative is a one-month campaign that began on 1 September 2022. During the campaign period, the hotel team received many plants and started planting them at the hotel outdoor garden area.

This campaign helped to create a greenery beautiful garden and a nice view for guests specially the garden area is just a perfect place to host social events such as weddings, birthdays, corporate parties and more.



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*The hotel received many plant donations from guests and members of the public during the month-long campaign that began on 1 September.*



Behind Every  
Successful Man  
Is A  
Strong  
Woman

Breast Cancer  
Awareness

*Pictured here with staff employees at the breast cancer presentation is Mr. Ziad El Hawi, Cluster General Manager for Millennium Al Barsha, Millennium Atria Business Bay and Monte Rose Executive apartments; Dr. Basema Jaber, Emirates Hospitals Group Obstetrics and Genecology consultant and member of the Jordanian board in Obstetrics; and Emirates Marketing Manager Ms Samah (on Dr Jaber's left).*

**A strong advocate for breast cancer awareness, Mr Ziad El Hawi, Cluster General Manager for Millennium Al Barsha, Millennium Atria Business Bay, and Millennium Monte Rose Executive Apartments encourages female staff to go for routine checkups as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He shares this below.**

“Breast Cancer Awareness Month is held every year in October to promote awareness of the disease, screening and its prevention.

In Millennium Al Barsha, we had the pleasure to host Emirates Hospitals Group Dr Basema Jaber, consultant for Obstetrics & Genecology and member of the Jordanian board in Obstetrics and Genecology, to present and educate staff and guests techniques for detecting and preventing breast cancer.

As men, we are surrounded by our beloved ones such as moms, daughters, sisters, aunts, and our dear female colleagues. We should do our part to encourage them to do routine check-ups for their safety. But by doing so, we are also doing it for our own stability because behind every successful man is a strong woman. Without her, even hero is zero.

Thanks to Emirates Hospitals group for providing us with vouchers worth AED 300 as incentive to get our ladies to do a checkup. Also thanks to Shilpasri Karanam Cluster Hygiene Manager and Mohamed Khairy, MBA, MCMI, Head of Marketing Strategy and Jennifer Alexander J. our Cluster HR Specialist for organizing such great event.

A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform.





## Doing What Matters At Tasek

Contributing to a sustained environment.

*The Tasek Green Committee came together to clean up the office building compound and collected 30kg of litter at the recent Cleaning and Tree-Planting Day event in Malaysia.*

The Tasek Green Committee (“TGC”), comprising a group of employee volunteers who are the Green Sustainability Champions, from different business functions at Tasek Berhad Corporation, was set up in 2021 to inculcate the sustainability culture at Tasek through environmental education and green initiatives.

Believing that every individual can have a positive impact on the environment based on the daily decisions they make, the TGC rolled out several green initiatives over the past year including tree-planting, paper recycling, partnering Perak’s Department of Environment on an e-waste campaign and setting up a community garden at the workplace.

At the recent Cleaning and Tree-Planting Day organised at Tasek, the Tasek Green Sustainability Champions went picking up around the office compound and managed to collect 30kg of litter for the day. 22 Green Sustainability Champions also spent 3 hours planting 30 saplings for the event.

Another initiative rolled out was the Nasi Lemak cum Teh Tarik Giveaway lunch event, encouraging Tasekians to use their own cutlery and reduce usage of plastic disposables, which had overwhelming support from the employees. For the giveaway lunch, the nasi lemak sets were wrapped in bio-degradable banana leaves for its environmental sustainability. The activities were just one of many green initiatives held to educate and instil habits for sustainable living at Tasek.



500 sets of Nasi Lemak (a traditional rice dish cooked in coconut milk) wrapped in banana leaves were given out to employees at the lunch giveaway.



The teh tarik drinks ("pulled tea", a popular hot milk tea beverage in Southeast Asia) arranged for the lunch giveaway was well received by Tasek employees, who fondly refer to themselves as "Tasekians".



## Millennium Hotels MEA Celebrates 'Pinktober'

*Millennium hotels in the Middle East honoured female employees with an afternoon tea at Millennium Barsha Heights as part of its activities to celebrate 'PINKtober' breast cancer awareness month.*

MHR regional office in the Middle East spread the spirit of pink as they honoured their female employees with month-long activities to promote awareness of breast cancer.

Among the activities was a lecture on early detection and the psychological impact it has on women. This was followed by an afternoon that was held at Millennium Place Barsha Heights Hotel and apartments.

According to Arab News, breast cancer claims the lives of over 680,000 women in the Middle East every year.

#breastcancerawarenessmonth #millenniummea #pinktober #wecare #hotels #earlydetectionsaveslives



## Keeping A Positive Attitude Is Key To Staying Resilient

*In her spare time, Allison volunteers with the elderly, learns calligraphy and attends Chinese orchestra practices.*

Allison Ng, Senior Accounts Executive, Team Lead, for accounts payables at Island Concrete Pte Ltd, part of Hong Leong Asia's building materials business, is a model of commitment and loyalty. She recently celebrated her 30th work anniversary. In this article, she describes her long professional affair with the company, attributing her resilience to her positive attitude and commitment to hard work.

“ I started out as an accounting clerk and am now leading the accounts payables team at Island Concrete, ensuring that the most time-consuming and laborious finance and administrative function operates efficiently and smoothly at all times.

I joined Island Concrete in 1992 when a family friend told me of an opportunity with the company, and have grown professionally since.



*Allison with her colleagues at Island Concrete's corporate office in Sungei Kadut.*



*She is pictured here with her family at her son's university commencement ceremony at the National University of Singapore.*

Island Concrete has been my lucky star. I married within the first year of joining the company and gave birth to my eldest son in the following year. Even as I started to grow and raise my young family, I was encouraged by my bosses to take up courses in accounting to further my skillset.

The years spent juggling work, family and studies to create a life I envisioned for myself and my family paid off. My eldest son got married this year and my youngest is now a university undergraduate.

Whenever there's an opportunity, I will gladly accept the challenge, work hard and strive to excel in it.

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*Allison was among the 6,000 participants including staff employees and family members at Hong Leong Group's annual Family Day-cum-walkathon for the Children's Society in 2015.*



## Goodbye, Millennium Hilton Seoul

A swansong for the luxury hotel as it prepares its final walk into history at the end of this year.

*A final photo for remembrance: MHR Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng (front row in the centre wearing violet-coloured tie) recently visited Millennium Hilton Seoul for the last time. He is pictured here together with the hotel team, Owner's Representative for the hotel Mr Alan Cha (standing on Mr Kwek's right), and General Manager Mr Felix Busch (front row, 4th from right).*

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The iconic luxury Millennium Hilton Seoul Hotel at the foot of Mount Namsan in downtown Seoul will be closing its doors at the end of this year 2022. **Acquired by IGIS Asset Management for KRW 1.1 trillion (or S\$1.26 billion) in December 2021**, the 5-star property will be demolished to make way for a new office building.

Opened in December 1983, the hotel was previously owned by Daewoo Group before it was acquired by CDL in November 1999 (US\$213.5 million) following the Asian Financial Crisis. CDL Hotels (Korea) also acquired the adjoining 1,563.7 square metre freehold land plot from Woo Yang Industrial Development in 2013.

For nearly 40 years, the hotel with 680 guest rooms and 29 suites grew to become a popular destination for tourists, celebrities, and meeting place for politicians and businessmen, and became the main stage of bold negotiations that changed modern Korean history.

We celebrate Millennium Hilton Seoul's history and legacy as it takes its final walk down memory lane.

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### **Hilton History Museum**



*Millennium Hilton Seoul pays final homage to its 40-year history and legacy with a pop-up Hilton History Museum featuring photos and antiques like chinaware and room amenities that date all the way back to the 1980s.*

As a way to show appreciation for all those that have contributed to the success of Millennium Hilton Seoul, the Hilton History Museum offers a chance for guests and Team Members to reminisce the exemplary hospitality the property has delivered since 1983.

The pop-up features various antiques and photographs of some of the most defining moments from the hotel history. Guests can see various room amenities, chinaware and Team Member uniform that date back all the way to the 80s. A digital photo montage is continuously played with pictures of the iconic Hilton Train.

### **1983 Afternoon Tea**



The seasonal afternoon tea sets at Cilantro Deli is now showcasing its final theme that loops back to the hotel's beginnings. The 1983 Afternoon Tea revisits the hotel's signature items from its past and present, including the famous Il Ponte tiramisu, many cakes of Cilantro Deli, as well as Seasons canapés transformed into savory tea foods. The tasty pieces are presented on a custom-made tea stand built to resemble the hotel's recognizable exterior as a way to celebrate the spirit of hospitality and dedication to delicacy since 1983.

*The aptly named 1983 Afternoon Tea at the hotel's Cilantro Deli revisits signature items from its past to the present including the famous Il Ponte Tiramisu.*



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### **Last Holiday Room Package**

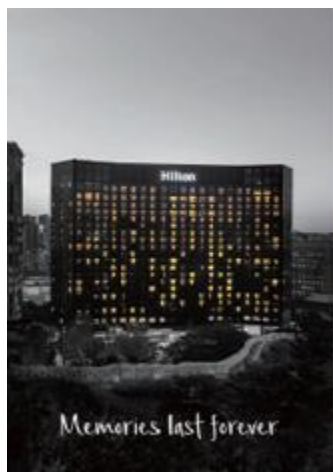


*Guests wanting to indulge in the bespoke luxurious Millennium Hilton Seoul experience for the final time can enjoy the Last Holiday Room Package with spectacular views of Namsan Mountain with complimentary wine or champagne.*

As the final room package of the year – and the hotel's 39 years in the run – the Last Holiday Room Package offers guests the chance to indulge in a luxury hotel experience with Millennium Hilton Seoul for one last time.

Guests can enjoy spectacular views of Namsan Mountain with a complimentary bottle of sparkling wine or champagne while having access to the pool, fitness center and other hotel facilities. Upon check-in, guests are also given various special amenities including the hotel bathrobe and pouch take the memories with them and relive its moments at home.

### **Memories Last Forever Collaterals – Room Key and Table Mat**



*Custom-designed key cards featuring the hotel's exterior and lobby flows with the theme "Memories Last Forever".*



*Table mats in Café 395 and the Oak Room display whimsical illustrations Mount Namsan and other amenities unique to the hotel.*

Featuring the hotel exterior and the Main Lobby, the custom-designed key cards ensure that the guests can cherish every moment from check-in to check-out. Across the cards are written the words "Memories Last Forever," highlighting the main legacy of the hotel: our memories.



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In addition, Café 395 and Oak Room table mats feature Namsan, hotel amenities, food menus and other various elements unique to the Millennium Hilton Seoul experience in whimsical illustrations. Even if the hotel closes, all the memories made at Millennium Hilton Seoul will stay with our guests forever.

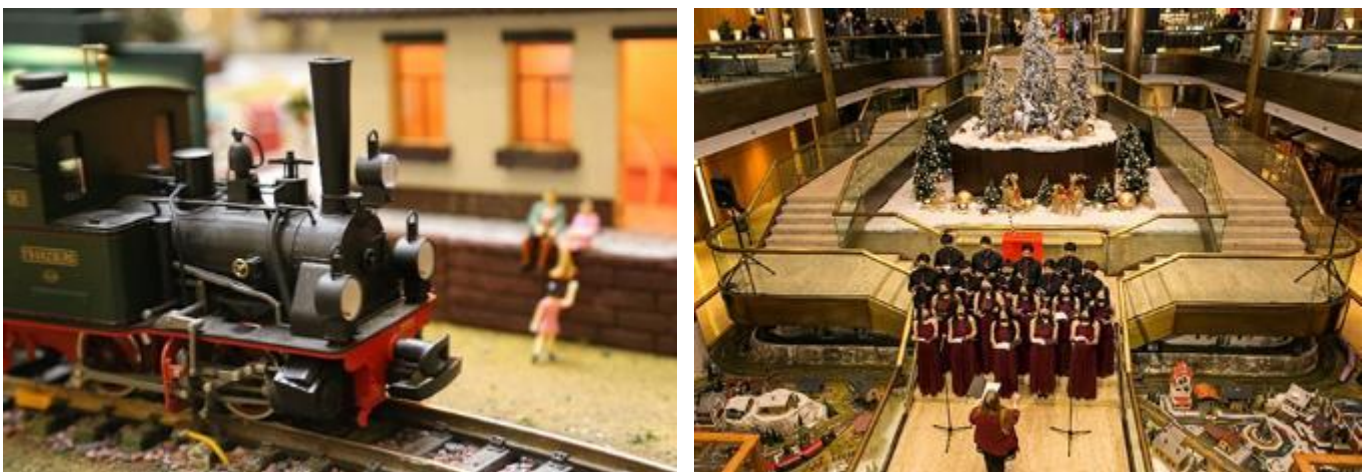
### ***Interactive Messaging Board***



*An interactive message board has been set up at the hotel lobby for guests and staff to scribble their favourite memories and fond goodbyes.*

White canvases have been set up in the Lower Lobby as interactive message boards for our guests and Team Members to scribble their favorite memories with the hotel. As the hotel engineering team works on the miniature village and train for the final year, the line of fences that circle around the work in progress now serves as an opportunity for guests to reminisce their favorite moments with the hotel and see what others have written as well.

### ***Hilton Train***



*A defining signature for guests and the local community, the Hilton Train embarks on its final journey at Millennium Hilton Seoul.*

The signature Hilton Train is starting its final journey at Millennium Hilton Seoul. The Hilton train has become an institution for many – for kids being able to enjoy the wonderful trainset, for hotel and outlets patrons admiring the train and display and for our local community whom we have finically supported over the past nearly 30 years with proceeds from the train. This year will be especially eye-catching with the miniature hotel and Seoul N Tower illuminating the village.



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## CDL Scores 6<sup>th</sup> Winning Streak As Top Developer At EdgeProp Singapore Excellence Awards

*CanningHill Piers, the 696-unit landmark residence located in Clarke Quay along the Singapore River, bagged five awards for excellence in design, innovation, marketing, as well as the People's Choice and Top Development Awards at the EdgeProp Singapore Excellence Awards 2022.*

City Developments Limited (CDL) has been crowned the Top Developer at the EdgeProp Singapore Excellence Awards 2022. This is its sixth consecutive win, and it is the only developer to have achieved such a streak since the Awards' commencement in 2017.

CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, who represented the company at the awards ceremony on 21 October at JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach, thanked valued partners, collaborators, stakeholders and colleagues for their unwavering support and journeying with CDL through its efforts to shape Singapore's landscape.

He attributed its success of CDL's residential launches this year to the company's keen perception of what buyers want and the careful planning to stay atop the evolving needs and aspirations of home buyers. He further highlighted that CDL has been selective in its land acquisitions, ensuring a good mix across various segments. He said, "We see great potential in our sites, which are spread out over various good locations from the east to the central to the west."



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*Designed by Danish architecture firm Bjarke Ingels Group, CanningHill Piers will be the tallest residential development along the Singapore River. The landmark residence is part of an integrated development that also includes a commercial component with F&B and retail outlets named CanningHill Square, a hotel operated under the Moxy brand by Marriott International and a serviced residence with a hotel licence operated under the Somerset brand.*

In addition, Mr Chia shared that a greater emphasis on wellness has emerged: “Since the onset of the pandemic, people have looked for more comfort and ease in their lives and placed a greater focus on things that matter most to them.”

With the key trends of wellness and sustainability expected to evolve going forward, Mr Chia shared that CDL continues to push for green designs as well as efficient construction methods and places a lot of emphasis on the health performance of its buildings, and conceptualises them with factors such as acoustic comfort, natural ventilation, thermal comfort and biophilic design in mind.



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*Irwell Hill Residences is envisioned by world-renowned architect MVRDV and features two iconic 36-storey towers with a stunning champagne gold pixel-patterned facade.*

CDL also received six other awards at the ceremony, including the Top Development award for CanningHill Piers, which also bagged four other awards. Irwell Hill Residences received the Sustainability Excellence award.

Projects	Awards
CanningHill Piers*	Top Development Design Excellence Innovation Excellence Marketing Excellence People's Choice
Irwell Hill Residences	Sustainability Excellence

*\* Jointly developed with CapitaLand Development*

Organised by EdgeProp Singapore, the annual awards honours the leading performers and outstanding developments in the local property community and recognises the relentless commitment from property developers to ensure continuous innovation, best-in-class design and the highest level of integrity.

[Please click here to read more about this year's awards on EdgeProp.](#)



## Kwek Eik Sheng Appointed To CDLHT Board Of Directors

*CDL Group Chief Operating Officer Mr Kwek Eik Sheng adds to his portfolio as CDLHT's Non-Independent Non-Executive Director.*

The boards for City Developments Limited (CDL) and CDL Hospitality Trusts (CDLHT) have appointed Mr Kwek Eik Sheng as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of CDLHT. According to both boards, Mr Kwek's experience in strategic planning for hospitality and real estate sectors will complement and strengthen their core competencies and diversity.

Mr Kwek is currently the Group Chief Operating Officer of City Developments Limited (CDL). Mr Kwek joined CDL in 2009, covering Business Development for overseas projects before being appointed as Head of Corporate Development. In 2014, he assumed his role as Chief Strategy Officer and undertook an added portfolio as Head of Asset Management in April 2016.

Prior to joining CDL, he was with the Hong Leong Group of companies in Singapore, specialising in corporate finance roles from 2006 to 2008. Mr Kwek was appointed an Executive Director of CDL's principal subsidiary, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Limited (M&C), previously listed on London Stock Exchange under the name "Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc" in November 2019, having previously been appointed a Non-Executive Director of M&C from April 2008 to October 2019.

Mr Kwek holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine of University of London, UK and a Master of Philosophy in Finance from Judge Business School of University of Cambridge, UK.



## Heritage Hotel Manila Celebrates 28th Anniversary

*The loyalty of long-service staff was recognised as part of Heritage Hotel Manila's 28th year anniversary celebrations.*

As part of its 28th year anniversary celebration, Heritage Hotel Manila recently held its 3rd Quarter Employees' Townhall Meeting last September 30, 2022. We welcomed a total of 18 new employees over the last quarter, celebrated birthdays for July, August, & September, and gave awards & recognition to the Model Employees of the quarter.

Alongside the 28th year anniversary celebration, the loyalty of the service awardees was recognised as well. Certificates were given to the employees who rendered 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of excellent service.

These employees have witnessed the struggles and wins of the hotel. Through the ups and downs, they have chosen to stay and embraced the challenges through the years.

Kudos to 28 years of splendid service & hospitality!



## Copthorne King's Turns 52 With Staff Celebration

*Staff celebrating Copthorne King's 52nd birthday.*

Copthorne King's Hotel celebrated its 52nd birthday on 18th October 2022!

The hotel had a mini celebration with some snacks and drinks with the staff and they all had a wonderful time.

It has been a while since our staff had time together due to the COVID-19 restrictions and measures implemented in Singapore over the last 2 years.

Each of our staff will also receive a gift from the hotel to commemorate this special occasion. Once again, Happy Birthday Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore!