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M Hotel
Singapore
Introduces First
Nautical Family
Suite In
Collaboration
With Kiztopia

Parents and children alike will be delighted with the charming nautical concept in the spacious suite and the thoughtful amenities and engaging activities prepared by M Hotel Singapore.

All Ahoy! Get ready to set sail out to the big blue sea as M Hotel Singapore introduces its first-ever themed Nautical Family Suite in collaboration with Kiztopia, Singapore's biggest indoor edutainment playground.

The suite comes with a separate main bedroom area for parents and a kids' room designed with a charming nautical concept, complete with a panoramic harbour view featuring islands afar and ships sailing by. In addition, the suite is decked up in a variety of seafaring props, including fishnets, steering wheels and anchors, as well as the iconic Kiztopia characters adroitly depicted on the walls, bedsheets and pillowcases to create a holistic maritime atmosphere. The suite is also equipped with a special lighting effect projector that plays calming music that is bound to lull kids into a peaceful slumber.

Little ones can look forward to a delectable treat upon arrival with a treasure chest full of dainty sweets while parents can pick up a quick caffeine boost with the premium coffee machine full of quality, aromatic coffee.





Families staying at the Nautical Family Suite are welcomed with a treasure chest of delicious treats and can enjoy a bubble bath soak in the private jacuzzi, always a favourite with kids!

"M Hotel Singapore is excited to debut our very first themed-Family Suite in partnership with Kiztopia. We would like to invite families to a fun-filled staycation with us during school holidays and weekends as we bring an all-



rounded experience that is engaging and meaningful for both parents and kids to spend quality bonding time," said Ms Edeline Tiong, General Manager of M Hotel Singapore.

The staycation package also offers a series of luxe experiences, including a complimentary breakfast buffet and a set of plated canapes with a bottle of champagne, along with kid-friendly snacks and drinks, served to the room in the evening.

A staycation curated to be kid-friendly, parents do not need to go through the hassle of having to pack special toiletries for their child's needs. The suite comes with kids' body wash from natural skincare brand - Little Dragon, along with a toothpaste and toothbrush set prepared by the hotel. Little ones can look forward to putting on themed bathrobe and slippers during their stay. There is also a private jacuzzi for both parents and kids to indulge in some foam bubble relaxation during this getaway.

M Hotel Singapore has also planned a host of enriching activities for the little ones to play and learn during their stay at the hotel with a specially curated Nautical Adventure Activity Booklet. The booklet includes a series of crafts and tasks to keep the kids occupied from sunrise to sunset. Little explorers can take a trip exploring the features of the hotel on their free and easy treasure hunt, following the map in their activity booklet. Upon completion, kids get to redeem an ice cream as a post-adventure treat.





With a specially curated Nautical Adventure Activity Booklet and goodie bag prepared by the hotel, kids will be well engaged during their stay and have a memorable time.

Kids can join their parents at the Club Lounge for an elegant Afternoon High Tea session with a unique nautical themed menu, where they can enjoy an array of desserts served on a boat and participate in an immersive, hands-on yoghurt art activity to create their own deep blue sea with a given set of ingredients.

Guests will also receive complimentary access to the Club Lounge with personalised check-in and out, along with a late check-out up to 2pm, subject to the room's availability.

The reservation for the M Hotel Nautical Family Suite is now open and booking can be made <u>here</u>. Get tickets to Bouncetopia Vivocity for up to 2 adults and 2 kids upon booking.

Early Bird Promotion: 15% off Nautical Family Suite staycation package for new bookings from now till 31 July 2023, for stay period till 2 Jan 2024.





Waves Of
Wellness
Fiesta At
South Beach
Singapore
Draws Health
Enthusiasts

The Waves of Wellness festival is a 3-week programme where anyone could participate for free in a series of activities and experiences to promote holistic well-being. Pictured here are representatives from organiser Marina Central Business Improvement District and fitness instructors.

The Waves of Wellness Fiesta, held at South Beach as part of the Wellness Festival Singapore from 24-25 June, offered a dynamic experience for wellness enthusiasts. The Fitness Zone at South Beach buzzed with invigorating dance and trampoline workouts led by enthusiastic instructors, designed to boost overall well-being. Visitors of all fitness levels embraced the vibrant atmosphere and engaged in dynamic exercises.

In addition to the Fitness Zone, attendees had the opportunity to explore partner booths showcasing the latest fitness trends, health products, and wellness services. Fitness challenges added an exciting element to the event, with participants testing their skills for a chance to win gym, dining, and retail gift vouchers. This holistic wellness experience encouraged attendees to prioritise their well-being and discover new avenues for self-improvement.

The Waves of Wellness Fiesta at South Beach also featured the thrilling Discover Marina Central Race on 24 June. Teams of up to four people embarked on a physical quest race, exploring Marina Central and competing in quizzes, physical challenges, and photo challenges. The top 10 winners walked away with attractive prizes, including luxurious hotel stays, spa experiences, and vouchers, adding an element of adventure and competition to the event.





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Learning How
To Manage
Trauma And
Build Emotional
Wellness At
Heritage Hotel
Manila

Mental health specialist Dr. Aika Buenavista of Medicard, a leading health organisation in the Philippines, sharing wellness tips to staff at Heritage Hotel Manila.

A wellness lecture on 'Coping with Trauma' was recently conducted by Dr. Aika Buenavista of Medicard at the Heritage Hotel Manila to teach staff how to deal with trauma and personal crises in their everyday lives.

Traumas have a negative impact on people's lives and relationships. One of the seminar's highlights to learn how to deal with personal crises and support ourselves to reduce trauma with first aid techniques.

Some tips that were shared include simple inhaling and exhaling techniques that calms the nerves and help with relaxation. By choosing an effective way to cope and taking lessons from the experience, one can overcome a traumatic thought or experience.

Another tip is to seek family members, close friends, or a support group for advice. Others may turn to professional help to overcome personal struggles and deal with stress and anxiety.





Pose With A Harley Motorbike At Grand Copthorne Waterfront

This year's Father's Day saw a revolutionary tie-up between Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel and Wearnes Harley-Davidson Singapore in a social media photo contest. The motorbikes were located at the hotel lobby where all could participate and post their best shots on social media platforms.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel has successfully concluded its recent Father's Day Social Media Contest (10-18 June 2023) where users snapped poses with the Harley Davidson motorcycles at the hotel lobby before posting them on their social media platforms.

Out of the many who participated, two winners were selected and they each walked away with a Food Capital Buffet Dining Voucher for 2 persons and a Harley Davidson Apparel sponsored by Wearnes Harley-Davidson of Singapore - with the total package worth more than \$280!





Winners @gwendolyn_ys (left photo) and @joyce_loke777 posing with Harley-Davidson motorbikes at the lobby of Grand Copthorne Waterfront.





Millennium
Harbourview
Hotel Xiamen
Displays Catering
Excellence At The
2023 Xiamen
International
Stone Fair

The Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen team putting their best foot forward at the 2023 Xiamen International Stone Fair, once again showing the hotel's high catering standards and professionalism.

As a long-term official partner of the Xiamen International Stone Fair, Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen displayed its catering excellence as the designated caterer for the welcome dinner party and cocktail reception of the 2023 Xiamen International Stone Fair on 4 & 5 June 2023.





A behind-the-scenes look at the preparations for the welcome dinner party, as the team sets up the venue and prepares the meals.

An international trade show specialising in the field of stones and stone processing, the Xiamen International Stone Fair has grown to become one of the leading events in the industry. Held at the Xiamen International Convention and Exhibition Centre, the 2023 event welcomed over 1,000 domestic and overseas exhibitors.

In addition, the hotel was also selected as one of the designated five-star hotels to provide exhibition catering service from 5-8 June. The hotel set up a Millennium Delicatessen Counter at the junction of hall A6 and hall C1, with hotel chefs and staff onsite to offer dining services and beverages for the convenience of exhibitors and visitors.







The Millennium Delicatessen Counter set up by Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen offered convenient and tasty dining options for the exhibitors and visitors.

With the successful completion of the event, Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen has once again proven its high catering standards and professionalism in providing external catering for large-scale international events in Xiamen.





IREIT Global
To Acquire
Portfolio Of 17
Retail Properties
Across France
For EUR76.8
Million

B&M at Saint-Cyr-sur-Loire, France, one of the 17 retail properties across France to be acquired by IREIT Global under its acquisition.

IREIT Global, managed by IREIT Global Group Pte. Ltd. (the "Manager") and jointly owned by Tikehau Capital and City Developments Limited (CDL), has acquired 17 retail properties across France for a total purchase consideration of approximately EUR76.8 million (\$112.2 million). The acquisition is estimated to cost the REIT a total of EUR90.9 million including fees and taxes.

"We are delighted to be acquiring an attractive portfolio of Retail Parks (Out-of-Town) properties located in well-established regional retail areas. In this macroeconomic environment marked by high inflation, the proposed acquisition is in line with our strategy of strengthening our exposure to index-linked assets in established European markets, supported by a strong blue-chip tenant," says Mr Louis d'Estienne d'Orves, CEO of the manager.

"The retail parks (out-of-town) segment has outpaced the broader retail investment market. Their success is expected to continue due to their attractive yields for investors and lower rental costs for tenants, compared to other asset classes. In addition, the popularity of hard-discounters, discounters and outlet stores in France has risen exponentially to reach an estimated total revenue of approximately EUR12.0 billion in 2023, which augurs well for this resilient asset class. Also noteworthy is that the tenant, B&M Group, has been occupying the properties since 2005 on average," he adds.

The properties have a total gross lettable area (GLA) of 61,756 sqm (664,736.052 sq ft). They are fully leased to B&M France SAS, a wholly-owned subsidiary of B&M European Value Retail. The group is a leading European discount retailer that has been listed on the London Stock Exchange since 2014.

The properties have an overall occupancy rate of 100% and a weighted average lease expiry (WALE) of 6.8 years by gross rental income (GRI) as at March 31. Out of the 17 properties, 13 of them are freehold while the rest of the four are leasehold.

The acquisition is expected to be accretive to the REIT's distribution per unit (DPU) by 2.0% on a pro forma adjusted FY2022 basis. It is also expected to be accretive to IREIT's net property income (NPI) yield of 7.9%.

"This yield-accretive portfolio is in line with our strategy of diversifying our portfolio beyond the office sector and expanding our presence within Europe to enhance long term steady returns to unitholders. We will continue to leverage on the expertise of our joint sponsors – Tikehau Capital and CDL to identify potential yield-accretive acquisition opportunities in Europe that will strengthen our portfolio in scale and diversification," says d'Estienne d'Orves.



IReit Global has launched a preferential offering at a ratio of 161 preferential offering units for every 1,000 existing units at a price of S\$0.408 per new unit. The S\$75.9 million proceeds will be used mainly to fund the acquisition of the 17 retail properties located across France.

The REIT's joint sponsors, Tikehau Capital and CDL, have irrevocably undertaken to subscribe each of their prorata allotment in full. CDL's wholly-owned subsidiary, City Strategic Equity Pte. Ltd. (CSEPL), has also further undertaken to subscribe for excess units in the preferential offering such that its total subscriptions will amount to a maximum of \$40.0 million.

Overall, the REIT's joint sponsors and manager have pledged to subscribe up to a maximum of approximately \$62.1 million or 81.8% of the preferential offering. CSEPL will rank last in the allocation of excess unit applications in the preferential offering.





Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA
Embarks On Food
Sustainability
Journey And
Signs Pact
For Locally
Sourced Produce

The partnership will launch at the Italian restaurant, Al Fresco, at Millennium Plaza Downtown Hotel in Dubai. Executive Chef Mr Christophe Prud'homme (pictured here with Mr Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim, CEO of Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA) will craft an exclusive menu using locally sourced produce.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) has partnered with Watermelon, a leading food and beverage procurement platform to incorporate locally sourced produce across its hotels in the UAE.

The partnership aims to revolutionise the way food is sourced, delivered, and consumed across its hotels in the UAE. The collaboration between MHR and Watermelon will support the local economy, promoting sustainable food practices, and ultimately aims to deliver exceptional dining experiences.

Central to this collaboration is the sourcing of produce from local farmers, ensuring that only the freshest and highest quality ingredients are used in Millennium's hotels. Watermelon has a dedicated team that sources and partners with local farmers and fishermen across the UAE to offer a selection of fresh fruits, vegetables, seafood, and other home-grown ingredients through its platform.

The platform includes an actively growing network of more than 50 commercial farm companies representing more than 1,000 local farmers, including well-known local farm companies such as Manbat.

The highly anticipated partnership will launch at the iconic Dubai hotel, Millennium Plaza Downtown at their Italian restaurant, Al Fresco. As part of the initiative, Executive Chef at Millennium Plaza Downtown, Christophe Prud'homme, will craft an exclusive menu using locally sourced produce, offering guests a truly "al fresco" dining experience. Future plans include to launch a "Home Farm" style breakfast featuring a wide selection of nutritious locally sourced produce coming from UAE farms.

Mr Fahad Abdulrahim Kazim, CEO of Millennium Hotels & Resorts MEA, said: "We are excited to embark on this food sustainability journey with Watermelon, a platform that provides access to thousands of local farmers in the UAE. One of our key brand pillars is to make a positive contribution in the communities we serve, and we are committed to giving back to communities through social and environmental initiatives.

Our partnership with Watermelon will demonstrate our commitment and support the creation of a more resilient and sustainable food system that nurtures local communities and celebrates the incredible flavours that the UAE has to offer. Millennium Hotels & Resorts is committed to pursuing agricultural sustainability and promoting food diversification to enhance the dining experience at all our hotels."



Mr Omar Al Shamsi, CEO of Watermelon; "We are thrilled to partner with Millennium Hotels & Resorts in promoting sustainable food practices and supporting local farmers in the UAE. We are excited to work with Chef Christophe to create these wonderful dishes that emphasise the local ingredients found right here in the UAE. In line with The Ministry of Climate Change and Environment's National Farm Sustainability Initiative that supports local farmers we can foster a resilient and sustainable food system that benefits everyone."

With the intention of expanding it to other hotels across the UAE, the brand's Sustainability Vision aims to continuously look for improvements in environmental performance across the business, directly in relation to operations and indirectly through purchasing decisions, products, and services offered to guests and business opportunities pursued.

Chef Christophe of Al Fresco, Executive Chef at Millennium Plaza Downtown restaurant, said: "Growing up in a farm filled with fresh food around me, smelling and touching the fruits and vegetables as a young aspiring Chef. Today, my dream came true. I am excited to work with the best of the seasonal UAE products, ranging from a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, and other produce being grown here in the UAE.

"Working closely with Watermelon, I can go back to the memories of my young self, enjoying the scents and seeing vegetables grown locally that I will soon prepare on my Chef's table at Alfresco Restaurant."

Currently, Watermelon boasts a roster of over 50 registered local farmers, including Manbat. As part of the initiative, Watermelon actively seeks to expand the number of local farmers on the platform, considering there are over 900 registered farms in the UAE.





Hong Leong
Group In Talks
With Shanghai
To Build
Sustainable
Developments
In The City

Hong Leong Group Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng (left) and Shanghai Mayor Mr Gong Zheng discussed urban renewal and transformation opportunities. (Credit: Shanghai Municipal People's Government WeChat Official Account)

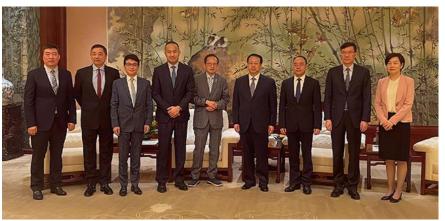
Hong Leong Group Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng met Shanghai Mayor Mr Gong Zheng in the Chinese city where they discussed a wide range of business issues including opportunities of urban renewal and transformation within the city.

According to a press announcement after the meeting, Mayor Gong said Shanghai has shown a continued trend of steady economic improvement and remains a favoured destination for foreign trade and investment.

Commenting on his visit, Mr Kwek said, "I was deeply impressed by the development and economic vitality of Shanghai. There are abundant opportunities for investment and collaboration, to create more iconic projects and deepen cooperation with the Shanghai government to achieve green and low-carbon developments in the city."

"I remain confident in the potential of the overall Chinese market and look forward to expanding our Hong Leong Group portfolio via exciting and strategic prospects."

According to City Developments Limited (CDL) Group Chief Executive Officer Mr Sherman Kwek who was also at the meeting, CDL is looking forward to integrating Shanghai's 14th Five-Year Plan with CDL's growth strategy and expertise in diversified property development and asset management.



Mr Kwek Leng Beng and CDL Group Chief Executive Officer Mr Sherman with Shanghai Mayor Mr Gong Zheng and members of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government.



The opportunities to be explored include the upgrading and revitalisation of old districts, construction of technology parks and sustainable buildings, and the enhancement of Shanghai's four distinct brands in services, manufacturing, shopping, and culture.

Shanghai is a key partner for Singapore in areas such as green and low-carbon infrastructure, tourism, financial services, technology, and innovation as well as the emerging sectors of digital and green economies.

Trade between Singapore and Shanghai grew 8% in 2022 to S\$20 billion compared with the year before, said Enterprise Singapore in an earlier media release.

Executive Chairman Mr Kwek's visit follows the 4th Singapore-Shanghai Comprehensive Cooperation Council (SSCCC) held in Singapore in April this year. At the event, Mayor Gong invited Singaporean companies and business leaders to utilise opportunities offered by the China International Import Expo and actively expand into the Chinese market.

Since the country's reopening earlier this year from restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic, China has been wooing foreign investors to bolster the economy for post-COVID recovery. Shanghai plans to hold more than 100 events in 2023 to attract overseas capital.

MILESTONES IN CHINA

Hospitality

1980s: Built its first China hotel, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Xiamen (renamed Millennium Harbourview Xiamen today).

2006s: CDL expanded into China hospitality, opened Grand Millennium Hongqiao via then London-listed Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc.

2008: Opening of flagship property Grand Millennium Beijing.

2023: With M Social Suzhou's launch in April, there are now a total of 16 hotels in Greater China today.

Building Materials

1990s: Entered China's vast market in building materials via trade and manufacturing arm, Hong Leong Asia.

2000s: Grew to become one of China's leading producers of diesel engines, supplying nearly half a million a year.

Today: Investments in R&D for new energy solutions like fuel cell powertrain systems for more efficient and lower carbon emissions.

Real estate

1993: Hong Leong Holdings, the Group's private developer arm, built Beijing Riviera, a 1.5 million square meters villa compound complete with apartments, villas, townhouses, lakes, and a country club. It remains Beijing's oldest and best-known villa compound today.

2010: CDL established its China arm, CDL China Limited

2020s: Acquired multiple development sites and assets totalling close to 2 million square metres of gross floor area in Shanghai, Suzhou, Chongqing and Shenzhen, ranging from residential, commercial and mixed-use developments to a sizable technology park.





CDL Acquires
Nine Tree
Premier Hotel
Myeongdong II
In Seoul For
140 Billion Won

The 408-room Nine Tree Premier Hotel Myeongdong II is a freehold 17-storey property in the Myeongdong-Euljiro commercial district near famous shopping areas like Lotte and Shinsegae department stores, business and entertainment venues.

City Developments Limited (CDL), through its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, CDL Hotels (Korea) Limited, has acquired the Nine Tree Premier Hotel Myeongdong II in Seoul from Shinhan Nine Tree Real Estate Investment Trust for KRW 140 billion (approximately S\$143.9 million¹) or KRW 343 million (approximately S\$353,000¹) per key.

Opened in 2017, the freehold 17-storey upscale hotel comprises 408 rooms and enjoys a prime location in the Myeongdong-Euljiro commercial district, within walking distance to famous shopping areas including the Myeongdong Walking Street, Lotte and Shinsegae department stores, as well as restaurants, street food, business and entertainment venues. It is also conveniently located within a 4-minute walk to the Euljiro 3-ga subway station.

The hotel is well placed to benefit from the positive market recovery momentum amidst robust demand from international visitors. Meanwhile, the city's hotel room supply pipeline continues to be moderated by a wave of existing hotels being converted to residential or commercial buildings.

Tourism, a key pillar of Korea's economy, is well supported by excellent infrastructure. The Incheon International Airport is currently undergoing its Phase 4 expansion, which will boost passenger capacity by 38% to 106 million by next year, making it the third largest international airport in the world.

Mr Kwek Leng Beng, CDL Executive Chairman, said, "Our Group has over two decades of investment experience in South Korea, having entered the hospitality market with the acquisition of Millennium Hilton Seoul in 1999. Since divesting the property and its adjoining land site in February 2022, we have been actively seeking new opportunities to reinvest in Korea. This acquisition demonstrates our commitment to investing in Korea – one of Asia's most dynamic economies with strong market fundamentals. We remain focussed on expanding and optimising our hospitality portfolio while strategically acquiring top-quality hospitality assets in key gateway cities to further enhance our recurring income streams."

The acquisition of Nine Tree Premier Hotel Myeongdong II marks the Group's second hotel acquisition in 2023, following its proposed acquisition of the landmark <u>5-star Sofitel Brisbane Central</u>, announced in March 2023. These investments are aligned with the Group's strategy to actively drive growth in its global real estate portfolio through continued expansion and diversification.

¹ Based on the exchange rate of KRW 100 = S\$0.1028.





Dream It, Book It.

Your U.S. Holiday Starts Now

All U.S. hotels under Millennium Hotels and Resorts including The Bostonian Boston (pictured) are offering up to 27% for all summer stays,

Book your dream U.S. holiday hotel with discounts up to 27% off stays!

You've got big travel dreams – now's the time to make them happen! From a glamorous city break in the Big Apple, to chilling in the Windy City, to wandering the wilds of Anchorage or soaking up the sun in Scottsdale and beyond, there's plenty of places to discover your dream holiday this summer.

Book by 30 September for up to 15% off hotel stays.

And, if you're a My Millennium member, you enjoy extra discounts of up to 12% – that's up to 27% off when you book this summer!

For more information, please visit https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/offers/united-states/dream-it-book-it/

* Information correct at time of print.





Savour Malaysian And Singaporean Delights At JW Marriott Hong Kong

Savour a symphony of flavours in the Malaysian and Singaporean food staples while soaking up the bustling city views through the floor-to-ceiling windows at The Lounge at JW Marriott Hong Kong this summer.

Sweltering summertime calls for appetizing, flavourful and spicy delicacies. The Lounge at JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong presents an authentic Malaysian and Singaporean lunch and dinner buffet this July and August, transporting your taste buds to Southeast Asia. The diversified cuisine of the two destinations takes influence from a myriad of cultures, including Chinese, Indian, Nyonya and even Portuguese culinary heritage. Savour a symphony of flavours in the Malaysian and Singaporean food staples while soaking up the bustling city views through the floor-to-ceiling windows at The Lounge this summer.

Dig into the popular dishes bursting with vibrant flavours, including Bak Kut The, Ngoh Hiang (five-spice pork roll with beancurd skin), Roasted Fish with Tamarind Dipping Sauce, Singaporean Wok-Fried Chilli Prawn, Beef or Chicken Satay, Malaysian Curry Chicken, Char Kway Teow, Laksa, Hainanese Chicken Rice, Malaysian Double-Boiled Pork Soup with Crab Meat and Bean Curd, Singaporean Fried Chilli Crab, Malaysian Roasted Chicken, Singapore-Style Fried Turnip Cake with Preserved Vegetables and Eggs, and Singaporean Curry Chicken, Pandan Chiffon Cake, D24 Durian Pancake and more.

Lunch Buffet

12.00 pm – 2.30 pm (Monday – Saturday)
Malaysian and Singaporean Bistro Specialties, Salad Bar, Noodle Station and Desserts: HK\$408
Malaysian and Singaporean Bistro Specialties Only: HK\$288
Salad Bar or Noodle Station Only: HK\$278

Dinner Buffet

7.00 pm - 10.00 pm (Monday - Saturday)

Monday – Thursday: HK\$508 per adult; HK\$ 358 per child (3-12 years old) Friday – Saturday: HK\$558 per adult; HK\$ 388 per child (3-12 years old)

^{*} Information correct at time of print.





Calling All
Seafood Lovers!
Crustaceans
Galore At
M Hotel's
Café 2000

Dig into Alaskan Snow Crab, Boston Lobster and more at M Hotel's Café 2000.

Calling all seafood lovers! Taking centre stage at Café 2000 is the crustacean corner brimming with Alaskan Snow Crab, Boston Lobster, Baby Crawfish, Wok-fried Signature Salted Egg Yolk Crab, Chilli Crab and more! Bound to get you excited and drooling!

Love some sizzling smokin' BBQ seafood? Join us on Fri and Sat for a feast of charcoal grilled Slipper Lobster, Scallop, Prawns and many more!

Lunch

Saturday Lunch: SGD\$68++

Sunday Lunch (free-flow M Wine, Beer & Soft Drinks): SGD\$68++

Dinner

Tuesday - Thursday & Sunday Dinner: SGD\$68++

Friday & Saturday (Live BBQ): SGD\$78++

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Enjoy The
Pure Bliss Of
Mao Shan Wang
Durians In A
'Majestic Musang'
Cake At
Orchard Hotel

Savour the creaminess of the king of fruits as you immerse yourself in the lusciousness of charcoal cream topped with edible gold flakes in the 'Majestic Musang' durian cake.

Sourced from Pahang Raub Highland and 100% organically grown from trees aged 40 years old and above, experience the pure bliss of premium Mao Shan Wang Durian in our durian cake - Majestic Musang. Savour the creaminess of the king of fruits as you immerse yourself in the lusciousness of charcoal cream topped with edible gold flakes.

Price (before discount) 500g: SGD\$75+ 1kg: SGD\$108+

PROMO: 20% off for HLGSRC Members

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Get Rewards,
Score Points,
On Business
Travel With
My Millennium
Pro

Rewarding business travel: Available at all Millennium Hotels and Resorts properties around the world. Pictured here is M Social Suzhou that has a total of 1,040 sqm of banquet and conference facilities complete with state-of-the-art technology for all event types.

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• Enjoy negotiated rates and our Best Rate Promise at more than 130 hotels worldwide

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• Benefit from points on every booking you make and unrivalled redemption options

Room Upgrades

Kick back with a guaranteed room upgrade when you register with Millennium Hotels

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South African
Family Fun,
Golf & Fashion
At The
Beijing Riviera
Country Club

The South African Family Fun Day (pictured) is among the series of fun-filled family activities recently hosted at the Beijing Riviera Country Club that included a golf tournament and a kids fashion parade.

Beijing Riviera Country Club recently hosted a series of fun-filled family activities that included the South African Family Fun Day (pictured), a golf tournament and a kids fashion parade. Here's more!

South African Family Fun Day

The South African Family Fun Day was held in the East Lake Garden of Xiangjiang Garden, attracting people from all walks of life from both the community and around Beijing. In addition to food and wine, the event also had a variety of fun activities and games for adults and children alike. The event was designed to give people a better understanding of African culture and bring different cultures together, which it succeeded in doing with many dancing to tribal music, eating traditional foods and presenting the different countries of Africa.



The South African community dancing to tribal music at the East Lake Garden of Xianjiang Garden.



Spring Scramble Golf Tournament

Riviera Country Club in Beijing had its first spring scramble golf tournament on in May where over 30 golfers got together in their teams for a relaxed and fun tournament.

The concept of the scramble golf tournament is to play in a team with your best ball being played on so even amateur golfers could enjoy and have a better score by teaming up with more experienced players. As such we saw an interesting mix of winners and a more laid-back day of golf. The evening awards and dinner were held onsite at the Mandarin Orient Pearl golf clubhouse where everyone came together over great food and drinks. All in all, it was a very enjoyable day and set the tone for the main golf tournament in September.



Thirty golfers got together in the first Spring Scramble Golf Tournament that saw the 'pros' and amateurs in scrambled teams so all have a chance to pitch for the best scores.

Kids Fashion Show

In May, Riviera teamed up with Le Xiuxing Fashion to showcase the kids new clothing line of DELB COUTURE by designer Liu Yan. The unveiling of the exclusive children's spring collection was met with great enthusiasm from children and parents alike. Child models donned their outfits and took to the catwalk with confidence as the parents looked on with pride. A great experience for all and invaluable lessons for the children's development.





The clubhouse of Beijing Riviera Country Club was teeming with kids from young children to teenagers as they swaggered and struck poses in the new kids clothing line of DELB COUTURE by designer Liu Yan.





The Battle
For Sporting
Supremacy
At Hong Leong
Group Olympics!

Competitive players took to the court with a burning desire to settle the score and prove their mettle. It was a clash of familiar foes, each team determined to emerge victorious in the basketball tournament of the Hong Leong Group Olympics.

More than 130 staff employees at the Hong Leong Group Olympics battled for supremacy at the Hong Leong Group Olympics that saw many exciting plays and clashes between old and new rivals. The companies that participated were City Developments Limited (CDL), Hong Leong Finance (HLF), CBM, Hong Leong Asia (HLA), and Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR).

It was a sight to be seen! Let's have a look at the 'heckles', 'pushes and shoves' as the teams toughed it out in the competitions for basketball, pool, jigsaw and darts.

Basketball

The 3x3 basketball tournament unfolded with a remarkable blend of experience and youthful energy as six teams took to the court. The age range among the players was nothing short of awe-inspiring, with the oldest player at 52 years and the youngest at 27.



Seasoned veterans showcased their wisdom, court vision, and precise shooting, while the younger players exhibited boundless athleticism, lightning-fast speed, and an unwavering hunger to prove themselves.



At the final whistle, the champions of the 3x3 basketball tournament emerged, basking in the glory of their undefeated reign since 2016. The reigning champions (from left): CBM (white team), CDL (black team), and the Hong Leong Group of companies including MHR hotels (red team).



Pool

In a thrilling display of tenacity and skill, the tournament witnessed a remarkable resurgence as a few players clawed their way back from the depths of the losers' pool to emerge triumphant. Spectators were treated to an exhibition of sheer determination and unwavering focus as the underdogs strategised their shots, defied the odds, and executed remarkable comebacks.



Both Douglas Koh (left, CBM Pte Ltd) and Gerald Yong (right, CDL) concentrating on their individual qualifiers, before moving on to battle for 2nd and 3rd place respectively.



Mixed Doubles winners (HLF): Kenneth Chong looking anxiously over his partner, Rita Chua's shoulder as she takes her shot.

Jigsaw and Darts

Eleven teams, each comprising of 4 staff, pushed themselves in a battle of speed and concentration in the Jigsaw Tournament. The winning team completed the 500pc puzzle in a record-breaking 1 hour 7 minutes, with the 2nd place winners coming in a mere 5 minutes after, and the 3rd place winners another 12 minutes later.

Meanwhile, at the front of the room, the Darts Tournament was in full swing with the Men's Singles category engaging in an epic precision-fuelled showdown.





The competitions for Jigsaw and Darts were in full swing at M Hotel Singapore as they battled their wits, precision and raced for time in a competitive showdown.





Tasek Employees
Celebrate A
Joyous Hari
Raya Together
With Favourite
Local Cuisine,
Games & Prizes

Tasek employees dressed in festive attire to celebrate Hari Raya together.

Employees at Tasek Corporation Berhad ("Tasek"), the building materials arm of Hong Leong Asia Ltd in Malaysia, came together for a joyous Jamuan Hari Raya celebration on 17 May at its Head Office in Ipoh, Perak.

The celebration saw over Tasek 300 employees dressed up to attend the event, where they mingled over a sumptuous feast of Malaysia's best traditional cuisine, including ayam rendang, nasi minyak, lemang and dalca sayur.





Over 300 Tasek employees mingled over a delicious lunch of local favourites and some walked away with attractive lucky draw prizes and big smiles!

Participants also enjoyed themselves thoroughly playing games such as "Guess the Biscuit" and "Anyam Ketupat". For many, the highlight of the event was the lucky draw where 10 employees went home with hampers, gift baskets and huge smiles on their faces.

A big thank you to all who made this Hari Raya an eventful celebration!





Hong Leong
Group Helps To
Mould Exemplary
Youths And Shape
Singapore's
Future

Representatives from the Hong Leong Group of Companies at the launch of the Lee Kuan Yew Centennial Fund: Mr Kwek Eik Sheng (CDL Group Chief Operating Officer), Mr Quek Kon Hui (Hong Leong Holdings representative), Ms Serene Wong (HLA Head of Group Human Resource) and Ms Joan Yeo (HLF Chief Financial Officer). (Photo credit: Ministry of Education)

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Singapore's founding father Lee Kuan Yew, the Hong Leong Group of Companies banded together to support the Lee Kuan Yew Centennial Fund that supports the education and development of Singapore's youth. The Fund was launched by Singapore Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Mr Lawrence Wong on 30 May 2023.

The companies that contributed are City Developments Limited (CDL), Hong Leong Holdings Limited (HLHL), Hong Leong Finance (HLF), Hong Leong Asia (HLA), and Hong Leong Foundation.

Mr Kwek Leng Beng, Executive Chairman of Hong Leong Group, said, "We are proud to support the Lee Kuan Yew Centennial Fund and its initiatives towards the nurturing and engaging of our Singaporean youth. Those of us who lived through his time remember the legendary man's career, but the younger generation may not be aware of the early seeds he had sowed to grow our nation from the very start. All of us are beneficiaries of Lee Kuan Yew's legacy, the ideals he represented, and his dedication. We humbly celebrate his centennial anniversary, and may our nation continue to bear the fruit of his achievements in years to come."



Ms Joan Yeo (second from left), Ms Serene Wong (second from right) and Mr Quek Kon Hui (first from right), with Ms Lydia Ang (Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at CapitaLand), and students at the launch ceremony. (Photo credit: Ministry of Education)



Managed by Singapore Ministry of Education (MOE), the Lee Kuan Yew Centennial Fund was established by business leaders to invest and support the development of Singapore youth to become visionary leaders and shape Singapore's future.

Some of its key initiatives include the Singapore Young Leaders Programme (SYLP), which aims to empower about 1,000 student leaders from tertiary institutions such as Institute of Technical Education (ITE), polytechnics and autonomous universities with leadership opportunities for Singapore's future. The Fund also provides funding for the expansion of Lee Kuan Yew Scholarship Awards, Lee Kuan Yew Post-Graduate Scholarship for Urban Greenery and Ecology and additional support for ITE and polytechnic students.

The Government will provide a one-off dollar-for-dollar matching, capped at a total of S\$50 million to encourage donations to the Fund. To date, the Fund has received \$82.3 million in donations from over 20 donors.

Please click here for more details on the Lee Kuan Yew Centennial Fund.





Hues Of Hope: A Luminous Art Collection To Raise Funds For Children In Need Of Trauma Therapy

Be moved by the resilience and determination of the children from The Salvation Army as they transform trials into breathtaking artworks through Hues of Hope.

Hues of Hope is an inspirational online art auction presented by <u>Peace of Art</u>, in aid of The Salvation Army, to raise funds for specialised therapy to help children in need overcome trauma due to abuse, neglect or parental incarceration.

The stunning resin geode artworks are painstakingly created by children of The Salvation Army and little volunteers from Peace of Art, taking over 500 hours to craft the 12 unique pieces. Through this immersive and enriching art experience, Peace of Art hopes to open doors of possibilities for these children.



Children from The Salvation Army and little volunteers from Peace of Art creating the artworks together. Each artwork is a product of collaboration, with one child from the community and another from The Salvation Army working side by side.

Mrs Eunice Yeo, Founder of Peace of Art, shares, "Inspired by the pillars of Peace of Art, Hues of Hope brings together the power of art and community to support children in need. Through this transformative auction, we aim to unite people from diverse backgrounds, fostering a culture of compassion that transcends barriers.



Through countless hours spent together, I have come to realise that children, regardless of their backgrounds, are simply children. Engrossed in the joy of creating art, they embody innocence, curiosity, focus, and untapped potential. Let me share my observations as I delve into the mesmerising creation of one such piece, aptly titled 'Rivers of Life':

A symphony of two magnificent blue rivers, gracefully meandering in parallel yet distinct paths, evoking a sense of tranquillity and harmony. 'Rivers of Life' encapsulates the profound truth that while their journeys may follow similar currents, the lives of these children bear their own unique shades and depths. It is a testament to the profound beauty that emerges when we embrace our individual paths while flowing alongside others in the river of life."

The Salvation Army Children and Youth Group cares for more than 550 children-at-risk annually. These vulnerable children are provided with a safe and family-like environment, shelter, and support from dedicated professionals.

Peace of Art aims to raise \$250,000 to provide a dedicated psychologist and counsellor for one year, offering invaluable support to these children. Every dollar raised through Hues of Hope will be donated to The Salvation Army, ensuring maximum impact.

With only 12 exquisite pieces available, this is an opportunity to own a truly unique work of art and contribute to providing psychological therapy and counselling these children need to work through their struggles.

Exhibition Details

- Republic Plaza Lobby, 9 Raffles Place
- 24 June to 20 July 2023

The online auction closes at 12 pm on 20 July. All donations will enjoy 250% tax deduction. Head over to Republic Plaza before 20 July to view these amazing masterpieces! Together, we can be the driving force behind their healing and transformation.



Pop down to Republic Plaza by 20 July and view these beautiful artworks created by the talented children. Every dollar raised will be donated to The Salvation Army so bid generously!

Auction winners will be announced at The Salvation Army's annual Red Shield Luncheon on 21 July, with Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, as the Guest-of-Honour.

Hues of Hope is held in partnership with City Developments Limited (CDL).

Find out more about the auction and artworks at: https://peace-of-art.sg/pages/hues-of-hope





Nifty Footwork
And Enthusiastic
Volunteers At
The 2023
Assisi Fun
Day Charity
Carnival

The CDL Group mobilised about 250 employee volunteers to support the 2023 Assisi Fun Day, its first physical charity carnival after a three-year hiatus.

Around 250 staff from the CDL Group volunteered their time and heart at the 2023 Assisi Fun Day (11 June) with the aim of raising S\$1 million for the care of Assisi Hospice's patients and their families. The physical charity event resumed this year at SJI International after a three-year hiatus. It was graced by Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education and Ms Ho Ching, Assisi Hospice's Patron.

As at 18 June, over S\$500,000 has been raised for Assisi Hospice, of which more than S\$160,000 was raised by the CDL Group.

The special charity segment, CDL Challenge Bubble Soccer singlehandedly raised S\$130,000 from CDL's staff and business partners including Woh Hup Private Limited, Dragages Singapore and OrangeTee.



Minister Chan Chun Sing sounding the gong to mark the opening of the event. From left to right: Assisi Hospice CEO Ms Choo Shiu Ling, CDL Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek, Assisi Hospice Patron Ms Ho Ching, Guest-of-Honour Minister Chan Chun Sing, Assisi Hospice Chairman Mr Thomas Teo and SJI International CEO Mr Darryl David. (Photo: Assisi Hospice)



Following a spirited playoff under the blazing sun, the OrangeTee team emerged as the winner, and scored the chance to pit their skills against the VIP team, which was led by CDL Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek and Group COO Mr Kwek Eik Sheng. Other participants included Mr Gerard Lee, a family member of Assisi Hospice's former patient, Mr Thomas Teo, Chairman of Assisi Hospice, and Mr Roy Chiang, CEO of CBM.



A key highlight of Assisi Fun Day, the CDL Challenge Bubble Soccer segment raised S\$130,000 from CDL's staff and business partners.



CDL Group CEO (back row, 4th from the left), CDL Group COO (back row, second from right), CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong (back row, right), with Assisi Hospice Chairman (back row, second from left), Assisi Hospice CEO (back row, left) and CBM CEO and President (back row, third from left), with the winning team from OrangeTee.

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL Group CEO, said, "I am incredibly grateful for the collective generosity shown by our business associates, friends and the community. The funds raised today will have a profound impact on the lives of patients at Assisi Hospice and their respective families. CDL has been a hospice partner since 1999 and their work serves as a beacon of light. We urge more to contribute to this meaningful cause."



Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL Group CEO (in green) and Mr Thomas Teo, Chairman of Assisi Hospice (in yellow) with the winning team of the CDL Challenge Bubble Soccer – OrangeTee. (Photo: Assisi Hospice)



Initiated in 2017 by Mr Kwek, the CDL Challenge has helped raise funds to support the care of Assisi Hospice's patients from 2017 to 2019 before the physical Assisi Fun Day was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When Assisi Fun Day took on a virtual format from 2020 to 2022, the CDL Group continued to help raise funds through e-stalls and rallied donations from their stakeholders.

As the event's co-organiser, the CDL Group set up nine stalls at the carnival – four by CDL staff volunteers, four by Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Limited (M&C) hotels, and one by sister company Hong Leong Finance, selling an array of delectable F&B items. CDL's subsidiary CBM Pte Ltd, the Facilities partner of the event, contributed manpower and expertise in areas such as logistics, cleaning and security.



Hong Leong Finance volunteers with Minister Chan Chun Sing at their carnival stall. (Photo: Assisi Hospice)

For this year's event, six M&C hotels – Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore, M Hotel Singapore, Orchard Hotel Singapore, M Social Singapore and Studio M Hotel – also sponsored F&B and hotel vouchers as lucky draw prizes.

Assisi Hospice provides palliative care to patients with life-limiting illnesses, caring for them and their families. As a charity organisation, the hospice relies heavily on public donations to meet operating expenses, to provide for the needs of their patients.

Visit the Assisi Hospice website to find out how you can help.





MHR New
Zealand
Partners With
Save The Kiwi
To Protect
New Zealand's
National Icon

Through this meaningful partnership with Save the Kiwi, MHR New Zealand will support the vital conservation work being done to protect the kiwi, ensuring that future generations will have the opportunity to experience the unique wildlife that New Zealand has to offer

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) New Zealand is excited to announce a new partnership with Save the Kiwi, a leading conservation charity dedicated to protecting New Zealand's national icon, the kiwi. This collaboration brings together two organisations with a shared vision of preserving and nurturing the country's unique wildlife and natural heritage.

Save the Kiwi's vital conservation work involves rearing kiwi chicks until they reach a "stoat-proof" weight of around 1kg, which takes approximately three months. These kiwis are then released into a predator-managed habitat in the wild, where they can grow and contribute to the next generation of kiwi. Just as MHR provides a safe and comfortable environment for its guests, Save the Kiwi offers a similar sanctuary for these precious birds, complete with daily meals and a cozy "room" for the night.

Stuart Harrison, Managing Director of MHR New Zealand, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, stating, "We are proud to join forces with Save the Kiwi to support this vital conservation work being done to protect the kiwi. With our properties located throughout New Zealand, we understand the importance of preserving New Zealand's unique wildlife, and this partnership allows us to contribute directly to this significant cause."

Under the name MANAAKI | Protect & Care, MHR will provide a safe place for kiwi to grow and thrive. Starting from 1 July, guests can opt for the "no room servicing" option, and for every guest who chooses this, Millennium Hotels and Resorts will donate a meal for a kiwi at Save the Kiwi's kiwi creche in Napier. Additionally, for conference groups, every five rooms that go unserviced by housekeeping will result in a "room" being donated to a kiwi for the night at the creche.

Moreover, MHR New Zealand is exploring opportunities for staff to participate in local conservation projects with Save the Kiwi or be part of kiwi releases. These initiatives aim to further engage teams in meaningful conservation efforts.

Through this collaboration, MHR New Zealand and Save the Kiwi are making a significant impact on the conservation of the beloved kiwi. By working together, they are safeguarding the future of this national icon and ensuring that generations to come will have the opportunity to experience the unique wildlife that New Zealand has to offer.





From 1 July, MHR will donate a meal for a kiwi at Save the Kiwi's kiwi creche in Napier guests for every guest who selects the "no room servicing" option.



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Well-Loved
Joe Gedeon
Shares His
40-Year Career
At The Biltmore
Los Angeles

Always with a kind and ready smile, grandfatherly Mr Joe Gedeon (right) is a loyal and well-loved member of The Biltmore Los Angeles who has been with the hotel for 40 years. He shares a photo (above) with MHR US Vice President Sales and Marketing Mr Alex DeCarvalho in front of The Biltmore's new commemorative logo representing "100 years of grandeur".

In this issue of Voices, we meet Mr Joe Gedeon, a beloved member of The Biltmore Los Angeles for the past 40 years, appreciated by staff and hotel guests alike. Joe is always quick to greet anyone he sees with a smile, and his pride for the Biltmore is evident to anyone he encounters.

Q. How long have you worked at The Biltmore and what different jobs have you held during your time here?

In October, it will be 40 years! I started at the front desk a few months before the 1984 Olympics. The Biltmore Los Angeles was the headquarter hotel for the Olympics and that was very exciting. I was once also invited to the Grammy Awards by one of the producers I had been assisting during his stay. I had an all-access pass, which was awesome.

After that, I was night manager for a while. I then applied for the hotel chauffeur position which I worked for about 20 years. Those were exciting times, meeting and driving corporate heads and political figures. I also had the honour to drive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng and his son Mr Sherman Kwek on many occasions.

I later moved to the Business Center and then to Purchasing, where I have been for about 16 years. I am currently Purchasing Coordinator and manage the department.

Q. What is your most memorable moment of being employed at The Biltmore?

My most memorable was driving Mr Sargent Shriver (late US ambassador to France) from the hotel to Mr Arnold Schwarzenegger's home in the Pacific Palisades. Mr Shiver's nephew had just been born and this was the first time he would get to meet him. After we arrived, Sargent Shriver brought Arnold out to the car to meet me. He told Arnold "Joe is a loyal Democrat and he does not shake hands with Republicans, but in your case he will make an exception!" On the way there and back, we had a great conversation about his life and politics in general.

I was also honoured to be recognised as Employee of the Year and runner up for Employee of the Year 2022.



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Q. What is your favourite part about working at The Biltmore?

Every day is different, and history is being made here daily. It is an honor to work for such a historic property. Also, my fellow employees who have become family to me over the years. There are so many employees who have been here 30, 40 years and more. You don't find that kind of loyalty in any other hotels or businesses these days.





Kicking Up
A Notch With
Dual Stunning
Previews At
Lentor Hills
Residences And
The Myst

Enclosed by lush surroundings, the 598-unit Lentor Hills Residences is positioned to cater for more residential spaces with seamless connectivity in the new township of Lentor Hills Estate. (Artist's impression)

Two new residential properties with a total of 1,006 units began previews on Saturday, 24 June 2023. They are Lentor Hills Residences – a joint venture development by Hong Leong Holdings Limited (HLHL), GuocoLand and TID Pte. Ltd – and The Myst by City Developments Limited (CDL). Sales bookings for both projects began on Saturday, 8 July 2023. Let's have a look at these new beautiful residential projects.

LENTOR HILLS RESIDENCES

Situated on an approximate 184,461 square feet (sq ft) site, the 99-year leasehold project is located in District 26 within the new Lentor Hills Estate, a new growth area positioned as a sustainable and pedestrian-friendly neighbourhood with new parks and seamless walking and cycling connectivity.

Enclosed by lush surroundings with design inspired by water cascades and tranquillity of Lower Peirce Reservoir, Lentor Hills Residences features 598 premium residential units in five towers ranging from eight to 23 storeys, and parking lots for all units – a rare feature in many new projects.



Facilities at Lentor Hills Residences include a childcare centre, a 50-metre swimming pool, sky terraces, onsen alcove, an aqua deck with jacuzzi, and a play zone clubhouse (pictured) that cascades into a luxurious 50-metre swimming pool. (Artist's impression)



An impressive feature is the Sky Garden Bridge that links the sky terraces to form a continuous 400-metre jogging track and amenity deck. (Artist's impression)



Future residents can take pride in being among the first to reap the benefits of a new growth area with connectivity as the key. A quick sheltered 5-minute walk takes residents to the new Lentor MRT Station on the Thomson-East Coast Line and rest of Singapore in minutes. Residents also enjoy sheltered, direct access to the extensive range of amenities at the supermarket and retail mall at the integrated Lentor Modern next door.

Ms Betsy Chng, Head of Sales and Marketing at Hong Leong Holdings said, "Lentor Hills Residences comes at an opportune time to inject vibrancy and more residential spaces to encourage thriving communities in a new growth neighbourhood. Designed as a nature retreat with the modern family in mind, we aim to provide a conducive environment in private surroundings, yet within close reach to the myriad of F&B and retail options next door. With Lentor Hills MRT Station across the road, convenience is nearly at one's fingertips. The potential here is limitless. With all these factors combined, we believe this will add to the project's overall appeal to buyers."



All units are carefully designed for functional and enhanced living. Pictured here is the 2-bedroom with study. (Artist's impression)



Each unit is equipped with Smart Gateway Standalone hub including a digital lockset and smart air-con functionality for the safety and comfort of residents on one mobile app. Pictured is the 4-bedroom living area. (Artist's impression)

Prices are listed from \$\$945,000 for one-bedroom (452 sq ft), \$\$1.36 million for two-bedders, \$\$1.82 million for three-bedders, and under \$\$2.54 million for four-bedder units. Dual-key apartments start at \$\$2.64 million. On a per square foot (psf) basis, prices at Lentor Hills Residences start at \$\$1,834 psf.

Unit sizes range from 452 sq ft for 1-bedroom to 1,399 sq ft for 4-bedroom. Dual key units are available from 1,302sq ft to 1,399 sq ft. Anticipated TOP in December 2026.

For more information, please visit Lentor Hills Residences here.



THE MYST



The Myst is a 408-unit condominium located amidst the lush greenery and natural landscapes of the Upper Bukit Timah enclave. Cashew MRT station and the Bukit Panjang Integrated Transport Hub are a 5-minute walk and a 10-minute walk away, respectively. (Artist's Impression)



The Myst is conceived as a secret garden and tranquil retreat, with 75% of the development's footprint dedicated to landscaping and communal facilities. Pictured here is the Grand Water Courtyard comprising a decked promenade. (Artist's Impression)

Nestled amidst lush greenery and natural landscapes, The Myst is conceived as a secret garden and tranquil retreat that blends the convenience of modern living with the beauty of nature. Inspired by the misty mornings in the nearby Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, 75% of the development's footprint is dedicated to landscaping and communal facilities.

Carefully configured to integrate green architecture into its botanical landscape, the forest-like setting of The Myst mimics the experience of walking through the woods at every turn, with tropical trees forming a canopy over pavilions, courtyards and common areas. It is conveniently located just a 5-minute walk to Cashew MRT station, where residents can travel on the Downtown Line to places like Newton, Bugis and Bayfront. The Bukit Panjang Integrated Transport Hub, which consists of a bus interchange and the Bukit Panjang MRT and LRT stations, is just a 10-minute walk away.

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL Group Chief Executive Officer, said, "When we acquired this expansive 179,008 sq ft site through an off-market deal, we were enchanted by the surrounding area which is filled with tropical greenery, nature parks and reservoirs. We saw a prime opportunity to create a green masterpiece that blends harmoniously with the verdant landscape of Upper Bukit Timah. Homebuyers will derive immense value from the exceptional luxury resort design and strong locational attributes, making The Myst an attractive choice for those looking to enhance their lifestyle."



Within The Myst's 179,008 sq ft estate are pockets of oasis carved from verdant spaces, including the Lush Sunken Lounge that overlooks the 50m Infinity Pool. (Artist's Impression)



Each unit is integrated with a suite of smart features that provides enhanced convenience and security. This includes a digital lockset, smart surveillance, smart air conditioning and lighting controls. Pictured here is the four-bedroom show unit (living room). (For Illustration Only)



Indicative prices start from S\$1,862 per square foot (psf) and ranging from S\$998,000 to over S\$3 million.

One-bedroom units, sized from 517 sq ft start at S\$998,000 or S\$1,930 per square foot (psf). The two-bedroom units (from 678 sq ft) start at S\$1.33 million or S\$1,962 psf. The three-bedroom ones (from 850 sq ft) start at just under S\$1.71 million or S\$2,009 psf. The four-bedroom units (from 1,518 sq ft) cost about S\$2.83 million or S\$1,862 psf, and the five-bedroom units (at 1,690 sq ft), S\$3.18 million or S\$1,882 psf.

About one-third of the units at The Myst are priced at a sweet spot of S\$1.5 million and below, making it a desirable option for homebuyers and investors. Anticipated TOP in March 2029.

For more information, please visit The Myst here.



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Millennium
Airport
Hotel Dubai
Receives
2023 Travellers'
Choice Award
By TripAdvisor

The Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai team who has made this award possible by providing exceptional customer service and hospitality.

Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai has been awarded the 2023 Travellers' Choice Award by TripAdvisor based on consistent positive reviews.

Every year, TripAdvisor awards travellers' favourite destinations, hotels, restaurants, and things to do around the world, based on reviews and ratings collected over the past 12 months. TripAdvisor's Traveller's Choice awards (formerly Certificate of Excellence) are given annually to businesses that consistently receive excellent and very good ratings from their customers. Travellers' Choice winners are among the top 10% of businesses on TripAdvisor. The hotel also received the Certificate of Excellence last year, testament to its excellent service to travellers around the globe.



A convenient 5-minute away from Dubai International Airport, Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai has been recognised as Middle East's Leading Airport Hotel at the World Travel Awards ten times since 2008.

Mr Simon Moore, General Manager of Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai, said, "We are truly grateful to our guests for appreciating our hard work and dedication. I also thank all my hotel colleagues as they stood out once again by providing exceptional hospitality and exceeding the expectations of our guests. This award demonstrates the great passion of every staff each day and we promise to continue to deliver the best."



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CDL Clinches
Digital - Real
Estate Award
At The SBR
Technology
Excellence Awards

Mr Ivan Ng (left), Chief Technology Officer at CDL, receiving the Digital - Real Estate Award at the 2023 SBR Technology Excellence Awards for the innovative CDL Homes Sales.

In real estate, property sales is a complex and time-consuming process, involving multiple parties, such as homebuyers, property developers, agencies, architects, conveyancing lawyers, banks, and regulators and numerous exchanges of documents.

To address the shortage of digital platforms and players to optimise this multifaceted process, CDL designed and built its own platform to bridge this gap. CDL Homes Sales (CHS) is an in-house proprietary electronic system designed to provide homebuyers with a more transparent and efficient buying experience – an industry-first platform by a property developer. This earned CDL the Digital - Real Estate Award at the 2023 SBR Technology Excellence Awards.

The awards programme commends the efforts and achievements of companies in Singapore that have strived to use digital innovations to transform their businesses into industry game changers.

The COVID-19 pandemic provided the perfect opportunity for CDL to re-imagine the customer journey throughout the overall homebuying process, as health and safety protocols restricted prospective buyers from physically viewing and purchasing homes. CDL quickly formulated a digitally-aided process that starts by streamlining balloting and buying for homebuyers and property agencies, leveraging digital technologies like mobility, onsite, and remote digital signing, and enhancing buyer experiences in satellite sales to achieve end-to-end orchestration between ecosystem partners.

CHS works with an agile approach in sales, as the platform was specifically designed and built to be optimised for users' unique needs, such as electronic balloting via Zoom, "thinking boxes" for buyers needing to review units, secure electronic signatures for multiple documents using DocuSign either onsite or remotely, and integrating Singapore's National Digital Identity (NDI) initiative, MyInfo, to securely retrieve and validate buyers' information.

By collating the processes onto a single platform, partners and agents can familiarise themselves with the processes, enabling collaboration and innovation that results in a smoother buying experience.

CHS delivers great buyer experiences and favourable business outcomes for partners, with measurable results such as the number of sales done digitally, customer satisfaction ratings, e-balloting hours, and paper usage yield operational data for the businesses involved.



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The cloud-based platform uses open APIs to deliver faster and more personalised experiences to customers and allows the use of industry-wide processes with traceability and accountability.

Reduced costs, increased generated revenue, and improved productivity of more than \$150,000 in five projects (with more coming soon) can be directly attributed to the convenience offered by CHS. The platform's benefits also include increased efficiency across ecosystem reporting and management, increased speed of innovation for products and services, and sustainability.

To better serve the needs of buyers and users from various stakeholder groups, CDL plans to integrate CHS within the larger company in-house ecosystem, which comprises other digital solutions such as:

- CityNexus mobile app: First rolled out in 2019 for the office community at Republic Plaza, CDL's flagship commercial property, the app allows building users to gain access into buildings, call for lifts using contactless technology, and check the availability of parking lots in real time, amongst other value-added services.
- My CDL Home app: Allows homebuyers to view monthly updates on the construction progress of the
 development, including estimated Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) and information specific to their
 apartment unit. The app also allows homebuyers to view their billing schedule and payments made,
 submit a request for change of their personal particulars, or schedule an appointment for key collection
 after TOP.

This planned integration of CDL's digital solutions will enable us to provide users with a more refined end-to-end customer experience.