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CDL Boosts Climate Education With EcoTrain And “Cooling” MicroForest

At the launch of CDL EcoTrain at City Square Mall: Guest-of-Honour Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam (centre in dark blue shirt), CDL's senior management team and management representatives from Land Transport Authority, Singapore Mass Rapid Transit (SMRT), National Parks Board (NParks), and sustainability social media platform Just Keep Thinking.

CDL has unveiled the CDL EcoTrain, Singapore's first decommissioned SMRT train cabin repurposed and transformed into a vibrant hub for sustainability education. Powered by solar energy, this zero-energy train cabin features interactive displays, hands-on exhibits and workshops co-created with Just Keep Thinking (JKT), Singapore's largest science and sustainability social media platform.

Designed to spark environmental awareness among children and youths, the CDL EcoTrain, located at City Green, the urban park at Singapore's first eco-mall City Square Mall, is a creative approach to community engagement and climate education. This is also part of the Land Transport Authority's upcycling initiative to repurpose decommissioned train cabins.



The decommissioned SMRT train cabin has been repurposed into a zero-energy CDL EcoTrain. The cabin is designed with colours and messages inspired by the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



The interior of the EcoTrain comprises informative and interactive panels, an activity zone, as well as a classroom to educate the public on biodiversity and the ecosystem. (Photo credit: The Business Times)



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Ms Esther An, chief sustainability officer of CDL, said the group decided to repurpose the old train cabin “for circularity and to reduce waste – otherwise all this metal will become waste”.

The launch also marked the opening of the 2,800 square feet CDL MicroForest, a regenerative tropical microforest, developed in collaboration with experts in ecology and biological sciences from the National University Singapore (NUS) and the National Parks Board (NParks).

This pioneering nature-based solution for cooling through greening aims to combat urban heat and biodiversity loss in high-density urban landscapes, serving as a living laboratory to study how microforests can lower temperatures, boost biodiversity and enhance ecological resilience.

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL Group Chief Executive Officer said, "Climate action thrives on the power of 3P collaboration and innovation. We created the CDL EcoTrain and MicroForest as sustainable showcases to complement our ongoing revamp of City Square Mall. Since its opening in 2009, City Square Mall has established itself as Singapore’s first eco-mall, home to innovative community spaces for sustainability events and education, such as the Singapore Sustainability Academy. The timely launch of the EcoTrain and MicroForest enhances the Mall’s unique position as a family-friendly eco-hub with exciting programmes to nurture future eco-champions and promote sustainable living.”

Ms An hopes to one day see more Microforests in both residential and commercial developments. She said: “The most important thing is you plant it where it matters. It can create an impact on urban spaces.”



Tree Planting Ceremony at the CDL MicroForest led by President Tharman, CDL senior management team, and representatives from NUS, NParks and JKT.



Located outside City Square Mall is the MicroForest, a nature-based solution that combats heat. (Photo credit: The Business Times)



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Crankworx Mountain Biking World Tour Wraps Up Rotorua Leg With Success!

Winners of the Crankworx RockShox Kārearea Downhill series at the 2025 CrankWorx World Cup Tour in Rotorua, New Zealand. (Photo credit: Crankworx World Tour/Rotorua)

The 2025 Crankworx World Tour for mountain biking recently wrapped up its Rotorua leg of tour in New Zealand (March 5-9) with a resounding success. Crankworx Rotorua offers a variety of events, including Downhill, Slopestyle, and other participatory and cultural celebrations.

With an attendance of over 11,500 spectators from Rotorua and around the world, and a total participation of 636 athletes who travelled to Rotorua from 30 countries, event organisers said it was more than just a world-class mountain biking festival, but a “major economic driver showcasing Rotorua’s unique landscapes and adventure culture to a global audience.”



A jubilant rider hooting with excitement upon completion of the Maxxis Slopestyle Race as part of the finals. (Photo credit: Clint Trahan)



General Manager of Millennium Rotorua Hotel, Ms Pipiana Whiston said the event boosted hotel occupancy rates.

“We regularly see manuhiri [visitors] extend their stay to further explore Rotorua’s attractions, local eateries and other offerings. Events of this calibre provide opportunities for local businesses to showcase their offerings and build their brand with a broader domestic and international customer base,” said Ms Pipiana Whiston, General Manager of Millennium Rotorua.



Copthorne Bay Of Islands In Waitangi Basks In Farming Pride With NZ's Dairy Farm Awards

Kaitiāia's Sharon and Jesse Bagley were named 2025 Northland Share Farmers of the Year at the awards dinner held at Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands in Waitangi. The Bagleys are first-time entrants who were both born and bred on dairy farms and began their careers in the industry at age 15. (Photo credit: New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards)

It was a proud moment of joy for first-time entrants, Sharon and Jesse Bagley when they were named winners of the 2025 Northland Share Farmer of the Year at the region's annual awards dinner held at Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands in Waitangi on 15 March 2025.

The couple work on the 330-hectare Te Rarawa Farming Limited property in Kaitiāia, milking 1,150 cows. Kaitiāia is a town located in the Far North District of New Zealand.

According to news reports, Jesse said, "Sharon began as a fulltime milk harvester and I was a farm assistant. We are proud we've worked our way up to be contract milkers and 50/50 equity partners."



Also recognised at the same awards is Courtney West for the 2025 Northland Dairy Manager (left photo) and Saffrin Sutcliffe for Northland's Dairy Trainee of the Year (right photo) (Photo credit: New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards)



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Bar Q88 At JW Marriott Hong Kong Reopens With Classy Décor And New Cocktails

Bar Q88 at JW Marriott Hong Kong reopens after a stylish renovation to offer a new intimate bar experience.

Bar Q88 at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong has reopened after a renovation, offering a new cocktail menu, live music, and a stylishly refurbished interior, including refined marble and wood furnishings, and an antique brass gallery showcasing photos of iconic Hong Kong spots.

The new “FLAVOURS” cocktail menu is inspired by tangram puzzles, each cocktail crafted by bar manager Simon Kong and his mixologist team, so all can relax and unwind with extensive beverage selections, captivating live music, and delicious bar bites till late.

The refurbished Bar Q88 is nestled at the hotel lobby inside The Lounge and exquisitely adorned with sleek lines, refined marble and wood furnishing in warm tones to create an elegant yet welcoming ambience.



The antique brass gallery wall showcasing photos of iconic spots in Hong Kong adds a touch of local flair to the modern décor.



Bar manager and cocktail enthusiast Simon Kong demonstrating his craft in whipping up exquisite cocktails.



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Visit Rotorua:
New Zealand's
Geothermal
And Cultural
Destination

Rotorua, located in New Zealand's Bay of Plenty region, is the birthplace of Māori tourism and a leading cultural and geothermal destination. Known for its stunning natural landscapes, indigenous heritage, and adventure tourism, Rotorua continues to attract visitors seeking authentic experiences and world-class business events.

According to Tourism New Zealand and RotoruaNZ, the city remains a premier hub for cultural and adventure tourism, offering hot springs, geysers, Māori heritage sites, and modern conference venues.

Rotorua: A Hub for Cultural and Business Tourism

Rotorua's history is deeply connected to the Te Arawa people, who have lived in the region for over 700 years. Visitors are welcomed with the traditional Māori greeting "Nau mai haere mai", meaning "Welcome to our place".

In June 2024, Rotorua hosted MEETINGS 2024, a key business events expo by Business Events Industry Aotearoa (BEIA). The event was held at the Energy Events Centre, Rotorua's largest conference venue, reinforcing the city's status as a business tourism hub.



The origins of the Te Arawa people can be some 20 generations ago, and are the first people to live in the Rotorua region. (Photo credit: Rotorua Museum Archives)



The Business Events Industry Aotearoa (BEIA) MEETINGS 2024 event in Rotorua saw a strong turnout with over 1,100 professionals. (Photo credit: Business Events Industry Aotearoa/Facebook)



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Geothermal Wonders and Cultural Heritage

Rotorua is famous for its geothermal activity, with hot springs, geysers, and bubbling mud pools creating a surreal landscape. Some key sites include:

- Te Puia – Home to the Pōhutu Geyser, the largest active geyser in the Southern Hemisphere, as well as the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute, which preserves traditional wood carving, weaving, and stone crafting techniques.
- Wai Ariki Hot Springs and Spa – Opened in June 2023, this wellness retreat on Lake Rotorua offers geothermal therapy inspired by Ngāti Whakaue healing traditions.
- Polynesian Spa – New Zealand's original geothermal spa, dating back to 1878, featuring 20 mineral-rich hot pools with therapeutic properties.



Geothermal site Te Puia is home to the world's famous Pōhutu Geyser which erupts naturally 17 times per day.

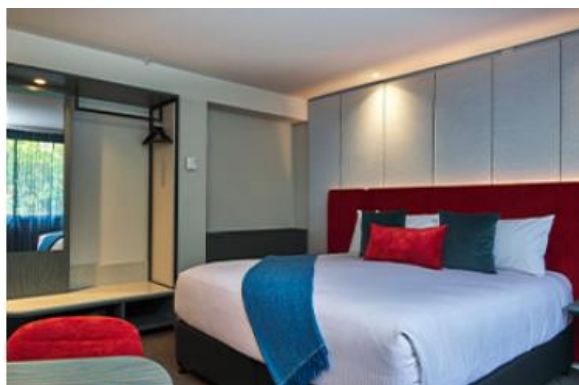


Pictured are the Priest Pools at Polynesian Spa, named after a Catholic Priest said to have been cured from arthritis after bathing in the waters in 1878.

Luxury and Sustainable Accommodations

Rotorua offers premium hospitality experiences with eco-conscious initiatives integrated into its modern accommodations.

Millennium Hotel Rotorua, located near Polynesian Spa and the Energy Events Centre, is an eco-friendly hotel that utilises Rotorua's natural geothermal resources for heating. It features 227 rooms and seven conference spaces.



Next to Lake Rotorua and just a brief stroll from the city centre, Millennium Hotel Rotorua is an eco-friendly destination in New Zealand.



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Lentor Central Residences Hits The Sweet Spot With Over 93% Units Sold At Launch Weekend

Lentor Central Residences saw strong interest during its 2-week preview.

Over its successful launch weekend from 7 to 9 March, 93% or 445 units out of the 477-unit Lentor Central Residences were sold at prices ranging from S\$1,982 to S\$2,573 per square foot (psf). The project is a joint venture by Hong Leong Holdings Limited, GuocoLand, and CSC Land Group Singapore.

Since then, a further 17 units were sold, bringing total sales to 462 units (97%) at 31 March 2025.

All unit types were well-received by homebuyers with the three-bedroom and four-bedroom types proving the most popular. Approximately 90% of the buyers are Singaporeans, while Permanent Residents and foreigners account for the remaining 10%. Efficient unit layouts, sheltered access to Lentor MRT Station, and convenient retail offerings at Lentor Modern further solidify its desirability.

The apartments at Lentor Central Residences are competitively priced starting from S\$975,000 for the one-bedroom unit (463 sq ft), S\$1,388,000 for the two-bedroom unit (678 sq ft), S\$1,813,000 for the three-bedroom unit (915 sq ft), and S\$2,368,000 for the four-bedroom unit (1,184 sq ft).

Ms Betsy Chng, Head of Sales and Marketing at Hong Leong Holdings, said, "The strong take-up reflects sustained interest from homebuyers who recognise Lentor as an emerging precinct. Most of them are owner-occupiers impressed with our efficiently designed units. We prioritised functionality to create highly liveable spaces. We believe our buyers are pleased with their purchase and find Lentor Central Residences a quality and worthwhile home."



A new landmark in one of Singapore's most promising districts, Lentor Central Residences offers seamless connectivity, serene surroundings, and modern living for its residents. (Artist's Impression)



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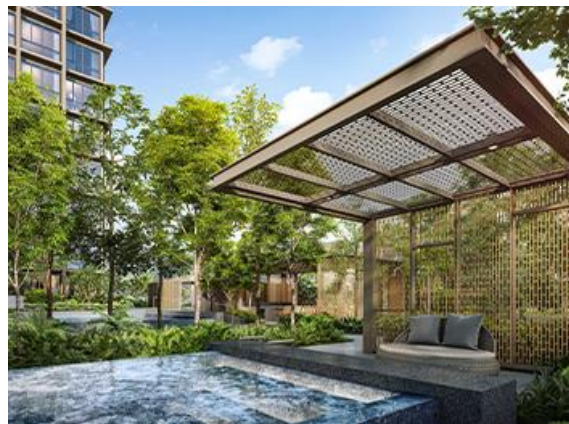
Nestled within Lentor Hills Estate, the 99-year leasehold development sits on a 158,263 square feet (sq ft) site and comprises two blocks of 27 and 28 storeys each, blending lush greenery with modern conveniences for an ideal balance of nature and city living.

Lentor Central Residences is well-connected to Lentor MRT Station on the Thomson-East Coast Line (TEL) within just a sheltered 5-minute walk. The TEL provides direct access to the Central Business District in the South and Johor Bahru up in the North. It is also connected to major expressways such as the Central Expressway, Tampines Expressway, and Seletar Expressway.

A Sanctuary of Serenity



Each unit is designed with earth-toned finishes that create a sense of warmth and thoughtfully planned layouts which optimise space and functionality. (Artist's Impression)



Residents can enjoy a wide range of facilities, such as the relaxing Spa Pavilion with a therapeutic massage pool. (Artist's Impression)

Lentor Central Residences is designed to integrate seamlessly between the built environment and Hillock Park, allowing residents to immerse themselves in its verdant landscapes throughout the development.

Exclusive private lounges, such as the Sunrise and Park View Lounges on the 14th floor of each block, provide peaceful retreats with unblocked nature views. Family-friendly facilities include a children's playground and a kids' party pavilion with BBQ facilities, perfect for recreational activities. Additional amenities include a clubhouse, a 50-metre Infinity Edge pool, two function rooms, a gym with a yoga room, and a tennis court.

Residents will also enjoy proximity to a range of retail and dining options such as Lentor Modern Mall, Thomson Plaza, and eateries along Upper Thomson Road and Springleaf estate.

In addition to a childcare centre within the residence, the area is well-served by a range of educational institutions such as CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School, Anderson Primary School, Anderson Serangoon Junior College, and Nanyang Polytechnic.

The project is expected to obtain its Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) in Q4 2028.



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HLA Holds Fireside Chat With Sustainability Expert Mr Constant Van Aerschot

Participants at the HLA Fireside Chat gained valuable insights from sustainability expert Mr Constant Van Aerschot (first from left) on integrating sustainability within the construction sector.

Hong Leong Asia (HLA) recently held an insightful HLA Fireside Chat session with guest speaker and sustainability expert Mr Constant Van Aerschot, former director at Accounting for Sustainability (A4S).

During the one-hour session, participants actively engaged with Mr Aerschot who has extensive experience operationalising sustainability strategies within the construction sector. The attendees gained valuable insights on leveraging sustainability as a competitive business advantage.

A big thank you to Mr Constant Van Aerschot for sharing your valuable insights with us—helping Hong Leong Asia to keep pushing the envelope in our sustainability ideas and processes.



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Millennium Hotels Battle Against Food Waste: Fighting One Plate At A Time

The amount of food that can fit a 10-inch plate (right) is significantly less than a 12-inch plate (left). At Copthorne Tara Hotel London Kensington, serving plates are downsized to contribute to bigger reductions in food waste.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) is setting even higher targets in 2025 against food waste, following its success in achieving significant savings from recycling efforts in 2024. Across its six properties in Singapore, MHR last year recycled nearly 100,000 kg of food waste into greywater—an environmentally safe by-product of food waste digesters—reducing the load on incineration plants and landfill space.

MHR also saved almost 500 kg of surplus food by selling it at a discount through a social enterprise mobile application. This reduced the amount of waste sent to the digester by over 2 tonnes annually, equivalent to at least 3,100 meals, reinforcing MHR's policy on waste reduction.



Transforming lobster shells and prawn heads into rich, umami-packed sauces is a sustainable way to unlock bold flavours while minimising waste.



From delicate fillets to the rich bones, skin, and head, MHR approaches food preparation sustainably by utilising every part for a truly zero-waste meal.



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In the United Kingdom in 2024, the group's hotels across 10 cities—including London, Liverpool, and Manchester—collectively contributed to the recycling of approximately 180,000 kg of food waste into 180 tonnes of biofertilisers. This effort has prevented nearly 126 tonnes of CO₂ emissions from waste disposal, according to Mr Kwek Eik Sheng, Executive Director of MHR.

Mr Kwek said, “Beyond recycling food, the group of hotels has adopted innovative technologies and implemented best practices to further minimise food waste, reduce environmental impact, and drive positive social change.”

Key initiatives include:

- AI vision recognition to measure and analyse waste.
- Smaller plate sizes at buffet lines, and replacing buffets with plated service for events where possible.
- Training programme on proper waste separation protocols to optimise food recyclability.



MHR Singapore partners with Treatsure to offer packing boxes for surplus food, allowing both the public and guests to enjoy the buffet at a discounted price while minimising waste.



With the use of food waste digesters, MHR recycled nearly 100,000 kg of food waste across its six properties in Singapore last year.

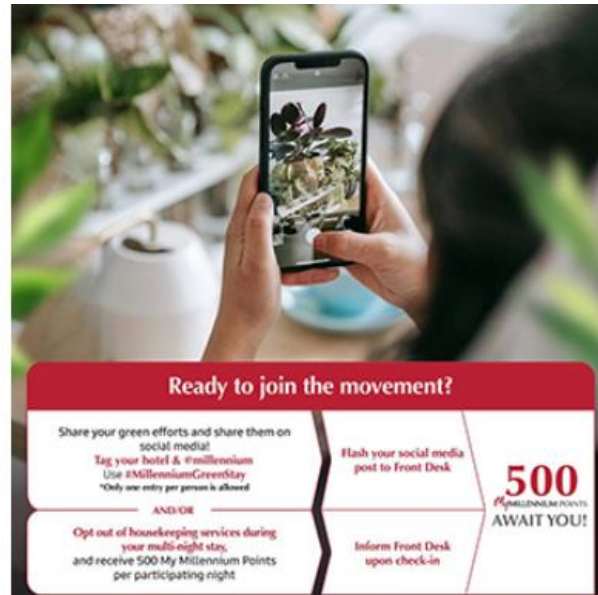
With Singapore as a whole generating 755,000 tonnes of food waste annually and global food waste reaching 1.05 billion tonnes, the need for sustainable hospitality practices is more urgent than ever, he noted.

Mr Kwek said as MHR celebrates 30 years of incorporation this year, it recognises the need for continuous improvement and remains committed to promoting sustainable tourism and achieving zero food waste.

“As part of our efforts to integrate sustainability into our value chain, MHR has strengthened its global alignment with our parent company, CDL. We have made significant progress, with our Singapore hotels achieving certification as sustainable accommodation under the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) ahead of our initial target. Looking ahead, we remain committed to setting even higher targets across all areas in the fight against food waste in the coming years.”



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MHR partners with guests to make a positive impact on the planet while rewarding them with MyMillennium points.

Mr Saurabh Prakash, Interim Chief Operating Officer & Chief Commercial Officer, adds, “To mark our 30th anniversary, MHR has launched The Millennium Way campaign to redefine guest experiences and inspire travel through its diverse offerings. This milestone is an opportunity for us to regroup, refine our strategies, and continue delivering exceptional experiences for decades to come, all while reinforcing our commitment to sustainability. Through innovative solutions and responsible practices, we aim to make a lasting impact on both our guests and the environment.”



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Ibis Perth Unveils Brand New Look Celebrating Local Landmarks

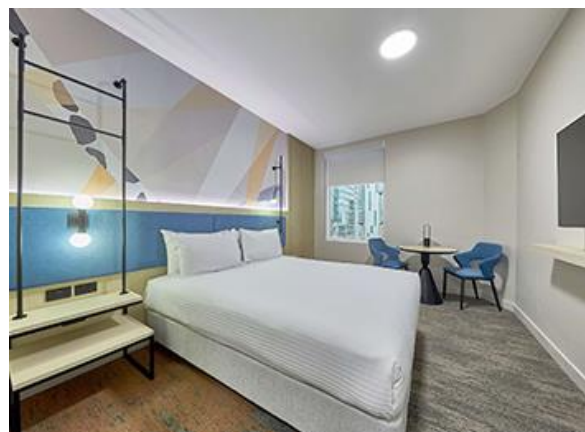
The transformed Ibis Perth features a bold and vibrant design, inspired by Kings Park and Botanic Garden, the movement of the Swan River, and the vibrancy of the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

Ibis Perth has undergone a remarkable transformation, emerging as a contemporary retreat that redefines the economy hotel experience. With a bold new design inspired by the natural beauty and cultural vibrancy of Perth, the hotel offers a fresh and dynamic hospitality experience tailored to today's modern traveller.

The extensive renovation incorporated all 192 rooms and bathrooms, as well as the lobby and social spaces, elevating comfort and convenience while embracing Perth's rich natural and urban beauty. The redesigned interiors incorporate locally sourced timber, earthy textures, and artistic elements that reflect the essence of the city.



Located on Murray Street in the heart of Perth's Central Business District, the hotel offers unmatched convenience for travellers.



All 192 rooms feature modern designs and furnishings, with smart room technology for a seamless and comfortable stay.



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Each room is thoughtfully designed with modern furnishings and smart room technology. The enhanced bathrooms feature high-end fixtures and rainfall showers. Meanwhile, the lobby has been transformed into an inviting and stylish social hub – a space where guests can connect, work, or simply relax. A new gym caters to guests' lifestyle needs, enabling them to stay active while travelling.

Perfectly positioned on Murray Street in the heart of Perth's CBD, Ibis Perth places guests within easy reach of major corporate offices, premium shopping precincts, and cultural landmarks. Its central location makes it an ideal choice for travellers looking to explore or stay connected.

CEO of CDL Hospitality Trusts Mr Vincent Yeo shared, "We are delighted to re-invigorate this hotel which will now offer a significantly upgraded guest experience in the central location that guests have always enjoyed. Our extensive investment throughout the hotel has transformed it into a truly differentiated product in the Perth market."

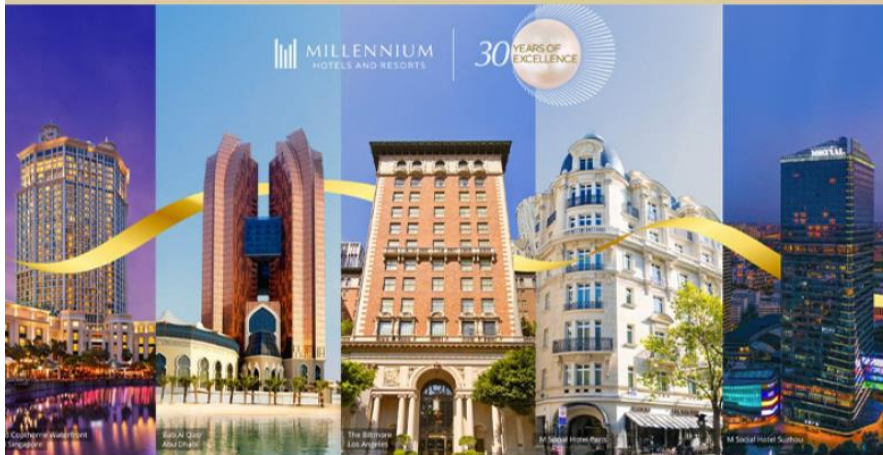


Chelsea Social offers the perfect mix of vibrant music, handcrafted cocktails and a welcoming ambiance, making it the go-to spot for both locals and travellers alike.

Housed inside Ibis Perth, Chelsea Social can accommodate up to 150 guests and features three distinct spaces – Chelsea Dining Hall, Chelsea Bar and Chelsea Events. Open to both hotel guests and the public, this all-day spot is set to be the city's premier destination for work and play. It offers a vibrant social scene with great music and a feel-good menu full of UK-inspired classics with a modern twist.



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Enjoy Exciting
Perks *The
Millennium Way*
As Millennium
Hotels Marks
30 Years Of
Excellence

With just a single hotel thirty years ago, Millennium Hotels & Resorts has grown into a renowned hospitality brand with over 145 properties across Asia, North America, Europe and the Middle East.

With a diverse portfolio that includes The Biltmore, Grand Millennium, Millennium, M Social, Studio M, M Hotel, Copthorne, and Kingsgate, Millennium Hotels & Resorts is committed to evolving hospitality through innovation, guest-centric experiences, and a forward-thinking approach. With dynamic guest portfolios and a commitment to personalized service, the brand has cultivated a global network of loyal customers and partners.

The Millennium Way

To celebrate Millennium Hotels & Resorts' third decade, the group has launched a series of exclusive promotions and tailored experiences as part of its anniversary campaign, The Millennium Way. Giving every guest the chance to join in a momentous celebration and enjoy the distinct vibes of each brand, they are offering up to 20% off stays, and a host of unique region-specific perks and privileges guaranteed to surprise and delight during the anniversary period.



A sensational blend of contemporary aesthetics with a sense of creativity and innovation greets guests the moment they step into the lobby at M Social Phuket.



Formerly Copthorne Orchid Hotel Penang, Malaysia welcomes M Social Penang, MHR's latest addition to its upscale, lifestyle brand of "M Social", offering a blend of heritage and modernity.



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Highlights of the celebrations include promotions at the latest additions to the Millennium Hotels & Resorts family, **M Social Hotel Phuket** and **M Social Hotel Penang**.

Guests who book The Millennium Way offer at these two hotels can enjoy their choice of two complimentary perks, ranging from signature drinks for two to a complimentary bottle of house wine, dining credits and more.

MyMillennium members can also earn 3,000 bonus MyPoints when booking three consecutive nights and more with The Millennium Way between now and 31 March 2026 — an ideal opportunity for business travellers and long-stay tourists to maximise their stays and rewards.



The Royal Suite at Biltmore Tbilisi in Georgia (left photo), and the Kensington Suite at The Chelsea Harbour Hotel and Spa in London (left photo).

A Culinary Odyssey

Celebrate the group's thirtieth anniversary with 'A Culinary Odyssey'—an exciting gastronomic adventure that elevates your dining experience. Among the highlights is SanSara, where fine dining elevates authentic Northern Indian recipes.

MyMillennium Members will receive 3,000 MyPoints when they spend at least USD\$90 at participating restaurants and cafes in Singapore and the UK/EU as part of this offer.



Sansara serves a mouthwatering array of authentic North Indian delights at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.



Guests at the stylish Beast & Butterflies at M Social Suzhou can enjoy a lively open kitchen while basking in serene views of Jinji Lake.

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Unveiling The New Flavours Of Tangram- Inspired Menu At Bar Q88

Immerse in an intimate evening at Bar Q88 where you and your friends can enjoy expertly crafted cocktails, delectable bar bites, and a warm ambience for an unforgettable experience.

Inspired by the childhood tangram puzzle, this collection features 15 innovative cocktails across seven flavour profiles, each a tribute to a classic. Guests can embark on a tasting journey, from refreshing sips to bold, complex creations—just like completing a perfect puzzle.

Beyond handcrafted cocktails, Bar Q88 offers an exceptional selection of craft beers, wines, spirits, and champagnes, including over 60 by-the-glass options. Committed to sustainability, the bar introduces organic wines and premium ecoSPIRITS, reducing its carbon footprint with closed-loop technology. Guests can enjoy live music alongside delicious sharing plates like a gourmet ham and cheese platter, grilled dried fish with garlic crackers, plant-based quesadillas, and triple cheese hot dogs. Whether for a stylish night out or a journey into innovative mixology, Bar Q88 is the ultimate destination.

HAPPY HOUR OFFERS

Gather with friends during happy hour and enjoy **'two for one'** on selected wines and beers, coupled with special prices on signature cocktails, liqueurs, spirits and gin & tonics. Dive into the tantalising snacks to complement your drinks. The happy hour offer is available from Monday to Thursday, from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm, and Friday to Saturday from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

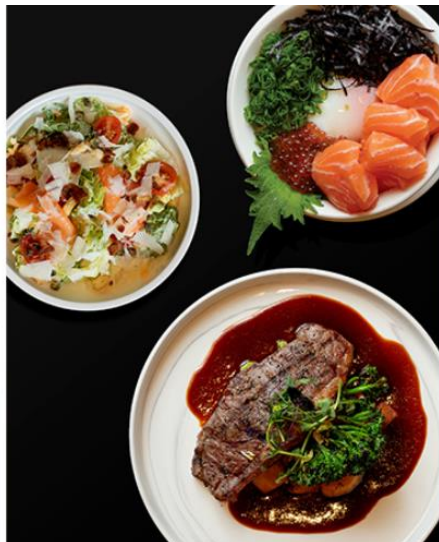
The above price is subject to a 10% service charge. Bar Q88 accepts walk-ins only.

Bar Q88 is located on the Lobby Level of JW Marriott Hong Kong.

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Feast, Sip And
Indulge:
An Exclusive
Dining Experiences
Await You At
Beast & Butterflies!

Known for its communal spirit, the restaurant is ranked among Singapore's top bars for its cocktails, serving classics and signature drinks, perfect for a relaxed evening by the river or a gathering with friends.

Beast & Butterflies at M Social Singapore is offering an exciting promotion to enhance its dining experience!

Indulge in a **4-Course culinary experience**, with gourmet dishes paired with selected beverages or a 2-course meal for a light weekday lunch.

Treat yourself to a delicious **2-course Weekday Set Lunch** at Beast & Butterflies on weekdays. Whether you're in the mood for a quick bite or a more indulgent lunch, we've got the perfect option for you.

Absolutely don't miss **Tiramisu Fridays**, where you can indulge in this heavenly dessert for just \$8++ with any main course from 6pm, don't miss out on this sweet deal!

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Be Spoilt
For Choice With
A Medley
Of Offerings
At Singapore's
Orchard Hotel

Take your pick from Orchard Hotel Singapore's choice of three outstanding outlets from exemplary Cantonese fare to expansive buffets featuring live stations with outdoor dining and a bar to hang out and chill with a bucket of beer.

This season, embark on a gastronomic journey like no other as we bring you a medley of indulgent dining experiences. Whether you're craving flame-grilled prime meats, an exquisite high tea, or handcrafted dim sum, Orchard Hotel Singapore's signature offerings promise to elevate every moment.

The Orchard Café – Flaming Feast: Prime "Meats" Seafood BBQ Buffet

Savour a lavish spread of the finest cuts and ocean-fresh seafood, expertly grilled to perfection. From US Grain-Fed Prime Rib to Boston Lobster and Baked US Oysters Bienville, each dish is a celebration of bold flavours and premium ingredients.

Bar Intermezzo – Symphony High Tea

Delight in an elegant 16-piece afternoon tea featuring savoury and sweet creations, from King Crab Rillettes & Avocado on Toast to Red Wine Poached Pear Gateaux. Complete your experience with a buttery Mango Pineapple Scone.

Hua Ting – Signature Dim Sum Selections

Experience the art of dim sum with handcrafted delicacies like XO Carrot Cake, Steamed Lobster & Prawn Dumpling, and Deep-Fried Yam Puff with Shredded Duck. A perfect blend of tradition and innovation awaits.



Bar Intermezzo inherits an air of sophistication that transforms into a coffee bar in the day and an upscale bar in the night, providing an oasis for those seeking new connections, fresh ideas or simply a good cup of beverage.

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A Taste Of Spring: Seasonal Delights At Yao Chi Chinese Restaurant

Yao Chi Chinese Restaurant at Grand Millennium Beijing serves up a wide selection of traditional Cantonese dim sum and regional Cantonese cuisine. Amidst contemporary Chinese ambience, taste exquisite dishes.

As spring awakens, so does the vibrant bounty of the season. At Yao Chi Chinese Restaurant, we embrace the essence of renewal by carefully selecting the finest seasonal ingredients to craft exquisite dishes that celebrate the fresh, delicate flavours of spring.

Marinated Beancurd with Chinese Toon is light and fragrant. Infused with the distinctive aroma of Chinese toon, the silky beancurd is a natural low-fat, low-calorie delight, perfect for a refreshing seasonal indulgence.

Another dish that guests are sure to enjoy is the Steamed Mandarin Fish with Spring Bamboo Shoots and Ham. Delicately steamed to perfection, the mandarin fish retains its tender texture and natural sweetness, complemented by the crunch of fresh bamboo shoots and premium ham.



Marinated Beancurd with Chinese Toon



Steamed Mandarin Fish with Spring Bamboo Shoots and Ham.

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A Spring Feast At Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao's Spectrum Chinese Restaurant

Savour authentic Cantonese or Shanghaiese cuisine, and other regional specialties at this award-winning restaurant. The restaurant also features 9 private dining rooms making it perfect for intimate dinners, corporate lunches, and celebrations.

As the world awakens to the vibrant beauty of spring, Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao's Spectrum Chinese restaurant invites you on a culinary journey that celebrates the season's freshest flavours.

The chefs have meticulously curated a Spring Feast, a symphony of nine exquisitely crafted dishes that showcase the tender bounty of mountain greens and the delicate essence of river-fresh delicacies. Each creation is a tribute to the season's renewal, designed to invigorate your palate with the purest flavours of nature.

With a deep appreciation for seasonality, the chefs infused every dish with the crispness of wild herbs and the gentle, refreshing essence of Jiangnan's rivers. Expect a harmonious blend of textures and aromas, where each bite encapsulates the fleeting beauty of spring. From the earth's first greens to the lightest, most delicate flavours of the waterways, this feast is an ode to the artistry of fine dining.

This season, immerse yourself in the elegance of spring and experience the magic of seasonal gastronomy. Join us at Spectrum and let the freshness of nature take centre stage on your plate.



Enjoy seasonal Spring dishes such as Steamed Whitefish with Salted Meat.

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A Special Tribute At Copthorne Hotel Merry Hill- Dudley: Former Red Devils And England Captain, Duncan Edwards

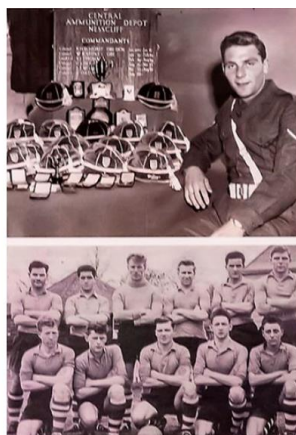
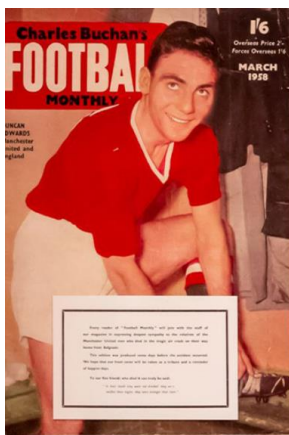
Previously a 12-person meeting room, Copthorne Merry Hill-Dudley has transformed the space into a tribute room honouring the late Duncan Edwards, the legendary Manchester United and England footballer.

A significant moment in football history will be honoured this year as the 70th anniversary of Duncan Edwards' England debut is celebrated in a special ceremony at the Copthorne Hotel Merry Hill-Dudley. Football fans, former players, and special guests will gather to commemorate the legacy of Edwards, a Dudley-born football icon whose impact on the game remains profound.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation and auction of a unique collection of England caps, recreated to honour the 18 caps Edwards received throughout his international career. These special caps have been meticulously crafted at the same English factory that produced his originals, using the same materials, and are officially approved by The Football Association.

Former England captain and Manchester United legend Bryan Robson OBE will take centre stage at the ceremony, presenting the commemorative caps to successful bidders.

Reflecting on Edwards' remarkable career, Robson shared: "I have always been aware of Duncan Edwards's contribution to Manchester United and England. As I followed in his footsteps for club and country, my admiration for his incredible football ability grew stronger. It will be an honour to celebrate his legacy in his hometown of Dudley."



A collection of Duncan Edwards' memorabilia at the hotel, offering a glimpse into the legendary footballer's remarkable career. Each cherished item from his time at Manchester United and the England national team tells a story of his incredible talent and legacy.



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From Lifeguard To Fitness Champion: Coach Shamika's Journey Of Strength And Passion

From ensuring safety as a lifeguard to training champions at MPower Fitness and making his mark on the Dubai Muscle Beach 2025 stage, Coach Shamika's journey is a true testament to the passion, perseverance, and the power of dedication that brought him from the water to the world of elite fitness!

Shamika, an employee at Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai, was recently placed as the Top 10 competitor in the Dubai Muscle Beach 2025 competition.

Shamika's journey began in 2017 at the Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai, where he worked as a lifeguard. His love for water and fitness led him to take on the role of a swimming instructor at the Oasis Pool Bar, where for two years, he helped individuals of all ages build confidence in the water. His aspirations extended beyond the pool, and in 2020, he transitioned to MPower Fitness Centre as a gym coach, embracing a broader approach to health and wellness.

Known for his infectious energy and unwavering commitment, Shamika doesn't just train—he inspires. He believes that fitness is more than just building muscle; it's about pushing personal boundaries, strengthening the mind, and instilling confidence in oneself. His coaching philosophy is rooted in consistency, dedication, and a well-balanced approach, helping clients transform not just their bodies but their lifestyles.

This commitment to excellence led Shamika to take on one of his biggest challenges yet—the Dubai Muscle Beach 2025 Competition (IFBB Wawan Classic-2025). He stepped onto the competitive stage in the highly contested “Men's Physique – 170 cm” category, where he secured a spot in the prestigious top 10 out of 40 elite contenders. His achievement reflects years of hard work, strict training regimens, and disciplined nutrition.



Coach Shamika believes that every day in the gym is an opportunity to grow stronger, not just physically but mentally. Whether it's tackling challenges or celebrating small victories, each step brings us closer to our goals.



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Brains, Bonds, And Buzz Makes A Memorable Quiz Night At The Beijing Riviera

From intense trivia battles to warm camaraderie, Beijing Riviera's Quiz Night is more than just a game—it's an evening of fun, teamwork, and connection.

The Beijing Riviera Country Club recently organised an event where over 50 members gathered for an unforgettable Quiz Night. The clubhouse was transformed into a vibrant arena of friendly competition, where teams were formed freely, allowing participants to join forces with old friends and new acquaintances.

While the event was light-hearted and entertaining, it also served a greater purpose—bringing club members together in a shared pursuit of fun and learning. The relaxed yet stimulating atmosphere fostered new friendships and strengthened the club's sense of community.

The Beijing Riviera Country Club continues to provide engaging events like these to enrich the social lives of its members, and Quiz Night was a shining example of the club's commitment to creating memorable moments for all. Stay tuned for more exciting activities in the months ahead!



The spirit of friendly competition shines with a night of trivia, laughter, and delicious treats! Who will take home the ultimate bragging rights?



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A Celebrity Surprise: Francis Ng And Family Visits Orchard Hotel Singapore

Francis Ng and his family, alongside Chef Nicole, joyfully savouring the Musang Durian Cake, a heartfelt creation made with love.

At Orchard Hotel Singapore, we are always thrilled to welcome guests back, especially when they return as part of their cherished traditions. This year, we had the privilege of hosting the wonderful Francis Ng and his family once again for their annual holiday celebration.

Last year, they fell in love with our signature Musang Durian Cake, and this year, Francis Ng's wife, Fiona and his son, Feynman, decided to go above and beyond to surprise Francis with a personal touch. They took the time to learn from our Orchard Hotel's very own Pastry Chef, Nicole, recreating the beloved cake as a special surprise for Francis!

The lovely gesture wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our culinary team. Chef Nicole's guidance and passion for pastry were key in making this surprise a reality.

Let's carry forward the warmth and joy it brought, here's to more memorable experiences, for all at Orchard Hotel Singapore!



Chef Nicole guiding Feynman Ng, Francis Ng's son, through the delicate art of creating the surprise Musang Durian Cake for his father.



Tasek Helps Improve Opportunities For The Orang Asli Community

The spirit of togetherness was in the air as staff volunteers from Tasek joined forces with Malaysia's native Orang Asli community to help improve their lives.

Cement manufacturer Tasek Corporation, recently reached out to the Orang Asli community with the aim to empower them with skills and knowledge for a sustainable future.

The Orang Asli are the indigenous people of Peninsular Malaysia (or West Malaysia). They are considered a national minority with about 220,000 of them in the native community today.

In the spirit of “gotong royong” (or cooperation), 74 staff volunteers gave the village’s Community Hall a fresh coat of paint, cleaned the environment in a litter-picking activity, and educated the Orang Asli children the importance of waste management and recycling.

Tasek also donated materials for the construction of a new bus stop. In line with the sustainability theme, concrete by-products and used lubricant barrels are repurposed into bus stop seats and waste bins.



Some staff volunteers helping to paint the Community Hall at the Orang Asli village (left photo), while others taught the children how to recycle and manage waste (right photo).



Millennium Airport Dubai Walks For Diabetes Prevention

Millennium Airport Dubai participating in the Dubai's annual "Beat Diabetes Walk" at Zabeel Park to raise awareness on prevention and management of diabetes.

Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai recently joined thousands of participants in Dubai's annual Beat Diabetes Walk at Zabeel Park, in support of the fight against diabetes and to raise awareness about the importance of healthy living.

The event united a community of people and organisations as they walked through Dubai's scenic locations with the collective aim to prevent and manage the disease.

"Being part of the Beat Diabetes Walk is not only an opportunity for us to support an important cause, but it also reflects our commitment to promoting health and wellness within our team and the community," said Simon Moore, General Manager of Millennium Airport Hotel Dubai. "We're proud to have participated in this event and contributed to the awareness and education surrounding diabetes."

The hotel also announced that it collected more than 50kg of cans as part of the Emirates Environmental Group's **Can Collection Drive** to encourage recycling and energy savings.



The hotel's collection of more than 50kg of cans and its equivalent in energy savings.



Millennium Resort Salalah Reinforces Commitment To Clean And Care

Millennium Resort Salalah marked Earth Hour 2025 with a “60+” cake and a peaceful candle-lit evening by the poolside.

Millennium Resort Salalah recently reinforced its commitment to environment sustainability and community service with these activities, starting with Earth Hour 2025.

Joining the global movement, the 285-room hotel switched off lights in public areas for an hour, and guests were seen enjoying a peaceful evening lit by floating candles at the pool. The evening ended with a “60+” cake to commemorate the occasion and remind all to do their bit to save the environment.

On another occasion, staff volunteers gathered at Fazayah Beach in Salalah, Oman, to help clean the beach and protect its pristine condition. Organised by Salalah Adventure, this initiative aims to preserve the coastline and protect marine life from pollution.

Lastly, the hotel celebrated World Cancer Day 2025 with an insightful talk by Badr Al Samaa Hospital on cancer awareness and prevention. The session covered valuable information on how to take proactive steps to reduce cancer risks with regular screenings, early detection and a healthy lifestyle.



Staff volunteers take a pose after cleaning up Fazayah Beach, known for its crystal-clear waters, white sand and stunning rock formations in Oman.



Care professionals from Badr Al Samaa Hospital educate hotel staff on cancer risks and prevention to mark World Cancer Day 2025.



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TAS Morning
Show:
Inside Grand
Millennium
Muscat With
General Manager
Mr Glenn Nobbs

Glenn brings over 25 years of hospitality experience and a deep appreciation for Oman to his new role as General Manager of Grand Millennium Muscat.

TAS Morning Show recently sat down with Mr Glenn Nobbs, General Manager of Grand Millennium Muscat as he shared about his over 25 years of hospitality journey and his plans for the hotel. Glenn took on his new role as General Manager of Grand Millennium Muscat in August 2024. Prior to this, he was General Manager of Millennium Place Barsha Heights for five years. He has been with Millennium Hotels and Resorts in the Middle East and Africa since 2011.

Q: Please share with us a brief overview of your professional journey and experiences.

My journey in hospitality started some years ago in 1988 back in Sydney, Australia. I started in a local organisation which gave me the opportunity for a traineeship. I did some studies in hospitality as well. I then settled into a real career in hospitality in what was the ANA Hotel in Sydney (now the Shangri-La Hotel), a beautiful five-star property I spent 13 years at.

I left Sydney for Muscat in 2005, my very first foray to the Middle East, and had a fantastic experience opening a resort in Muscat. This then led me to a transfer in Dubai, and I have stayed in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ever since.

I joined Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) in 2011 and had the opportunity to take on various roles across different MHR properties before my appointment as General Manager of Grand Millennium Muscat.

It has been a career filled with many ups and a few downs, with openings, rebranding projects, and all sorts of exciting things that this industry throws at you. It has been a fantastic journey.



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One of the first things Glenn introduced when he joined the hotel was the relaunch of the hotel's renowned seafood restaurant Bahriyat.



The Royal Suite at Grand Millennium Muscat offers a truly indulgent stay with the elegantly decorated 125-sqm suite overlooking the city of Muscat.

Q. What are some of the key successes you have observed or achieved since joining Grand Millennium Muscat?

I joined Grand Millennium Muscat at an interesting time because the property was coming out of the effects from Covid-19.

One of the first things that I did was the relaunch of our seafood restaurant Bahriyat. We also launched a new concept in the lobby called Bateau Chocolata, which brought something fresh to the hotel and the city.

The market in Muscat is very different to the way businesses are done in Dubai, but we were still able to close about 13% higher revenue than we did the previous year. Our GOP was significantly higher than the previous year as well. It was great to see that the work that was started in the first half of the year before I came onboard was able to be carried through to have a successful year end as well.



Glenn (third from right) with his team at the entrance of Grand Millennium Muscat.



The striking façade of Grand Millennium Muscat. Glenn is committed to elevating service excellence and guest satisfaction at the hotel beyond its already high standards.



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Q. What is your vision for Grand Millennium Muscat and how do you aim to position the hotel as a standout in the local hospitality market?

The plan is to focus on a few key areas. One of which is the quality, the guest satisfaction results; the other is sustainability and to improve what's already there; and the third is the team and employee engagement. All of that will feed into the overall financial results.

For this year, I want to really make sure that the hotel takes more positive steps towards its role with sustainability. There are already a few things that have been implemented here, but I'd like to see it wrapped up into something that's very organised and measurable so we are able to see has been achieved.

We also want to keep making improvements with the way we handle customers, to work on uplifting the guest satisfaction from a high standard to an even higher standard, and to be a part of the community as well. I'd like to see the hotel become more involved in these types of events and to be part of the community when it comes to hospitality tourism.



Glenn is committed to developing the local team and works closely with them to enhance the hotel's operations and achieve a higher standard of hospitality.

Q. Please share about the Studio M brand and its concept and brand identity.

This is exciting for us as it's the first Studio M that Millennium has opened here in Oman. It features a lifestyle concept and we have a couple of other Studio M properties around the world, such as in Dubai and in Singapore.

While it's a three-star model with limited service, the rooms at Studio M Muscat are quite sizable – about 29 square metres – and there are a variety of urban rooms, studios and one-bedroom apartments. It's a fun and bright environment and the focus is on co-working spaces in the lobby and shared experiences that people can have. There is also all-day dining with a live counter for cooking and a Grab 'N Go outlet for people who want to grab some food on the go.



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Mr Shah Adil (left) and Mr Ryan Giffen (right) bring a wealth of experience to their new leadership roles at MHR North America.

As part of Millennium Hotels and Resorts' (MHR's) strategy to increase focus and grow its presence in North America, MHR has appointed **Mr Shah Adil** as Senior Vice President of Operations, Asset Management and Development.

In this role, Shah will lead and drive the performance of MHR's hotels across the region, including asset managing all MHR's hotels in New York and developing new business opportunities.

A seasoned hotelier with more than 30 years of operations leadership experience in America, Shah is well versed in elevating global hotel brands through strategic financial management, asset optimisation, operations and service excellence. Most recently, Shah was the Vice President of Asset Management at Brookfield, one of the world's largest alternative asset management companies, leveraging his deep industry expertise to optimise hotel investments and performance.

In addition, MHR has appointed **Mr Ryan Giffen** as Regional Human Resources Director, North America, and concurrently as Human Resources Director for The Biltmore Los Angeles.

Ryan brings over 20 years of experience in human resources leadership, specialising in labour relations, compliance, leadership development, and organisational culture within the hospitality industry. Most recently, he served as Area Director of Human Resources at Hyatt Hotels Corporation, where he led HR operations across multiple properties, managed complex labour relations matters, and played a key role in aligning colleague strategies with enterprise-wide initiatives.



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Enjoy One
Of Liverpool's
Best Afternoon
Tea At
The Iconic
Beatles Hotel

Enjoy the Whittard Afternoon Tea at John's Bar, voted as one of the best afternoon tea options in the city.

Liverpool Echo (Liverpool's popular daily newspaper) rounded up some of the best afternoon tea options in the city, with Hard Days Night Hotel on the list!

Hard Days Night Hotel has an afternoon tea that's perfect for The Beatles fan. John's Bar features stunning artwork and is also the location for one of the hotel's 'must see' images. Taken on Childwall Fiveways, the image captures some of the Merseybeat groups of the 60's including of course the Fab Four themselves.

You can also view artefacts, pictures, books and poems from those who were part of The Beatles story, among them Yoko Ono, Pete Best, Stuart Sutcliffe, Linda McCartney and of course John, Paul, George and Ringo.



Enjoy live music and Beatles-inspired cocktails at the stylish Bar Four.

With its cosmopolitan and vibrant atmosphere, the lounge provides the perfect location for guests to unwind and relax while enjoying the Whittard Afternoon Tea. Indulge in a delightful afternoon tea experience, with your choice of traditional tea, Prosecco, or Champagne for an extra touch of luxury.

A 'Fab Four' star Liverpool hotel. Hard Days Night Hotel is the world's only Beatles-inspired hotel, combining high quality facilities in a truly unique environment. Sitting adjacent to the world-famous Cavern Club where the Beatles rose to fame, and an array of the city's famous Beatles landmarks, the hotel not only offers the perfect getaway for visitors, but is much loved by art lovers, music lovers, and food lovers alike.



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New World Millennium HK Receives 5-Crescent Rating For Muslim-Friendly Services

Café East at New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel is a certified BOT Muslim-friendly restaurant offering daily halal dining options.

New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel has received the prestigious 5-Crescent Rating from CrescentRating, the world's leading authority on Muslim-friendly travel, for its hospitality and services specially designed for Muslim travellers.

A range of facilities and services are in place to ensure a seamless and comfortable stay for Muslim guests:

- **Accommodation:** The Kiblat direction is marked in all hotel rooms. A prayer mat and compass are also available on request. Selected guestrooms are equipped with a washlet for guest convenience. Guests can contact the reservations department for details and to make arrangements for their stay.
- **Mosques:** Kowloon Mosque and Islamic Centre, one of the five main mosques in Hong Kong and the largest in the city, is an easy 15-minute, one-kilometre walk away. The hotel is also a five-minute walk to MTR Hung Hom and East Tsim Sha Tsui stations, making it convenient for Muslim guests to visit mosques across the city.
- **Halal Food Options:** A halal food menu is available at all hotel restaurants and for in-room dining. Café East is a certified BOT Muslim-friendly restaurant and a dedicated halal corner for buffets can be arranged with a group request made in advance.

The hotel's knowledgeable concierge team is always ready to provide information on Hong Kong mosques as well as a list of halal-certified restaurants nearby. Muslim guests can be assured of a welcoming and comfortable stay at the New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel.



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Millennium Al Barsha And Millennium Montrose Awarded Bronze DST Stamp

The DST Stamp award affirms the commitment and efforts by Millennium Al Barsha and Millennium Montrose to uphold high sustainability standards.

Congratulations to Millennium Al Barsha and Millennium Montrose for being awarded the Bronze DST Stamp in the second cycle of the Dubai Sustainable Tourism (DST) initiative!

The DST Stamp, which was launched in July 2023, recognises hotels that have demonstrated exceptional commitment to sustainable practices, aligning with Dubai's ambitious environmental goals and vision for a green future.

Hotels are evaluated against a comprehensive set of 19 sustainability requirements, covering areas such as energy efficiency, water conservation, waste management, and staff engagement. The awards, which feature a three-tier recognition system in gold, silver and bronze categories, were officially announced at an exclusive ceremony held on 26 February at Atlantis The Royal in Dubai.

This achievement reflects our hotels' commitment to sustainability and responsible hospitality. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated MHR teams for their hard work and passion, and to our valued guests for their ongoing trust and support in our journey toward a greener future.



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Hong Leong Foundation Backs Fight Against Kidney Failure With New Funding

Stresses importance of early kidney screening

With the completion of NKF Dialysis Centre Supported By Hong Leong Foundation, let's battle kidney disease together!

Some 28 years ago in 1997, Hong Leong Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Hong Leong Group, joined efforts with the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) to establish the NKF Dialysis Centre in the Aljunied Crescent area in Singapore's central region. It was set up in memory of the late Group founder, Kwek Hong Png, and aid NKF's fight against kidney failure.

Today, the Foundation has committed over S\$2 million to upgrade the centre, and a further sum of S\$60,000 to expand NKF's initiative on early kidney screenings across Singapore. The centre officially re-opened on 16 March 2025 with Guest of Honour, Speaker of Parliament Mr Seah Kian Peng and special guest, Member of Parliament Ms Tin Pei Ling.

"The 1990s was a period where there was an urgency for accessible life-saving dialysis treatment for kidney failure patients. This urgency to save lives remains today. Over the years, this dialysis centre has played a vital role in supporting patients and their families by providing life-saving care in an environment that promotes dignity and comfort," said Hong Leong Foundation Governor Mr Kwek Eik Sheng in his speech at the re-opening event.

It was in 1997 when Hong Leong Foundation first donated S\$1.5 million to establish the dialysis centre in Aljunied.

With its recent S\$2 million support, the centre's upgrade (completed in 2024) that included refurbishing works and replacing of dialysis equipment, has now enabled the centre to increase its capacity from 18 dialysis stations to 28 stations today. It can also serve 168 patients, up from 108 previously, allowing NKF to focus on personalised care for patients.



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The memorial of the late Hong Leong Group founder Kwek Hong Png was an independent structure when the dialysis centre first established in 1997 (left photo). It is now a modern stainless-steel plaque located at the centre's entrance (right photo).

Ms Michelle Kwek, also a Governor of Hong Leong Foundation, added, "This refurbishment is not just about infrastructure. It is about ensuring that patients receive quality care in a dignified and supportive setting. We believe that no one should have to face their health challenges alone, and we are honoured proud to be a part of continue this partnership with NKF."



Hong Leong Foundation donated S\$2.06 million to the refurbishment of the dialysis centre and free early kidney screenings for 1,500 at-risk individuals. (L-R): Hong Leong Foundation Governors Ms Michelle Kwek and Mr Kwek Eik Sheng, NKF Chairman Mr Arthur Lang and CEO Ms Yen Tan.



Also at the unveiling ceremony was CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong and Hong Leong Asia Executive Director Ms Kwek Pei Xuan (2nd and 3rd from left); NKF Vice Chairman Mr Ang Hao Yao (far right); Member of Parliament and special guest Ms Tin Pei Ling (in yellow); and Guest of Honour, Speaker of Parliament Mr Seah Kian Peng (4th from right).



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Expanding early detection services

In conjunction with Singapore's 60th birthday this year, Hong Leong Foundation has also contributed a further S\$60,000 to NKF's intervention programme and help expand early detection screenings across Singapore.

The expansion focuses on individuals with diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, a family history of kidney failure, or an unhealthy Body Mass Index – conditions that damage kidneys.



The expanded Aljunied centre is now a modern and comfortable space, with an increased capacity from 18 dialysis stations to 28 stations today, serving 168 patients from 108 previously. (Photo credit: NKF)



Guests taking a pose at the centre's feature wall depicting Hong Leong Group's companies, including City Developments Limited, Millennium Hotels and Resorts, Hong Leong Holdings, Hong Leong Finance and Hong Leong Asia.

With the Foundation's additional sum of S\$60,000, NKF will be able to screen 1,500 at-risk individuals for free with follow-up consultations, closer to its goal of screening 5,000 individuals yearly under its early intervention programme.

By identifying high-risk individuals sooner, NKF can intervene with lifestyle guidance and medical follow-ups, slowing disease progression, reducing long-term healthcare costs, and improving patient outcomes.



NKF CEO Ms Yen Tan conducting a tour of the refurbished centre for guests and media and gave a demonstration of the dialysis process.



The group taking a selfie with Mr Seah and NKF staff and management.



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Participating in NKF Befriending Programme

Besides financial support, Hong Leong Foundation also participated in NKF's Befriending Programme, where staff volunteers provided companionship to dialysis patients during their treatment sessions.

Mr Kwek highlighted that staff volunteerism and community engagement is essential for more meaningful impact and positive changes in communities.



As part of NKF's Befriending Programme, our staff volunteers including Governors Mr Kwek Eik Sheng and Ms Michelle Kwek helped to pack goody bags with items such as blankets and thermal bottles from Ikea and spent time with patients during their dialysis treatments.

"We were grateful to have spent time with the patients during their treatments. It was especially touching to witness their resilience and optimism. Their strength inspires not only the other patients, but us befrienders as well. We also witnessed the caring nature of the nurses and staff at the centre which plays such a critical part in a patient's journey. It was a humbling and rewarding experience for all of us," he said.

The Foundation is also working with NKF to conduct health talks for Hong Leong Group staff about the leading causes of kidney failure, diabetes and hypertension, and to emphasise the importance of adopting healthier lifestyle choices.