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Iconic Actress Barbara Eden, Honoured With The Legend Award At Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles

Barbara Eden is most known for portraying the titular character in 'I Dream of Jeannie', which aired from 1965 to 1970. Today, the actress is 92 years old.

Barbara Eden was honoured with the Legend Award at the 16th Annual National Arts & Entertainment Journalism Awards Gala held at Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles, marking her second red-carpet appearance in 2023.

"All through the years, I've noticed that many people don't realise what a joy and gift it is to be able to work in an arena that you really love. So many people have to work in jobs they hate, and they have to do it just for sustenance, but aren't we lucky when we can study for something, enjoy it and know that other people enjoy it? I think that's a gift that life gives us, if we are willing to work for it."

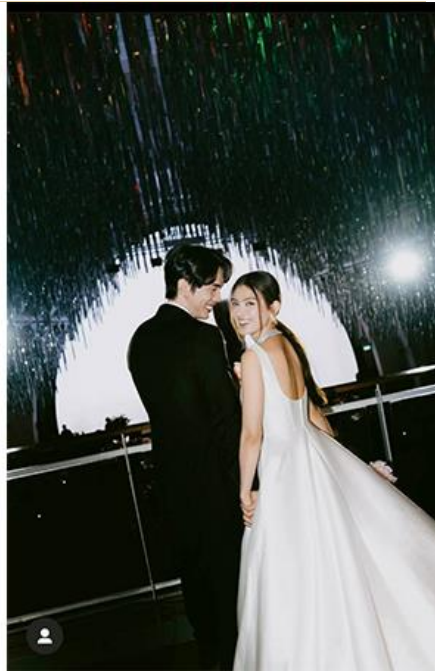


Eden received her honour in a red blazer pantsuit paired with a layered pearl necklace and pearl earrings. She completed the look with red pumps and a golden handbag.



'I Dream of Jeannie' is an American fantasy sitcom television series, created by Sidney Sheldon that starred Barbara Eden as a 2,000-year-old genie and Larry Hagman, as an astronaut with whom she falls in love and eventually marries.

On her secret to her ageless appearance at 92, Eden revealed how she continues to thrive into her 90s: "I think the secret to feeling great is to keep active, do things that you love and have a good sense of humour."



A Union Of Glitz & Glamour: Celebrities Nick Teo & Hong Ling Wed At JW Marriott Singapore South Beach

In celebration of their marriage at JW Marriott Singapore South Beach, the couple posted: "Officially Mrs. Let's grow old together" and "Officially Mr & Mrs. Ten years of love" on their social media accounts. (Image source: @nickk_teo and @honglingg_)

Singapore celebrity couple Hong Ling and Nick Teo held their wedding dinner at JW Marriott Singapore South Beach.



After dating for 10 years, the celebrity couple tied the knot on the 14th of December and celebrated their union at JW Marriott Singapore South Beach's Grand Ballroom. (Image source: @nickk_teo and @honglingg_)

Nick Teo, 34, shared that he was both excited and nervous on his big day. For Hong Ling, 29, marriage felt good and was unlike the saying: "Marriage is the tomb of love. It is a happy thing to be with the person you like. No matter what happens in the future, it's nice to have someone to share it with."

Besides friends and relatives, dozens of Singapore celebrities such as Xiang Yun, Pan Lingling, Huang Biren, Chen Hanwei, Romeo Tan, Rebecca Lim, Aileen Tan, Elvin Ng and Sheila Sim were on the guest list.



Singapore's Award-winning actor, Elvin Ng (left), and actress, Rebecca Lim and her husband, shared the celebration of the couple's union on their social media accounts. (Image source: @elvinngchoonsiong and @limrebecca)

Glitz and glamour aside, the most touching moment, was captured in a video by actor, Romeo Tan.

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Congratulations to the newlyweds!



Video source: 8days and @romeotan



Image source: 8days



What It's Like To Stay In The Penthouse Suite Of The Singapore EDITION: A Review By Tatler Asia

The first global luxury lifestyle hotel brand, EDITION is an unexpected and refreshing collection of individualised, customised, one-of-a-kind hotels. With the best dining and entertainment, services and amenities, each EDITION property is completely unique, designed to give guests a curated taste of the locale.

How does it feel to stay in a penthouse suite in a luxurious hotel? Tatler Asia recently stayed in the penthouse suite of The Singapore EDITION hotel. In this article, we will follow the footsteps of the reviewer and her experience in one of our latest hotel additions in Singapore.

2023 saw various new hotels popping up around Singapore, with one of the most highly anticipated being The Singapore EDITION. Situated in the heart of Orchard Road and beside City Developments' flagship luxury residential building, Boulevard 88, the latest hotel is the luxury boutique EDITION hotel's first outpost in Southeast Asia.

For many, Edition Hotels need no introduction. A collaboration between hotel visionary Ian Schrager and Marriot International, this hotel chain offers luxurious accommodations around the world, blending sophistication, comfort and immersive guest experiences. Currently, the brand has 17 hotels globally, including New York, Shanghai and Tokyo.

Like many in Singapore, Tatler Asia was excited when the new hotel launched earlier in November — and even more so when we went for a stay at its lavish penthouse suite.





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First Impressions



The Venetian plaster staircase (left) and the Conservatory (right) lead you to the sophisticated public spaces that include several innovative restaurants, bar concepts, ballrooms, and versatile meeting spaces.

Stepping into the lobby, a stunning white marbled lobby contrasted with a domed gold-leaf covered ceiling that bathed the space with a warm and comforting atmosphere invited us in. We were promptly greeted by friendly staff who quickly checked us in.

While admiring the space, our eyes were immediately drawn to the conservatory, which is complete with over 200 plants and 162 green spheres suspended from the ceiling. Floor-to-ceiling windows bring in natural light, illuminating the green foliage and blurring the lines between interior and exterior spaces. We also learnt that the plants had been strategically placed so shadows would fall beautifully onto various surfaces.

The lobby also features a white Venetian plaster staircase that spirals down to the garden courtyard. We were told that spiral staircases can be seen in every EDITION hotel and typically spiral upward instead of down.

Do Not Disturb



The Singapore EDITION's 204 sophisticated guest rooms, suites and penthouse feature stylishly modern decor and posh detailing by Ian Schrager. Enjoy luxury amenities and the iconic view of Singapore's urban city.



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To the main point of the stay is the EDITION Penthouse, a 200 sqm space that overlooks the garden. The lavish space features a kitchenette, separate living and dining areas, a private balcony, a jacuzzi and more. Layers of curtain sheers, black-out shades and louvres cover the floor-to-ceiling windows allowing us to filter the sunlight throughout the day. With such a big space, you can easily get lost.

The separate bed area comprises a king-sized bed, white oak-planked floors and warm white rugs—a staple in every Edition hotel. Connecting to the bedroom is an elegant marble bathroom fitted with a sleek bathtub, two rain showers and custom-made Le Labo bathroom amenities.

At the balcony, more greenery surrounds the jacuzzi. Lining the jacuzzi were multiple daybeds, great for relaxing under the sun. As it had just rained, the daybeds were drenched—however, a quick call for a turnover service easily solved the issue.

The balcony, as well as the living and dining areas, are expansive and perfect for hosting parties. While the penthouse only had one bedroom, a connecting room is available upon request.

The Extras



Indulge your senses and rejuvenate your mind, body, and soul at The Spa. Escape to a haven of relaxation, where tranquillity meets luxurious wellness and a sanctuary of calm.

With so much going on in our lives, we wanted to visit The Singapore EDITION's signature spa for a relaxing session. Truly a wellness haven, The Spa offers locally inspired spa treatments such as the deep muscle massage with warm jade stones.

The EDITION Signature Massage features an aromatic blend of oils including the hotel's signature Black Tea scent by Le Labo. The masseuse was also very attentive to our needs, focusing on areas of our body which were particularly tight and sore. The session left us feeling much calmer and more relaxed than when we started.

Apart from massage treatments, the spa also comprises a sunken vitality thermal pool, sauna and steam room which we could try before or after the session.

Food & Drink



Chef Josh Niland's signature Fysh egg tart (left) and Dry-aged Mooloolaba yellowfin tuna ribeye (right).

We couldn't wait to try Australian chef Josh Niland's restaurant Fysh. Decked in jade-coloured velvet banquettes and white marble tables, Niland's restaurant serves up a hearty seafood-focused steakhouse menu.

The meal started strong with the Fysh egg tart. Aptly named, the dish comprises a crumbly tart filled with creamy creme fraiche and topped with briny trout roe. Each bite was filled with a myriad of flavours and textures that came together well. For mains, we went for the dry-aged Mooloolaba yellowfin tuna ribeye. Similar to a steak, the tuna has been grilled until fragrant and sliced.

As night fell, we couldn't resist heading to Punch Room for a nightcap, the hotel's signature bar concept. Punch Room is bathed in a stunning shade of Yves Klein blue and complete with a sculptural blue ceiling pendant by Parisian artist Eric Schmitt. Its cocktail menu is inspired by Southeast Asian spices.

For example, the Straits Punch honours William Farquhar, Singapore's first Resident Commander. The concoction features a refreshing mix of Botanist gin, Kakubin whisky, ruby port, pomegranate, spiced lemon and Ceylon tea. Non-alcoholic cocktails are also available, like the Botanic Garden Punch, a botanical concoction featuring a mix of Seedlip Garden 108, hibiscus, black currant, lemon and salted caramel.

After imbibing on our drinks, we were brought out through a different entrance which led us to the courtyard. Like the conservatory, the stunning garden courtyard features a plethora of native and adapted plants from Southeast Asia—whether we visited during the day or night, it was a beautiful sight to see.

Tatler Asia's Tip

There's plenty to explore within the hotel. We recommend visiting the rooftop in the late morning, to get your tan on. The rooftop pool stretches 43 metres and features a transparent acrylic screen which offers views into the garden courtyard. While transparent screens are typically curving a certain way, the screen here was flat—this meant we could look through it without our view being warped. The pool is also framed with daybeds and more foliage. We were recommended to sit on the beds along the end of the pool, to get most of the morning sun.

The pool is located next to The Roof bar making it a perfect spot to lounge under the sun while sipping on cocktails. While it was too early for us to do that, it's something we look forward to doing when we visit again.



Sengkang Grand Mall Opens: Get In & Enjoy The Hawker Centre, Enrichment Centres, & High-Tech Supermarket!

Sengkang Grand Mall is the first integrated development comprising 3-level retail component, a hawker centre, childcare centre, community club and 680 residential units in the North-East region of Singapore. (Image source: TheSmartLocal)

In case you're curious, the number of shopping malls in Singapore is 207 at the time of writing. While that's already plenty, Singaporeans still can't get enough. After all, rain or shine, they're the perfect space to find yummy nosh and enjoy shopping.

It's no surprise that we welcome the 208th. the snazzy new mall of the Northeast, Sengkang Grand Mall, has been all the hype, with an aesthetic interior and convenient location right above Buangkok MRT – not Sengkang MRT, as its name might suggest.

Heartland mall above Buangkok MRT



Designed to be the beacon of the Buangkok community, Sengkang Grand Mall offers over 90 brands such as FairPrice Finest, Uniqlo, MindChamps, City Hotpot and many more food kiosks. (Image source: TheSmartLocal)

The mall is home to 93 stores to explore, which includes an alley of enrichment centres, childcare centres, a community centre, and even a bus interchange. There's also a hawker centre here to grab a quick and affordable bite.

Expect an array of restaurants, bubble tea chains, and a high-tech supermarket you can now visit. Here's the lowdown:

Food options including affordable restaurants & snacks to-go

Some of us visit shopping malls because we're bored, but most of us head down because it's meal time and our tummies are growling for good food. Whether you're looking to dine in or take-away, Sengkang Grand Mall has a huge offering of affordable nosh.



Some of the eateries include Sukiya, Collins, City Hotpot and Le Shrimp Ramen for the cold nights. (Image source: TheSmartLocal)

As for the snack monsters, you'll have plenty to feed your addictions with bubble tea store like KOI (#B1-05), Mr Coconut (#01-08), alongside snack stalls like CROLO by Swee Heng (#B1-04), Jollibean (#B1-01), and KAZO (#01-11).



Get your sugar rush with The Alley at #01-12. (Image source: TheSmartLocal)

Those are just the tip of the iceberg; there are plenty more familiar chain restaurants here, including IPPUDO, Kenny Rogers, Sanook Kitchen, and Sushi Express at Sengkang Grand Mall.

There's also the new Buangkok Hawker Centre, located on the 2nd floor of the mall with 38 stalls and about 700 seats.

You'll find familiar local staples like yong tau foo and chicken rice, as well as franchises from restaurants like Penang Alley (#02-K11) and Ming Chung Restaurant (#02-K06).



Get your dose of char kway teow from Penang Alley and min jiang kueh from Munchi Pancakes at the newly opened Buangkok Hawker Centre. (Image source: Eatbook)

Go grocery shopping at a next-level supermarket

A “playground” for adults in its own right, supermarkets are where many of us can spend hours on end just wandering around. Down in the basement, you’ll be able to find the latest FairPrice Finest (#B1-14) with 13,400sqft of space filled with rows of organic and special dietary products, as well as themed corners.



The Scan & Go payment system at FairPrice Finest gives you the opportunity to cut the queue and escape from the crowd during peak hours. (Image source: FairPrice)

Best of all, you can even make payments here using the new Scan & Go payment system which allows you to scan your products and make payment online. There’s no longer a need to wait in line – a huge time-saver, especially if you’re grocery shopping during peak periods.

Enrichment centres for kids

Since Sengkang Grand Mall is in the heartlands, you can expect a slew of enrichment centres on top of the usual host of retail shops you’d find in a typical heartland mall.

Give your kids a head start on their education by enrolling them in MindChamps PreSchool (#02-05), which has classes for little ones as young as 2 months.



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If they're proving to be tiny geniuses, then maybe have them take a class or two at NK Robotics (#02-15). They run basic coding classes that'll introduce kids to how programming languages work. Those more advanced will even be trained in Python, an in-demand skill for crypto jobs these days.

As they get older, you can send them to The Eton Academy (#02-02), Stalford Learning Centre (#02-16), or AGrader Learning Centre (#02-04). These provide tuition and enrichment classes for kids from the primary school level up to junior college.

Swing by the latest mall in town, Sengkang Grand Mall

The Northeast is surely brimming with life with the recent opening of Northshore Plaza I and II and now, the chic 3-storey Sengkang Grand Mall. The crowds were coming in hot when we visited on a weekday afternoon, so prepare for a bit of jostling if you're coming during the weekends.



Grand Millennium Beijing Celebrates Its 15th Anniversary With Fanfare And Appreciation

The Grand Millennium Beijing management team, led by General Manager Mr Jacky Tian, toasting to the continued success of the hotel.

Grand Millennium Beijing marked its 15th year anniversary with an elegant celebration on 15 November at the TCB restaurant, located on the first floor of the hotel. Guests at the event included well-known corporate VIPs and media friends, who offered their congratulations on the hotel's 15 years of dedicated hospitality service and achievements.

On the day of the event, the hotel was festively decorated in the Millennium red colour, creating a grand and vibrant atmosphere. The eye-catching "Time Post Office" and anniversary display counter set up in the lobby attracted many guests, some of whom even took photos with the displays.



The hotel designed unique anniversary displays to mark the occasion, which attracted much positive attention from guests.

At the evening event, the renowned chef team presented a variety of delicious dishes and wines, providing guests with an unforgettable dining experience.



Guests were greeted by a festive and vibrantly decorated restaurant and enjoyed an exquisite dinner prepared by the hotel's renowned chef and culinary team.

During the celebration, Mr Tian Ye, General Manager of Grand Millennium Beijing, shared in his welcome speech, "We aim to provide every guest who comes with an unforgettable experience of being at home. At this special moment, we appreciate the companionship and full support of our guests and partners these 15 years. It is because of you that Grand Millennium Beijing has been successful and reached this milestone."

In the future, Grand Millennium Beijing will strive to create even better experiences for its guests and to reach new heights in service excellence.



The Chanel Métiers D'art Show – A Taste Of Manchester And Lowry Hotel

The Chanel Métiers d'Art show is an annual event that celebrates the artisanal houses that contribute to fashion.

Every year, Virginie Viard would take the Chanel Métiers d'Art show to the street. This year, she chose Manchester as she has long been obsessed with the city's punkish, youthful spirit and musical history to pay homage to Gabrielle “Coco” Chanel’s connection to the British heritage of using tweed and English tailoring techniques.

The show will transform Manchester’s Thomas Street into an extraordinary outdoor catwalk for Chanel.

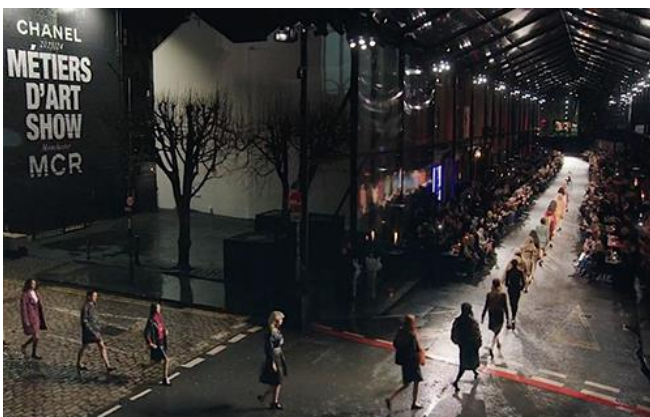


Image source: [ilovemanchester](#)



Image source: [Chanel](#)

Set to a soundtrack that included generation-spanning rock from New Order and Joy Division, the show featured a lineup composed of many skirt variations and an entire shoe roster of modern flat Mary Janes. Models stomped the pavement in Technicolor tweed suits and sets, with mod-era mini hem lengths and Bermuda shorts shown throughout.

The coat dresses were beautifully constructed, rendered in Shetland wool decorated with signature Chanel chains. Viard updated 1960s-style babydoll dresses and slips with open lacework and intricate embroidery, dressed up with strings of pearls or dressed down with logoed football club scarves.

There was something for every woman at every age—another testament to the Director's democratic and practical vision for Chanel.



Image source: Chanel

With the big Chanel fashion show heading to the city for the first time, Manchester's top luxury hotels, including The Lowry Hotel, were all booked out.

Adrian Ellis, the General Manager of Salford's five-star Lowry Hotel and the Chairman of the Manchester Hotels' Association, shared that Chanel coming to the city was a "huge boost" for the hospitality sector.



The Lowry Hotel's renovated presidential suite which features a complete reconfiguration and redesign.



Adrian Ellis is the General Manager of The Lowry Hotel and chairs the Manchester Hotels' Association. (Image source: Manchester Evening News)

Adrian Ellis shared, "We are very pleased to see Chanel take out not only our hotel but also several other hotel beds during their programme. On behalf of the Manchester Hotel Association, we are pleased to see Chanel in the city, taking over several properties and bedrooms over a couple of days."



Vacation Creepy Crawlers: Millennium Hotels And Resorts Keep The Bedbugs At Bay

With the recent bedbug infestation, Mr Andy Tan, Millennium Hotels' Senior Vice President, Global Operations and Partnership, shares how MHR prevents and tackles bedbug infestation across the Group's hotels.

Bedbugs and the itchy, red bites they impose are not souvenirs you want to bring home after a well-deserved vacation. These hardy, fast-multiplying critters can hitchhike into hotels—and not just the cheap, roadside lodges, but luxury hotels and resorts too.

The talk of Paris Fashion Week has been the bedbugs. The pest has popped up in trains, airports and movie theatres, fanning fears that they may also be lurking in hotels, an echo of New York City's mid-2000s bedbug panic.

The cities and decades may be different, but the scourge is eternal.



Pest experts recommend checking your hotel bed and mattress for bed bugs before you get settled in. (Image source: Nipcam)

Bedbugs do not just live in beds. These apple seed-size insects can hide out in furniture, waiting for their chance to come out, usually at night, to feed on the blood of humans (and pets') blood while they sleep.

If you stay in a room with the bug, it can catch a ride home with you in your suitcase, causing a costly and stubborn infestation.

With this infestation that is happening worldwide, Mr Andy Tan, senior vice-president of global operations and partnership at Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR), is here to save guests from any unpleasant mem(bug)ory.

How does MHR prevents bedbug infestation?

Mr Andy Tan shares that MHR regularly conducts preventive maintenance programmes through a contracted professional pest controller to prevent bedbugs in its hotels.

MHR's employees are also trained to spot and detect early signs of bedbug infestation, such as small black spots, shed coverings or eggshells on bedsheets and mattresses.



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What happens when a bedbug is detected?

He added that in rare cases involving bedbug infestation, MHR hotels will immediately isolate the affected room and its surrounding areas for comprehensive cleaning and extermination procedures to ensure other rooms and guests remain unaffected.

Personal preventive measures

Even if you return from your trip without a bite, unpack your bags in your bathroom against a light-coloured surface to spot any bugs, then shake out the clothing in a bathtub or shower and vacuum out your luggage.

You should put your clothes in the dryer as soon as possible and run it in the hottest setting for at least 20 minutes to kill bugs and eggs.

If you think an item has bedbugs but it cannot go in the dryer, seal it in an airtight plastic bag and leave it in a warm area for six months – the time it takes for the bugs to die from lack of water.

CDLHT Shifts Singapore's Focus To Boost Occupancy Take-Up Rates

Despite challenges during the pandemic, hospitality has shown its operational and financial resilience over time, says Mr Vincent Yeo, CEO of the managers of CDL Hospitality Trusts. (Image source: The Business Times)

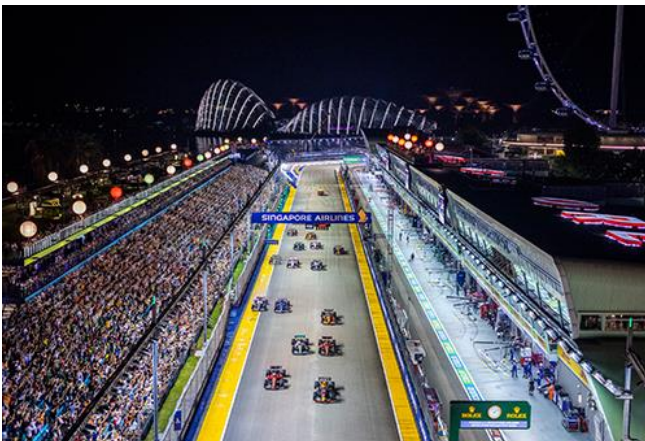
CDL Hospitality Trust (CDLHT) is shifting its focus to occupancy take-up rates with a strong events line-up, robust tourism infrastructure and enduring wanderlust.

CDLHT has been riding the recovery in the hospitality sector, on the back of what its head honcho, Mr Vincent Yeo, terms the “evolution of hotel room rates” in its core market of Singapore.

For a long time, room rates in Singapore were significantly lower than in other capital cities, despite hotels here running at very high occupancies. However, things began to change last year as Singapore emerged from the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Hotels accepted lower occupancy but achieved higher room rates, ultimately collecting more revenue. The next phase of revenue maximisation, at least for CDLHT, is to build up occupancy, which has yet to catch up with pre-Covid levels,” said Mr Yeo.

Data from the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) shows that the average room rate hit S\$325.46 a night in September this year. This was up 13.4 per cent from the previous month and was the highest level since in January 2008.



Events such as the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix boosted tourism and average room rates for hotels for Formula One teams, fans, and music festival attendees from around the globe. (Image source: Danamic)



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At CDLHT's Singapore hotels, the occupancy figure for the first nine months of this year was 75.2 per cent, lower than the 86.2 per cent in the corresponding period in 2019.

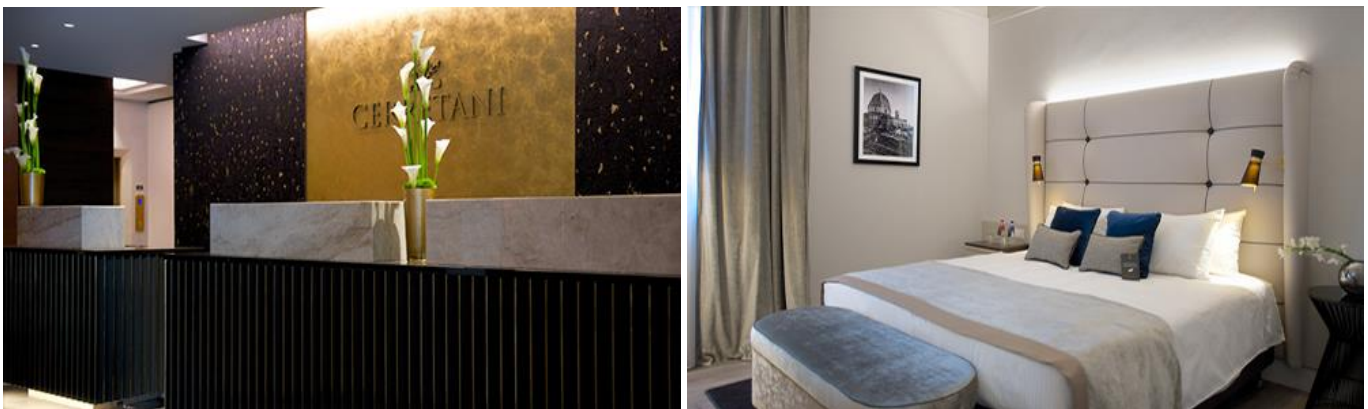
But Mr Yeo is optimistic about Singapore's ability to pull in visitors, "The events calendar is getting stronger, with a string of concerts and conferences in 2024. Another draw is the development of the local culinary scene," he added.

"Tourism offerings are getting better by the year. STB and the Singapore government are doing an excellent job in terms of the whole tourism infrastructure and air connectivity that's being built up."

Wanderlust

Mr Yeo also pointed to the strong desire for travel that has manifested post-Covid. "We've seen this phenomenon in many parts of the world, including at our hotel in Florence, Italy, where people are prepared to pay room rates that are 40 to 50 per cent above the 2019 level."

He acknowledged there is an element of pent-up travel but added: "In the context that the economic environment is so poor right now, and that there are still enough people willing to pay premium room rates, really attests to the strength of the wanderlust element. I find this very encouraging for tourism, that if you have the right product and the right experience for people, they will pay."



Hotel Cerretani Firenze – MGallery is a 4-star hotel located in the heart of Florence's historic city, within walking distance to famous attractions including the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore (Il Duomo), Basilica of Santa Croce, Piazza della Signoria and Ponte Vecchio.

Even when pent-up demand recedes, some of those who had held back on travelling due to financial restraint will travel again or do so more extensively as economies, including China's," said Yeo.

Not putting all its eggs in one basket

Prospects for hospitality groups such as CDLHT are markedly brighter these days compared with during the pandemic, when most air travel was halted and hotels survived on the quarantine business from the Singapore government and later on, the staycation business from residents stuck here.

That said, the lessons learnt from the episode – including the importance of diversification, not only geographically but in terms of business activity – have not been lost on the stapled group.

In July 2021, CDLHT said it would broaden its principal investment mandate from hospitality assets to include other segments of the accommodation spectrum, or "living sector", including rental housing and purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA). In the following month, the stapled group entered the build-to-rent (BTR) residential sector for a development in Manchester, involving an investment of £73.3 million (S\$136 million).



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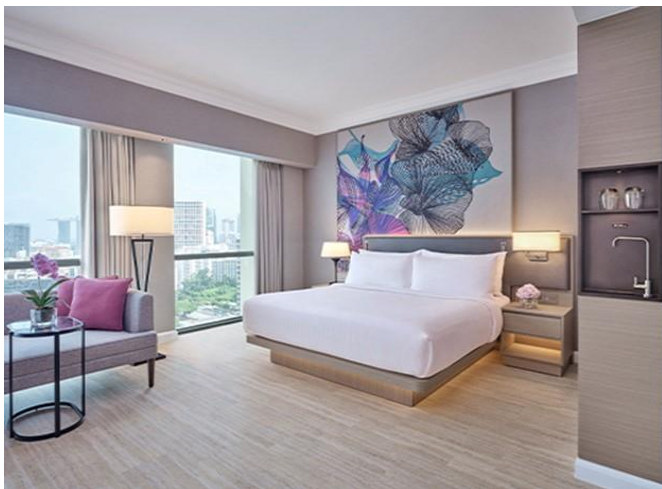


The Castings, located in Piccadilly East, a rapidly emerging mixed-use neighbourhood focused on providing a high-quality public realm, vibrant ground floor activity and some of the best connectivity, working and living environments in the city.

“The rental housing market has been extremely strong in the UK. High-interest rates on mortgages have deterred many potential homebuyers, who have had to turn to the rental sector,” said Yeo.

With hotel acquisitions also affected by the same issue, the group has concentrated on refurbishing its hospitality assets to maximise their potential.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel’s competitive edge in the meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (Mice) business has been sharpened, following a complete revamp of its conference facilities. Hotel rooms in the property, next to the Singapore River and near Havelock MRT station, have also been spruced up.



Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, a 5-star hotel, underwent a nine-month revamp that commenced in October 2022. The S\$30 million renovation showcases a sophisticated redesign of all 574 guestrooms and suites with eco-friendly features, expanded conference facilities, and upgraded public spaces aimed at providing guests with a memorable experience.

Lifestyle orientation

Over the years, CDLHT has also catered to the growing demand for lifestyle-oriented hotels, with its acquisitions of W Singapore – Sentosa Cove in July 2020 and Hotel Brooklyn in Manchester in 2022. Another lifestyle offering in the pipeline, Moxy Singapore Clarke Quay, is expected to be completed in late 2025.

When the interest rate environment normalises, acquisitions will return to centre stage in CDLHT’s growth strategy. Target markets include the UK, the rest of Europe, Japan and Singapore.

For all real estate classes in Singapore, including hotels, values have gone up over time, Yeo noted. “Despite all the trials and tribulations we’ve seen in recent times, hospitality has shown its operational and financial resilience over time.”

CDLHT owns 19 operating assets, comprising 16 hotels (in Singapore, Auckland, Perth, Tokyo, Manchester and Cambridge in the UK, Munich and Florence), two resorts in the Maldives, and the Claymore Connect mall adjoining Orchard Hotel.



(Left) Pullman Hotel Munich is a 4-star hotel with 337 rooms and a comprehensive suite of facilities, as well as secondary spaces currently let out to four retail and seven office tenants. The hotel is also in proximity to many of Munich's popular tourist destinations including the English Garden, the BMW headquarters, the Olympic park and the Allianz Arena, home of FC Bayern Munich. (Right) Raffles Maldives Meradhoo is a 38-villa resort is an all-suite resort comprising a presidential villa (Royal Residence) and one to two-bedroom villas (16 overwater villas; 21 beachfront villas) ranging from approximately 220 to 300 sq m, each with its own private pool. The resort competes at the top end of the Maldives luxury market and the extremely spacious villas are among the largest in the destination.

CDL has also been building up its presence in other living sectors, including PRS in the UK, Japan, US and Australia, as well as PBSA in the UK; it could sell some of these assets to CDLHT.

"Increasingly, we're living in a more erratic global environment, be it interest rates, inflation, wars, (or) pandemics... It doesn't change our outlook in terms of the desire to grow and expand; it's just about taking a longer-term view," said Mr Yeo.

"Our focus now is delivering the right products to our customers."



Millennium & Copthorne Hotels New Zealand Completes Acquisition Of Sofitel Brisbane Central Hotel

Sofitel Brisbane Central is within a vibrant cultural scene in the inner city and close to the South Bank and Fortitude Valley neighbourhoods that offer an exciting array of restaurants, bars and cafés.

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels New Zealand Limited (MCK) and its parent company Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Limited (M&C), subsidiaries of Singapore-listed City Developments Limited (CDL), complete the acquisition of the Sofitel Brisbane Central hotel in Australia from Brookfield Asset Management at A\$177.7 million (approximately NZ\$190.8 million*), or A\$427,000 (approximately NZ\$458,625*) per key (the Acquisition).

The acquisition used MCK's existing financial cash resources and bank funding facilities of NZ\$20.0 million to complete its share of the acquisition.

MCK Managing Director Stuart Harrison outlined what the newly acquired hotel would bring to MCK's overall business.

"The impact to our overall revenue and profit for 2023 as a result of settling the purchase, will be minimal as we will not be receiving any meaningful contributions from its operations before our 31 December year-end. We have been able to monitor the hotel's overall trading performance this year which has included events such as FIFA Women's World Cup, a State of Origin rugby league game and other international artist events which show how strong the Brisbane and Queensland locations are. We are encouraged by its strong performance in 2023 especially in its key corporate and leisure market segments where Central Brisbane hotels recorded September YTD occupancy of ~73% and ADR of ~A\$235."

"The settling of this acquisition will be a critical step forward in our "Revive" strategy and we expect that the hotel's performance will help to enhance MCK's overall results next year as we optimise operations in New Zealand and create new opportunities in Australia", said Mr. Harrison.



Sofitel Brisbane Central's luxurious interiors, combined with its renowned personalised service, provide comfort and sophistication that are rare at other 5-star hotels in Brisbane. (Image source: Sofitel Brisbane Central)

Mr. Harrison noted that Sofitel Brisbane Central has unique strengths as an established fixture in the Brisbane / Queensland market for meetings, conferences, and incentives and the hotel would continue to be managed by the Accor Group as a Sofitel hotel.

"Its key strengths in many areas made this acquisition very attractive. We were particularly aware of its reputation in the Australian Conference and Incentive ('C&I') Market. MCK also has a long-established reputation as a leading player in the New Zealand C&I markets so one of our immediate priorities will be to determine what synergies we can create between that hotel and our network to maximise revenue and client demand for both".

"Having the ability to host events at MCK-owned properties in New Zealand and Australia will be beneficial for us in the medium to long term", he said.



Ballroom Le Grand is a magnifique event space and the largest of the conference venues in a Brisbane-based hotel. The ballroom has hosted grand events from gala dinners to international business conferences. There is extraordinary versatility as the ballroom is entirely pillarless. (Image source: Sofitel Brisbane Central)



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Sofitel Brisbane Central at a glance:

- Location: 249 Turbot Street, Brisbane City QLD 4000, Australia
- The Hotel: A 5-star landmark hotel prominently located in the heart of Brisbane CBD, overlooking ANZAC Square and Post Office Square, with direct access to Central Railway Station, the city's main transport hub.
- Rooms & Suites: 416 (379 rooms and 37 suites)
- Restaurant & Bars: 6 restaurants, bars and lounges
- Meetings & Conferences: Ballroom Le Grand and 8 meeting rooms
- Facilities:
 - Heated outdoor swimming pool and sundeck, plus an Elite high-performance gym
 - Spa, hair salon and medical clinic
 - Undercover parking for 220 vehicles
 - Rooftop helicopter pad



Suzette (left) overlooks Anzac Square with a stunning panoramic city view whilst indulging in refined French-inspired dishes incorporating the finest locally sourced produce. PRIVÉ (right) is a magnifique private dining that unlocks a gastronomic experience where the richness of the décor matches the fragility yet robust flavours of a French-inspired menu. (Image source: Sofitel Brisbane Central)

(*NZD / AUD exchange rates used are 1 / 0.9314 as at 30 November 2023)

M Social Hotel Suzhou Scores With Visit From Shandong Luneng Taishan Football Team



M Social Hotel Suzhou staff with two members from the Shandong Luneng Taishan Football Team. With the hotel's exemplary service, the football team were able to prepare well for the competition.

M Social Hotel Suzhou had the privilege of hosting the Shandong Luneng Taishan Football Team from 23 – 26 November as they competed in the 2023 Chinese Football Association Cup. With remarkable teamwork and professional competence, the team successfully clinched the runner-up position, creating an unforgettable memory for fans.

Throughout their stay, M Social Hotel Suzhou spared no efforts in providing a comfortable and tranquil stay for the football team. The hotel's dining and kitchen team tailored daily nutritious meals for their medical team and provided ample logistical support to help the team members quickly adapt to the new surroundings and prepare for the competition.



Excitement was in the air as the team members interacted with fans and guests at the hotel, signing autographs and taking photos with delighted fans.



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Mr Max Zhang, General Manager of M Social Hotel Suzhou, expressed, "As a member of the hotel team, I sincerely thank every member of the Shandong Luneng Taishan Football Team for their resilience and perseverance displayed during the competition. Your achievements not only shine for the team and the city but also enhance the entire community. We firmly believe that this runner-up honour is just the prelude to many more brilliant accomplishments in your future, with numerous shining moments awaiting you."

This competition has been an incredible journey, and M Social Hotel Suzhou is honoured to have been the team's 'home away from home' during the matches. The hotel will always open its doors to the team and looks forward to continuing the partnership in the future.

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Creating New Possibilities At The M Social Hotel Suzhou Brand Experience Day

The Brand Experience Day at M Social Hotel Suzhou was a resounding success, marking a promising start for the exciting new hotel.

M Social recently debuted its first Chinese location in Suzhou with a "Brand Experience Day" on 7 November, with senior brand executives and over 40 media outlets attending the lifestyle event.

Situated in a prominent location near Jinji Lake and Gate of the Orient, M Social Hotel Suzhou is close to Times Square, Jiu Guang Department Store, Eslite Spectrum, Suzhou International Expo Center, Suzhou Culture and Arts Centre and other business and shopping areas. The interiors of the hotel, built by renowned architect KCA International, are designed to encourage gathering and the sharing of experiences in a welcoming and informal setting where creativity and energy converge with traditional and contemporary aspects.

Attendees at the event were enthralled by the architectural features and design of the hotel, such as the rich visual experience created by the dynamic electronic art screens and shifting lighting effects on the digital art ceiling and the 25th-floor sky lobby with its open layout, cloud-pattern panels, concrete-framed chandelier, and exposed metal grills.



Event attendees were impressed by the hotel's stylish and innovative design, state-of-the-art technology, and picturesque views.

To engage the attendees and encourage them to explore the hotel, M Social Hotel Suzhou planned several fun activities such as the "Chair" journey, where various chairs with distinctive features were placed in specific parts of the hotel and guests searched for clues to find these chairs.



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Attendees also enjoyed regional delicacies from Suzhou and well-known international dishes at the 25th-floor Beast & Butterflies restaurant, which features a relaxed open kitchen and a stylish atmosphere. The hotel has three restaurants and bars, each with its unique features to offer guests a memorable dining experience.

"We chose Suzhou as our destination for the first M Social hotel in China because this city has a unique atmosphere that combines tradition and modernity," said Mr Max Zhang, General Manager of M Social Hotel Suzhou, at the Brand Experience Day. "The M Social brand offers limitless opportunities and excitement, is full of innovation, and encourages interpersonal communication. The hotel's design is an excellent example of how crucial it is to combine heritage and innovation. We strive to give our customers a new level of luxury experience by utilising cutting-edge technology and specialised brand services."

M Social was first launched in Singapore in 2016 to cater to the young, 'brave' and social media savvy. With the opening of M Social Hotel Suzhou, the brand now has five physical locations including Singapore, Auckland, New York and Paris. It also has a virtual hotel, M Social Decentraland, marking MHR the world's first hospitality group to enter the metaverse. In the future, M Social will grow its brand in other locations and cities, enabling more people to enjoy the unique characteristics and possibilities of the M Social brand.

For more information on M Social Hotel Suzhou, please visit:

<https://www.msosial.com/en/suzhou/m-social-suzhou>



CDL Sells High-End Residential Land Parcel At Shirokane, Tokyo For JPY 50 Billion

The site was formerly the residence of Kintaro Hattori, founder of Japanese watchmaker, Seiko Group.

City Developments Limited (CDL) has divested a high-end residential site in Tokyo for JPY 50 billion (S\$495.5 million) as it shifts to focus on rental residences in Japan.

The high-end residential was a freehold site in Shirokane, an upscale neighbourhood in the capital's Minato ward.

"By divesting this asset, we are able to strategically recycle our capital and allocate it towards new and better yielding investments," said Mr Gerald Yong, Chief Investment Officer of CDL. "In particular, we are focusing on Japan multi-family assets, which have shown strong growth potential and provide stable cash flows."

CDL first acquired the parcel in September 2014 through a jointly established Japanese special purpose company. The joint effort secured the land from Seiko for JPY 30.5 billion (now S\$302.0 million).



The 16,815 square metre (180,995 square foot) land parcel is occupied by a mansion which was once the residence of Kintaro Hattori, founder of Japanese watch maker Seiko Group.



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The banner features a festive design with gold and red ornaments, a circular seal that says 'WISHING YOU A Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR', and the text 'Celebrate Joyous Season Enjoy up to 3.30% p.a. or 3.25% p.a. for 6 & 9 months or 3.25% p.a. for 12 months'.

Celebrate the joyous season with up to 3.30% p.a. for 6 & 9 months or 3.25% p.a. for 12 months with Hong Leong Finance's fixed deposit account.

What is a fixed deposit?

Fixed deposits are interest-generating bank accounts with a pre-determined maturity. They let you grow your money at a fixed rate over a period (referred to as 'tenure' or 'tenor').

Fixed deposits' interest rates follow the current market's interest rate. Hence, they are infamously known for having low-interest rates. However, Hong Leong Finance is offering attractive deposit rates.

Christmas Offering

Hong Leong Finance has a promotional Christmas offering rate as of 6th December 2023:

Deposit Amount	6-Month	9-Month	12-Month
S\$20,000 and above	3.30%	3.30%	3.25%

Eligibility

You need to be at least 15 years old to set up a fixed deposit, senior citizens aged 55 years old can qualify for a bonus rate on longer tenures.

Minimum Initial Deposit

- S\$500 for board rates. (S\$10,000 for 1- 2 months tenures.)
- Varies for promotion rates.

How to open a Hong Leong Fixed deposit account?

Existing customers can apply for the account online. New customers will have to visit a branch with their NRIC (for Singaporeans and PR) or Passport with Proof of employment, dependency, or student pass (for foreigners).

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"The Times Building will be specially illuminated in honour of the birth of 1908," announced The New York Times on December 31, 1907. The exact moment of the New Year's arrival will be signalled by the dropping of an electrically illuminated ball above the tower. The ball will be five feet in diameter, and light for it will be supplied by 216 electric lamps.

An iconic Times Square New Year's Eve celebration is not only a New York tradition, it's a global phenomenon. The eyes of the world turn to the land of LED screens to witness one of the best NYC events in December and for some, it is *the* best thing to do on New Year's Eve, including star-studded parties, the inevitable surprise engagement, and a chance to be featured on live television.

For a guaranteed view of the Live Ball Drop, there's no better than at the M Social Hotel in Times Square. The elegant hotel boasts luxury furnishings and upscale accommodations, but even more spectacular is what you will see from the venue; a stunning view of the Manhattan skyline and the nearby Broadway theatres that make up Great White Way, and all the lights and magic of Times Square.

And with the Ball Drop celebration taking place right outside, only the best will do for our vaunted guests with a GUARANTEED sensational live view of the Ball Drop! No other Times Square venue can offer the same experience luxuriously. You will forge unforgettable memories while witnessing one of the greatest public spectacles in the world.



Beast & Butterflies is a private oasis perched above the electrifying hustle and bustle of Times Square, Beast & Butterflies invites you to lounge, gaze, dream and enjoy cocktails & bites in a vibrant atmosphere inspired by the wonders of New York City.

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What are YOU waiting for? Embrace the magic of the moment, the energy of Times Square, and the comfort of our premium accommodations with M Social now!

Plan for your next NYE and book your stay via the M Social website!



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A gorgeous floral display from Wild at Heart at Bicester Village; a luxury shopping destination in Oxfordshire.

A luxury shopping experience elevated for your pleasure

Millennium Hotel London Knightsbridge and The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington are here to take your luxury shopping experience to the next level at Bicester Village!

Stay at either of the hotels and delight in a range of delectable breakfast options before a full day of designer shopping to your heart's content.



Nestled on Sloane Street in Knightsbridge, the Millennium Hotel London Knightsbridge is in the heart of London's luxury fashion district near Knightsbridge station and Harrods, offering a contemporary take on modern hospitality for the style-conscious and culture-lovers.



The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington is a charming spot in the heart of fashionable South Kensington decked in the Victorian grandeur of a redbrick townhouse. With a history as beguiling as the five-story staircase and impressive décor, this characterful South Kensington hotel will make you wish its walls could talk.

You will enjoy a free ride to Bicester Village, receive a VIP card for a 10% discount off selected stores, exclusive access to The Apartment for a break at any time, and more. End a long shopping day with a 15% off dining or a relaxing spa session at Chelsea Harbour Hotel!

Let the shopping begin with these exclusive Bicester Village VIP Package perks:

- Overnight accommodation in a Studio Suite or above
- A range of delectable breakfast options
- 15% discount on Food and Drinks
- 10% VIP Bicester Village Card
- Free transportation to Bicester Village for bookings of Studio Suites and above
- Exclusive access to Bicester Village's by-invitation-only space, The Apartment, for a relaxing break to unwind with complimentary light refreshments
- Hands-free shopping where you can fully enjoy the shopping experience without the hassle of carrying your purchases. Simply leave your buys with the boutique assistants and they will be ready for you to collect at The Apartment upon departure from Bicester Village
- Spa access and gym access available at Chelsea Harbour Hotel
- High-Speed multi-device Wi-Fi during your stay
- My Millennium reward points

The perfect destination this summer for fashion & food experiences



Bicester Village is a luxury shopping destination in Oxfordshire and is home to over 160 leading designer fashion brands including Jo Malone, Burberry, Oscar De La Renta, Gucci and more, Bicester Village is the UK's leading luxury designer outlet with savings of up to 60% off recommended retail prices and tax returns for those visiting outside the UK and Europe.

Together with a selection of restaurants and cafés, the Village offers luxury services that include Valet Parking, Hands-free Shopping, the award-winning Bicester Visitor Centre, and onsite tax refund and money change service.

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Soak In The Sun & Travel The Islands With M Social Phuket!

Phuket is one of those places you can keep going back repeatedly, even if you visit the same beaches, night markets and islands.

Embark on your ultimate Phuket adventure with M Social Phuket!

Picture yourself waking up to stunning sunrises and mouthwatering meals, diving into thrilling adventures with a guided island tour. And to top it all off, embrace 60 minutes of pure relaxation with a spa treatment for two.



Instagrammable sanctuaries of relaxation to unwind in style with a glass of your favourite cocktail or mocktail.

Sounds exciting yet? Stay with M Social Phuket and they will have you covered from the moment you arrive, with complimentary airport transfers when you reserve in advance.

Phuket is calling, and your dream getaway is just a button away, with no upfront payment required. Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of Phuket!



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The hotel rooms are designed with modern contemporary furnishing with warm and inviting elements for a cosy night's rest after a good day of fun.

Key Perks

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner for 2 adults
- Guided Island Tour (includes: speed boat trip and snorkeling equipment)
- 60-mins Spa Treatment for 2 adults
- Complimentary 2-way Airport Transfers (A reservation must be made at least one day in advance)
- Free Cancellation 3-days prior to arrival

Join My Millennium for free to get additional 5% off instantly. Existing My Millennium members can log in and start choosing their favourite offers to enjoy the discount immediately.

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- Valid credit card required*. A valid Credit Card is required to confirm your reservation.
- To arrange airport transfers, kindly send an email to reservations.msp@millenniumhotels.com at least 24 hours before your arrival.
- Free Cancellation*. Please cancel your reservation by 12pm local hotel time three days prior to arrival to avoid a one night charge to the method of guarantee.

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Usher In The Glorious Year Of The Dragon With Lai Ching Yuen, Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur

Experience the quintessence of Cantonese cuisine with one of the best Dim Sum at Lai Ching Yuen – the finest Chinese restaurant in Kuala Lumpur.

Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur is ushering in the Year of the Dragon with a sumptuous selection of offerings at its Chinese restaurant, Lai Ching Yuen, with exciting selections of Chinese New Year set menus, Yee Sang, exclusive a la carte, and Dim Sum specials from 2 January to 25 February 2024!

For this Chinese New Year, the Executive Chef of Lai Ching Yuen, Thye Yoon Kong and his team have curated three sets of nine-course Prosperity Menus for families to gather exquisitely.

The Bejewelled Prosperity Set (珠光宝气宴)



Chinese Wax Meat Rice wrapped in Lotus Leaf.

The Bejewelled Prosperity (**RM2,288++**)* starts with the Yee Sang with Jelly Fish and Crispy Fish Skin (大展鸿图 其捞生 - 海蜇脆鱼皮捞生), followed by a nourishing Double-boiled Chicken Soup with Dry Scallop, Sea Cucumber and Cordyceps Flower (喜气洋洋 - 虫草花干贝海参炖鸡汤) and Steamed Green Eye Grouper in Hot Oil (如意吉祥 - 油泡青眼斑).

The star dish of the menu, the Roasted Crispy Duck in Hong Kong Style (心想事成 - 港式烧鸭) is a signature dish of Chef Lam. The menu continues with a Salt and Pepper Slipper Lobster with Crispy Enoki Mushroom (嘻哈大笑 - 椒盐金菇虾婆), Stir-fried Hong Kong Kai Lan with Garlic (富贵荣华 - 蒜蓉炒芥兰) and Chinese Wax Meat Rice wrapped in Lotus Leaf (一帆风顺 - 腊味芋粒荷叶饭).

The meal ends with a classic treat, Crispy Yam Nian Gao (步步高升 - 香芋炸年糕) and Chilled Sweetened Longan and Sea Coconut (团团圆圆 - 冻龙眼雪耳海底椰).



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Seasons of Harmony Set (四季平安宴)

Seasons of Harmony (**RM2,288++**)* includes a Yee Sang with Sliced Norwegian Salmon and Crispy Fish Skin (鸿运当头齐捞生 - 三文鱼脆鱼皮捞生), Double Boiled Chicken Soup with Dry Scallop, Sea Cucumber and Agaricus Blazei (大战鸿运 - 松茸干贝海参炖鸡汤) and the Steamed Red Star Grouper in Hot Oil (年年有余 - 油泡红星斑), and the signature Baked Iberico Pork Ribs (龙精虎猛 - 西班牙排骨).

The highlight is the Wok-fried King Prawn in “Bei Fong Tong” Style (荣华富贵 - 避风塘大生虾), followed by a Chinese Wax Meat Rice Wrapped in Lotus Leaf (一团和气 - 腊味荷叶饭). Desserts include the Crispy Yam Nian Gao (步步高升 - 香芋炸年糕) and Sweetened Red Bean Soup with Glutinous Rice Ball (金枝玉叶 - 红豆沙汤圆).



Wok-fried King Prawn in “Bei Fong Tong” Style.

Golden Abundance Set (金玉满堂宴)

The Golden Abundance (**RM3,888++**)* is specially curated for those seeking to indulge in a more extravagant feast. You will indulge in Yee Sang with Soft Shell Crab and Sliced Norwegian Salmon (财运亨通齐捞生 - 炸软壳蟹三文鱼捞生), Double-boiled Chicken Soup with Dried Scallop, Mini Abalone, and Chinese Cabbage (遍地黄金 - 菜胆干贝鲍鱼仔炖鸡汤).



Barbecued Whole Suckling Pig.

The crowning jewel, the Barbecued Whole Suckling Pig (龙晶虎猛 - 大红片全体乳猪), is prepared with a traditional charcoal cooking method. The meal continues with Steamed Red Star Grouper with Light Soy Sauce (年年有余 - 清蒸深海红星斑), Pan-fried Fresh Water King Prawn in Light Soy Sauce (大展鸿运 - 干煎豉油王大明虾), Stuffed Sea Cucumber with Sea Moss, Dried Oyster and Broccoli (好市发财 - 蚝豉发菜西兰花酿海参), and Traditional Chinese Wax Meat Rice Served in Clay Pot (多财满家 - 古法砂煲腊味饭).



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Desserts include a duo of Pan-fried and Deep-fried Nian Gao (富贵双全 - 煎炸鸳鸯年糕) and Sweetened Mango Cream with Sago (甜甜蜜蜜 - 香芒西米露).

*Each set caters for 10 persons per table. Booking is required at least one day in advance. Bookings for Prosperity Set Menus on 9 February 2024 are available for dinner only.

Toss to Prosperity

To complement the celebrations, Lai Ching Yuen has six delectable choices of Yee Sang available from 2 January to 25 February 2024 for lunch and dinner*.

Toss in the new year's blessings with either the Vegetarian Yee Sang (蓬莱仙岛捞生 - 健康素食捞生, RM88++ (half) and RM138++ (full), Yee Sang with Jelly Fish (大展鸿图齐捞生 - 海蜇捞生, RM98++ (half) and RM158++ (full), or Yee Sang with Crispy Fish Skin (发财齐捞生 - 脆鱼皮捞生, RM108++ (half) and RM158++ (full).

Premium selections such as Yee Sang with Soft Shell Crab (丰收年年齐捞生 - 炸软壳蟹捞生, RM118++ (half) and RM188++ (full)), Yee Sang with Sliced Norwegian Salmon (鸿运当头齐捞生 - 三文鱼捞生, RM118++ (half) and RM188++ (full)), and Yee Sang with Sliced Abalone (大富大贵齐捞生 - 鲍鱼片捞生, RM268++ (half) and RM498++ (full)) are available too.



Yee Sang with Sliced Norwegian Salmon and Fish Skin from the 8-course Seasons of Harmony set menu.

*Bookings for Yee Sang on 9 February 2024 are available for dinner only, the Yee Sang serves up to six persons (half portion) or 12 persons (full portion).

Exclusive Chinese New Year and Dim Sum Specials

Elevate your festivities with Chef Kong's a la carte Chinese New Year and Dim Sum Specials, curated specially for the Chinese New Year from 2 January to 25 February 2024.

With 10 dishes to choose from, the Chinese New Year Specials include signature dishes such as the Braised Pork Knuckle with Sea Moss and Oyster Sauce (红烧发财猪手, RM188++), Marinated Chinese Wine Chicken with Minced Ginger and Spring Onions (姜蓉花雕鸡, RM168++) and Salt and Pepper Slipper Lobster with Crispy Enoki Mushroom (金菇椒盐琵琶虾, RM98++), and the Barbecued Whole Suckling Pig (大红片全体乳猪) at a special price of RM688++, available for this Chinese New Year only.



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Steamed Prawn Dumpling with Black Truffle and Steamed Siew Mai topped with Mini Abalone.

Lunch diners and Dim Sum lovers can delight in 3 speciality dishes, the Steamed Prawn Dumpling with Black Truffle (黑松露海鲜虾饺, RM33++), Steamed Siew Mai topped with Mini Abalone (发财鲍鱼烧卖, RM33++), and Baked Yam Puff with Custard (炭烧流沙球, RM22++).

Early-Bird Discounts for Advanced Bookings

Book early for your reunion feasts to enjoy our early-bird discount. Enjoy 20% off on Prosperity Set Menus for bookings made by 1 February 2024.

Millennium Classic Dining Card members will also enjoy a 20% discount on Prosperity Set Menus (except from 10 February to 12 February 2024). All reservations must be made by 28 January 2024. A full deposit is required to secure bookings for an early-bird discount.

For bookings and enquiries, please contact Lai Ching Yuen via WhatsApp at +6012-204 6217 or call +603-2117 4180. Alternatively, you can visit their [website](#).

All prices are in Ringgit Malaysia, subject to a 10% service charge and prevailing taxes.

Stay connected with Lai Ching Yuen on their social media for the latest happenings and special offers:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LaiChingYuen> (Lai Ching Yuen)

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Ring In The Year Of The Dragon With Auspicious Delights By Michelin-Starred Man Ho Chinese Restaurant, JW Marriott Hong Kong

The one-star Michelin restaurant, Man Ho Chinese Restaurant, serves authentic Chinese fare, homemade dim sum, live seafood and exquisite ingredients with an extensive tea list and a wide range of quality wines from around the world. To enhance your exclusive experience, the restaurant has private dining rooms with views for social events and intimate gatherings.

Immerse in the Year of the Dragon in style with exquisite offerings from auspicious feasts and takeaway Poon Choi to signature Chinese New Year puddings and luxurious gifts by Michelin-starred Man Ho Chinese Restaurant at JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong.

Auspicious Menus and Delicacies



Man Ho Chinese Restaurant presents an array of symbolic plates of auspicious Cantonese dishes with premium ingredients to delight your Chinese New Year meals.

Relish authentic Cantonese fare by Executive Chinese Chef Jayson Tang and his culinary team with a myriad of festive classics made with premium ingredients, including Abalone Yusheng symbolising prosperity (Lo Hei, HK\$888), Braised Dried Oysters with Black Moss and Pea Sprouts representing wealth (HK\$688), Sautéed Tiger



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Garoupa Fillets with Citrus Honey Sauce expressing auspiciousness (HK\$788), Braised Bamboo Pith Rolled with Sliced Abalone, and Black Moss and Pork Tongue (HK\$388 per person).

The seasonal set menu, “Ru Yi Chinese New Year Reunion Set”, features refined delicacies such as the Baked Crab Shell Stuffed with Crab and Lobster Meat, Sautéed Lobster Fillets with Matsutake Mushrooms, Braised Premium Bird’s Nest with Crab Meat and Crab Roe, Braised Whole 8-Head Abalone with Sea Cucumber, Signature Deep-fried Crispy Chicken and more.

Opulent Poon Choi Takeaway



Lavish in a Michelin-starred takeaway Poon Choi to celebrate a prosperous new year with a grand yet hassle-free feast at home.

Embrace the spirit of reunion by inviting loved ones to a home celebration.

The Michelin-starred takeaway Poon Choi prepared by Man Ho’s culinary team offers a hassle-free yet opulent feast that pleases every palate. Signifying abundance and prosperity, the treasure pot is layered with 18 nourishing ingredients such as the Australian sea cucumber, 33-head South African dried abalone, black sea moss, goose web, shiitake mushroom, whole dried scallop, tea-smoked local Ping Yuen chicken, roasted goose, tiger prawn with shrimp roe, bean curd sheet roll with mud carp fish, pork tendon, bamboo fungus, fish maw, pomelo peel, radish, Japanese bean curd, Chinese cabbage and shrimp mousse stuffed in morel mushroom.

Elevate your enjoyment with an add-on Braised Dried Oysters (HK\$168 per piece) symbolising wealth. The Poon Choi comes with a homemade braised abalone sauce and is served in a reusable cast iron pot.



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Time-honoured Chinese New Year Puddings



Made with premium Chinese red dates, the Chinese New Year Pudding with Mashed Red Dates is a nourishing treat packed with an alluring aroma and the right amount of sweetness.

Ring in a blissful Year of the Dragon and share the blessings with your dearest ones with the sought-after traditional puddings. The Chinese New Year Pudding with Mashed Red Dates are made from high-quality red dates which exude sensational fragrance and natural sweet flavours that sweeten up the celebration.

The coveted savoury option, Turnip Pudding with Preserved Meats, is packed with umami flavours by combining prized ingredients such as locally sourced preserved sausages and Japanese dried scallops to tantalise your taste buds.

Gastronomic Gifts and Hampers



Send your best wishes with an opulent gift hamper brimming with the finest gourmet and homemade treats.

Spread the joy and good fortune with your beloveds by gifting them tasteful hampers from Man Ho. The Chinese New Year Gift Hamper (HK\$3,688 and up) is abundantly filled with handpicked premium gourmet and festive favourites such as a bottle of Martell Cognac, deluxe tea, 25-year aged tangerine peel, Man Ho Chinese New Year pudding, and more.



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Other exquisite gifts consisting of sweet and crunchy Candied Walnuts (HK\$138), Seaweed Cashews (HK\$138) with umami flavour, as well as the Homemade XO Chilli Sauce (HK\$328) made with a unique recipe are also available.

Terms and conditions:

- **Auspicious Menus and Delicacies**

The set menu is priced at HK\$18,888 for 10 guests.

- **Opulent Poon Choi Takeaway:**

Available for pre-order now via the [JW eShop](#), the takeaway Poon Choi serves six to eight persons, and is priced at HK\$988 per person (up to six persons). Each subsequent portion from the seventh person is priced at HK\$888 per person.

Pick-up is available from the 1st to the 9th of February 2024. Complimentary delivery to one single address is available on selected dates. Delivery charges may apply to remote areas.

- **Time-honoured Chinese New Year Puddings:**

Choose either an elegantly designed gift box (HK\$358) or a thermal bag (HK\$328) for the packaging. It is now available for pre-order via the [JW eShop](#) and pick-up from the 1st to 8th of February 2024.

- **Gastronomic Gifts and Hampers:**

Chinese New Year Gifts are now available for pre-order via the [JW eShop](#).

For enquiries, please call +852.2810.8366 or email jwmarriott.hk@marriott-hotels.com. Promotional offers, menu items and prices are subject to change without prior notice.

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Savour Exquisite CNY Culinary Delights At Orchard Hotel Singapore

Usher in the new year with Hua Ting's Dragon Dynasty with French Ice Lettuce Lo Hei Yu Sheng.

Prepare for a radiant Chinese New Year at Orchard Hotel Singapore, which has decked out its lobby with a festive Dragon House that proliferates with seasonal blooms to welcome this auspicious time of year.

Hua Ting Restaurant

Soar into the finest festive meal with MICHELIN selected Hua Ting's auspicious Lunar New Year Set Menus, available from 9-24 February 2024.

To start, tantalise your taste buds with exquisite appetisers such as Buddha Jumps over the Wall with Bird's Nest, and Scallops with Prawn Paste, followed by chef-curated mains including Golden Suckling Pig, Braised 4-head South African Abalone with Dried Oyster, Steamed Empurau in Superior Soya Sauce, and Sautéed Australian Lobster with Black Truffle.

Conclude your feast with the all-time favourites, Mango Sago with Peach Gum and Pomelo, and Double Boiled Almond Cream and Glutinous Rice Ball.

For takeaway treats, enjoy Hua Ting's Fortune Pot Pencai, Golden Suckling Pig, Signature Irish Roasted Duck, as well as unique goodies and snacks such as Cranberry Nougatines, Sesame Peanut Butter Kapit, and CNY Mochi Cookies. Hua Ting's traditional Nian Gao set in four flavours – traditional, osmanthus water chestnut, turnip and the new truffle and mushroom – also make a delightful gift.



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Orchard Café



Treat the family to the sumptuous 8 Treasures Prosperity buffet at Orchard Café and keep a look out for the 8 treasures in the menu!

Indulge your senses in a culinary symphony of Asian, International, and Chinese New Year dishes at Orchard Café's 8 Treasures Prosperity buffet, available from 8 January to 29 February.

The harmonious fusion of flavours will captivate your taste buds, while the traditional Chinese New Year specialities bring festive delight with its symbolism of prosperity, good fortune, and joy.

Highlights include Traditional Roasted Golden Suckling Pig, Peking Duck, Slow Roasted Black Angus Bone-in Prime Rib, Char Siew Marinated Roasted Lamb, Braised Abalone with Dried Oyster, Braised Sea Cucumber with Chinese Mushroom, Chinese Wine Braised Pork Trotter, Signature Abalone Sushi, Fish Maw and Crab Meat Soup, and Deep Fried Nian Gao with Sweet Potato.

Visit the Orchard Hotel Singapore [website](#) for more details.

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Welcome The Lunar New Year With Beast & Butterflies' Prosperity Treasure Pot

Enjoy a heartwarming family reunion meal this Lunar New Year with Beast & Butterflies' Prosperity Treasure Pot, filled with premium delicacies and rich flavours.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with your family and loved ones over Beast & Butterflies' Prosperity Treasure Pot at M Social Hotel Singapore!

Filled with seafood delicacies including Abalone, Sea Cucumber, Prawns, Dried Oyster, Roast Pork, Roast Duck and vegetables and cooked with superior stock gravy, the Prosperity Treasure Pot is a symbol of good fortune and abundance of luck to be shared with your loved ones. Suitable for small families of 2 to 4 pax.

The Prosperity Treasure Pot is exclusively available for dine-in at \$78++ and takeaway at \$98++ from 15 January 2024 onwards.

All takeaway orders must be placed at least 3 days in advance. Each takeaway set includes a claypot and a thermal bag. Additionally, a heating instruction card with a unique 4-digit number is provided to kickstart your lucky year.

Start placing your order online from 1 January 2024. Last order to be placed on 21 February 2024 and collection on 24 February 2024.

Takeaway Promotion:

- [ON-GOING] 20% off Early Bird discount till 20 January 2024
- 10% discount from 21 to 31 January 2024.

Place your order [here](#) today!

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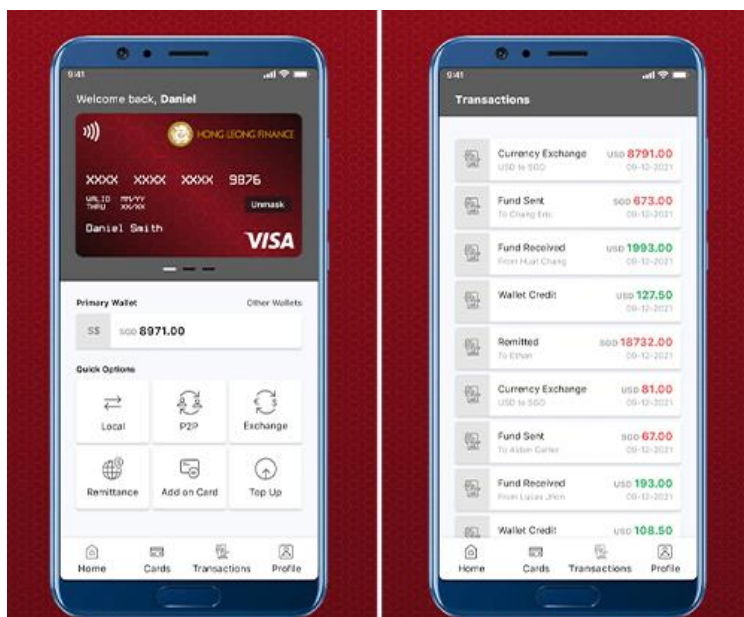
The e-wallet is compatible with more than 20 foreign currencies, put through favourable currency exchange rates that come straight from Reuters with minimal mark-ups. If that sounds too complicated, just know that you'll get to



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enjoy strong exchange rates without having to monitor the ups and downs like a hawk, or wasting your pre-vacay time queuing at money changers.

Once you reach your travel destination, you'll be able to seamlessly spend like a local and avoid any extra currency conversion charges. Hence, it makes a lot more financial sense to use **HLF FASTPAY** abroad than rack up conversion fees on your regular credit card.



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HLF FASTPAY e-wallet comes with a companion Visa debit card. That way, you can choose between paying via mobile or card. The platform is integrated with Apple Pay and Google Pay, so you can rest assured that the transactions will be snappy and secure.

Besides making payment with ease, you can also use it for online shopping, day-to-day expenses, and transfer money to your travel kakis via the app's PayNow plug-in. If you have leftover foreign currency at the end of your trip, fret not about it being "trapped" in the card and getting wasted. You can PayNow it back to yourself and spend it in SGD again!

If you're worried about overspending abroad, use **HLF FASTPAY** to track your expenses in real-time. You'll be able to set payment controls to prevent bursting your budget or limit the merchants or payment amounts that the platform can be used on. Lost your card? Use the app to lock it and nip scam transactions in the bud.

Technology has come a long way, and we now get to travel with more ease and convenience than ever before. To supercharge your next trip, make sure to take advantage of these itinerary planners, and use HLF FASTPAY to settle all your overseas spending.

Register for your HLF FASTPAY [here](#).



I'm Blue Da Ba Dee Da Ba Di~ A Journalist's Perspective Of City Square Mall's Smurfy Christmas

A sea of Smurfs at City Green Park, providing the perfect backdrop for festive photos.!

The Vent Machine recently visited City Square Mall during the festive period to soak in the Smurfy Blues. Let's dive into their unbiased take on our Smurfy City Square Mall!

A festive extravaganza for the whole family!

Picture this: a sea of adorable blue Smurfs, whimsical decorations, and the joyous laughter of families — welcome to the enchanting world of The Smurfs at City Square Mall!

I had the pleasure of attending the media preview with my daughter, and I can confidently say it was the best time we've had all season. The festive atmosphere, the charming decorations, and the overall Smurf-tastic vibe made for an unforgettable experience.



Surabhi Pandey and her daughter took a picture with Smurf's popular characters, Smurfette and Papa Smurf. Surabhi is a journalist covering topics ranging from technology to education and travel to lifestyle with a keen focus on the APAC region.

I highly recommend families make City Square Mall their go-to destination for a fun-filled holiday day out. Now, let's dive into the smurfy details!

City Square Mall was transformed into a winter wonderland straight out of Smurf Village, a 65th-anniversary celebration of The Smurfs with Nickelodeon. Smurfy's favourite characters, such as Papa Smurf to Smurfette, and hundreds of blue Smurfs can be seen throughout and surrounding the mall.



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Shopping rewards and meet & greet sessions



City Square Mall patrons showcased their love for Smurfette and Papa Smurf with dancing and snapping memorable photos with the mascots.

'Twas the season to be smurfy indeed!

City Square Mall shared its festive joy with exclusive Smurfs-themed Nickelodeon gifts with purchase and a Meet & Greet Pass with Smurfette and Papa Smurf!

Limited-edition Smurfs-themed Nickelodeon gifts



In the spirit of giving and holiday, City Square Mall is giving out limited Smurfs-themed travel accessories!

Besides an experience, City Square Mall ensures that you make your gifts stand out with limited-edition Smurfs-themed Nickelodeon Christmas wrappers. And for the stylish travellers, an exclusive Smurfs-themed Nickelodeon Travel Cubes was available for grab when they spend a minimum sum!



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Christmas Marketplace and giving back

Aligned with SG Cares Giving Week, a vibrant Christmas Marketplace offers handcrafted treasures that support local artisans, as well as booths for Enterprising Mums United (EMU) and other social enterprise organisations in support of SG Giving Week.



The Christmas Marketplace at Level 1 Atrium showcases artisan crafts to mouthwatering delights, discover the perfect gift that will make this Christmas unforgettable!

City Square Mall also partnered with Love for A Dollar (LoveFAD) to offer gift-wrapping services for just \$2 per gift. You will not just receive beautifully wrapped presents, but you'll also be supporting Care Community Services Society (CCSS), a perfect way to spread the joy and make a difference!

Jolly Jingles

With all these curated events and activities, City Square Mall provided a Very Smurfy Christmas for all to spread the joy, embrace the festive spirit, and create lasting memories with your loved ones!



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No Mountain Too High! Team Building With Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen

The energised team from Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen greatly benefitted from the team building activities and learning exchange.

Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen organised a team building activity at Wuyi Mountain from 5-7 November 2023. A total of 23 staff from each department participated in the activity to strengthen the hotel culture and teamwork, as well as facilitate a learning exchange with its sister hotel, Millennium Wuyishan Hotel.

The team building activity included a tour of Wuyi Mountain, watching a large-scale live performance of "Impression Red Gown" directed by Zhang Yimou, floating down the Jiuqu River by bamboo raft, and also a learning exchange with Millennium Wuyishan Hotel.

With the guidance of Millennium Wuyishan Hotel staff, the Xiamen hotel team toured the hotel premises, including guest rooms, villa areas, and ballrooms. Additionally, they also learned about the hotel operations, banquets, conferences, and other aspects, which will be good reference on how they can improve the hotel operations at Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen.

All staff participants enjoyed the team building activity and were greatly motivated to work with even more passion in the future!



An Enchanting Christmas & Cherished Dinner Tradition At The Beijing Riviera Country Club

Happy young participants posing with Santa and their Christmas artworks at Beijing Riviera Country Club's Christmas celebration.

Beijing Riviera Country Club welcomed Christmas this year with an enchanting event held on 16 December. With the club decked out in festive decorations, the excited children had the opportunity to meet Santa, have their pictures taken, and engage in creative Christmas crafts.

The festive market added to the celebratory joy, offering a delightful experience for both kids and adults. It was truly an enjoyable celebration that brought members together and created fond memories for all.



With something for everyone, children and adults alike had a great time at the Christmas celebration. The elevator lobby at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles that appeared in Oppenheimer's scene. (Credit www.movie-locators.com)

Families also enjoyed the Progressive Dinner held on 4 November, a cherished tradition at Beijing Riviera Country Club.

Organised by the Riviera Resident Committee, the Progressive Dinner is a time-honoured tradition that fosters a sense of community and creates lasting memories for all who participate. This delightful event brings people closer



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as they move from one home to another, enjoying various delicious courses. Laughter and conversations filled the air as children and adults alike savoured the flavours and bonded over shared experiences.



Keeping with tradition: Families enjoying the food and company at the cherished Progressive Dinner, as they shared their experiences and got to know one another better.



Lighting Up The Christmas Magic At Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai

Guests at the Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai were in for a treat with the enchanting tree lighting ceremony, festive singing by the hotel's talent employees (above) and even a visit from Santa.

The festive season at Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai got off to a sparkling start with a Christmas tree lighting ceremony on 6 December.

The hotel was transformed into a wonderland with the switching on of the Christmas tree lights at the hotel lobby, much to the delight of guests and employees. The tree lighting ceremony was accompanied by Christmas carols performed by the hotel's talented employees, which added to the celebratory mood.

About 150 corporate and media guests with their families gathered around the giant tree for the celebration and were thrilled by a surprise visit by Santa Claus, who distributed festive goodies and gifts to all the children and took pictures with them.

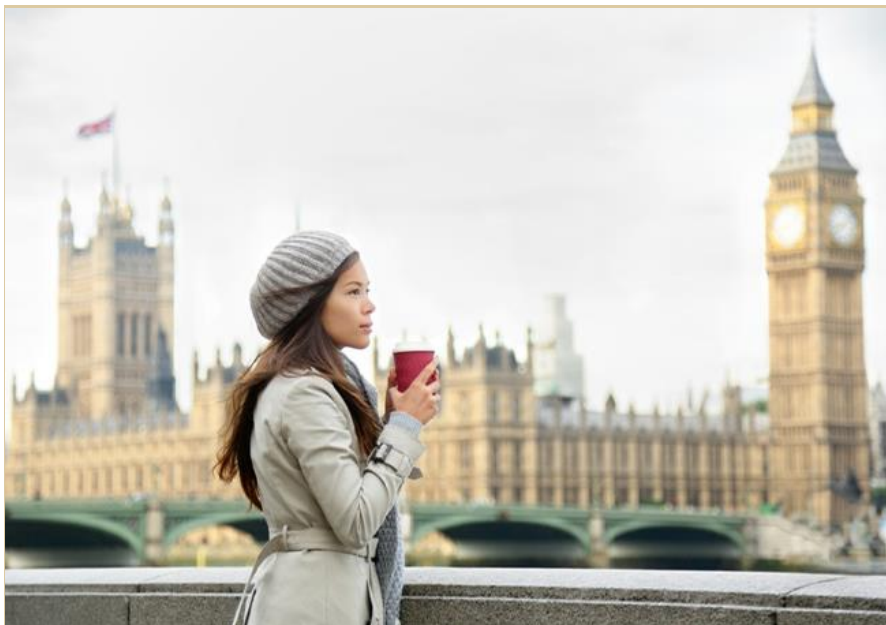


Adding much joy and festivity to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony were the talented employees who performed well-loved Christmas carols for the 150 guests at the event.



The Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai management team, led by General Manager Mr Simon Moore (3rd from left), have prepared a buffet of Christmas and New Year activities to delight its guests and create cherished memories.

Mr Simon Moore, General Manager of Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai, said, "It is the season to be merry. With a stocking full of activities, specially crafted Festive dining offers, and live performances will surely make the Christmas and New Year celebrations of our guests an unforgettable one. Let this festive season bring abundant joy and happiness to everyone. Witness a spectacular festive celebration filled with laughter and lasting memories throughout the holiday season as the hotel transforms into a mysterious wonderland with a gingerbread house and lavish feasts offering an exceptional festive treat."



Thinking Of A Solo Trip To London? We Have Just The Perfect Guide & Perks For You!

Solo travelling is one of the best ways to learn about yourself and the world and a fantastic way to grow. (Image source: LinkedIn)

London is a metropolis, which means, you'll never get bored. The city is full of culture, non-stop excitement, with that special British charm.

The United Kingdom is a dream solo travel destination because it is safe, full of friendly locals, and, of course, English speaking, so it's easy to get around. Whether you are an experienced adventurer or just looking to take your first solo trip, London is a city you just can't miss.

Ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Here's a guide to your first solo trip to London.

1. Know When to Go



London is one of the most magical places during the Christmas season. Winter Wonderland is the ultimate Christmas village, an annual Christmas carnival in Hyde Park. (Image source: somewherewithsamantha)

If you love all things "holidays," London is a great place to be around Christmas. The city lights up with decorations, ice skating rinks, Christmas markets, and delicious treats!

2. Getting Around London



The London Underground (also known simply as the Underground or by its nickname the Tube) is a rapid transit system serving Greater London and some parts of the adjacent home counties of Buckinghamshire, Essex and Hertfordshire in England. (Image source: Freerange Stock)

London is a big city, and like all big cities it has traffic, so getting between neighbourhoods can take a bit of time.

The best way to get around London is the Underground, or “the Tube.” Be sure to buy an Oyster card at the station to reload with fares for both the Tube and city buses.

3. What to Do in London



No trip to London's West End is complete without seeing a theatre show. London has some of the best plays and musicals in the world.

Museums & Tours

In London, there are so many incredible museums and best of all, many museums in London are free, like the Tate Modern, National Gallery, Museum of London, and the British Museum.

And if you love Harry Potter, you cannot miss the Studio Tour, a real bucket list destination for any fan.



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Get to a Festival or Watch a Play

There are so many world-class festivals and plays in London each year. I would highly recommend checking out an events calendar before you go. It is an excellent way to see everything from musicals, special guest DJs, jazz bands and Christmas markets.

4. Where to stay in London

London can be an expensive city for a visitor, especially the hotels. But fret not, we have picked just the right hotel for you!

The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington



Take a solo picturesque outside and within The Bailey's Hotel, there is almost a spot in every corner for that insta-worthy shot. Thank us later when you see your 'like' count! (Image source: @Aureliestory, @raffaellaferigno, and @theseptemberchronicles)

To make your solo experience feel even more liberating, the Bailey's Hotel London Kensington is offering a special perk to make you feel right at home.

At The Bailey's Hotel, solo travellers will enjoy a special rate including complimentary breakfast and a welcome drink. Stay in one of their Cosy Double rooms, ideal for a comfortable night's stay, each decorated with stylish themes inspired by British charm.



The classic cosy double rooms exude style and comfort, combining luxurious English décor with thoughtful, contemporary touches. It has everything you need for a relaxing stay, with all the latest modern amenities and unique furnishings.



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Your solo package will include a 10% discount at our famous and award-winning The Bugis Singapore Restaurant, gain free access to gym facilities and having the pleasure of a late check-out until 1:00pm; Giving you the perfect blend of privacy and a cosy comfort with us.



Be spoilt for choice with the upscale Asian restaurant, The Bugis Singapore, set on the ground floor of the elegant Bailey's Hotel, celebrating authentic Singaporean dishes influenced by Malaysian and Chinese cuisines. Take a full English vibe with an Afternoon Tea, a freshly prepared indulgence with a combination of British charm and Victorian grandeur.

Key Perks

- Complimentary Breakfast
- 10% discount from Food
- Freshen up with a Welcome Drink on the house
- Complimentary High Speed Wifi
- Complimentary Late Check-out at 1pm

Terms & Conditions

- Offer is subject to availability at The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington
- Rates are quoted per room per night unless otherwise stated. Does not include tax, gratuity or incidental charges.
- Complimentary breakfast and Welcome Drink
- Get 10% discount from Food.
- Complimentary Internet access for up to four (4) devices per room per booking.
- A valid credit card is required to confirm your reservation.

For more information, please visit the [website](#).

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Empowering Sustainability At Studio M Arabian Plaza With Electric Car Chargers

Studio M Arabian Plaza has been progressively introducing green initiatives to support UAE Sustainability Programme, including the latest installation of electric car chargers to promote eco-friendly transportation.

Excitement is buzzing at Studio M Arabian Plaza as the hotel proudly introduces electric car chargers at its parking lot, making a significant leap forward in supporting UAE Sustainability Programme.

The installation of electric car chargers reflects the hotel's dedication to providing cutting-edge amenities that align with its vision for a more sustainable future. Guests and visitors can now conveniently power up their electric vehicles, contributing to a cleaner environment and a greener mode of travel.

Committed to going green, Studio M Arabian Plaza aims to not only support eco-friendly transportation but also reduce its electricity usage and paper consumption by an ambitious 80%, with the ultimate goal of achieving 0% carbon footprint.

The hotel is implementing energy-efficient technologies throughout the hotel to significantly cut down on electricity usage, as well as embracing digital solutions to reduce paper waste, making strides toward a more eco-conscious operation.

In line with UAE Sustainability Programme and Millennium's green path, its sustainability initiatives adhere to industry-leading standards, ensuring that the efforts are both impactful and in harmony with global best practices.

As part of its commitment to community and collaboration, Studio M Arabian Plaza has teamed up with Studio M Al Barsha, its sister property, to participate in the Clean UAE campaign. Together, they will actively contribute to the broader environmental goals of the UAE, emphasising the power of collective action in creating a cleaner, more sustainable future.



Bringing Holiday Cheer To Underprivileged Children With Sustainable Christmas Market

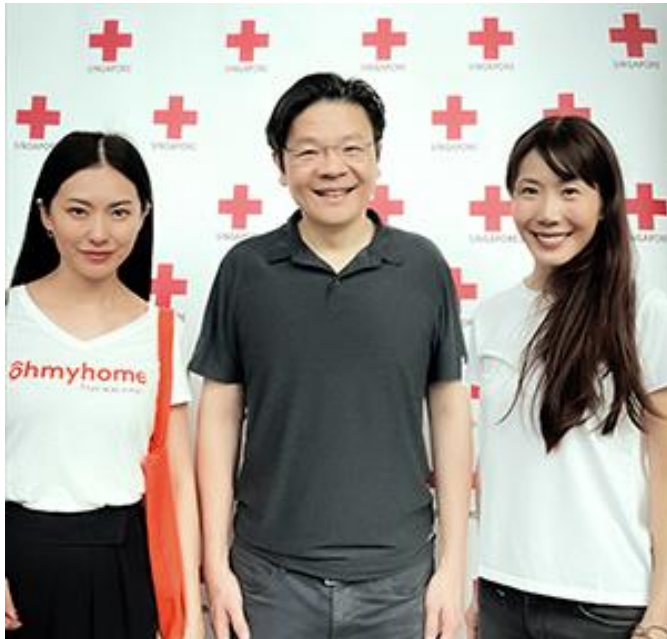
All for a good cause: the Christmas floral arrangement workshop with Charlotte Puxley was a big hit with attendees.

South Beach was turned into a tropical winter wonderland on 11-12 November as over 80 vendors set up booths to ring in the holiday season at the 2023 Sustainable Christmas Market.

Inaugurated by Mr Alvin Tan, Minister of State for the Ministry of Culture, the event featured colourful booths selling products ranging from plant-based food to second-hand luxury items, fitness and craft workshops. DPM Wong made a surprise visit which brought smiles to many attendees who took the opportunity to create selfies with him.



(L-R) Mr Nick Heath (GM of JW Marriott), Ms Janice Wong (CEO of Janice Wong Holdings), Ms Samantha Tan (GM of South Beach) and Mr Alvin Tan (Minister of State for the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, and the Ministry of Trade & Industry).



(L-R) Ms Race Wong (Ohmyhome), Deputy Prime Minister Mr Lawrence Wong and Mrs Eunice Yeo (Peace of Art).



(L-R) Ms Patricia Yeo (Director at Hong Leong Investment Holdings), Dr Hwang Yee Cheau (Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce Women's Group Chairperson), H.E. Kateryna Zelenko (Ambassador of Ukraine), H.E. Ms Rukhsana Afzaal (High Commissioner of Pakistan) and Mr Vincent Yeo (CEO of CDLHT).

Presented by Peace of Art and supported by City Developments Limited, the event aimed to raise funds for underprivileged children from Singapore Red Cross' Young Hearts programme who live in public rental housing. Additional sponsors were Tencent, Centurion, KPMG and DBS.

Mrs Eunice Yeo, founder of Peace of Art, shared: "The art of sustainable living is living a good life, but in a sustainable manner. The fitness workshops, sustainable home products and workshops for children are aimed at encouraging sustainable living.

Through this meaningful event, we were able to raise a total of \$280,000 for Singapore Red Cross' Young Hearts programme. We hope to make the Sustainable Christmas Market an iconic event for Singapore in 2024 and the years to come."



Hands-on fun at the Christmas ornament kids workshop (left) while the health-conscious picked up new moves at the fitness workshops (right).

To participate in the Sustainable Christmas Market, vendors had to donate S\$600 directly to the Red Cross or commit at least 20 percent of their proceeds from the event to the cause. Members of the public could also donate to the initiative.

Vendors included ice cream brand Salted Caramel, which focuses on being zero waste by minimising the use of resources and utilising compostable materials, and Market for Good, which showcased handcrafted gifts made by beneficiaries at the event, including single mothers and persons with disabilities.



Attendees at the Sustainable Christmas Market enjoyed lively performances by St. Joseph's Institution Junior Choir (left) and Jitterbugs (right).

Nasdaq-listed proptech platform Ohmyhome ran a workshop for children to build and decorate their dream home by reusing materials. The market also featured a bazaar selling pre-loved luxury items, organised by e-commerce marketplace Huntstreet which sells second-hand luxury items.

Also doing its bit to promote sustainable modes of transportation was Polestar, which showcased electric vehicles and allowed people to test drive them.

All proceeds from the fitness workshops, sustainable craft workshops, and bazaar were directed to the Young Hearts programme.



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Millennium Hotels And Resorts Global Launches New Sustainability Initiative: The Millennium's Green Path Brand Playbook

The Millennium Hotels and Resorts Global's Green Path Brand Playbook strategically focus on key areas to minimise the environmental impact of its operations.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) Global recently unveiled its new sustainability initiative, the Millennium's Green Path Brand Playbook, aligning itself with the goals of Conference of the Parties 28 (COP28)*.

The Green Path Brand Playbook initiative underscores the hospitality company's recognition of its environmental impact and sets a target to achieve a 27% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 across scopes 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 with a 2017 baseline. (Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard classifications of emissions from particular resources).

The initiative will concentrate on key operational areas in a concerted effort to minimise its environmental footprint. Initiatives will include the implementation of LED lights, guestroom motion sensors and heat pumps to enhance energy efficiency.

As part of its commitment to reducing water usage intensity, the company will install water sub-meters and deploy water-saving devices wherever feasible.

Holistic waste reduction and responsible sourcing

Waste reduction takes centre stage in MHR's environmental strategy, with practices ranging from bulk amenities to improved waste segregation and recycling processes.

MHR will work actively with its suppliers, prioritising those with sustainable practices, ethical operations, and commitments to reducing packaging.

Preference will be given to those using local, renewable, and ethically sound sources, with a specific focus on those with demonstrable commitments to sustainable production methods. Suppliers are required to showcase commitment to reducing packaging, implementing environmental policies, and sustainable transport plans.

Community-centric and guest-engaged sustainability

Community support is integral to MHR's sustainability initiative, with a focus on job creation, training opportunities and support for local charities.

They will actively engage guests through awareness campaigns and materials, fostering eco-friendly practices during their stay.



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As guardians of unforgettable experiences, Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim believes that the Green Path Brand Playbook serves as a testament to MHR's resolute dedication to the planet, the communities within our reach, and the holistic well-being of generations yet to come.

Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim, CEO at Tetra Hospitality Investment and Millennium Hotels and Resorts Middle East and Africa, said in a statement: "This commitment extends beyond mere words, as we actively integrate sustainable practices and thoughtful initiatives into every facet of our operations. By prioritising environmental stewardship, community engagement and the long-term health of our global home, we strive to leave a positive and lasting impact on the world we share."

- **Energy efficiency** – the installation of LED lights, guestroom motion sensors, and heat pumps to curtail energy consumption.
- **Reducing water intensity** – the installation of water sub-meters and water-saving devices where practicable.
- **Waste reduction** – implementing practices such as introducing bulk bathroom amenities, enhancing waste segregation and recycling processes, and utilising food waste digesters where feasible.
- **Single-use plastics** – reducing or eliminating single-use plastics wherever possible.
- **Positive impacts on customers and local communities** – providing jobs, training opportunities, and supporting local charities.

With these comprehensive initiatives, MHR underscores its commitment to environmental sustainability, contributing to a greener and more responsible future.

**The COP is an international climate summit to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held annually where world leaders gather to work together on solutions to tackle climate change.*



Shining The Spotlight On The Biltmore Mayfair, MHR's Most Luxurious Property

Hear from Managing Director Mr Vella Ramasawmy on the Hotel's upcoming repositioning.

The stunning entrance façade of The Biltmore Mayfair, an iconic sight for Londoners and tourists alike.

A crown jewel in the heart of London's most prestigious neighbourhood and the flagship property in the Millennium Hotels and Resorts portfolio, The Biltmore Mayfair reopened its doors in 2019 after an extensive and stunning renovation, solidifying the hotel's reputation as one of the most luxurious and exclusive hotels in the city.

In May 2024, the hotel will demerge from the Hilton chain in a strategic move to establish itself as an independent brand. By doing so, the hotel aims to enhance its identity, focusing on the exclusivity, history, and cultural significance of its location on Grosvenor Square.

This move allows for more tailored and personalised guest experiences, aligning with the unique character of London's most exclusive neighbourhood, Mayfair.

New and existing guests can expect impeccable, personalised service that provides a strong sense of belonging, and a diverse culinary experience. The repositioning emphasises creating lasting impressions for guests, fostering a desire to return.

Mr Vella Ramasawmy, Managing Director of The Biltmore Mayfair, shares what guests can look forward to with the repositioning of the hotel as an independent brand.



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Managing Director Mr Vella Ramasawmy will be driving the repositioning of The Biltmore Mayfair, creating enhanced, memorable experiences for its guests and greater value for the hotel.

1. Please share with us about yourself and your role as Managing Director at Biltmore Mayfair

I am proud to be an Australian citizen with a wealth of experience spanning 20 countries and contributing to the successful pre-opening of five properties, including renowned brands like Hyatt and Kempinski. Fluent in both English and French, I have earned numerous leadership awards throughout my 40-year career.

At The Biltmore Mayfair, my primary objective is to position the property as a true 5-star deluxe hotel and lead the way as the first luxury property in the Millennium Hotels portfolio. This involves steering the hotel's transition from Hilton to an independent brand in Mayfair, as the hotel is recognised as the second most valuable real estate asset for our company, following our US-based property.

Our dedicated team is working to weave together the rich Asian and British cultures in hospitality. A significant moment for us was raising the Singaporean flag on our building, proudly representing our company and CDL as leading figures in global real estate.

I am thrilled to share that The Biltmore has been recognised with a World Travel Award as England's Leading Luxury Hotel and has earned attention from esteemed publications like Conde Nast and Forbes. It is an exciting journey, and we look forward to continuing to elevate our standards and leave an incredible mark in the world of luxury hospitality.

2. Why did The Biltmore Mayfair decide to demerge from the Hilton chain and become an independent brand?

We wanted to drive the brand forward, enhance our identity and focus on the exclusivity, history, and cultural significance of our location on Grosvenor Square, offering more personalised experiences to our guests. Building on this vision, we draw inspiration from the success of The Biltmore Los Angeles, marking the expansion of the Biltmore brand worldwide.



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Aligned with our Chairman's vision, we aim to position The Biltmore Mayfair as the first luxury property in the Millennium Hotels and Resorts portfolio. This strategic direction underscores our commitment to global excellence and an unparalleled standard of luxury.

3. With the shift to independence, what specific changes will be made to ensure a seamless transition for existing and new guests?

We are committed to maintaining a smooth transition for our internal and external customers. While they can expect enhancements in service, design, and culinary offerings, we aim to preserve the essence of what has made The Biltmore Mayfair special.

4. In what ways will the hotel leverage its iconic location on Grosvenor Square to enhance the guest experience?

Our location places us in one of London's most expensive, exclusive, fashionable, and private neighbourhood and real estate market. We plan to incorporate the rich history and cultural significance of Grosvenor Square into curated experiences for our guests, allowing them to share in the stories of influential figures who have called this square home.



Guests at The Biltmore Mayfair can look forward to exquisitely designed guestrooms and suites, such as the Lord Harrowby Suite (left) and the Mayfair Suite (right).

5. How will the hotel balance a sense of exclusivity with an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for a diverse range of guests?

Our goal is to create a welcoming environment where every guest feels a sense of belonging. While our location and history add an exclusive touch, our personalised service is designed to cater to the individual needs and preferences of each guest.

6. Can you share any upcoming events, collaborations, or partnerships that align with the new positioning of The Biltmore Mayfair?

We have exciting plans for exclusive events, collaborations, and partnerships that will showcase the unique character of The Biltmore Mayfair and the surrounding neighbourhood. Stay tuned for more details!



Biltmore Los Angeles Celebrates 100 Years: A Walk Through History, Hollywood & The Centennial Gala

The 1920s socialite who put Los Angeles' fashion on the map through fashion shows at The Biltmore Los Angeles Hotel. Peggy Hamilton created LA's earliest fashion scene with her spectacular wardrobe.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration

A celebration of grandeur was held on 6 December 2023 at The Biltmore Los Angeles Hotel to celebrate its centennial anniversary. Loyal customers, dignitaries, members of the press and long serving staff were present to witness the milestone. Festivities included a 10-piece big band, celebrity hosts and award-winning violinist & LA Philharmonic Pianist. The new centennial Biltmore gown was showcased for the first time, alongside the original Biltmore dress first worn in 1923.

As part of its celebratory events and programs, the property hosted its Centennial Gala: **Iconic Then, Iconic Now** – transporting guests to the glamour of Hollywood's 1920's golden age. The evening was hosted by two-time Emmy award winner Vincent De Paul and NBC News Anchor Robert Kovacik, and featured performances and speeches which paid homage to its impressive history throughout the night.



The Biltmore Los Angeles' General Manager and Owner Representative, Mr Jimmy Wu (left), Guest-of-Honour Anna Mouradian (third from left), Vice President of Operations and Owner Representative, US Region, Mr Benedict Ng (second from right), Chief Deputy to LA County Supervisor, Leslie Gamino (far right) and Echeverria-Munguia Tanairi (second from left) with the Los Angeles County Proclamation.



Los Angeles County Supervisor, Hilda L. Solis (right), presented the County Proclamation to the Vice President of Operations and Owner Representative, US Region, Mr Benedict Ng (left).



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A display of historical artefacts dating back to its inception, a modern Biltmore Gown – will be on display in the building's historic corridor next to the original Gown. A time capsule was also created to be revealed in another 100 years.

Gala attendees celebrated in style at this black-tie affair and enjoyed festive menu items, some of which were from The Biltmore's first-ever menus, including Lobster Bisque and Chicory Salads, Grilled Manhattan Strip Steak and Seared Diver Scallops, King Mushroom Scallops, and Long Life Noodles topped with Gold Flakes as well as an assortment of desserts.

Guests-of-Honours included local dignitaries, such as Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, and the iconic 007 Bond Girl, Maud Adams, as well as 100-years-old special guest Constance Furnare, who joined in the celebration and shared stories of the Biltmore from 70 years ago.



007 Bond Girl, Maud Adams (bottom right) and her husband, Charles Rubin (left), with Mr Benedict Ng and Mr Jimmy Wu (top right).



The gala's special guest, 100-years-old Constance Furnare (right) celebrated her centennial with her daughter, Janet Hertzing (left) and LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis (middle) at The Biltmore Los Angeles Centennial Gala.

From Clark Gable and The Beatles to Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift, The Biltmore Los Angeles hosts endless Hollywood production sets and events. The grand dame hotel is recognised for its role in Ghostbusters, Cruel Intentions, Glee, and other cult classic films and shows – if the walls could talk, every travertine wall and frescoed ceiling would have a story to tell.

Looking back 100 years of glorious history

The Biltmore Los Angeles Hotel was home to the 1960 Democratic National Convention where John F. Kennedy was announced as the party's presidential nominee, one of the last sightings of the Black Dahlia in 1947.

It was the early home of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Oscar Awards, before the grande dame of Los Angeles underwent improvements, including a complete overhaul of all the windows and fixtures and a restoration of its original fresco ceilings.



The 1960 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel was crammed with political superstar of the day, then Senator John F. Kennedy (Images source: The New York Times).



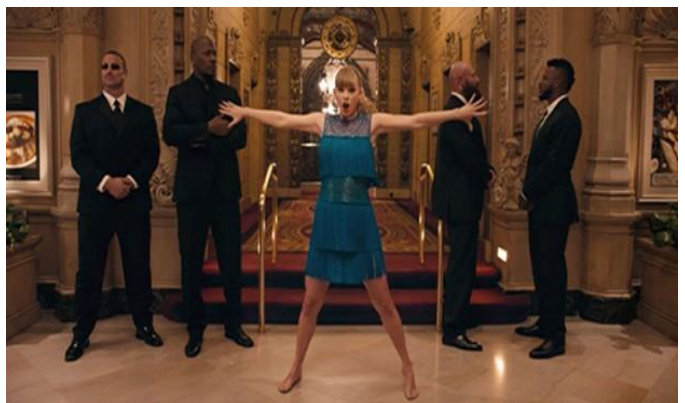
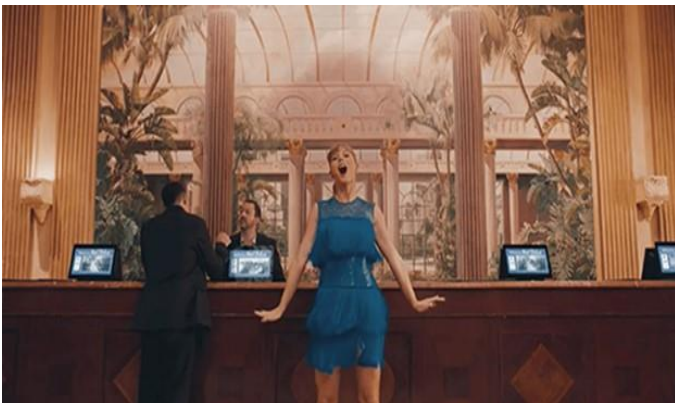
The 1939 Oscar Banquet at the Biltmore Ballroom.

After the heyday of the sixties, downtown Los Angeles saw a decline, and in 1977, following the 50th anniversary of the Oscars, the Biltmore was forgotten, and its doors closed.

What was once the pride of the city was destined for demolition. Recognising its historic value and beauty, architects Gene Summers and Phyllis Lambert stepped in to rescue the historic landmark and bring it back to life. By the 1980s, it changed hands again and the new owners spent \$135 million on upgrades.

Now known as The Biltmore Los Angeles as well as the “Hotel of a Thousand Angels”, it has a glittering Hollywood history that includes being the filming location for various films including Rocky and Chinatown. More recently, Taylor Swift shot her Delicate music video at the hotel, Justin Bieber danced through its hallowed halls in Yummy, and the award-winning Oppenheimer shot a few scenes at its iconic lobby.

“I remember getting a room upstairs and having such an eerie feeling there,” Dan Aykroyd recalls the time he filmed Ghostbusters 40 years ago in the Crystal Ballroom. “I remember seeing doors open to the rooms and the passage of light and mist through the halls. I could feel the presence of past lives in my bones.”



When director Joseph Kahn told E News! that Taylor Swift's new music video was going to be grand, he meant it literally. The director showcased Taylor Swift dancing through various locations within the luxurious The Biltmore Los Angeles Hotel.

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Did you know that the famous "Sedgewick" from the original Ghostbusters was shot at The Biltmore Los Angeles Hotel?



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JW Marriott Singapore South Beach Takes The Crown For Most Unique Christmas Log Cake

Named 7 of the most unique log cakes, a festive confection that deserves pride of place on your holiday dessert table.

With the festive season, there is always a sweet anticipation in the air, and what better way to indulge in the spirit of Christmas than with delectable desserts that epitomise the joy of the holidays?

The year-end holiday often means that hotels, restaurants, and bakeries have an array of log cakes, panettone, and an assortment of sweets that promise to elevate our celebrations to new heights.

From traditional favourites to innovative confections, these delectable delights are poised to make the Christmas season a truly unforgettable one.

This year, Santa was extra nice to JW Marriott Singapore South Beach by bestowing its log cake as one of the “7 Most Unique Christmas Log Cakes” by The Peak and HerWorld magazine.

The Traditions of Yule Logs



Traditionally, the yule log was a full tree brought into the house and either burned from the bottom with the entirety of the tree sticking out into the room or cut into sections and burned for 12 days.



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Before reaching its contemporary status as a Christmas dessert table centrepiece, yule logs were actual wooden logs that kept burning throughout the night amid the winter solstice as a way of celebrating the return of the sun.

But they've come a long way since then. As fire and fireplaces generally went out of favour, the tradition of burning yule logs slowly gave way to the heaving constructions of sponge, buttercream, ganache, and icing we know today.

Yuzu Mango Matcha Yule Log



The Yuzu Mango Matcha Yule Log consists of a Yuzu-inspired mousse, mango crunchy base, vanilla mango compote, and matcha sponge (contains dairy, gluten & egg).

JW Marriott Singapore South Beach's festive sweets encapsulate the essence of the season in every bite, adding a spark of radiance to your home or office celebrations.

Rather than venturing down the traditional path of sinfully decadent Christmas yule logs, boozy liqueurs and heady chocolate overtones, JW Marriott Singapore South Beach has decided to take a different approach with its centrepiece pastry.

Executive pastry chef Edina Si has left the visual of the classic log behind, opting instead for a minimalist pastel-yellow slab adorned with a green template bearing the word "Christmas". In line with its colour palette, Japanese-centric flavours underscore the log cake, with zesty yuzu and mango balanced out by a luscious core of earthy matcha cream.



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CEO Magazine: Best Luxury Hotels For Your Vacation To Singapore In 2024

From modern city marvels and famous properties to quiet island getaways, CEO Magazine rounded up Singapore's best luxury hotels, old and new.

Welcome to Singapore - Clean, green and compact, tropical paradise-like scenery, world-class shopping and excellent reputation as a multicultural crossroads offer visitors an enormous amount to discover.

CEO Magazine recently named two of our hotels as the best luxury hotels in the Lion City.

W Singapore – Sentosa Cove



Live it up and experience life in W Singapore - Sentosa Cove, a luxury lifestyle icon located on tropical island paradise with stunning Marina views and surroundings.

For luxury that's less muted tones and hushed soothing spaces, pop over to W Singapore – Sentosa Cove. The resort's 240 guestrooms and common spaces are full of vivid color and fun, magical-rainforest-esque design elements inspired by Singaporean symbols like the orchid flower, peacocks and lalang fields.

As you walk around, look closely to spot quirky art pieces by renowned artists – Andy Warhol included. The neon-lit room layouts are called Marvelous, Fabulous, Spectacular and Wonderful – all working their way up in



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extravagance and vibrancy to the 195-square-meter Extreme WOW Suite, perfectly suited for larger-than-life scene-stealers.

A crystal bauble chandelier dangles from the reflective black ceiling over a living room and stocked bar. A giant chrome tub in the bathroom, outdoor terrace with private plunge pool and double turntables add to the party-ready vibe.

The resort features Singapore's largest free-form pool, a fitness center, dining options and spa facilities – plus easy access to all the small island has to offer. Guests will head home fully energised.

The Singapore EDITION



The Singapore EDITION is conceived by Ian Schrager in collaboration with Marriott International, combining the personal, intimate, individualised experience that Ian Schrager is known for.

EDITION is known for its unique, taking design, services and amenities inspiration from the far-flung locales in which they're located. It's the anti-hotel chain, they say, and the Singapore EDITION — the brand's first in South-East Asia — is no different.

Drawing on the island nation's Garden City goals and lush, tropical climate, the hotel brings the outdoors in wherever possible. A restaurant spills into a conservatory bursting with plants; leafy branches form a graceful canopy over the rooftop terrace and pool. A living green wall greets guests in the lobby. There are hundreds of species of endemic flora and lots of light-filled space, including in the on-site bar, spa and fitness centre.

In contrast to the peaceful atmosphere its greenery creates, the 204-room hotel is located in the bustling heart of the downtown Orchard district. The property has the ideal blend – nonstop cosmopolitan energy outside, and nature at its most luxurious within.

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Savour An Elevated Wine Pairing Experience At Award-Winning Tao Li

Cheers to excellence! The award by Wine Luxe Magazine is a recognition of the efforts of the Tao Li team in providing exceptional dining experiences for its guests.

Congratulations to Tao Li at New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel for being awarded the Top 10 Wine Pairing Restaurants Award (Asian Cuisine) by Wine Luxe Magazine!

This accolade is a recognition of the dedicated efforts by Chief Sommelier Sam Chong and the entire restaurant team, who would like to express their deepest gratitude to the restaurant's guests for their unfailing support over the years.

Overlooking the spectacular Victoria Harbour, Tao Li is celebrated for its elegant selection of dim sum and authentic Cantonese dishes that bring together traditional flavours and original presentation. Come savour an elevated wine-pairing experience with Chief Sommelier Sam Chong and the dedicated team at Tao Li!