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British Rapper
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Celebrates
30th Birthday
In Style
At The
Biltmore Mayfair

British rapper Stormzy (centre in black suit) took over The Biltmore Mayfair hotel and held a lavish birthday bash that included a three-course dinner and casino games. (Credit: Dave Bennett)

British rapper, singer and songwriter Stormzy celebrated his 30th birthday with a lavish birthday bash in the ballroom of The Biltmore Mayfair on 28 July.

According to media reports, the star-studded guest list included the likes of British celebrities such as novelist Zadie Smith, TV host Alison Hammond, journalist Louis Theroux, actor Danny Dyer, TV presenter and comedian Jonathan Ross, and singer and famed judge on Britain's Got Talent and America's Got Talent, Alesha Dixon.

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Stormzy cuts a dashing figure in a black suit at The Biltmore Mayfair. (Credit: Ian West/PA)

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Costumes And Splendour Galore At The Labyrinth Of Jareth Masquerade Ball

*An incredible theme of costumes at The Labyrinth of Jareth Masquerade Ball in The Biltmore Los Angeles.
(Credit: Resist the Mundane blog)*

It was a world of wonder and imagination with splendid costumes when The Labyrinth of Jareth Masquerade Ball held its annual masquerade ball and cosplay event at a fitting venue none other than the iconic The Biltmore Los Angeles.

First held in 1997, attendees wear elaborate costumes in the fantasy couture style, including a mask for most participants. Some attendees have worn mechanical wings. Faerie and goblin costumes typically predominate, although participants also dress in styles such as steampunk, Venetian and Gothic.



The giant Griffin puppet performed by three puppeteers and two Griffin Guides. They trekked through the hallways of The Biltmore Los Angeles, creating such a fun and entertaining ruckus. (Credit: Resist the Mundane blog)



Inspired by an artwork, this guest brought her costume to life as she posed for a photo. (Credit: Resist the Mundane blog)

The name of the ball is a reference to the 1986 fantasy film *Labyrinth*, specifically the scene in which the protagonist, Sarah Williams, finds herself in a masquerade ball. Other actors in the scene wear strange and grotesque, but also elaborate and formal costumes and masks. The event's title namechecks *Labyrinth*'s main antagonist, Jareth, the Goblin King.

The entire Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles opened its doors to this event. With over half a dozen lavish ballrooms and event halls, the beautiful hotel catered to the masquerade including rooms and suites to guests who attended.



It was splendour galore with some costumes and head pieces that are hand-made and crafted by the guests themselves. (Credit: Resist the Mundane blog)



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Hard Days Night Hotel Dubbed Best Liverpool Hotel For Music Lovers

Bar Four at Hard Days Night Hotel is a destination cocktail bar offering a vast array of cocktails, beers, wines and spirits. It is undoubtedly one of the must visit bars in Liverpool city centre, with a chic and stylish vibe.

According to British online newspaper, The Independent, Hard Days Night Hotel is the best hotel to stay in Liverpool for music lovers.

Liverpool loves a big night out. From headline gigs at the Echo Arena to Premiership grudge matches at Anfield, the city knows how to host an event.

The hotel scene is booming with some great options, and one of them is the world's only Beatles-inspired hotel located in the neighbourhood, Cavern Quarter.

Fancy a side of musical memorabilia with your Liverpool city stay? Hard Days Night Hotel is billed as "the world's only Beatles-inspired" hotel, and the homage to the Fab Four kicks off the second you walk in the door.

The foyer is packed with Beatles details, including photos, busts and sheet music, and the soundtrack is – you guessed it – wall to wall Beatles tunes. Bedrooms continue the theme (mine was adorned with a huge, vaguely terrifying portrait of George Harrison as a boy, plus a framed information about his early life).

Chow down on a basic but fully-loaded breakfast buffet before enjoying the hotel's prime location next door to the iconic Cavern Club.



Named after the Sir Peter Blake, the artist behind the iconic Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album artwork, The Blakes Restaurant boasts wall-to-wall original Beatles artwork and imagery of personalities depicted on the album's cover.



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SKIRT, The Return Of Fire Meets Flavour

SKIRT, where culinary excellence meets the art of fire and flavours at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove.

SKIRT at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove has reopened its renowned grill house following an extensive renovation. The redesigned SKIRT led by design company EDG Design, embarked on a transformative journey to deliver an enhanced dining experience that transcends boundaries and ignites the senses.

The new SKIRT exudes a vibrant and sophisticated atmosphere, blending modern elements with the hotel's signature bold and playful style. From the moment guests step foot into the restaurant, they will be greeted by an elegant and immersive space that combines sleek lines, warm textures, and stylish furnishings, creating an inviting ambiance that sets the stage for a remarkable dining experience.

Renowned for its innovative culinary offerings, SKIRT showcases a delectable menu that celebrates the art of grilling. The refreshed menu, curated by the hotel's team of talented chefs, embraces locally sourced ingredients and premium cuts of meat to deliver a tantalizing array of flavors and textures. Guests can indulge in an exceptional selection of prime steaks, fresh seafood, and vegetarian wood fired delights, all prepared with expert craftsmanship and served with a modern twist.



Among the menu's highlights is the succulent 70°C Octopus with Pea Salad, Cauliflower Purée and Chorizo Crumbs (right photo).

"The renovation of SKIRT at W Singapore – Sentosa Cove marks an exciting new chapter for our iconic restaurant," said Christian Metzner, General Manager of W Singapore – Sentosa Cove.

"We are thrilled to present our guests with an elevated dining experience that combines exceptional cuisine, immersive design, and unparalleled hospitality. SKIRT sets the stage for an interactive dining experience, bringing people together to celebrate life's indulgences."



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Millennium Resort Wenzhou, The Latest Hotel To Open In China

Millennium Resort Wenzhou is located at the national 3A scenic spot - Canaan Villa Summer Resort Health Paradise, adjacent to the national 5A scenic spot Liu Bowen's Hometown and Tianding Lake.

MHR opened the Millennium Resort Wenzhou on 1 August 2023. The 151-room hotel located in Wenzhou city in the economic, cultural and transportation centre of Zhejiang province, is the latest property to be added to MHR's umbrella of properties in China.

Millennium Resort Wenzhou is located at the national 3A scenic spot-Canaan Villa Summer Resort Health Paradise, adjacent to the 5A National Key Scenic Area that also consists of the National Forest Park Tongling Mountain, Tianding Lake, and Wencheng Country, the hometown of Liu Ji - a famous general in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), Feiyun Lake and Double Dragons.

The hotel is 40 meters in height with 12 floors above ground and 1 floor underground. Total construction area is about 28,850 square meters, covering an area of 4,000 square meters. With a total investment of RMB 250 million, the hotel focuses on fashion and light luxury. It is a resort in the Yangtze River Delta that integrates family, leisure, summer, research, photography and health care.



Millennium Resort Wenzhou is just 5 minutes' drive to Baizhangji Waterfall Scenic Area, renowned for its splendid waterfalls and beautiful lake.



The hotel features 151 luxury rooms such as the 40 sqm Deluxe Twin Room (above) facing beautiful mountains and lakes.



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Millennium Resort Wenzhou features 151 luxury rooms equipped with advanced and comprehensive facilities, Superior Room size are 40m² while President Suite is over 200m². Through the windows guests could gaze lust greeneries over looking hills and mountains. It is an ideal choice for both business and leisure, which could provide a pleasant stay experience for all guests.



The hotel is equipped with an outdoor infinity pool (above) and an indoor heated swimming pool.



The ballroom is 8 metres in height and can be divided into multi-functional rooms.

The hotel has over 1,300 square meters of meeting space, which is suitable for all kinds of business conferences and large banquets. Ballroom is 8 meters in height can be divided into 2 multi-functional rooms, moreover, the hotel is also equipped with 7 small meeting rooms which can meet your diversified demands.

For a good dining experience, Amber Restaurant and Yipin Chinese Restaurant offer a rich selection of Oriental and Western cuisines. One can enjoy local, Cantonese and fusion cuisines in Yipin Chinese Restaurant which is also equipped with 7 well-appointed Private Dining Room that can accommodate between 8-20 people. The Amber restaurant provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner so that one can taste our Millennium chefs' presentation in an elegant and tranquil atmosphere.



The hotel offers a range of dining options such as the all-day dining Amber Restaurant (left photo) and Yipin Chinese Restaurant (right photo) for local Wenzhou and Cantonese cuisines.



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The hotel is equipped with an indoor heated swimming pool and an outdoor infinity pool. Hot spring, sauna, steam room, children's play area and a fitness center is also available at our Health Club. Fitness center consist of advanced aerobic exercise equipment and strength training equipment.

As the famous and beautiful Baizhangji tourist spot is right beside the hotel, this is indeed an ideal place for relaxation and tranquility.

Canmyhome Yacht Club is uniquely located and built as an only alpine yacht club in the Wenzhou area. It is also one of the well-known yacht clubs in Wenzhou. At present, we have 3 Luxury sightseeing Yachts which are 80 feet, 55 feet and 30 feet, The Yacht club also consist of an original imported Chaser drift boat, lake assault boat and a motor boat. In the future, an outdoor recreation center composed of internationally renowned Bombardier yachts and mountain bikes are being planned.

For more information, please visit <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/wenzhou/millennium-resort-wenzhou/#home>



It is the ideal venue for high-end business meetings, receptions, banquets and private parties. Each conference room (left) including the VIP meeting room is equipped with advanced audio-visual equipment and conference facilities.



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City Serviced Offices Celebrates Twenty Years Of Service

The dedicated team at CSO. Standing in the top row (L-R): Ms Uma Paramu, Ms Sara Thankachan, Ms Sulastr Johari, Ms Pedrinha Furtado, Ms Malva Koon, and Ms Erni Salim. Second row (L-R): Ms Tan May Anne and Ms Florence Fam. Seated in the centre is CSO Vice President Ms Annie Abraham.

Long before coworking spaces gained popularity in recent years, serviced offices stood apart from the traditional office leasing model, offering flexible private workspace options with shared services and meeting spaces.

In Singapore, City Serviced Offices (CSO), a wholly-owned subsidiary of City Developments Limited (CDL), is amongst the earliest serviced office providers here. It recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, marking two decades of providing tailored business solutions and flexible office spaces to businesses, supporting many entrepreneurs and start-ups in their growth journeys.

Colour-themed emerald, white and gold, the celebratory event was held on 14 August 2023 at Tower Club at Republic Plaza, where CSO's first centre is located with around 150 attendees, including clients, business associates, real estate agents, and management representatives from CDL, Hong Leong Group, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Limited, Le Grove Serviced Residences, CBM Pte Ltd, South Beach Consortium, and Tower Club.

Established in 2003, CSO opened its doors to businesses with a 9,688 sq ft centre at Republic Plaza in the heart of Raffles Place. Looking back on CSO's journey, Mr Kwek Eik Sheng, CDL Group Chief Operating Officer, noted the company's resilience and triumph in navigating the COVID-19 pandemic and expressed confidence in CSO's future.



Celebrating CSO's 20th anniversary with cake cutting (from left): Mr Kwek, Ms Abraham, and CDL Chief Financial Officer, Ms Yiong Yim Ming.



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During the event, Ms Annie Abraham, CSO Vice President, presented a lively dance performance featuring her rendition of "Celebration" by Kool and The Gang, and also took the stage to deliver some remarks. She attributed CSO's success to the leadership of the CDL management team and valued clients, some of whom have been partners for the entirety of CSO's existence. She also expressed gratitude to her colleagues for their unwavering dedication and extended special appreciation to Ms Florence Fam, Senior Service Manager and a long-term staff who has dedicated over 17 years of service.



Ms Abraham wow-ed the 150 guests with her rendition of the song 'Celebration' by Kool and The Gang.



Some guests can be seen enjoying themselves in a spontaneous Indian dance.

Drawing from John Rohn's wisdom, Ms Abraham concluded her address with a quote, "Find a way to serve, start rendering service. The more you serve, the greater your fortune. Service to many leads to greatness."

Over the years, CSO has played host to numerous companies and organisations across different industry sectors, ranging from one-person start-up companies to multi-national companies. Apart from fully-equipped centres with spaces that can be tailored to suit evolving business needs, CSO is supported by an experienced, committed team focused on delivering solutions that meet their clients' needs and requirements.

For more information on CSO's offerings, please visit <https://www.city-servicedoffices.com/> or email cityservicedoffices@cdl.com.sg.



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CDL Expands Japan Hotel Portfolio With Bespoke Hotel Osaka Shinsaibashi

The 256-room freehold lifestyle Bespoke Hotel Osaka Shinsaibashi enjoys a prime location in Osaka's popular commercial district and tourist hotspot, and is well-positioned to benefit from demand of international visitors.

City Developments Limited (CDL), through its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, M&C Sakura TMK, has acquired the Bespoke Hotel Osaka Shinsaibashi for JPY 8.5 billion (approximately S\$78.5 million) or JPY 33.2 million (approximately S\$307,000) per key.

CDL sees strong investment potential due to expected growth in Osaka's tourism industry. It is also CDL's third hotel acquisition in 2023, following [Sofitel Brisbane Central](#) in Australia, and [Nine Tree Premier Hotel Myeongdong II](#) in South Korea.

Opened in 2019, the 256-room freehold lifestyle hotel enjoys a prime location in Osaka's Shinsaibashi commercial district. The hotel is within a 5-minute walk to Midotsuji Avenue, lined with major international luxury brands as well as the Parco and Daimaru department stores. The popular Shinsaibashi-suji shopping street is also nearby. Additionally, the Nagahoribashi and Shinsabashi stations are just a 4-minute and a 6-minute walk, respectively.

The lifestyle hotel is well placed to benefit from the positive market recovery momentum amidst robust demand from international visitors. Inbound tourism from the rest of Asia has continued to grow, while the weaker yen has sparked a rebound in US and European tourists, exceeding pre-pandemic levels. China's recent lifting of restrictions on group tours to Japan is another positive boost for the hotel industry.

Tourism in Osaka is forecasted to strengthen in the coming years. The city will host the 6-month-long World Expo in 2025, expected to attract 30 million visitors. The US\$10 billion MGM Integrated Resort with casino, entertainment, shopping, hotel and MICE facilities is projected to welcome 20 million visitors annually when it opens in 2030. Meanwhile, Universal Studios Japan, located in Osaka, was the world's third-most visited theme park in 2022, attracting 12.4 million visitors.



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A contemporary lifestyle hotel prominently located in Osaka's Shinsaibashi commercial district, the property is within a 5-minute walk to Midosuji Avenue, lined with major international luxury brands as well as the Parco and Daimaru department stores.

Mr Kwek Leng Beng, CDL Executive Chairman, said, "Japan's tourism industry has rebounded strongly post-pandemic, and we saw this as a great opportunity to expand our hotel portfolio. Our Group owns the 329-room Millennium Mitsui Garden Hotel in Tokyo Ginza as well as other rental apartment assets in Yokohama and Osaka. This investment is aligned with our Group's strategy to actively grow and diversify our global real estate portfolio."

The acquisition of Bespoke Hotel Osaka Shinsaibashi marks the Group's third hotel acquisition in 2023, following its acquisition of the Nine Tree Premier Hotel Myeongdong II in South Korea and the landmark 5-star Sofitel Brisbane Central in Australia.



CDL Lauded For Spearheading Net-Zero Initiatives At Sustainability Impact Awards

Celebrating new ways of doing business: CDL Chief Sustainability Officer Ms Esther An (top row, far right) with Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu (white dress), SPH Media Trust Chairman Khaw Boon Wan (Ms Fu's right), UOB Deputy Chairman and CEO Mr Wee Ee Cheong (Ms Fu's left), and winners and judges of the Sustainability Impact Awards 2023.. (Credit: The Business Times)

City Developments Limited (CDL) was among six large enterprises that scored the Impact Enterprise Excellence Award at the recent inaugural Sustainability Impact Awards this year. It was lauded for its role in building and designing the net-zero-energy facility, Singapore Sustainability Academy, and spearheading other net-zero initiatives.

Organised by The Business Times and UOB, the award recognises businesses and individuals who have had a positive impact on the environment and community.

CDL Chief Sustainability Officer Ms Esther An said the Academy demonstrates the company's dedication to building capacity and network to drive climate action and sustainable development.

The 4,300 square foot facility might look like a regular event space, with classrooms, a veranda, an office and an exhibition gallery. But it has emerged as a gathering point for the sustainability-minded. Since it officially opened in June 2017, the Singapore Sustainability Academy has hosted more than 780 sustainability-related events attended by some 27,000 attendees.



Solar panels fitted at the Singapore Sustainability Academy are estimated to generate an annual energy yield of over 60,000 kWh, exceeding the building's annual energy consumption.

The collective effect of that is what property developer City Developments Limited (CDL) has set out to do with the space, which is to build a larger ecosystem of stakeholders to amplify positive change and impact.



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HLA Ramps Up Green Efforts To Meet Growing Housing Demand

Hong Leong Asia Chief Executive Officer Mr Stephen Ho said people are looking at alternatives ways to build homes quickly.

Hong Leong Asia (HLA) recently sat with The Edge Singapore on the company's latest efforts to meet housing demand more sustainably. Below is an excerpt of the interview published on 30 August 2023, with its CEO Mr Stephen Ho, Chief Investment Officer Mr Patrick Yau, and Head of Sustainability and Corporate Affairs Ms Kwek Pei Xuan.

HLA recently signalled a further commitment to its building materials business. In a 51:49 joint venture with Malaysia's Sunway Construction Group, it opened Singapore's largest integrated construction and prefabrication hub at Punggol Barat Lane.

HLA's CEO Stephen Ho says in an interview with The Edge Singapore: "People are looking at alternative ways of construction to produce some of these apartments more quickly. The process also sits very nicely with the whole sustainability discussion that's confronting a lot of players like ourselves. What it means is that you can reduce the noise and dust pollution at the site level. Efficiency is also gained from greater automation and we rely less on manpower," he adds.

HLA's Chief Investment Officer Patrick Yau says precast may become the dominant method of building for high-rise residential construction. He adds that the material has been given a boost as the Singapore government requires developers to use precast in about 60% of the project's structure above the basement if it buys a piece of land from government land sales (GLS).



The 3.8-hectare HLA-Sunway Prefab Hub can produce up to 100,000 cubic metres of precast components, to build 17 blocks of flats or 2,500 dwelling units every year.



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The use of precast in construction is not new although it has not gained widespread use. Detractors list factors including costs as a reason why the take-up rate isn't as high as expected. However, HLA's executives disagree that cost is an issue. Ho maintains that the pricing of prefab parts made in Malaysia remains "competitive". The bottleneck is finding enough storage space, adds Kwek Pei Xuan, HLA's director and Head of Sustainability and Corporate Affairs.

The recent opening of HLA's prefab hub, whose development was underway before the Covid-19 outbreak, gained greater urgency especially after the pandemic. When borders were shut during the pandemic and construction activity ground to a halt, both the supply of workers and materials were affected. Specifically, precast parts, which had readily been imported from Malaysia, were hit as they were deemed non-essential. "That's why the rebalancing to have Singapore produce a bit more has begun," explains Yau.

Diversifying its sources of supply was also another key lesson due to the lessons learnt from the pandemic lockdown, in case one of the sources — even if it is the cheapest — suddenly becomes unavailable, notes Yau.

HLA has long-standing ties with other industry players including Japanese cement company, Taiheiyo Cement Corporation, which has been a business partner since HLA was founded 60 years ago. To further strengthen its vertically-operated business model, HLA recently acquired new quarries in Indonesia and Malaysia.

"Upstream, we have our own quarries producing cement. Downstream in Singapore and Malaysia, we're a ready-mix concrete player. Further downstream, we see opportunities in enhancing our precast capabilities," Ho explains. "All of that when you look at the value chain, we can capture more value in the downward chain and hopefully that model is going to give us that resilience."



HLA has long-standing ties with Taiheiyo Corporation since HLA was founded 60 years ago. Above is an aerial shot of Taiheiyo Cement Plant in the Philippines.



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MHR To Transform Operations In The Middle East

The 5-star Grand Millennium Al Wahda Hotel in Dubai is the testbed for digital transformation technology by South Korean global hospitality tech company, H2O Hospitality.

H2O Hospitality (H2O), a South Korean global hospitality technology company, has signed a contract with MHR Middle East to digitally transform its hotel operations (DX).

MHR office in the Middle East decided to first apply H2O's digital conversion solution 'H2O flow' to the 5-star Grand Millennium Al Wahda hotel in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). When the hotel's digital transformation is completed, it plans to expand the application of the H2O flow service to 57 hotels in the Middle East and Africa among 145 hotels owned by Millennium.

The first service of H2O applied to the Grand Millennium Al Wahda Hotel is to allow users to experience various services such as reservation confirmation, reservation of auxiliary facilities, in-hotel service inquiries, and smart check-out through H2O Flow. H2O decided to apply the H2O flow service to the Grand Millennium Al Wahda Hotel from October 2nd after preparation work. The two companies later decided to complete the digital transformation by applying all services of H2O Flow to rest of the MHR Middle East umbrella of hotels.



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An Euroasian Odyssey And A Parisian Soirée At Orchard Hotel

Orchard Café takes diners on an Euroasian buffet spread with comfort flavours from Europe combined with aromatic spices of Asia.

Euroasian Odyssey - Buffet Beyond Borders

Embark on a gastronomic adventure like no other at our Euroasian Odyssey Buffet. From the heartwarming comfort foods of Europe to the aromatic spices of Asia, our buffet offers an exquisite selection that will tantalize your taste buds and satisfy your cravings.

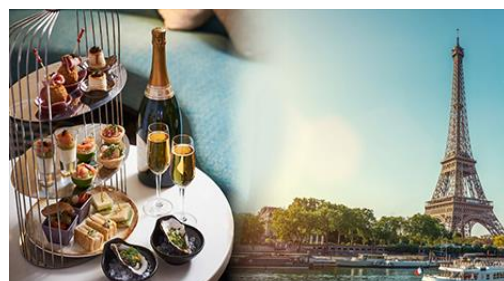
Main Highlights: Three-Cheese Baked Oysters, Argentinian Roast Beef, Gambas a la Plancha (Spanish Grilled Prawn), French Fish en Papillote, Argentinian Spiced Rub Pork Belly, Boston Lobster, Snow Crab Leg, Signature Laksa, Prime Rib Bak Kut Teh, Satay, Signature D24 Durian Pengat, Winter Melon Jelly with Red Dates.

Current promotion at 50% off 2nd diner. Available from 1 Sep - 31 Oct 2023.

High Tea Semi-Bufferet - A Parisian Soirée

Vivez une expérience élégante et délicieusement française!

Transport yourself to the charming streets of the City of Love as you savour delectable treats that capture the essence of Paris. From tantalizing Duck Confit to the classic Croque Monsieur, every bite is a taste of Paris's culinary treasures. The centerpiece of this elegant affair includes a buffet of handcrafted pastries and desserts sweet treats that certainly evoke the spirit of Parisian patisseries.



Each guest receives a complimentary glass of Prosecco. Available from 1 Sep - 31 Oct 2023.

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Summer Food & Drinks At The Chelsea Harbour Hotel's Estiva Terrace Bar

With stunning views of London, Estiva Terrace Bar is a beautiful Bar & Restaurant in the heart of Chelsea Harbour, and a few minutes' walk from Imperial Wharf Station and Kings' Road.

The Estiva Terrace Bar at The Chelsea Harbour Hotel & Spa has launched a seafood-based Cicchetti menu in collaboration with three drinks partners – Moët & Chandon, Whispering Angel and Ginraw. The menu features options such as freshly shucked oysters to start, or choices of an array of dishes such as seabass crudo served with Mediterranean condiments, tuna tartare, burrata with tomatoes and olives, and lobster pappardelle to follow.

Every day at 5pm is Martini o'clock which features a specialist gin bar where guests can choose their favourite Martini including Dirty Martini, French Martini, Espresso Martini or Dry Gin Martini.

Estiva Bottomless Brunch is a Sunday brunch with a three-course menu and 90 minutes of free-flowing champagne or cocktails.

The afternoon tea at Estiva features favourites such as delicate finger sandwiches, scones from the inhouse bakery, and sweet treats made by the pastry chef.

The Whispering Angel offering gives you 90 minutes of pouring time from a flowing magnum bottle. There's also a Estiva Moët & Chandon bar which is open from 3pm to 5pm Monday to Saturday.



Every Friday the menu can be enjoyed alongside Jazz night with a live trio which starts at 7.30pm.

For more information, please visit <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/london/the-chelsea-harbour-hotel/estiva-rooftop/>

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Millennium
Mooncakes
Present
Timeless Tradition
And New Flavours
At Hua Ting

An indulgent experience is enjoyed at every bite with Millennium Mooncakes by renowned Hua Ting Restaurant at Orchard Hotel.

Be enchanted by the symphony of flavours capsuled within the timeless delicacy that embodies the spirit of tradition and celebration.

Exquisitely crafted by award-winning Hua Ting Restaurant, our mooncakes use only the finest ingredients, ensuring an indulgent experience with every bite. Each piece is a testament to our commitment to preserving tradition while embracing innovation, resulting in a harmonious blend of authentic flavours and modern flair.

New flavours 2023: Mao Shan Wang, Kumquat & Yuzu, Pineapple & Taro, Chendol Lotus with Melon Seed

Order your mooncake online and enjoy up to ****25% off** Early Bird Promotion from **now to 17 September 2023!**

25% off is valid for orders with participating credit cards at Orchard Hotel only.

Please visit <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/uating-mooncakes> to make your orders now.

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Ahoy! Sail To The Seas With A Nautical Staycation At M Hotel

Have fun with your little ones and sail to the seas with M Hotel Singapore's first-ever themed Nautical Family Suite Package.

Ahoy! Get ready to set sail out to the big blue sea with M Hotel Singapore's first-ever themed Nautical Family Suite. The large suite equipped with a comfortable king-sized bed plus two single beds and panoramic harbour views.

The suite also comes with an exclusive bedroom area for parents and a nautical-themed kids' room in collaboration with Kiztopia, as well as a separate living and dining area plus a private in-room Jacuzzi with luxury bathroom amenities for the adults and kid-friendly products for the kids. Get complimentary tickets to Kiztopia at Marina Square for up to 2 adults and 2 kids.

The suite room comes with a series of play and learn activities from our Nautical Activity Booklet to keep the little ones entertained. Enjoy complimentary personalised check-in-and-out, and late check-out up to 2pm, subject to availability. Chill with all day refreshment, a nautical-themed afternoon tea from 2pm to 4pm, and wind down in your suite with plated canapes and a bottle of champagne in the evening.

In addition, My Millennium members get double double points plus 5% off on any Suite stay for bookings and stays between 4 April to 31 December 2023! You didn't read that wrong – that's 4X points! Not a member yet? Join My Millennium for free to enjoy offer.

Sign up now at <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/my-millennium/sign-up/?callbackurl=/en/programmes/my-millennium/>.

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Mooncake Madness At Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur

Celebrate Mid-Autumn with an exquisite selection of traditional baked mooncakes from Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur.

The enchanting Mid-Autumn Festival is just around the corner, and Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur is thrilled to celebrate this cherished occasion with an exquisite selection of traditional baked mooncakes.

From now until 1st October 2023, guests can expect a delectable array of flavours, including the highly anticipated best-seller, Chocolate Walnut, which makes a grand comeback. Other enticing options include Red Bean Paste, Pure White Lotus Paste, Single Yolk White Lotus Paste, Single Yolk Pandan Lotus Mung Bean, and an enticing assortment of Fruits and Nuts. These sumptuous mooncakes are priced between RM36+ to RM47+ per piece and are sure to delight both the young and old alike.

To elevate the gifting experience, our mooncakes are presented in elegant gift boxes, offering a perfect blend of taste and aesthetics. Customers have the choice of selecting from four exquisite gift box options. The Signature Collection, priced at RM168+, showcases a design inspired by harmonious elements of nature, adorned with a lacquer finish. Meanwhile, the Premium Collection, priced at RM188+, boasts a tasteful display of refined colours with opulent rose or elegant celadon themes.

Mooncakes are certified 'halal'. For bookings and enquiries, please visit <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/offers/asia/grand-millennium-hotel-kuala-lumpur/dining/lai-ching-yuen/mid-autumn-mooncakes/>.

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Can You
Handle A
10kg Burger?
Finish It
And It's Free!

Is this Dubai's biggest burger? Millennium Place Barsha Heights takes supersized meals to another level and challenges patrons to the 10kg Monsta Burger. It's free if you can finish it.

Millennium Place Barsha Heights invites guests to gather a group of friends or family and get ready for a feast of fun. Share a massive 10kg burger and 1kg of fries at their all-day dining, M One Restaurant.

Named the 'Monsta Burger', it boasts the perfect blend of angus beef, aged cheddar yellow cheese, signature caramelized onion spread, tantalizing your taste buds with each bite.

Available every day from 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm. The meal costs AED 799 and includes soft drinks, perfectly seasoned golden fries, and great vibes at no extra cost, it is the perfect opportunity to unite Dubai's burger enthusiasts.

Here's the challenge: If two people can conquer the 5kg delight, their meal is on the house. If a group of 5 successfully tackle the 10kg Monsta Burger completely, their feast is also free!



The smaller 5kg Monsta burger is complimentary if two people can finish it.

Guests must book the burger 48 hours in advance to embark on the culinary adventure like no other! So, mark your calendars as the hotel promises to find your happy place and don't miss out on the excitement as this is your chance to taste delicious food in one unforgettable experience!

For reservations, please email restaurants.mpbh@millenniumhotels.com or call +971 58 606 0831.

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Happy Paws And Feet: Celebrating Beloved Pets At South Beach

More than 1,000 people and their beloved furry and feathered friends were spotted at the SingaPAW weekend at South Beach.

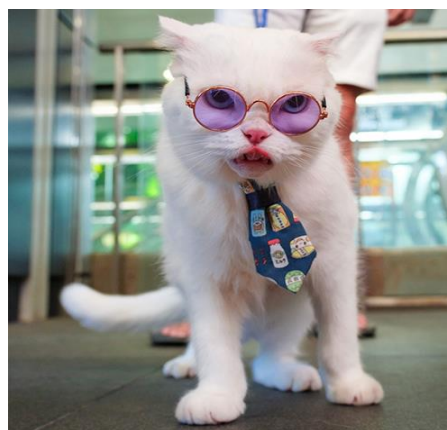
On August 5th and 6th, pet enthusiasts and furry companions united for a delightful event at South Beach – SingaPAW Weekend 58. Festivities celebrated the bond between pets and owners, offering a line-up of activities that left all with smiles.

Over 40 booths offered diverse pet accessories, supporting local businesses, and pampering our companions. A special guest, Presidential Hopeful Ng Kok Song added a touch of distinction to the vibrant atmosphere, showcasing shared love for our four-legged friends.

SingaPAW Weekend 58 was a success, uniting pet lovers and the community where memories from this weekend would stay in attendees' hearts. Mark your calendars for next year, as SingaPAW returns with more excitement and opportunities to create unforgettable moments with your pets. Let's continue celebrating the joy and companionship our furry friends bring.



A Chow Chow makes its entrance as it trots down the catwalk to the oohs and aahs of onlookers.



a grumpy-looking cat decked in sunglasses and a necktie also made an appearance and participated in the festivities.



Annual “Durian Lunch Pilgrimage” To Malacca

HLGSRC members showing off their sumptuous durian lunch.

The HLGSRC held its 2D1N annual “durian lunch pilgrimage” trip to Malacca from 29-30 July 2023.

Staff and their family members spent their night at the beautiful Baba House Melaka, a hotel housed within a historic building showcasing traditional Peranakan culture.

On the 2nd day, participants savoured the highlight of the tour, the all-you-can-eat durian lunch. After filling up on the creamy goodness of the all-time favourite, Mao Shan Wang durian, they enjoyed the rest of the day working off the calories shopping and taking in the sights.



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Swinging Clubs And Kicking Goals At The Hong Leong Olympics 2023

Group shot of the golfers.

The Hong Leong Olympics 2023 continues with the Golf and Futsal Tournaments held in August.

Golf

Golfers from across the Hong Leong Group once again came together for the annual HLGSRG Golf Tournament, held at Orchid Country Club this year.

Seasoned and new players alike enjoyed the good game despite play being stopped twice due to afternoon passing showers.

Futsal

9 teams gathered on a scorching hot Sunday to fight it out on the pitches at The Rainforest Sport Hub Turf Club. The sweltering sun didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the players and spectators alike, as they passionately cheered their teams on.



*The HLGSRG
Futsal Family.*



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Rolling Out Sustainability Initiatives Across UK And Europe

Water served in plant-based bottles at meeting venues are among the sustainable initiatives rolled out across Millennium Hotels' properties across the UK and Europe.

In the UK, Sustainability Meetings offerings started its pilot on 5 June 2023 at Millennium Gloucester as our pilot site. The offerings will be rolled out in all UK and EU hotels after the pilot. This will align with customers' desire to be more environmentally aware and allow them to place a meeting or event in Millennium Hotels and Resorts with confidence.

These venues will have an electronic whiteboard/stand available in the meeting room, bottled mineral water served in a plant-based bottle (with water fountains for delegates to refill during their meetings), sustainably sourced tea and coffee, stationery made from recycled materials, sustainably sourced food menus, single use plastics banned in all meeting rooms, recycling bins per meeting room and dimmers/automatic lights in most meeting rooms.



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Copthorne Merry-Hill Dudley Races For A Quacking Good Time

The team from Copthorne Hotel Merry-Hill Dudley getting ready for the annual charity Black Country Duck Race at The Waterfront located directly behind the hotel.

Copthorne Hotel Merry-Hill Dudley recently took part in the annual charity Black Country Duck Race in support of the Mary Stevens Hospice. The event took place on The Waterfront, Merry Hill which is directly behind the Copthorne Hotel Merry Hill-Dudley and the weather played its part to provide a stunning backdrop for the event.

A total of 1750 rubber ducks bought by the public for £3 each and 30 larger ducks sponsored by local businesses for £50 each raced across the canal with the winner scooping the £100 first prize and the Mick Bailey Duck Race Trophy 2023.

The Black Country Duck Race has grown to be a much loved and well attended event by 1000's of hospice supporters on the day and this year the hospice fundraising team pulled out all the stops to make this a fantastic event that everyone enjoyed.

There was live entertainment all day from local live music venue Red by Night, stalls from small, local businesses and traditional games for everyone to try. There was even a crazy golf course.

All money raised from The Black Country Duck Race and Family Festival will be used to support patient care at the hospice helping local families in their time of need.

Unfortunately, the Copthorne Merry Hill duck did not win but the team picked up good trips to improve their duck design and strategy for next year's race!



A Pilot Trial To Recycle Food Waste With Food Separation Technology

MHR's Ms Ally Chow, VP, Special Projects, UK/Europe (left) and Mr William Watson Regional SHE Manager for Europe (2nd from left) at Vuala's office with its representatives.

MHR hotels in London hopes to reduce the time and effort to recycle food waste and reduce food waste collection bills with a new food separation technology called Vuala X1.

Founded by scientists and industry experts from the University of Cambridge, Vuala is a company working to make food waste recycling easy with its automatic food waste separation technology, the Vuala X1. Vuala's mission is to reduce 100 million tonnes of CO2 in 10 years.

The Vuala X1 is a bio-mechanical system, utilizing targeted micro-organisms together with specialised mechanical design, to automatically separate food waste from other wastes, turning them into raw material for biogas and hydrogen production within hours onsite. Vuala X1 allows food waste to be stored more than a month without smell, significantly delaying collection frequency, saving 95% labour and logistics while reducing 75% CO2 emission.

Starting at Copthorne Tara London Kensington for two weeks, Vuala X1 will progressively make its way around different MHR's UK hotels as part of its trial.



Mr Andrei Ticau, Operations Manager at Copthorne Tara London Kensington (centre in a jacket) in a discussion with the co-founder of Vuala (carrying a backpack).



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MHR Rock 'N' Roll Its Way To More Than \$350K For Charity

MHR Executive Director Mr Kwek Eik Sheng (left) and Singapore Community Chest Vice President Mr Chew Kwee San (right) raise their hands and cheer to the enjoyable and successful rock 'n' roll themed fundraiser at Orchard Hotel Singapore on 25 August 2023.

Together with City Developments Limited (CDL), Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) recently hosted and organised a rock and roll themed fundraiser at Orchard Hotel and raised more than S\$350,000 with all proceeds to Singapore Community Chest.

More than 100 of MHR's long-standing vendors and suppliers such as Starhub telco company and Asia Pacific Breweries bought a total of 60 tables at the event costing \$5,000 and \$10,000 each, while MHR absorbed rest of the event's cost including food and entertainment.

The entertainment was a sight to behold with all guests gamely decked in rock and retro outfits complete with wigs, headbands and accessories dating back to the heyday of Grease, The Beatles, and Elvis Presley.



Can you guess who's who? From left is MHR SVP Global Operations and Partnerships Mr Andy Tan, Copthorne King's Hotel marketing communications manager Ms Grace Yeo, and Cluster General Manager for Studio M and M Social Mr Anthony Lim.



Wow! Check out the CDL team all dressed to the "T" in black leather outfits, sunglasses boots and the bling.

The event is part MHR's campaign to support the Community Chest's Change for Charity initiative that launched in February this year. MHR is one of its earliest partners to come onboard.

From 13 February to 31 December 2023, MHR's campaign taps on multiple touchpoints across its six hotels and 18 restaurants in Singapore as positive vehicles of change and maximise outreach efforts to guests and customers to encourage the spirit of giving.

MHR customers can donate at point of purchase of room and dining, as well as through conversion of reward points to donations via the My Millennium and À La Carte Rewards membership programmes. MHR will also donate S\$10 per day for every room that does not require changing of bed linens, and SGD\$1 for each diner at its buffet restaurants. All properties are urged to think creatively to raise the cause's awareness and encourage guests to contribute.

Together with the fundraiser, MHR has raised more than S\$400,000 to date.



The event was like a rock concert with guests cheering and dancing to the rock tunes of Bon Jovi and rushing to the stage for game prizes.



Guests competing in a 'Best Dressed' competition decked in Elvis Presley and Bruce Springsteen outfits.



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“I’d Go Back
In A Heartbeat.”

An Unforgettable
Experience
At The Bailey’s
Bugis Street
Brasserie

Ms Immy Share (top left corner picture in a denim jacket) and her friend recently visited Bugis Street Brasserie at The Bailey’s Hotel and shared wrote raving a raving review of their wonderful experience in News Shopper, a UK-based newspaper. (Credit: Immy Share, Newsquest)

Ms Immy Share, Digital Editor for London news titles at UK-based Newsquest Media Group, recently visited Bugis Street Brasserie at The Bailey’s Hotel and published raving reviews of the restaurant and the delicious array of fusion and authentic Singaporean, Malaysian and Chinese dishes on its menu. This is what she said of her unforgettable experience.

Her review was first published on 11 August 2023 in News Shopper, part of Newsquest which is one of UK’s largest regional media groups with more than 250 news brands, magazines and trade publications.

“I’ve genuinely wanted to go back ever since I left the Bugis Singapore Restaurant.

It’s set on the ground floor of the Bailey’s Hotel in Kensington, and has dishes influenced by Malaysian and Chinese cuisines. The food was absolutely incredible, and there’s honestly not much more I can say that would do it justice.

I love Chinese food, but where I don’t eat a lot of meat I rarely have it because I don’t want to eat the same vegetable dishes over and over again. This, though, was different, and in my two years of living in London it was the best Chinese-style meal I’ve had so far.

The restaurant is classy, relaxing and doesn’t have the hotel school dining-room like feel that sometimes hotel restaurants have. The hotel is located in a gorgeous area, and the way its lit up and decorated florally outside makes it look stunning.

The restaurant has a different entrance to the main hotel reception, and we were met with really friendly staff who helped us to our table.



Bugis Street Brasserie located at The Bailey's Hotel in the heart of fashionable South Kensington in London. (Credit: Immy Share, Newsquest)

The menu is really big, and has a nice mix of different cuisines to choose from, although it's actually difficult to limit yourself when everything sounds so tasty.

To start with I had the vegetable spring rolls and crispy tofu, and my friend had crispy duck and the dim sum basket.

I didn't try any of hers, but the duck was shredded in front of us next to the table, and it looked succulent and appropriately soft with a crispy outside to go with the pancakes, cucumber and spring onion it came with.

The vegetable spring rolls were really big, and I like ones that aren't too spicy so these were perfect. They were golden, crunchy and filled with vegetables and I was so tempted to order another three once I'd had them.

The crispy tofu was a good alternative to a battered meat, and came with some spice on the top for flavour.

For main course my friend ordered the crispy king prawn coated with passion fruit sauce, and I had a fillet of seabass which came in soy with some pak choi.



Large golden crunchy spring rolls filled with vegetables. (Credit: Immy Share, Newsquest)

The prawns came on a bed of salad, and although my friend was admittedly unsure about the crispy prawns and passionfruit mix in the first place, she said the flavours went together really well.

My seabass portion was really generous, and it was cooked to absolute perfection – it was one of the nicest Asian fish dishes I've had in a while.



Crispy king prawns with passion fruit sauce (left photo), a generous portion of seabass and the dish of shredded crispy duck seen in the background (right photo). (Credit: Immy Share, Newsquest)

We shared some broccoli and asparagus and egg fried rice on the side too. The egg fried rice was another moment where we debated ordering a second portion just because it was so delicious and we didn't want it to end. I know that you can't really go wrong with egg fried rice, but this one was extra nice.

I appreciate it sounds like we had an absolute feast, and we did, but we literally could not resist dessert because we couldn't get enough of the food.

I had the chocolate lava, which was a decadent cake with chocolate 'lava', or sauce, inside. It was scrumptious, and although it's hard for me to not enjoy something with chocolate in, this was really really delicious.

My friend ordered a more traditional dessert which was the Sago Gula Malaka, which incorporates a similar tasting to bubble tea. She really enjoyed this too, and we left with full stomachs and very happy taste buds.

I'd go back in a heartbeat, and I've been craving the meal again ever since I left.



The delicious feast for two was completed with a sweet ending consisting of chocolate lava cake and the more traditional Sago Gula Melaka. (Credit: Immy Share, Newsquest)



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South Beach Sets The Platinum Standard For Connectivity And Health Safety

Singapore's iconic South Beach, a mixed-use development including luxury residences, hotel and Grade A offices, recently scored Platinum for excellence in digital connectivity and health safety for tenants.

South Beach has attained the WiredScore Platinum and WELL Health-Safety Rating for its dedication to digital connectivity and the safety and well-being of guests and tenants.

WiredScore Platinum: Elevating Digital Connectivity

The WiredScore Platinum rating showcases South Beach Tower's commitment to staying at the forefront of the digital landscape. Rigorously assessed for in-building connectivity and infrastructure, the tower offers high-speed fibre access and diverse internet service provider options. Enhanced infrastructure also ensures secure and uninterrupted connectivity for businesses, adapting to their ever-evolving needs.

WELL Health-Safety Rating: Prioritizing Well-Being

The WELL Health-Safety Rating emphasises South Beach's dedication to occupants' and guests' health and well-being. Supported by the WELL Building Standard and expert insights, the rating assures a safe environment. This recognition communicates the integration of evidence-based measures into the development's operations, fostering trust and security for all who enter.

South Beach's achievements in WiredScore Platinum and WELL Health-Safety Ratings epitomize the harmonious convergence of technology and health. As businesses rely on seamless digital operations and individuals prioritize well-being, the development stands as a testament to this union—offering connectivity and fostering well-being for all.



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HLA Rises Up The Ranks For Governance And Sustainable Business Practices

A night shot of the gleaming new HLA-Sunway Prefab Hub, Singapore's largest integrated construction and prefabrication hub, to drive operational efficiency with automation.

Hong Leong Asia rose the ranks to the 16th position among 517 public-listed companies on the Singapore Governance and Transparency Index 2023 (SGTI), with an overall score of 104 points, an improvement from ranking 21st in 2022.

This latest accolade attests to HLA's commitment to strong corporate governance, proactive shareholder communication and sustainable business practices, ensuring active disclosure and transparency of information and continuously improve on communicating with our stakeholders at all times.

The SGTI, jointly published by CPA Australia, NUS Business School's Centre for Governance and Sustainability (formerly known as Centre for Governance, Institutions and Organisations), and Singapore Institute of Directors (SID) in collaboration with The Business Times, is an annual ranking that assesses Singapore-listed companies' corporate governance practices.

This year, the SGTI ranked 474 corporates and 43 REITS & Business Trusts, most of which released their annual reports by 31 May 2023. The mean score of all companies reviewed for the SGTI was 74.8 points out of a maximum of 143 for 2023.



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Triple Scores For My Millennium Loyalty Programme At The Loyalty & Engagement Awards

Taking a pose for the camera is the MHR Global Loyalty team (from left): Chester Teo, Assistant Manager, CRM Analytics and Platforms; June Moe, Executive, Global Loyalty Marketing; Mr Andy Tan, MHR SVP Global Operations and Partnerships; Jocelyn Ferrer, Manager, Global Loyalty Programme; Sandra Chiu, Manager, Global Loyalty Marketing; Lim Zhong Wei, Assistant Manager, Global Loyalty Marketing; Saw Ann Chi, Senior Digital Marketing Executive.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) recently swept three awards at the 11th edition of The Loyalty & Engagement Awards for its My Millennium loyalty programme.

My Millennium was announced the Gold winner for Best Use of Social Media, the Silver winner for Best Loyalty Strategy - Travel & Hospitality and the Bronze winner for Best Regional Loyalty Campaign. The programme faced stiff competition from other finalists such as Pan Pacific Hotels Group and The Ascott Limited to emerge victorious.

As part of its 2022 strategy, My Millennium launched its new Prestige tier to recognise its most loyal members by rewarding them with enhanced benefits, including complimentary room upgrades, early check-in and late check-out, complimentary welcome amenities and more.

This is the fifth consecutive year that My Millennium has been recognised at the Loyalty and Engagements Awards. In 2022, they were awarded the Best Regional Loyalty Campaign (Gold), Best Loyalty Programme in Travel & Hospitality (Silver), and Best CRM Strategy (Silver).

"I am thrilled that My Millennium has taken home three awards at this year's Loyalty & Engagement Awards! This recognition reaffirms our unwavering dedication to delivering exceptional service and building strong, lasting relationships with members," said Mr Saurabh Prakash, Group Senior Vice President, Commercial for Millennium Hotels and Resorts.

The Loyalty & Engagement Awards, organised by MARKETING-INTERACTIVE, honours the best loyalty marketing, Engagement marketing and Relationship marketing strategies and executions in South Asia, Southeast Asia and Oceania regions.

The award categories covered the full spectrum of the loyalty and engagement cycle. All entries were evaluated and judged by a panel of experienced loyalty, engagement and relationship marketers and industry experts.



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JW Marriott
Hong Kong
Scores
Double Wins
For Best
Meeting Hotel

A corporate dinner set-up in the JW Marriott Hong Kong ballroom.

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong is privileged to be named the “Best Meeting Hotel in Hong Kong” by M&C Asia Stella Awards 2023 and the “Best Meetings and Conventions Hotel in Hong Kong” by TTG China Travel Awards 2023. The prestigious accolades from the esteemed publications and recognition from the industry experts are undoubtedly the testament to the hotel as an unparalleled destination for meetings and events of all scales and types.

Located in the heart of Hong Kong Island, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong is strategically situated in Pacific Place with direct access to the Admiralty Mass Transit Railway (MTR). The hotel offers over 12,000 square feet (1,100 square metres) of meeting and conference space ideal for a variety of occasions, from small board meetings, conferences, exhibitions to group incentive events.

Comprising 16 function rooms located on the Lower Ground Level, Level 3 and 30, the hotel is equipped with state-of-the-art technology infrastructure, including high-speed wired and wireless Internet connectivity, cutting-edged lighting and audio-visual facilities, as well as the expertise to provide innovative themed events and exquisite culinary creations.



The conference rooms and meeting venues such as the Executive Meeting Suite (left photo) and function room (right photo) are equipped with state-of-the-art technology including high-speed wired and wireless Internet connectivity, lighting, and audio-visual facilities.



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CDL Celebrates 60 Years Of Legacy

The Diamond Jubilee celebration marks six decades of trailblazing milestones.

Guest-of-Honour Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Mr Lawrence Wong (7th from left) joined CDL Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng (6th from left), CDL Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek (5th from left) and members of the CDL Board of Directors and key management team onstage to launch CDL's Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

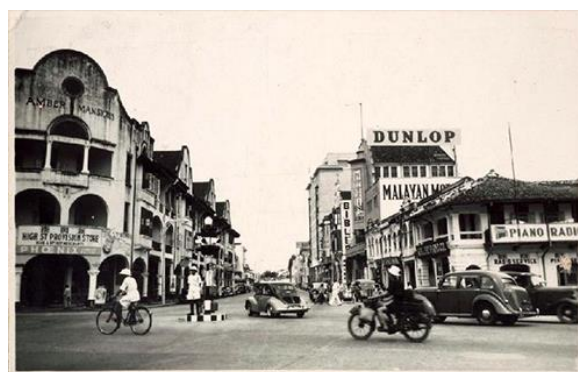
City Developments Limited (CDL) recently marked its 60th Anniversary with a Diamond Jubilee Celebration on 5 September 2023 at Orchard Hotel Singapore. The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) and Minister for Finance Mr Lawrence Wong, and attended by 600 guests, including government officials, foreign dignitaries, business partners, and CDL's directors, management and staff.

Six Decades Of Remarkable Growth

The celebration commemorated CDL's remarkable growth from just eight employees in 1963 to a global real estate company with over 8,000 employees worldwide, flying the Singapore flag high with a global presence in over 20 countries.

Over the past six decades, CDL has transformed from an unprofitable company into a global industry forerunner, growing its assets from S\$18 million in 1972 to S\$31 billion, redefining skylines with iconic skyscrapers and over 50,000 luxurious homes.

Together with its hospitality arm, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Limited (M&C), the Group has grown from one hotel in 1970 to over 155 hotels today.



Humble beginnings: CDL began in a small, rented office in Amber Mansions on 7 September 1963, staffed by only eight employees, to acquire, develop and sell property. The Company went public in November 1963 and its shares were listed on what was known then as the Malayan Stock Exchange (circa 1950).



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During his speech, Chairman Kwek Leng Beng said after three generations of blood and sweat and 60 years of glory and honour, “we are humbled and grateful to have grown and prospered, marked by our numerous achievements.”

In the last decade, CDL embarked on a journey of renewal and transformation, with a strategic diversification push to build its overseas property development and asset management platforms, and now has a presence in Australia, China, Japan, the UK, the US and Vietnam. The Group expanded into new asset classes, including rental apartments, student accommodation, workers’ dormitories and business parks, and is also steadily growing its fund management business.

Reflecting on the Group’s achievements, CDL Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng expressed his pride at being closely involved in the company’s growth journey, since he and his late father, the late Hong Leong Group Founder, Mr Kwek Hong Png, took the plunge to acquire a block of CDL shares from a group of professional architects – a worthy calculated risk that destined the future of the CDL Group.

“From a home-based group, we grew beyond Singapore’s shores to the region and further onto the global stage, operating businesses across five continents. 三代人心血、一甲子榮耀 – Three generations of blood and sweat, 60 years of glory and honour. We are humbled and grateful to have grown and prospered with numerous achievements. CDL will continue our endeavours and remain dedicated and committed to serving Singapore, our stakeholders and our customers in Singapore and around the globe. In the years to come, I would like CDL to have more presence in many parts of the world. I think there are opportunities, but all we need to do is to grab them and ride the storm,” he noted.



Fast forward six decades, CDL is a global industry forerunner. Together with M&C, the Group has over 155 hotels today, including the Grand Hotel Palace Rome in Italy (pictured above) under M&C’s Leng’s Luxury Hotel Collection.

To honour his steadfast devotion to the company, Mr Kwek was presented with an appreciation token from CDL Group Chief Executive Officer (Group CEO) Mr Sherman Kwek and Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong. Painted by Spanish artist Sergi Cadenas, the exclusive art piece titled “Lasting Legacies” depicts the three generations of the Kwek leadership and signifies the family’s entrepreneurial spirit and legacy over the past 60 years.



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CDL Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek also took to the stage to deliver his tribute message to the past and present visionary leaders of CDL such as the late Mr Kwek Hong Png, the current Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng and the late Deputy Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Joo. He recalled the start of his own leadership journey in January 2018 when he took over as the CEO and introduced the Group's GET (Growth, Enhancement and Transformation) strategy, which continues to form the blueprint for the Group's activities. He also elaborated on the importance of upholding the core values of CDL, which are collaboration, integrity and innovation.



CDL Executive Chairman (right) presented DPM Wong (left) with a special CDL skyline artwork to thank him for gracing the celebration. Displayed onstage is "Lasting Legacies" by Spanish artist Sergi Cadenas, which depicts the three generations of the Kwek leadership and signifies the family's entrepreneurial spirit and legacy over the past 60 years.



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Emphasising the importance of teamwork, he added, “We must never rest on our laurels and should always strive for continuous improvement. People are the most important asset in any organisation, and I would like to thank all my colleagues for their passion, dedication and support that has given us so much to be proud of. When the various business units work together as one in a cohesive manner, that’s when we can truly deliver the best outcomes for CDL and for our customers,” he said.

Never Forgetting Its People And Communities

In celebration of its 60th Anniversary, CDL has been working closely with the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) to set up a new wellness centre for children and families which will be housed at its City Square Mall, as well as raising funds for Community Chest. The 14,400 square feet (sq ft) Family Wellness Square @ City Square Mall will serve as an important community support facility with tailored programmes and care catered for the well-being of children and families.



As part of its 60th Anniversary, CDL partnered NCSS to set up a new wellness centre for children and families at City Square Mall (pictured above), as well as raising funds for Community Chest.



CDL supports numerous community initiatives including the ongoing partnership with the National Parks Board on the CDL Green Gallery, the first zero-energy gallery in Singapore,

CDL is also supporting other community initiatives, including the ongoing partnership with the National Parks Board (NParks) on the CDL Green Gallery and Garden City Fund as well as partnering with MigrantWell Singapore to enhance the wellbeing and health of our migrant workers. CDL will also be expanding the Singapore Sustainability Academy (SSA) in City Square Mall with a new annex, the first ground-up initiative and zero-energy facility in Singapore dedicated to capacity building and thought leadership for climate action and sustainable development. A partnership involving six government agencies and 15 founding industry and NGO partners, it was designed and built by CDL in 2017. It has since hosted 870 sustainability-related events as at 1H 2023, with over 30,500 in-person attendees apart from participants from over 25 countries joining virtually.

Shaping Skylines. Lasting Legacies.

Discover CDL’s dedication to entrepreneurship, excellence, innovation and sustainability through a collection of stories: cdl.com.sg/ourstories.