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Setting New Benchmarks In Urban Living At Wuxi Riviera With Revitalised Property Management

An artist impression of Wuxi Riviera. The development offers a seamless integration of lifestyle, hospitality and retail experiences.

Wuxi Riviera, a mixed-use development by Hong Leong International (Hong Kong) (HLIHK) which comprises residences, serviced apartments, retail space, and boutique hotel ROCASE, marked a fresh start with the Riviera (Wuxi) Property Management commencing full service on 11 January 2026.

The team immediately began implementing enhanced cleaning throughout common areas, upgrading security access and patrol systems, and conducting comprehensive facility inspections and maintenance.



The Riviera Wuxi Property Management team commenced full services in January, marking a new chapter for the development.

Property Manager Mr Ma Kai stated, "We are dedicated to providing 24/7 responsive service and ensuring a safe, comfortable living environment for all residents. Our team is collaborating closely with our advisor, Savills, and the Community Committee to guarantee a smooth transition and to drive continuous improvement. Together, we are ushering in a new era of elevated living at Riviera (Wuxi)."

Strategically located in the heart of Wuxi, the development is positioned as a vibrant lifestyle hub designed to attract retail, business, tourism, leisure and cultural audiences. By introducing refined, high-end lifestyle concepts to the city, Wuxi Riviera aims to enrich the experiences of residents as well as regional and



Hong Leong Companies In Singapore Usher In The Lunar New Year With Vibrant Celebrations

Ushering in good fortune at the Hong Leong Finance main branch. Pictured here are (from left) Mr Bryan Wang, SVP (Accounts); Mr Au Siew Wye, SVP (Credit Control); Mr Sia Nam Chie, EVP (Audit); Mr Lim Wei Leon, SVP (Transformation & Innovation); Mr Chris Tan, EVP (Risk Management); Ms Pauline Tan, EVP (Operations); Mr Ang Tang Chor, President; Ms Joan Yeo, CFO; Ms Lim Siew Lee, SVP (Legal & Compliance); Mr Jeffrey Toh, EVP (Corporate & Consumer Business); Mr Alex Tan, SVP (Capital Markets & Corporate Finance); and Ms Adelyn Low, SVP (Property Financing).

Companies under the Hong Leong Group in Singapore ushered in the Lunar New Year with vibrant celebrations, as colleagues gathered to welcome the Year of the Horse with optimism, gratitude and a strong sense of togetherness. Across offices, traditional lion dances, festive décor in auspicious red and gold, and spirited lohei sessions set an auspicious tone for the new year, symbolising prosperity and good fortune.

From City Developments Limited, Hong Leong Asia, Hong Leong Finance to Hong Leong Holdings, each company marked the occasion in its own meaningful way — celebrating shared achievements, strengthening camaraderie and reaffirming a collective commitment to growth and success in the year ahead.

City Developments Limited (CDL)

One of the most noticeable changes is the transformed atrium spanning Levels 2 to 4. Once square and functional, it now features flowing curves and layered forms that bring visual interest and a sense of movement through the space. These newly carved zones are home to an updated tenant mix, including new food and beverage concepts.



An energetic lion dance marked the start of CDL's Lunar New Year celebrations, spreading joy and festive cheer across the office.



Tossing to greater heights — CDL teams came together for an enthusiastic lohei to welcome a new year of growth and achievement.

Hong Leong Asia (HLA)



Together as one, HLA management and employees mark the Lunar New Year, celebrating the teamwork behind its continued growth and success.



HLA employees, subsidiaries and associates coming together in high spirits to ring in a vibrant and prosperous new year.

Hong Leong Finance (HLF)



Hong Leong Finance management posing with the vibrant lion dance troupe and auspicious Fortune God, capturing a festive moment filled with colour, energy, and well-wishes.



Mr Ang Tang Chor, HLF President (centre), led the dragon dance, symbolising a dynamic start to the new year.

Hong Leong Holdings (HLHL)



Smiles all around as Hong Leong Holdings employees gathered for a festive group photo following the vibrant lion and dragon dance performances.



The Hong Leong Building lobby was transformed into a lively celebration space as a dynamic dragon dance performance set an auspicious tone for the year ahead.



Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen Hosts Chinese New Year Garden Party For Employees

Recipients of the 2025 Outstanding Employee Awards were recognised for their achievements at the Chinese New Year Garden Party.

Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen marked the arrival of the Year of the Horse with a Chinese New Year Garden Party held on 28 January 2026 at the outdoor poolside lawn on the third floor. The celebration brought together hotel management and employees for an afternoon of appreciation, festivity and togetherness.

Organised to thank employees for their dedication and hard work over the past year, the event provided an opportunity for colleagues to unwind, connect and share in the spirit of the season. The hotel's management team delivered a warm address, extending New Year greetings and sharing their hopes for the year ahead.



Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen employees gathered at the poolside lawn for a festive Chinese New Year celebration, complete with a sumptuous buffet and lively games and activities.

A recognition ceremony followed, honouring employees who had reached 20 years of service as well as recipients of the 2025 Outstanding Employee Awards. The ceremony celebrated commitment and excellence, highlighting the positive impact of role models within the organisation.

Employees also enjoyed a lively programme of activities, including cultural heritage experiences, traditional riddle games and interactive competitions. An afternoon tea station featuring a buffet barbecue added to the festivities, with the hotel's executive chefs personally grilling a selection of delicacies for the team..

In welcoming the Lunar New Year, the hotel also introduced festive decorations throughout the property. Red lanterns, golden fortune motifs and warm lighting created a celebratory atmosphere, while Year of the Horse installations in the lobby and Spring Festival lanterns in the atrium and restaurants set the tone for joyful reunions and holiday gatherings.



Management and staff gathered for a commemorative group photo at the Chinese New Year Garden Party, celebrating the arrival of the Year of the Horse in high spirits.

With the hotel buzzing once again, guests are already enjoying the refreshed spaces, lively new bar, and modern lounges. From clinking glasses to happy diners and comfy beds being put to good use, the reopening has brought a new spark to Cardiff and plenty of smiles along the way!



ed lanterns and golden fortune motifs adorned the hotel, creating a festive backdrop for joyful reunions and gatherings.



New World Millennium Hong Kong Rings In The Year Of The Horse With Festive Celebrations

(Left to right) Mr Julian Wipper, General Manager; Dato' KC Gan; Mr Ricky Lai, Director of Food and Beverage; and Mr Wilson Ho, Executive Manager, hosted the lion dance performance in celebration of the Lunar New Year.

New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel welcomed the Year of the Horse with festive celebrations that delighted both guests and associates on the fourth day of the Lunar New Year. The hotel's main lobby came alive with a vibrant lion dance performance, as energetic lions weaved through the space, accompanied by the rhythmic beat of drums and cymbals, symbolising strength, prosperity and good fortune for the year ahead.

Adding to the celebratory spirit, Sagano's culinary team hosted a traditional Japanese mochi-pounding ceremony, allowing guests to witness the centuries-old custom of creating sticky rice cakes, which signify abundance and auspicious beginnings. Guests were invited to participate, capturing photos and enjoying the lively atmosphere as the mochi was skillfully prepared.



Energetic and colourful lions weaved through the lobby, ushering in a year filled with good fortune and abundance.



Dato' KC Gan participated in the mochi-pounding ceremony, cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd.

The combination of the dramatic lion dance and the hands-on mochi-pounding experience created a dynamic and joyful start to the Lunar New Year, reinforcing the hotel's commitment to celebrating cultural traditions while offering memorable experiences to all who visited.

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Where Riverside Serenity Meets The Buzz Of The City At Millennium Hilton Bangkok

Millennium Hilton Bangkok rises along the Chao Phraya River, offering sweeping views and effortless access to Bangkok's vibrant riverside life.

Set along the banks of the Chao Phraya River, Millennium Hilton Bangkok offers a contemporary riverside retreat in one of Bangkok's most dynamic districts. The hotel features over 500 modern rooms and suites with sweeping views of the river and skyline, providing a calm sanctuary above the city's constant motion.

Guests can explore the capital with ease via the hotel's complimentary shuttle boat, which connects to the Skytrain and key cultural landmarks, including Wat Arun, Grand Palace, Chinatown and the vibrant flower market. Just a short stroll away, ICONSIAM offers a contemporary mix of luxury shopping, dining and cultural experiences.



A complimentary shuttle boat service makes exploring riverside landmarks both easy and memorable.



Modern rooms and suites provide a calm retreat with uninterrupted views of the river and city skyline.

Within the hotel, guests can unwind at the award-winning eforea Spa, relax by the riverside infinity pool, or enjoy a range of dining experiences. OXBO presents modern grill specialities inspired by Thai flavours, while Flow offers Thai and international favourites in a relaxed riverside setting.



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As night falls, ThreeSixty Jazz Lounge comes alive with live music, signature cocktails and uninterrupted panoramic views across the city. Framed by river and skyline, the hotel brings together comfort, connectivity and a true sense of Bangkok's vibrant riverside lifestyle.

Find out more about Millennium Hilton Bangkok [here](#).



From contemporary riverside dining at OXBO (left) to cocktails at ThreeSixty Jazz Lounge (right), every moment is framed by Bangkok's iconic skyline.



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Showcasing Southern Hospitality And Breathtaking Scenery At Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau

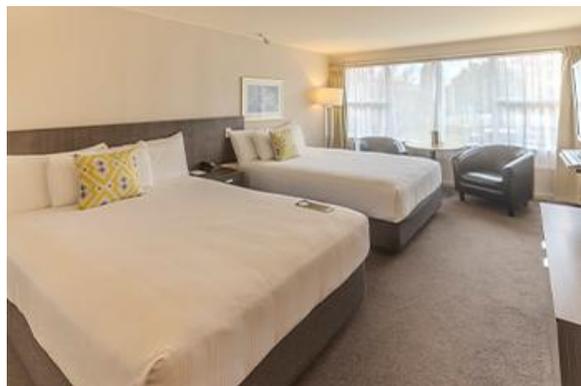
Views of the Lake Te Anau are stunning all year round, creating a memorable backdrop for every stay. (Photo credit: Robyn Jordan).

Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau recently gained recognition through a feature in Stuff, titled “Why this small town should be your gateway to Fiordland”. In the article, General Manager Mr Justin Ludlow shared insights that highlighted the town’s role as a key starting point for exploring one of New Zealand’s most remarkable regions. It’s always a proud moment when our people and properties help shape the narrative of such an iconic region, especially one as unique and breathtaking as Te Anau.

Often called the gateway to Fiordland, Te Anau plays a central role in welcoming travellers heading toward world-renowned destinations like Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound, and the surrounding Great Walks. The town sits on the shores of Lake Te Anau, New Zealand’s second-largest lake, and serves as a natural base for those exploring Fiordland National Park. This park is celebrated for its dramatic landscapes, ancient forests, alpine lakes, and wildlife, drawing visitors from across the globe.



Enjoy dining with a view out across Lake Te Anau.



Thoughtfully designed rooms provided a comfortable and relaxing retreat, complemented by scenic views of the mountains and lake.



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Within this setting, Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau provides more than just accommodation, it delivers genuine southern hospitality that reflects the character of the region itself. The hotel's attentive team supports travellers at every stage of their journey, offering comfort, connection, and local knowledge that enhances their experience of Fiordland.

Te Anau's charm lies not only in its incredible scenery but in its relaxed, welcoming atmosphere, a quality our team embodies daily. From early-morning explorers setting out for Milford to families discovering the glowworm caves, Kingsgate Te Anau is part of the story that keeps visitors returning.

This media recognition is also a testament to the people behind the experience. Their dedication and local pride continue to strengthen the presence of Millennium Hotels & Resorts in New Zealand, reinforcing the group's commitment to delivering authentic and memorable stays in some of the country's most distinctive destinations.

Find out more about Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau [here](#).



Millennium Place Barsha Heights Welcomes Filipino Celebrities And Global Media

General Manager Mr Luca Medda with Filipino celebrity Ms Catriona Gray at Millennium Place Barsha Heights.

In collaboration with Global Filipino Magazine, Millennium Place Barsha Heights had the honour of hosting distinguished Filipino personalities including Ms Catriona Gray (artist, model, Miss Universe 2018), Mr Piolo Pascual (artist and model), and Mr Atom Araullo (I-Witness award-winning broadcast journalist and host). The visit was further marked by the presence of Mr Joseph Francia, First Vice President of GMA International, together with his leadership team.

The hotel's meeting facilities provided a professional and welcoming setting for the magazine's official press interviews. With its modern interiors, well-appointed spaces and attentive service, the property offered an ideal backdrop that supported a smooth and successful media engagement, reflecting the hotel's commitment to delivering quality experiences for its partners and guests.



Renowned celebrities Mr Piolo Pascual, Mr Atom Araullo and Ms Catriona Gray conducted exclusive media interviews at the hotel in collaboration with Global Filipino Magazine.



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The engagement concluded with an outdoor award ceremony, during which the hotel was presented with a Special Award in recognition of its role as Hospitality and Accommodation Partner. This recognition underscored the team's dedication to service excellence and meaningful collaboration. The occasion also showcased the hotel's ability to bring together influential personalities, media organisations and industry partners, further strengthening its position as a preferred venue for international events and cultural exchange in Dubai.



Millennium Place Barsha Heights offers modern and luxurious accommodation and versatile meeting spaces in the heart of Dubai.



From Pit Stop To Luxury Stay In Saudi Arabia: Millennium Hail Hotel Supports Rally Action

The Hail Baja Toyota International Rally is one of the region's most anticipated off-road motorsport events, with Millennium Hail Hotel supporting it as the official hospitality partner.

Millennium Hail Hotel Saudi Arabia proudly served as the official hotel for the Hail Baja Toyota International Rally 2026, held from 27 January, in partnership with the Saudi Automobile and Motorcycle Federation (SAMF). As the official hospitality partner, the hotel welcomed drivers, teams, organisers and distinguished guests, providing a comfortable and seamless base throughout the high-profile sporting event.

The rally is one of the region's most anticipated off-road motorsport events, combining high-octane desert racing with engaging entertainment experiences. From passionate motorsport enthusiasts to families visiting the event, the Hail Baja Toyota International Rally offers a dynamic mix of competition, culture and immersive outdoor experiences, making it a highlight of the Saudi Arabia's sporting calendar.



His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Saad bin Abdulaziz Al Saud presenting the recognition award to Area General Manager Mr Jalal Nasser for Millennium Hail Hotel's role in supporting the rally and providing exceptional hospitality.



The official press conference was held at the hotel, drawing much attention from the media and general public.



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During the closing ceremony of the rally, His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Saad bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Prince of Hail Region and Chairman of the Hail Development Authority, formally recognised the hotel's contribution. The award was received by Mr Jalal Nasser, Area General Manager – KSA, in acknowledgement of Millennium Hail Hotel's role as the official hospitality partner of the rally, highlighting the property's dedication to excellence in service and event support.

This meaningful collaboration underscores Millennium Hotels and Resorts' commitment to supporting major national events and strengthening community partnerships. It also reinforces the Group's position at the forefront of Saudi Arabia's evolving sporting and tourism landscape, aligning with the country's broader vision to promote world-class experiences.



Millennium Hail Hotel's central location and premium facilities made it the perfect base for rally participants and visitors.



Hong Leong Group Of Companies Report Full Year Earnings For 2025

In 2025, CDL achieved record residential sales value of S\$4.35 billion in Singapore. The strong performance in 2025 was driven by two successful launches, including the 706-unit Zyon Grand, which is 87% sold to date.

City Developments Limited (CDL)

CDL tripled its net profit after tax and non-controlling interest (PATMI) to S\$629.7 million for the full year ended 31 December 2025 (FY2025) compared to S\$201.3 million in FY2024.

The notable performance was primarily driven by robust residential sales in Singapore and strong capital recycling gains, notably the sale of the Group's 50.1% stake in the South Beach mixed-use development in Singapore in 2H 2025. The stellar results for FY2025 reflect CDL's strong execution and disciplined focus on capital recycling, achieving approximately S\$2 billion in contracted divestments across various geographies and asset classes.

The Group posted revenue of S\$3.6 billion for FY2025, an increase of 9.7% (FY2024: S\$3.3 billion). The property development segment was the largest contributor to revenue growth, rising 24.1% for FY2025, supported by higher contributions from Singapore projects such as The Myst, Norwood Grand and Union Square Residences, as well as by the sale of the Ransome's Wharf site in London and the office component of Suzhou Hong Leong City Center in China.

Revenue from the investment properties segment grew 2.7% in FY2025, driven by completed asset enhancement initiatives (AEIs) at City Square Mall in Singapore and Jungceylon Shopping Center in Phuket. Additionally, the hotel operations segment also saw a 1.7% increase in revenue and a 1.3% rise in Revenue Per Available Room (RevPAR) for FY2025.

The hotel operations segment also reported a healthy pre-tax profit of S\$256.0 million for FY2025, bolstered by capital recycling gains from the sale of JW Marriott Hotel Singapore South Beach and Comfort Inn Near Vail Beaver Creek in the US.

Mr Kwek Leng Beng, CDL's Executive Chairman, said, "Despite macroeconomic challenges, the CDL Group delivered a strong set of results for FY2025. The tripling of PATMI underscores the resilience of our core business segments and the tangible progress we have made in sharpening execution, strengthening capital discipline and crystallising value across our portfolio. With a strong foundation, renewed focus and clear priorities, the Group is poised to build on this momentum and continue creating long-term value for our shareholders."



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Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL's Group Chief Executive Officer, said, "2025 was a year of reflection, resilience and disciplined execution for the Group amid a challenging environment with ongoing macroeconomic uncertainties. Despite these headwinds, we stayed focused on advancing our strategic priorities, with strong residential sales in Singapore and accelerated capital recycling driving a significant uplift in our earnings. To maximise shareholder returns, we are actively reviewing our growth strategy, portfolio structures and capital allocation priorities. We have taken decisive steps to unlock value from mature and non-core assets while selectively redeploying capital to drive growth. Looking ahead, the Group enters its next phase of growth with renewed vigour. As we embark on our value creation journey, we are well positioned to deliver sustainable growth and maximise returns for all shareholders."

To better align with shareholders' interests and enhance transparency and clarity of shareholder returns, the CDL Board is enhancing its dividend policy and intends to declare ordinary cash dividends at least once annually, with a payout ratio of minimally 35% based on reported PATMI. The Group's financial performance, projected cash flow, capital requirements for business growth and external factors will be considered when determining the dividend payout.

For FY2025, the Board recommends a final ordinary dividend of 25.0 cents per share. Together with the special interim ordinary dividend of 3.0 cents per share paid in September 2025, the total ordinary dividend for FY2025 amounts to 28.0 cents per share, representing a dividend payout ratio of 40%.

Please click [here](#) for the full CDL FY2025 results.

CDL Hospitality Trusts (CDLHT)



RevPAR for the Singapore hotels rose 1.6% YoY in 2H 2025, driven by increased demand supported by major events such as the World Aquatics Championships, Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix, and concerts (e.g. Blackpink). Looking ahead to FY2026, Moxey Singapore Clarke Quay, a 475-key hotel, is projected to obtain its temporary occupation permit (TOP) around the end of 2026.

For FY2025, CDLHT's gross revenue increased by 2.8% (S\$7.3 million) YoY to S\$267.6 million, driven by growth in the UK, Japan and Australia portfolios. The UK portfolio continued to benefit from inorganic contributions from The Castings (UK BTR), Benson Yard (UK PBSA) and Hotel Indigo Exeter. These contributions helped to partially offset softer trading performance in other markets. Net property income ("NPI") declined by 4.1% to S\$129.7 million YoY, reflecting a moderation in RevPAR across the portfolio and higher operating costs. A significant portion of the NPI variance was due to temporary disruptions from the renovation works at W Hotel and Grand Millennium Auckland, whereby their collective overall shortfall contributed about S\$5.9 million to the overall YoY reduction. Excluding these two hotels, the Group's gross revenue would have grown by 7.0% (or S\$14.1 million) YoY, and NPI would have reported an increase of 0.3% YoY for FY2025.

Its living sector assets delivered the first full year of income, contributing S\$8.2 million in NPI. In 2026, The Castings is poised to progress beyond its initial gestation phase, supporting income ramp-up, while Benson Yard will continue to benefit from stable demand.



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Total distribution to Stapled Securityholders (after retention for working capital) for FY2025 was S\$60.9 million and DPS was 4.80 cents, representing a decrease of 8.9% and 9.8% YoY respectively, due to the decline in overall NPI across the portfolio.

As at 31 December 2025, CDLHT's total investment properties and property, plant and equipment value ("Total Portfolio Value") increased by S\$27.7 million or 0.8% YoY to S\$3.4 billion.

Mr Vincent Yeo, Chief Executive Officer of CDLHT's managers, said, "2025 was a year of transition for CDLHT. Income from two of our major assets was impacted as they completed their multi-year renovation programmes. During the year, SGD interest rates also moderated from elevated levels at the start of the year. While trading conditions in our key Singapore market were softer in the first half, performance improved in the second half. Financial management was a key priority in 2025, and the issuance of S\$150.0 million in perpetual securities represents a proactive step in optimising our capital structure, strengthening the balance sheet and lowering funding costs."

Please click [here](#) for the full CDLHT FY2025 results.

Hong Leong Asia (HLA)



Building on its momentum, the Group continues to invest in research and development (R&D) initiatives to improve its powertrain solutions as well as new batching plants, automation technologies and larger concrete mixer trucks to improve operational efficiencies within the building materials segment.

HLA recorded a net profit of S\$112.8 million for the FY2025, a 28.5% increase from FY2024. Group revenue rose by 22% YoY to S\$5.2 billion. The growth was largely contributed by the powertrain solutions' ("Yuchai") performance in the marine and power generation sectors, and improved precast volume from the building materials unit ("BMU").

Earnings per share for FY2025 stood at 15.08 cents, up from the 11.74 cents reported in the same period a year ago.

In China, Yuchai's revenue grew 26.3% YoY to S\$4.5 billion with 461,309 powertrain units sold in FY2025, up 29.4%. Overall, Yuchai performed well in the truck and bus segments which grew 42.8% YoY while the industrial and marine and genset segments grew 24.0% YoY. High horsepower powertrains units for data centres also grew strongly. Yuchai's strong performance was also attributed to its higher gross margin driven by improved scale, ongoing cost reduction efforts and a change in sales mix with higher sales units of heavy-duty and high horsepower powertrains.

In Singapore and Malaysia, BMU's revenue grew 4.9% to S\$682.7 million in FY2025. The Precast business in Singapore reported strong performance amid continued growth in HDB-related construction activities while the ready-mixed concrete ("RMC") segment was impacted by plant capacity adjustments earlier in the year. Overall, the Precast order book benefitted from a strong continued demand while the RMC order book caught up in the



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second half of the year. In Malaysia, Tasek's profitability was supported by improved pricing and lower energy input costs as well as better performance contributed by a key associate.

The Board of Directors has proposed a final dividend of 3 cents per share. Together with the interim dividend paid of 2 cents per share, the Group has increased its dividend by 25% to 5 cents per share for FY2025.

Looking ahead, while challenges from volatile input costs and continued supply chain disruptions are expected, the Group remains focused on strengthening order books, improving operational efficiencies and managing costs down to stay relevant and resilient. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Group expects its businesses to deliver satisfactory results in 2026.

Please click [here](#) for the full HLA FY2025 results.

Hong Leong Finance (HLF)



With rising digital threats and financial crime, HLF bolstered anti-scam policies, technology risk management and third-party risk oversight, expanded staff training and drove community outreach with the Singapore Police, alongside customer education across multiple touchpoints.

HLF reported a net profit of S\$62.7 million for FY2025 amidst an environment marked by global uncertainties and a declining benchmark interest rate cycle, which moderated its earnings. However, building on its recent momentum, HLF made progress in digital transformation, growth initiatives, security, risk management, workforce development and sustainability, to enhance long-term value.

HLF's vehicle loans digital platform was awarded 'Best Automobile Financing Product' at The Asian Banker Global Excellence in Retail Finance Awards, and the Singapore Business Review Technology Excellence Awards. In the electric cars segment, HLF saw a 13% YoY increase in the amount of loans processed.

Net loan assets totalled S\$12.1 billion, a rise of 3.7% from S\$11.7 billion. Fee and commission income increased by 81.3% to \$14.7 million, from S\$8.1 million, driven by increased property financing activities amid improving market sentiment.

To better support the evolving needs of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), HLF introduced bundled financing that pairs Commercial Property Loans (CPLs) with Working Capital Loans. This provides SMEs with long-term property financing alongside short-term working capital liquidity within a single package, enhancing funding agility and enabling more sustainable business expansion.

HLF has proposed a final dividend of 6.15 cents per share.

The outlook for the global economy remains tempered by geopolitical uncertainties and trade-related frictions. At the same time, the continued acceleration of digitalisation brings heightened cybersecurity and operational risks.



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HLF Chairman, Mr Kwek Leng Beng, said, "Notwithstanding the challenges, we remain confident in our ability to deliver enduring value to our stakeholders. Our disciplined risk management and sustained investments in digital innovation, security and workforce capability provide a strong platform for continued growth. With a clear strategic direction and a resilient foundation, we have confidence in managing uncertainties and capturing opportunities ahead."

Please click [here](#) for the full HLF FY2025 results.



CDL's Newport Residences, The First City-centre Launch Of 2026 Sold 57% Of Units On Launch Weekend

The Newport Residences sales gallery over its preview weekend.

City Developments Limited (CDL) recently launched Newport Residences, an ultra-luxury 246-unit freehold project on Anson Road, for sale in January 2026. The project is priced at an average of S\$3,370 per square foot (psf)¹. During its launch weekend, 140 units (57%) were sold.

About 82% of buyers are Singaporeans, while 15% are Permanent Residents (PRs) from Indonesia, China, Malaysia, Canada, Germany, United Kingdom and others. All unit types were well-received, with 1, 2 and 3-bedroom units being the most popular. To date, 165 (67%) units have been sold.

Located on level 45 of the landmark residence is the one and only freehold Super Penthouse (12,960 sq ft), which offers 360-degree panoramic views of the sea and city skyline, exclusive access via a dedicated lift serving only the Super Penthouse, and two exclusive private car park lots.

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL's Group Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are encouraged by the positive response to Newport Residences, affirming the exceptional value and appeal of owning a well-designed and rare freehold asset in a prime district in Singapore. Newport Residences offers lasting ownership value as a forerunner within a precinct undergoing significant transformation."

Strategically located at the nexus of the CBD and future Greater Southern Waterfront district, Newport Residences is part of the 45-storey Newport Plaza, which also houses Newport Tower with Grade A offices (levels 2 to 9) and F&B on level 1, and branded serviced apartments (levels 10 to 22). Newport Residences spans levels 23 to 45, offering spectacular panoramic views of the sea and city skyline.



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Newport Residences comprises 246 luxury apartments located on levels 23 to 45 of Newport Plaza, a towering 215-metre-tall mixed-use landmark. Strategically located at the nexus of the CBD and future Greater Southern Waterfront district, Newport Plaza also houses Grade A offices, F&B and branded serviced apartments. (Artist's Impression)

Rare Freehold Residence within an Iconic Mixed-use Development

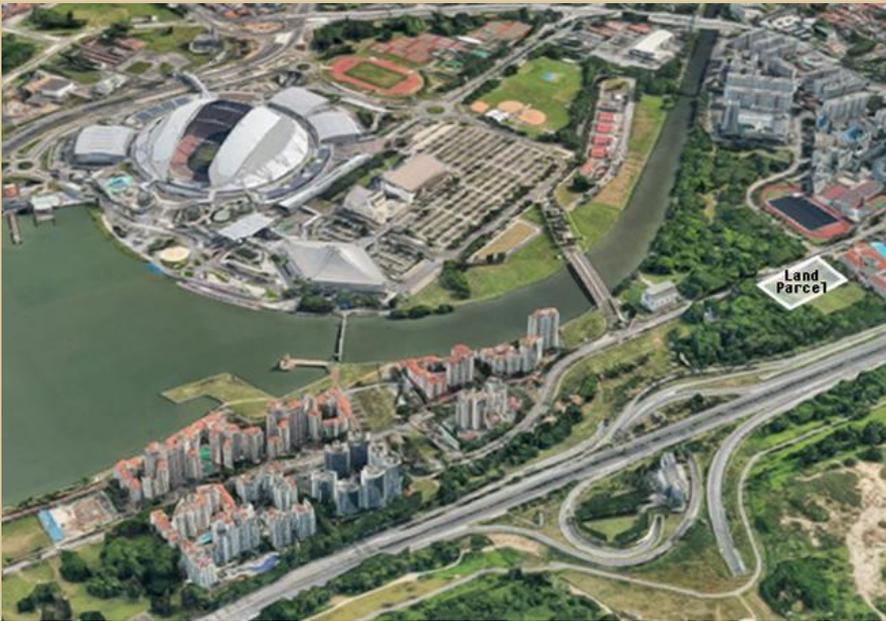
Envisioned as a new benchmark of city living, Newport Residences is in prime District 2, within walking distance of three MRT stations – Tanjong Pagar MRT (East-West Line) and the upcoming Prince Edward Road MRT (Circle Line) and Cantonment MRT (Circle Line). It will also have direct access to the future Prince Edward Road MRT station via a link bridge.

Residents will enjoy easy access to the Marina Bay Financial District and nearby attractions such as Orchard Road shopping belt, Marina Bay Sands, Suntec City, VivoCity, Clarke Quay, National Gallery Singapore, Esplanade and Gardens by the Bay.

Designed as a “vertical town”, the development features extensive recreational facilities across six levels, starting with the residential apartment facilities deck at level 34 (Club Vista), followed by four lifestyle gardens located at levels 25, 29, 37 and 41, and the Roof Garden (Newport Sky), which includes the Sky Club, Sky Lounge, Sky Pavilion, Sky Gourmet with BBQ Grill and four swimming pools – Sky Pool, Sky Spa Pool, Kids’ Pool and Indoor Jet Pool.

For enquiries, please call/WhatsApp the sales hotline at +65 8783 1818 or visit the [website](#).

¹ Excludes Super Penthouse.



CDL-Led Joint Venture Submits Top Bid For Tanjong Rhu Road – The First Residential Land Sale Since 1997

The first GLS site in the Tanjong Rhu area since 1997, a period of almost 30 years, is also the first site in the southern waterfront precincts of Marina and Kallang, which were revealed during the National Day Rally 2024.

City Developments Limited (CDL) and Woh Hup Holdings (Woh Hup), through their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries, CDL Constellation Pte. Ltd. and Bedrock Ventures Pte. Ltd., submitted the highest bid of S\$709.3 million (or S\$1,455 psf ppr) for a prime 99-year leasehold residential site at Tanjong Rhu Road. The Government Land Sales (GLS) tender attracted strong interest, with a total of five bids submitted.

The CDL-led consortium, structured on a 90:10 equity split, emerged as the top bidder with a margin of approximately 2.5% over the second-highest bid, reflecting strong market confidence in the site's long-term prospects. This also marks the first joint venture (JV) between CDL and Woh Hup, though both parties are very familiar with each other since Woh Hup has been the main contractor for various CDL projects.

For the site, the JV will explore a residential development comprising approximately 520 units across three high-rise 26-storey residential blocks, and with an integrated Early Childhood Development Centre. Designed to maximise view corridors, the development is envisioned with a north-south orientation to capture views of The Kallang, Marina Bay and the sea.



The master plan for Kallang Alive will transform the precinct into an integrated and seamless hub, car-lite and walkable to communities and public transportation, accessibility to the waterfront, and inclusive active lifestyle spaces for all. (Photo credit: URA)



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Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL's Group Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are very pleased to have emerged as the top bidder for this highly sought-after Tanjong Rhu Road site and at such a narrow margin over the next bidder. Its strategic position within the Kallang Alive precinct, combined with excellent waterfront views and good connectivity, offers a rare and compelling opportunity for a distinctive residential development in one of Singapore's most desirable central enclaves. This also marks our first JV with Woh Hup and together with their strong construction expertise and reputation for quality, we look forward to creating an icon within this transformative precinct."

The site is within walking distance of the Tanjong Rhu and Katong Park MRT stations, both on the Thomson-East Coast Line. It is also close to schools such as Dunman High School and Chung Cheng High School (Main).

It is strategically located within the Kallang Alive precinct and part of the government's vision to position Kallang as Singapore's premier sports, lifestyle and entertainment hub. Future residents will benefit from the proximity to key developments under URA's Master Plan, including The Kallang, a landmark new indoor arena, and Home of TeamSG that integrates the Singapore Sports School. Kallang Wave Mall will also be revitalised and is slated to unveil enhanced alfresco dining and retail concepts by 2028.



CBM Champions Workplace Safety And Health In Facilities Management

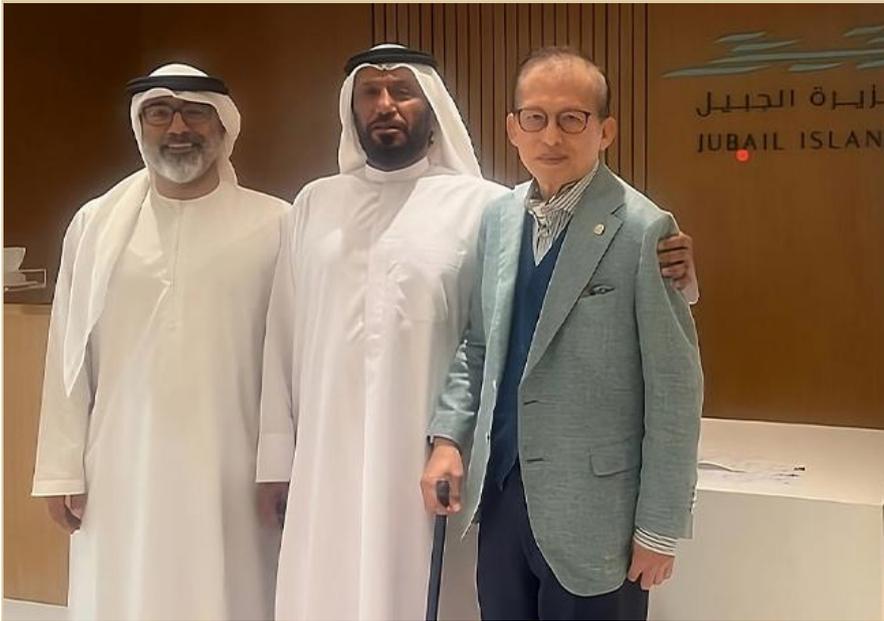
19 WSH advocates recently pledged of their commitment to championing WSH across their supply chains. Mr Lee Liang Huat, CBM's Chief Operating Officer, represented the company at the signing ceremony (bottom left).

CBM recently took a significant step forward in its Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) journey by signing a partnership agreement under the WSH Advocate Programme, at a ceremony hosted by the Tripartite Alliance's Workplace Safety and Health Council. With this milestone, CBM joins more than 30 leading organisations committed to advancing WSH excellence across industries.

The WSH Advocate Programme brings together major industry players to promote stronger safety standards, share best practices, and foster a culture where Workplace Safety and Health are recognised as both a moral responsibility and a business imperative. At its core, the programme reinforces the principle that good WSH performance benefits not only organisations, but also contractors, partners, and the wider workforce ecosystem.

For CBM, this partnership aligns closely with its ongoing commitment to raising standards within the Facilities Management (FM) industry. As an industry that operates across diverse environments and involves complex operational risks, FM requires a proactive and disciplined approach to safety. By becoming a WSH Advocate, CBM affirms its role by demonstrating that robust safety practices can and should go hand in hand with operational excellence.

CBM will continue to strengthen its WSH frameworks, engage with its teams on the ground, and work collaboratively with industry partners to build safer working environments.



Executive Chairman Kwek Leng Beng Visits The Middle East To Strengthen Partnerships And Expand Business

Expanding horizons: Executive Chairman, Mr Kwek Leng Beng (right), Chairman of Millennium & Copthorne for Middle East, North Africa and Turkey (MENAT), Mr Ali Hamad Lakhraim Alzaabi (left), and Chairman of Lead Development Jubail Island Abu Dhabi, Mr Hamad Rashed Alnuaimi (centre), met to strengthen Millennium Hotels and Resorts' growth partnership across the MENAT region.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) recently announced its growth partnership between Asia and the Middle East to support its long-term global expansion strategy. The Middle East, North Africa, and Turkey (MENAT) region is being positioned as a strategic engine for scale, connectivity, and international growth.

The region's established infrastructure, strong tourism demand, and pro-investment frameworks make it an ideal hub for MHR to expand into high-potential gateway cities and leisure destinations worldwide. Over the past decade, the Middle East has emerged as a dynamic travel hub. Dubai alone welcomed 18.72 million international overnight visitors in 2024, with 15.7 million recorded between January and October 2025—a 5% year-on-year increase. Investor confidence remains strong, with over 84,000 hotel rooms under construction in Q1 2025 and a further 47,000 scheduled to begin construction within the next 12 months.

Kwek Leng Beng, Executive Chairman of MHR and Hong Leong Group Singapore, said, "Millennium Hotels and Resorts has always been built with a long-term mindset, and I have a vision to grow to 500 hotels globally. The Middle East has shown what can be achieved with the right partners, the right infrastructure and a shared commitment to quality. We want to build on that success and replicate it across other strategic markets by connecting global travellers, businesses and communities through destinations that matter."

Ali Hamad Lakhraim Alzaabi, Chairman of Millennium & Copthorne – MENAT, added, "The Middle East today is a destination of choice and a global hub for leisure, business, culture and major events. Our region's strength is not only demand, but also execution: the ability to deliver at scale, to host the world, and to create a consistent, high-quality guest experience. The partnership with Chairman Kwek reflects a shared belief in long-term value creation and in building platforms that endure."



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Chaker Zeraiki, President of MHR – MENAT, explained, “Our objective is to translate the region’s proven formula connectivity, infrastructure, owner confidence and operational excellence into a scalable growth platform for MHR. By leveraging MENAT as a hub and a benchmark for delivery, we can accelerate our expansion into strategic gateway cities and leisure destinations; while ensuring we remain disciplined on brand standards and guest experience.”

MHR’s MENAT growth strategy aligns with the region’s broader tourism transformation agenda. Saudi Arabia, for example, aims to welcome 150 million visitors by 2030 and will host major global events including Expo 2030, FIFA World Cup 2034, and the Esports World Cup, further boosting international visibility and travel flows.

Anchored in disciplined brand stewardship, strong owner relationships, and cultural fluency, MHR’s approach continues to guide its expansion across MENAT and will underpin the group’s next phase of global growth.



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HLF Digital celebrates first-year anniversary with staff programme.

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How your savings compare

	Monthly Interest		
	Premium SAVER Account	Bank A	Bank B
Monthly Account Balance	1.20% p.a. No monthly qualifying conditions	Up to 4.1% p.a. Only if requirements are met*. If not, base rate applies	Up to 4.5% p.a. Only if requirements are met*. If not, base rate applies
\$10,000	\$9.86	\$0.41 (base interest)	\$0.41 (base interest)
\$199,999	\$197.26	\$8.22 (base interest)	\$8.22 (base interest)

*Monthly Interests are estimated based on a 30-day month without meeting salary crediting, spending, investment, insurance or loan requirements, and rounded to the nearest decimal.

For example, a \$10,000 balance would generate approximately \$9.86 in interest per month without any conditions.*

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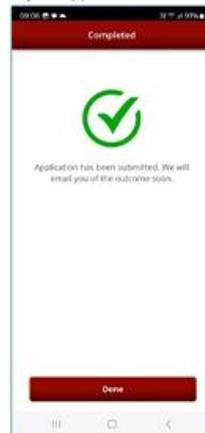
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A Whimsical Fruitylicious Escape At New World Millennium HK, And Delight In A Seafood Feast

Fruits take centre stage at New World Millennium Hong Kong with whimsical treats.

Discover a vibrant celebration of fruits with New World Millennium Hong Kong's brand-new Fruitylicious Afternoon Tea Set at The Lounge. From colourful savouries to whimsical desserts, each creation delights with unexpected flavours and charming, playful details.

Executive Pastry Chef Daniel Law and his team present imaginative highlights such as a young coconut-shaped dacquoise, lychee-inspired financier, and a bite-sized "watermelon" crafted from red dragon fruit. Completing the experience are glossy blood orange and mango pineapple mousse cakes, adorned with irresistibly photogenic smiley faces.

Available daily from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., the whimsical experience at The Lounge is priced at HKD448 for two (or HKD238 per person). One-day advance reservation is recommended by calling +852 2313 4222 or <https://newworldmillenniumhotel.com/en/dining/the-lounge/>

Seafood Extravaganza at Café East



Savour an indulgent seafood feast at Café East, featuring premium lobster, crab, ocean-fresh favourites, and even Spanish Paella (right photo).



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Indulge in a seafood extravaganza at Café East from now to 31 March 2026. Savour highlights such as Thai-style wok-fried crab, steamed local rock lobster, baked Boston lobster with Champagne cheese sauce, Spanish paella, wok-fried oyster with ginger and spring onion, and sake-poached jumbo clam.

End on a sweet note with desserts including Pistachio Chocolate Tart, Durian Basque Cheesecake, and Green Tea Red Bean Puff.

The dinner buffet is priced at HKD738 for adults and HKD518 for children from Monday to Thursday, and HKD788 for adults and HKD548 for children from Friday to Sunday and on public holidays. For inquiries or reservations, please call +852 2313 4222 or visit <https://newworldmillenniumhotel.com/en/dining/cafe-east/>

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Savour Taiwan's Seasonal Strawberries In Luxurious Tea Set At Millennium Taichung

Lumi Bar at Millennium Hotel Taichung is celebrating strawberry season with an elegant tea set.

As strawberry season begins, Millennium Hotel Taichung is presenting a seasonal Strawberry Afternoon Tea Set for Two at Lumi Bar, available through March 31, 2026.

Showcasing Taiwan's peak-season strawberries, celebrated for their vibrant colour, fragrance, and balanced sweetness, the set combines local ingredients with classic French pastry techniques.

Guests can enjoy four desserts, including Lavender Strawberry Mousse, Strawberry Tiramisu, Strawberry Taro Mochi, and Strawberry Canelé with raspberry ganache, alongside three savory bites featuring black pepper beef, smoked cherry duck, and smoked salmon. The experience also includes two beverages of choice, offering a refined treat for strawberry lovers.

Available now till 31 March 2026. For reservations, please visit <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/taichung/millennium-hotel-taichung/lumi-bar/>

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From Heavenly Dumplings To Peking Duck, Yun Jin's Signature Dishes Take the Spotlight At Grand Hyatt Taipei

Yun Jin Chinese Restaurant at the Grand Hyatt Taipei features several signature dishes, including its "Heavenly Dumplings" that has wow-ed the crowd for 11 years.

Grand Hyatt Taipei is spotlighting its signature "Three Kings, Two Queens" menu at Yun Jin Chinese Restaurant.

The "Three Kings" feature the Signature Peking Duck, Claypot Fish Maw and Chicken Soup, and the famed "Tianlongguo Dumplings" (or Heavenly Dumplings), while the "Two Queens" are wooden bucket tofu pudding and honey sponge cake.



Crowd favourites like the Claypot Fish Maw and Chicken Soup (left photo) and Signature Peking Duck continue to star in the menu line-up.

First introduced 11 years ago, the Heavenly Dumplings were created to stand out from typical pork versions, using premium Atlantic cod blended with seafood broth for added umami. Made to order, they are known for their juicy filling and balanced flavour. Prices have risen from NT\$44 to NT\$77 per dumpling due to ingredient costs and refinements.

The restaurant's Signature Peking Duck is prepared through a meticulous 24-hour process, while the claypot fish maw and chicken soup is simmered for over 16 hours for a rich, silky broth. Desserts round out the menu with traditional Taiwanese touches.

For reservations, please visit <https://www.hyatt.com/grand-hyatt/en-US/taigh-grand-hyatt-taipei/dining/yun-jin>.

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Handcrafted Strawberry Dessert Journey At Grand Millennium Beijing

Fresh, festive and fruity strawberry desserts await at Grand Millennium Beijing's Lobby Lounge.

Grand Millennium Beijing's Lobby Lounge is ushering the Lunar New Year with a dessert buffet that celebrates the sweetness of spring with seasonal strawberries.

Strawberries take centre stage, with each creation handcrafted by the hotel's pastry chefs to ensure every sweet treat is freshly prepared and full of flavour.

Guests can enjoy a variety of treats, from strawberry mousses and tarts to inventive confections that blend tradition with modern flair for a memorable culinary experience that showcases both seasonal fruit and artisanal craftsmanship."

The Lobby Lounge also serves a daily selection of handmade cakes, cookies, and tarts.

The dessert buffet is priced at 148 yuan per person, with a "Buy 10, Get 2 Free" offer available via the hotel's WeChat Mall, daily from 1 PM to 5:30 PM. For reservations, call Lobby Lounge at (86 10) 8587 6888 ext. 3011.



Indulge in handcrafted treats such as the Crispy Chocolate Strawberry Pie (left photo) and the Red Velvet Snow Cap (right photo).

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World Cup Fever Meets Style At Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

And experience Sakura delights
at Food Capital and The Lobby
Lounge.

From kickoff to check-out, celebrate football season in style at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel with exclusive hotel perks.

This June, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore is launching a limited-time Football Fever Staycation Package, blending match-night excitement with family-friendly perks in a riverside setting. Designed for football fans, couples and families, the package includes themed amenities and exclusive dining privileges.

Guests enjoy a complimentary beer tower and snacks during match timings at The Lobby Lounge, a S\$20 dining voucher, 1-for-1 gin cocktails and buffet deals, a possible room upgrade, late check-out at 1pm, and flexible cancellation. The stay also features a football-themed welcome setup, a plush otter toy and a kids' football activity kit.

Available for booking until 19 July 2026, with stays from 11 June to 20 July 2026, the package is ideal for corporate fans, families and groups seeking a lively yet comfortable match-day experience. MyMillennium members can enjoy additional savings and perks.

For more information and reservations, please visit <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/offers/asia/grand-copthorne-waterfront/football-fever-getaway/?hotel=grand-copthorne-waterfront-hotel-singapore>

Japan's springtime returns to Food Capital



Helming Sakura Serenity Buffet at Food Capital, is Chef Elson Lee (left) of Grand Copthorne Waterfront, and Chef Keiji Matoba.



Indulge in the Sakura Afternoon Tea at The Lobby Lounge with delicate Japanese-inspired savouries, desserts, and premium teas.

Back by popular demand, Food Capital's **Sakura Serenity Buffet** returns from 4 March to 31 May 2026, celebrating Japanese spring and the 60th anniversary of Japan-Singapore diplomatic ties. The buffet features a four-hands collaboration between Michelin-trained Chef Elson Lee of Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore and Chef Keiji Matoba, offering modern interpretations of authentic Japanese cuisine.

Highlights include Wagyu dishes, sea bream claypot, Pitan Tofu, seared yellowtail with grated daikon, steamed oysters with sake, Saikyo miso grilled black cod, Japanese Wagyu yakiniku, and desserts inspired by matcha and traditional Japanese sweets.

The Lobby Lounge is also launching the **Sakura Afternoon Tea**, inspired by Japanese cuisine. Savoury highlights include Hokkaido Tsukune, Japanese Vegetable Gyoza, Kinoko Sarada, and Cold Soba with traditional condiments.

Sweets feature Genmaicha Azuki Macaron, Green Tea Tiramisu, Hojicha Portuguese Egg Tart, Japanese Mochi, Goma Yuzu Cake, and freshly baked Matcha Mochi and plain scones.

For reservations, please visit [Sakura Serenity Buffet](#), and [Sakura Afternoon Tea](#). (Serene, pls note there are 2 separate hyperlinks for this.)

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Conquer The
Pork Knuckle
Showdown,
Claim Your
Stay At
M Social
Singapore

The crispy crackling, tender and juicy legendary Pork Knuckle at M Social Singapore's Beast & Butterflies is ready for your take down.

Think You've Got What It Takes? This is not just a meal. It is a knuckle showdown.

Take on Beast & Butterflies' legendary Full Pork Knuckle Challenge with its crispy crackling, tender, juicy meat, and a portion built to test even the heartiest appetites.

Finish the entire knuckle in 5 minutes or less and walk away a champion with 2 days, 1 night stay at M Social Singapore.

It is a well-deserved getaway. Do you have the speed, stamina, and appetite to conquer the plate?

The challenge is only available on Fridays, from 11:30am to 9:30pm.

What are you waiting for? Reserve your spot and stake your claim at <https://www.msocial.com/en/singapore/m-social-singapore/offers/beast-knuckle-challenge/>

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Unwind, Dine, And Gift At Copthorne Kings' Hotel

Introducing Japanese breakfast
and customisable gift hampers.

Unwind with live music, savour Japanese breakfast delights, and gift with heritage at Copthorne King's Hotel.

Jammin' Tunes at Connections Lounge

Enjoy midweek live music every Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 PM with a two-piece band performing classic hits at Connections Lounge. Perfect for relaxing with drinks and good company.

Open Monday to Saturday, from 3pm to 12am.

New Japanese Breakfast Favourites at Princess Terrace

Start your day with comforting Japanese-inspired breakfast options, including chicken teriyaki, miso soup, chilled tofu, nori, and pickles, alongside other international favourites.

Breakfast is available at S\$30++ per adult. Opens daily from 6am to 10am.

Tien Court Customisable Gift Hampers

Create the perfect gift with Tien Court's heritage Teochew hampers, featuring premium wines, house-made treats, and other indulgent delights. Ideal for corporate or festive gifting.

Prices start at S\$200 for each customisable hamper.

For more information and reservations, please visit <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/singapore/cophorne-kings-hotel/dining/>

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Brewing A Hub Of Creativity And Connection At M Social Resort Penang

Participants proudly presenting their artworks after the interactive Coffee Painting Workshop.

Held on 30 November 2025 at M Social Resort Penang, the Coffee Painting Workshop brought a relaxed and engaging afternoon to The Social Hub, where guests gathered to explore their creativity in a welcoming and thoughtfully designed space. Set against a bright and comfortable backdrop, the session offered participants the opportunity to experiment with coffee as an artistic medium while enjoying a leisurely and inspiring atmosphere.

Guided with care and encouragement by Zenvee Art of Therapy Academy and artist Mr Ashton Koay Sheng Tat, guests were introduced to the techniques and nuances of coffee painting. With the facilitators' thoughtful support, participants of all experience levels were able to create with confidence, each leaving with a distinctive artwork as a meaningful keepsake of the experience.



The Coffee Painting Workshop showcased The Social Hub as a versatile venue for interactive and community-focused activities.

Designed to foster connection and creativity, the workshop highlighted the versatility of The Social Hub as a venue for interactive experiences. With its cosy ambience and abundance of natural sunlight, the space is well suited for workshops, creative classes, hands-on sessions and community-driven activities across a range of formats.

More events are planned in the coming months, and The Social Hub looks forward to welcoming guests back for future gatherings that inspire creativity, connection and shared experiences.



M Social Phuket Celebrates Health, Fitness And Community Spirit At The 28th Kathu Marathon

M Social Phuket provided freshly baked treats, bananas, and water to energise participants at the 28th Kathu Marathon.

M Social Phuket proudly participated in the 28th Kathu Marathon on 14 December 2025, supporting a vibrant and energetic community of over 4,000 runners. The annual event not only celebrates athletic achievement but also promotes community spirit, health, and collaboration among participants, volunteers, and organisers alike.

As part of their contribution, M Social Phuket provided freshly baked treats, bananas, and water to help energise and motivate runners throughout the course. The hotel's involvement extended beyond hospitality, with its leadership team actively taking part in the event. General Manager Mr Pjey Mayandi completed the half marathon, while Hotel Manager Mr Wasan Keatkaew successfully finished the full marathon, demonstrating commitment and enthusiasm for community engagement.



Over 4,000 runners celebrated sport, wellness, and community spirit with support from M Social Phuket.



General Manager Mr Pjey Mayandi (left) and Hotel Manager Mr Wasan Keatkaew (right) showed their support by participating in the marathon.

The team congratulates all participants, volunteers, and organisers for making the 28th Kathu Marathon a truly memorable and successful occasion. M Social Phuket looks forward to continuing its support for initiatives that inspire wellness, connection, and shared experiences with the wider community.



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M Social Hotel Suzhou Powers Into The New Year With Energy And Style

M Social Hotel Suzhou's annual general meeting brought colleagues together to reflect on achievements and plan for the year ahead.

M Social Hotel Suzhou ushered in the Year of the Horse with two lively and memorable events, each showcasing the hotel's vibrant culture and adventurous spirit.

The hotel's annual employee general meeting, themed "Full Power Ahead, Embark on the New Year Together", brought colleagues from across departments together for reflection, recognition and renewed motivation. General Manager Mr Peter Low opened the event with an inspiring address, reviewing the hotel's achievements in a challenging market and sharing his aspirations for the year ahead.



Department heads presented their highlight moments, and the teams celebrated collective achievements during the annual staff gathering.

Department heads highlighted key milestones from the past year, celebrating teamwork, professionalism and perseverance across the hotel. A lively lucky draw added to the celebratory mood, with prizes ranging from hotel stays to mobile phones, while long service and standout contributions were warmly recognised.

Extending its energetic start to the year, M Social Hotel Suzhou also partnered with Swiss sports brand On Running to host the Jinji Lake Exclusive Run Event on 25 January. Twenty-five participants gathered at the hotel's co-working space before setting off on a scenic run along Jinji Lake, embracing a fresh momentum to the new year.

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Following the run, guests took part in a Song Brocade handcraft session, creating Year of the Horse keepsakes inspired by one of China's most celebrated textile traditions. The experience blended sport, culture and creativity, reflecting the hotel's philosophy of integrating lifestyle, design and local heritage.



After the run, participants enjoyed an interactive Song Brocade handcraft session inspired by the Year of the Horse.

Through a mix of internal celebration and community collaboration, M Social Hotel Suzhou continues to champion a vibrant, contemporary approach to hospitality, empowering its team and guests to begin the year with energy, connection and style.



Stepping Into The Legendary World Of Jianghu At Millennium Hotel Wuxi's Appreciation Dinner

General Manager Mr Kuzuma Yasunobu (left) and Deputy General Manager Ms Ella Yang (centre) celebrating with a VIP guest.

Millennium Hotel Wuxi brought the legendary world of Jianghu (often used to describe the world of martial arts) to life at its annual client appreciation dinner, combining traditional Chinese elegance with the bold spirit of heroism.

Guests and partners were welcomed through a recreated “Jianghu Market” at the ballroom entrance. Black tiled backdrops and red lanterns set the scene, while interactive activities such as arrow throwing, dice games and sugar painting offered a hands-on introduction to traditional pastimes, creating a lively and engaging atmosphere.



Guest enjoyed traditional games and activities, such as sugar painting by a skilled artist.



General Manager Mr Kuzuma Yasunobu drawing the name of the first prize winner at the event.

The evening's highlight was a specially curated feast by the hotel's culinary team, showcasing refined Chinese flavours with thoughtful presentation. Every detail, from décor to plating, blended cultural storytelling with modern hospitality.

The celebration concluded on a warm and appreciative note, reinforcing meaningful partnerships and setting the tone for another year of shared success and continued collaboration.

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Experience The Thrill Of The 2026 FIFA World Cup In the Heart Of New York

Calling all FIFA World Cup fans! MetLife Stadium in New York will host eight thrilling World Cup matches, including the tournament final.

The world's greatest football celebration is coming to North America, and there's no better place to experience the magic of the 2026 FIFA World Cup than in the heart of New York City. With MetLife Stadium hosting eight matches, including the tournament final, the New York-New Jersey region will become the epicentre of global football fever this summer.

Times Square will transform into a vibrant hub of World Cup excitement, with fans from around the globe converging here to celebrate this milestone event.

Choosing the right base can elevate your World Cup experience. **Millennium Hotel Broadway Times Square**, **Millennium Premier Hotel New York Times Square**, and **M Social Hotel New York Times Square** offer the perfect home base for football fans visiting New York for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.



Millennium Hotel Broadway Times Square (left) and Millennium Premier Hotel New York Times Square (right) put football fans just steps away from the World Cup action.



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Located in the heart of Times Square, the hotels put you steps away from all the action, with unparalleled access to restaurants, nightlife, Broadway shows, and transportation options to MetLife Stadium.

After experiencing the thrill of a World Cup match, you can return to the comfort of your hotel and still have energy to explore the city's legendary nightlife or simply relax while taking in the spectacular views from your room.



M Social Hotel New York Times Square provides a stylish base in the heart of the city, with impressive views across New York's iconic skyline.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the FIFA World Cup 2026 in the world's most dynamic city! Enjoy exclusive FIFA World Cup offers of up to 20% off with the advance purchase rate, perfect for fans travelling in for match days or planning an extended stay during the World Cup tournament. Find out more about MHR's New York hotels [here](#).



HLA Supports Efforts To Digitise 800,000 Botanical Specimens At The Singapore Botanic Gardens

Hong Leong Asia CEO Mr Stephen Ho receiving a token of appreciation from Minister of State for National Development Mr Alvin Tan at the launch of Singapore Botanic Gardens Herbarium digitalisation initiative.

As part of its support for the Singapore Botanic Gardens' Herbarium digitalisation initiative, Hong Leong Asia Ltd (HLA) contributed the S\$5 notes featured in the limited-edition "Herbarium in Your Pocket" fundraising collectable.

The Gardens' initiative aims to digitalise over 800,000 plant and fungi specimens housed in the Herbarium, a botanical research facility established in 1875. By making high-resolution images and specimen data accessible online, the project will enable researchers and the global community to benefit from enhanced knowledge sharing and collaboration. The effort commemorates the Herbarium's 150th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of the Gardens' inscription as Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site.

When completed in 2027, the Herbarium is expected to house Southeast Asia's largest online database of botanical specimens.



Mr Ho and other donors and partners of the initiative display some specimens that will be digitalised.



The limited edition "Herbarium in Your Pocket" collectable features Hong Leong Asia's contribution of S\$5 notes, each paired with a preserved specimen of the Tembusu tree, an iconic species native to Singapore.



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The collectable, created for donors who contribute S\$1,000 and above, features a preserved specimen from the iconic Tembusu (*Cyrtophyllum fragrans*) Tree depicted on Singapore's S\$5 note. Each specimen is carefully collected and hand-mounted by the Gardens' staff, accompanied by a plant label and a serialised collection number. The ink used for the serial numbers was specially crafted from the same Tembusu tree by local botanical ink-making studio Wild Dot, adding a distinctive and meaningful touch.

Through the donation of the S\$5 notes, HLA seeks to connect Singapore's natural heritage with community giving, while supporting long-term preservation through innovation.



M Social Hotel Suzhou Goes Beyond Hospitality, Caring For Children With Special Needs

M Social Hotel Suzhou goes beyond hospitality and brought an afternoon of fun and joy to kids with special needs

M Social Hotel Suzhou recently partnered with local organisations to host an afternoon of activities for 12 children with special needs, together with their teachers and hotel volunteers. The hotel provided refreshments and dedicated support, transforming its space into an environment of inclusion and engagement.

This initiative reflects M Social Suzhou's commitment to community engagement and its belief that hotels are more than accommodation, but also community spaces that foster connection and inclusion.

As M Social properties continue operations throughout 2026, the brand remains focused on delivering meaningful experiences that extend the role of hotels beyond the transactional, reinforcing their impact within the communities they serve.



From refreshments to games and activities, the team at M Social Suzhou ensured every child felt supported and were cared for, bringing smiles to each of their faces.



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Millennium Place Barsha Heights Drives Impact For A Cleaner And Stronger Community

The team at Millennium Place Barsha Heights is making a difference through community clean-ups and food donation initiatives.

As part of its ongoing commitment to sustainability, Millennium Place Barsha Heights participated in a community clean-up drive across TECOM / Barsha Heights in collaboration with Dubai Municipality's initiative, "An Hour with a Cleaning Engineer."

This meaningful initiative reflects the hotel's proactive approach to environmental stewardship and its dedication to maintaining a clean, green, and sustainable neighbourhood through purposeful action.

In the same spirit of giving back, the hotel team also organised a food collection drive in support of non-profit organisation, Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates, to drive positive impact through compassion and shared responsibility.



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Sounding The Urgency On Arctic Ice Melt And Its Impact On Our Cities

At the exhibition launch (L-R): Ocean Geographic Founder Mr Michael Aw; CDL Chief Sustainability Officer Ms Esther An; world-renowned marine biologist Dr Sylvia Earle; Minister of State for National Development and Trade & Industry Mr Alvin Tan; CDL Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek; and NParks Deputy CEO Dr Yap Him Hoo.

In partnership with National Parks Board (NParks) and Ocean Geographic, CDL recently launched the second **'Melting Ice, Sinking Cities' Climate Exhibition – The Arctic Impact** at the CDL Green Gallery, Singapore's first net-zero public gallery located at Singapore Botanic Gardens Heritage Museum.

The free exhibition is the fourth edition of the Climate Action Exhibition series and features immersive displays that combine storytelling, photography, art, film and science, taking visitors on a journey to the High Arctic, one of the fastest-warming regions on Earth.

The launch was graced by Mr Alvin Tan, Minister of State for National Development and Trade & Industry. He was joined by world-renowned marine biologist Dr Sylvia Earle, who shared compelling insights from her recent climate expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic.



Ms An led guests on a guided tour of the exhibition that features immersive displays showcasing direct impact of climate change on global cities and communities.



Held at the CDL Green Gallery, the free public exhibition is the fourth edition of the Climate Action Exhibition series and runs till 31 July 2026.



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CDL's Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek, said, "Climate change is no longer a distant threat. What is unfolding in the Arctic today has direct consequences for cities, communities and economies around the world, including here in Singapore. Through this exhibition, we aim to translate scientific urgency into public awareness. It reflects CDL's longstanding commitment to 'Conserving as We Construct' and our belief that the built environment can play a meaningful role in driving climate awareness, education and collective action. Together with NParks and Ocean Geographic, we invite the public to be part of this shared journey, to build a more low-carbon, nature-positive and climate-resilient future."

The public exhibition runs daily from 9am to 6pm until 31 July 2026. It is closed on the last Tuesday of every month. If the closure day falls on a public holiday, the closure will take place on the next working day. Please click [here](#) to access the virtual tour.



Hong Leong Holdings Bring Festive Joy To Elderly Residents

Staff volunteers from Hong Leong Holdings opened their hearts and distributed food packs to senior residents to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

To usher in the Year of the Horse, Hong Leong Holdings Limited (HLHL) continued with its annual tradition of giving out red packets and mandarin oranges to elderly residents the Corporate Adopt-A-Region initiatives by the Lions Befrienders Service Association (LBSA) Befriending Programme.

A group of 10 staff volunteers visited seniors residing at Blocks 121 and 123 Bukit Merah View, and personally distributed the festive gifts which represent property, good health and happiness. These visits also create opportunities for warm interaction and heartfelt conversations for both residents and volunteers.

HLHL has been a partner of the Lion's Befrienders for more than 20 years where its employees regularly participate in monthly food distribution programmes across Singapore. Through these simple yet meaningful gestures, HLHL continues to nurture a spirit of care, compassion and generosity during the new year.



HLH staff volunteers pictured arriving with their pre-packed goodies and distributing them to elderly residents at Bukit Merah View.



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Community Support And Partnerships Drive MHR's 2025 Sustainability Progress

The Dripdrop umbrella rental partnership at Millennium Paris Charles De Gaulle supports tree planting and plastic recovery efforts. Each umbrella is made from 100% recycled plastic, and every rental helps fund the removal of plastic waste, preventing it from entering the ocean and protecting vulnerable ecosystems.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) has reported measurable sustainability and community impact across its UK and EU properties in 2025.

In the UK, hotel teams supported charities including national charities like British Heart Foundation, Macmillan Cancer Support and Hospitality Action. Partnerships with The Felix Project and TRF (Homeward) support vulnerable communities, while collaboration with Central London Careers Hub promoted hospitality career development.

Operational initiatives delivered environmental savings. A Green Housekeeping programme across 11 UK hotels covered 227,640 stayover nights, with 44% of guests opting out of full daily cleaning, cutting water and energy use by around 1% and reducing chemical use by up to 45%. The Dripdrop umbrella scheme supported the planting of 4,181 trees before shifting to ocean protection, helping remove 25,074 plastic bottles through rePurpose Global.

Through a partnership with Made Blue Foundation and Bottle Up, 19 water refill stations enabled MHR guests and employees to avoid using over 1.3 million plastic bottles. The impact is further extended with reusable plant-based Bottle Up bottles, where each bottle sold provides 100 litres of clean drinking water to needy communities through the Made Blue Foundation.



Each reusable Bottle Up bottle sold provides 100 litres of clean drinking water to needy communities. Pictured are red Bottle Up bottles available at Millennium Hotel and Conference Centre Gloucester London, as part of MHR's Millennium Green Meetings Package.



Grand Hotel Palace Rome supports biodiversity and sustainability by adopting corporate beehives through local urban beekeeping company, Beeing. General Manager Mr Walter Teori and Ms Flavia Torregiani from the Sales department are seen harvesting honey from a beehive.

The UK hotels also reduced reliance on wood pulp by using bamboo-based products from The Cheeky Panda, avoiding an estimated 63 tonnes of wood pulp. This translates to 8,461 cases of FSC 100% bamboo toilet paper, 6,072 cases of facial tissues and 511 cases of hand towels that were used across the UK properties.

In France, M Social Paris redistributed 1,500 hygiene bars through Sapocycle and converted five tonnes of food waste into compost with Les Alchimistes, avoiding emissions equivalent to three flights between Paris and Istanbul.

Beehive sponsorships with urban beekeeping organisations Beeing in Italy and *Un Toit pour les Abeilles* in France, support biodiversity and serve its own harvested honey from the beehives to guests.

Looking ahead in 2026, MHR will strengthen existing partnerships and form new ones to boost its social and environmental impact, including a new collaboration with UK initiative The Multibank to expand charitable outreach and community engagement.



CDL Harnesses Renewed Energy With Seniors For A Joyful Year Of The Horse

CDL senior management together with Mrs Cecilia Kwek, family and friends ushering in the Lunar New Year with senior beneficiaries at Grand Copthorne Waterfront. (L-R): Mrs Melanie Kwek (wife of Hong Leong Foundation Governor Mr Kingston Kwek); Mrs Cecilia Kwek; Mrs May Kwek (wife of Hong Leong Asia Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Peck); CDL Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek and CDL Group COO Mr Kwek Eik Sheng.

Mrs Cecilia Kwek, wife of CDL Executive Chairman Kwek Leng Beng, recently hosted a festive Lunar New Year luncheon for elderly beneficiaries together CDL senior management, Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek, Group COO Mr Kwek Eik Sheng, Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, and Group CFO Ms Yiong Yim Ming. The event was held at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.

Organised annually since 2003, this cherished luncheon tradition welcomed close to 100 elderly beneficiaries this year from NTUC Health Active Ageing Centre @ Bukit Merah, Filos Community Services @ Chai Chee, and Thye Hua Kwan Active Ageing Centre.



Mrs Kwek making her entrance as she was led in by the Lion Dance troupe with Mr Ng Chee Theam from CDL Hospitality Asset Management following behind.



Mrs Kwek reaching out to give seniors a warm embrace as they greeted her.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the lively Lo Hei session (tossing of yusheng), symbolising prosperity, unity and good fortune for the year ahead. The seniors were then treated to a festive lunch and lively programme that brought much joy and laughter to the celebration. Performances included a repertoire of traditional Chinese New Year celebratory songs and a fun lucky draw segment, creating a warm and nostalgic atmosphere.

Towards the end of the programme, mandarin oranges and red packets, jointly gifted by CDL and Mrs Kwek, were presented to the elderly beneficiaries to usher in the New Year with blessings of good health and happiness, bringing the session to a heartwarming close.



An elderly beneficiary cheering joyfully with the event's games and entertainment.



One of the luncheon's highlights was a friendly challenge to see who could throw their paper aeroplane the farthest.

Initiated in 1999, the City Sunshine Club (CSC) is City Developments Limited's dedicated employee volunteer platform, established by late Deputy Chairman Kwek Leng Joo to foster a strong culture of volunteerism. Over the years, CSC has provided employees and their families with meaningful opportunities to engage community partners and support the less fortunate through diverse outreach programmes.



An enthusiastic "Huat Ah!" from everyone to welcome good health, success and prosperity for the Year of the Horse.



Hong Leong Foundation Cha-Cha Into The Lunar New Year With Ballroom Dance Moves For Seniors

Hong Leong Foundation brought early festive cheer to 70 senior beneficiaries through a vibrant dance programme. Pictured standing among the staff volunteers (L-R): Hong Leong Foundation Governor Mr Kingston Kwek; Hong Leong Asia Executive Director Ms Kwek Pei Xuan; and Hong Leong Foundation Governors Ms Michelle Kwek and Mr Kwek Eik Sheng.

The Lunar New Year festivities came early for 70 senior beneficiaries at Hong Leong Foundation's annual charity event, held at M Hotel Singapore earlier today. The elderly participants aged 65 to 100 years from St. John's Home for Elderly Persons and Kheng Chiu Loke Tin Kee Home, enjoyed a vibrant programme featuring the waltz, cha-cha, and rhythmic movement exercises, guided by professional instructors from The DanceSport Academy.

The dance activities were specially designed to accommodate varying mobility levels, allowing all seniors to participate either standing or seated, in a safe and inclusive environment. The celebrations continued with a lively karaoke session, where participants sang along and clapped enthusiastically to familiar tunes. Guests were also treated to a sumptuous buffet lunch and received goody bags filled with festive treats to take home.



Hong Leong Holdings staff volunteer Ms Doreen Tham with Mr Kwek Eik Sheng (left) and Mr Kingston Kwek (right) shared a joyful moment with Mdm Chan Ah Soon from Kheng Chiu Loke Tin Kee Home. At 100 years old, she is the oldest beneficiary at the event, and enjoys a daily glass of ice-chilled Coke with her meals.



CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong singing a duet with a beneficiary.



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The event brought together 120 participants, including 50 staff volunteers from the Hong Leong Group of companies. These volunteers represented City Developments Limited (CDL), Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR), Hong Leong Holdings Limited (HLHL), Hong Leong Finance (HLF), Hong Leong Asia (HLA), and Hong Realty.

“Our annual charity event is about bringing joy, connection, and well-being to our elderly. Seeing their faces light up as they share laughter and dance with our volunteers, reminds us of the power of community and the importance of social connection with those in need,” said Mr Kingston Kwek, a governor of Hong Leong Foundation and one of the organisers behind the event.



MHR Global VP of Finance Mr Yam Kit Sung (left) and HLHL Project Manager Mr Lucas Chong (right) enthusiastically learning the dance moves together with the seniors.



CDL staff volunteers Mr Nigel Quek (left) and Mr Tan Kian Chuan served as co-emcees, engaging the audience with their lively humour and crosstalk.

For more than 45 years, Hong Leong Foundation has supported the silver community through various initiatives that promote physical activity, social engagement and inclusivity.

In 2025 alone, the Foundation contributed over S\$1.85 million to meaningful causes across healthcare, education, arts and heritage, as well as community welfare. Some beneficiaries include Tomowork, Sengkang General Hospital, National Kidney Foundation, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Dance Ensemble, and the Crimson Wetlands at Bird Paradise.



Seniors singing karaoke as staff volunteers root them on.



A Life In Service: Craig Rupert's Three Decades At The Millennium Hotel Knickerbocker Chicago

A familiar face in a familiar place, Craig Rupert has been an important figure in the lobby for over three decades, welcoming generations of guests. His career at the hotel is a living archive of the hotel's history with warm stories of the past.

For more than 30 years, Craig Rupert has welcomed guests through the doors of the Millennium Hotel Knickerbocker Chicago, witnessing the growth of the hotel and the city. Today, after decades of service and countless guest interactions, including memorable encounters with figures such as Muhammad Ali and Barry White, he remains a familiar and reassuring presence at the hotel.

Born and raised in Chicago in 1959, Craig Rupert grew up in a lively household with two brothers and a sister. Today, he is a husband and father to a son and daughter. A child of the '70s through the '90s, he had an eclectic rather than artist-specific soundtrack. "I grew up listening to everything," he reflects. A fitting metaphor for someone who would later build a career around listening to people from all walks of life.

For more than three decades, Craig has been part of the hospitality landscape in Chicago, currently serving at the Millennium Hotel Knickerbocker Chicago. His day begins long before most guests have stirred. By 4am, he is awake. At 5.20am, he boards the earliest train. By 6.45am, he is already at the hotel, ready for his 7am to 3.30pm shift, Monday to Friday. The discipline is routine, not glamorous, but deeply telling of his commitment.

The Knickerbocker is not his first chapter. Craig's hospitality journey began at the Best Western O'Hare when he was just 22. He started as a kitchen steward, moved on to become a barback, and tried his hand at bartending. From there, he joined the InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile as a bellman, where he spent another five years refining his guest engagement skills along one of the city's busiest stretches.



Craig Rupert at the hotel entrance, ready to greet each guest with the same care that has defined his 30-year career, ensuring every guest feels immediately at home.

He later moved to the Regal Hotel — a property that would eventually become the Knickerbocker under Millennium Hotels and Resorts' stewardship. What keeps him there, year after year, is people.

Craig enjoys the conversations and daily exchanges with guests, hoping to transform stays into meaningful encounters. The moments that stay with him are not just grand gestures, but recognitions. Some encounters, of course, stand out.

He had the honour of meeting boxing legend Muhammad Ali during his stay, an experience he describes with understated reverence. On another occasion, soul icon Barry White personally gifted him a concert ticket, a memory that remains one of the highlights of his career.

He has watched both the hotel and Chicago evolve. While he appreciates that the Knickerbocker has retained its classic exterior, he recognises that tastes and expectations inevitably change. The city, too, has transformed. Connectivity between cities and countries has expanded dramatically, bringing more visitors through Chicago's doors and creating new opportunities for the industry he has devoted his life to.

Outside work, Craig's world has become quieter. Where once there were early career ambitions and industry transitions, today there is family. "Family time matters a lot to me," he says. Rest and family presence have become his priorities.

For young professionals entering hospitality, his advice is to be patient, be true to yourself, and respect guests and colleagues. In an industry built on service, character is the true differentiator.

In many ways, Craig Rupert represents the enduring spirit of the Millennium Hotel Knickerbocker Chicago: classic, consistent, and shaped by the thousands of stories that pass through its doors.



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Building With Purpose: How Hong Leong Group Of Developers Shape Modern Living Through Nature And Heritage

(Left) Standing as a century-old Bodhi tree from the former Jin Long Si temple, it now anchors the heart of Bartley Residences, shaping both the landscape and the community around it. (Right) At Irwell Hill Residences, four majestic Samanea saman trees, which are over 30 years old, command the grounds with their sprawling canopies, creating a lush, tranquil oasis.

In Singapore's ever-evolving cityscape, innovation goes beyond new architecture. At Bartley Residences and Irwell Hill Residences, Hong Leong Group's City Developments Limited, Hong Leong Holdings Limited, and TID Pte Ltd., demonstrate how heritage elements can be more than scenic features; becoming landmarks that anchor communities, enrich the environment, and shape the character of contemporary living.

By integrating these natural and cultural treasures into their developments, Hong Leong Group proves that progress and preservation can thrive together, creating spaces that are both vibrant and enduring.

In Singapore's rapidly evolving urban landscape, conservation extends beyond heritage buildings. Trees, the topic in this editorial piece, can also become living landmarks as silent witnesses to history that shape the character and soul of new developments.

In thoughtfully designed projects, these natural treasures are not obstacles to progress, but anchors of identity, community, and environmental vitality.

Let's explore two projects developed by Hong Leong Group of property developers that are centred around two trees.

Bartley Residences

The story of Bartley Residences begins long before its foundations were laid. The site was formerly home to Jin Long Si Temple, a long-standing place of worship whose grounds held deep spiritual significance for many before Hong Leong Holdings Limited (HLH), City Developments Limited (CDL), and TID Pte Ltd acquired it through the Government Land Sale programme.

At the heart of the site stood a Bodhi tree, a living relic believed to be one of twelve seeds brought to Singapore by monks from Sri Lanka in the nineteenth century. Estimated to be around 140 years old as of 2026, the tree rises over 30 metres in height, with a girth of approximately 8.5 metres. Separate verifications by the Nature Society Singapore and the National Parks Board have recognised it as the most ancient and largest Bodhi tree in Singapore.



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From the earliest stages of planning, preserving this remarkable tree was deemed critical to the project's success. Rather than seeing it as an impediment, the development was intentionally designed around it. The Bodhi tree was earmarked to anchor one of the estate's two residential clusters, shaping the masterplan in both spatial and symbolic terms.

Protecting a tree of such scale and heritage required meticulous planning. A horticulturalist was engaged to survey the extent of its root system, analyse its structural stability on the sloping terrain and monitor its health throughout the construction process. Working in tandem with structural engineers who assessed the soil conditions, the team established a 25 to 30 metre 'tree protection zone', measured from the centre of the trunk.



Craig Rupert at the hotel entrance, ready to greet each guest with the same care that has defined his 30-year career, ensuring every guest feels immediately at home.

Four residential blocks were thoughtfully positioned around this protected zone, allowing the Bodhi tree to remain undisturbed while becoming the visual and emotional centrepiece. Pathways curve gently around its expansive canopy, a children's playground and community pavilion sit nearby, and landscaped spaces encourage residents to pause beneath its shade. In the evenings, subtle lighting highlights its towering presence, transforming it into a serene landmark within the estate.

Irwell Hill Residences

When CDL developed Irwell Hill Residences, the site offered all the hallmarks of a coveted address: a prime River Valley location, unmatched connectivity with Great World MRT station being a short stroll away, and ample space to realise a distinctive architectural vision. Yet beyond its urban advantages, the land held something organic.

During the initial site assessment, the project team encountered four majestic *Samanea saman* trees, commonly known as rain trees, each more than 30 years old. Their expansive canopies stretched in every direction, offering shade and sanctuary.

Recognising that these towering giants could enrich the environment in ways that concrete cannot, the approach sought to integrate them meaningfully into the architectural design. The canopies would soften the architecture, inject vitality into communal spaces, and create a sense of calm rarely found in dense urban settings. Rather than obstacles, the trees became central to the development's character.

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Irwell Hill Residences' architects carefully designed the towers and facilities around the rain trees, placing them at the heart of the development and embodying CDL's ethos of "Conserving as We Construct."

Architects designed the towers and facilities seamlessly around them, with careful attention to root zones and long-term tree health. Residents will enjoy the luxury of swimming, relaxing, and socialising beneath their generous shade, while children and pets play on the lush, open grounds. These preserved trees lend depth, permanence, and authenticity, anchoring contemporary living in a sense of enduring nature.

The Future of Thoughtful Development

As Singapore continues to grow, developers face the challenge of balancing efficiency with heritage and environmental stewardship. Integrating mature trees or historic structures into new projects demands creativity and sensitivity, ensuring they are not merely decorative but active participants in the community.

Projects like Bartley Residences and Irwell Hill Residences demonstrate that history and modernity can coexist. When carefully preserved and integrated, trees and historic elements enrich the skyline and elevate the living experience of residents, complementing preservation and progression. In land-scarce Singapore, we may see a future of urban development weaving history, nature, and modern living into a seamless, enduring tapestry.



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M Social Hotel Paris Earns Green Key Certification For Second Year Running

Environmentally conscious guests can enjoy a luxurious stay at the stylish M Social Hotel Paris, which has been awarded the Green Key certification for the second consecutive year.

M Social Hotel Paris was recently awarded the Green Key label for the second time in 2026, reinforcing its commitment to sustainable tourism and responsible hospitality. The Green Key label, developed in France by the association Teragir, recognises establishments that demonstrate ongoing dedication to environmental stewardship and sustainable development. M Social Hotel Paris joins 3,035 establishments across France in adopting eco-conscious practices that benefit both guests and the planet.

This achievement reflects a series of initiatives undertaken in collaboration with key partners. Through Dripdrop, the hotel provides umbrella stands for guests in the lobby. Across Millennium Hotels & Resorts properties in the United Kingdom, France, and Italy, umbrella rentals between January and August 2025 helped fund the planting of 4,181 trees in Mozambique and supported the collection of 25,074 plastic bottles.



Thank you,
M Social Hotel Paris
for making rainy days brighter.

Mangrove reforestation in Mozambique, supported by M Social Hotel Paris through the Dripdrop partnership.

In alignment with circular economy principles, Les Alchimistes transforms organic waste from both the hotel restaurant, @papillonsandco, and the staff canteen into nutrient-rich compost. In 2025 alone, 4,681 kg of food waste was converted into 845 kg of compost, helping reduce landfill contributions and supporting sustainable agriculture.



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Other sustainability initiatives include SapoCycle, where used soaps by L'OCCITANE Group are collected and recycled. In 2025, 156 kg of soap were recovered, enabling the redistribution of 1,500 soaps to people in need. The hotel also supports biodiversity through Un Toit Pour Les Abeilles, sponsoring a beehive whose second Prairie Honey harvest is now available in the hotel restaurant.



M Social Hotel Paris team celebrating the first honey harvest with Un Toit Pour Les Abeilles.

The Green Key certification is a testament to the hotel's ongoing dedication to environmental responsibility and social impact. It also underscores the power of collaboration with like-minded partners, encouraging M Social Hotel Paris to continue innovating and strengthening its sustainability practices for the benefit of both guests and the wider community.



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New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel Triumphs With Triple Wine Accolades

The Lounge at New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel is one of the only 12 restaurants in the city to receive the Best of Award of Excellence at the Wine Spectator 2025 Restaurant Awards.

New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel recently achieved a remarkable milestone in the second half of 2025, earning a trio of distinguished accolades that affirm its position as one of Hong Kong's premier wine and dining destinations.

Wine.Luxe Magazine has recognised the hotel's commitment to curating an exceptional wine programme, which conferred two prestigious honours. The Lounge was commended in the magazine's Wine by the Glass Restaurant Award, cementing its status as one of the city's most sought-after wine destinations. Meanwhile, the hotel's acclaimed Chinese restaurant, Tao Li, was named among Hong Kong's Top 10 Wine Pairing Restaurants (Asian Cuisine), a testament to its masterful integration of fine wines with refined Cantonese gastronomy.



The Lounge features a giant glass wine cabinet that takes centre stage at the "Vin et Vin" area within The Lounge, featuring a spiral staircase that descends into a modern, well-equipped cellar storing classic vintages, rare pours, and hidden gem boutique finds.



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Adding to these local accolades, The Lounge also received international recognition, securing the Best of Award of Excellence at the Wine Spectator 2025 Restaurant Awards. Only 12 restaurants in Hong Kong achieved this distinction, underscoring the exceptional depth, quality and diversity of its wine collection.

These achievements reflect the hotel's unwavering dedication to excellence and guest experience. Following its recent renovation, The Lounge has redefined itself as a chic and contemporary wine haven, offering an unparalleled journey for enthusiasts and casual connoisseurs. Its modern wine cellar houses more than 1,000 carefully selected old and new world labels, thoughtfully curated to deliver both quality and value. Complemented by a refined menu of Western and Asian light fare, afternoon tea sets and handcrafted desserts, the venue continues to elevate everyday moments into memorable experiences.



Sam Chong (middle), Director of Wine of New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel, receiving the prestigious award from Wine.Luxe Magazine.



Wilson Wong, Head Sommelier of New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel, receiving the award on behalf of the hotel.

Equally commendable is Tao Li, which pairs panoramic views of Victoria Harbour with a sophisticated selection of Cantonese cuisine and dim sum. With 180 seats and five private dining rooms, the restaurant seamlessly blends tradition and originality, creating a dining experience that resonates with both local and international guests. Its recognition for wine pairing excellence speaks to the culinary team's expertise and the hotel's holistic approach to food and beverage excellence.



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Together, these honours are more than just awards; they reflect the passion, craftsmanship and teamwork demonstrated daily by the hotel's culinary, sommelier and service teams. They reinforce New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel's standing as a benchmark for quality and innovation within the group and across the hospitality industry.



Tao Li is known for its elegant selection of dim sum and authentic Cantonese dishes that bring together traditional flavours and original presentation.

Let's extend our heartfelt congratulations to New World Millennium Hong Kong for this outstanding accomplishment!



Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore Shines With ASEAN MICE Venue Award 2026–2028

General Manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Mr Andrew Tan (middle in blue suit), celebrating the hotel's first award of 2026 with his team.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel was recently honoured with the ASEAN MICE Venue Award 2026–2028 (Meeting Room Category), presented by the ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA). This prestigious recognition celebrates the hotel's world-class facilities and its commitment to delivering exceptional experiences for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) across the region.

The award was presented to the General Manager of the hotel, Mr Andrew Tan, at the ATF Tourism Award Ceremony in Cebu, Philippines, acknowledging the hotel's excellence in hosting MICE events. Setting a strong tone for the year ahead, this award underscores the hotel's position as a leading MICE destination in Singapore and inspires the team to continue raising the bar. The

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel would like to extend its gratitude to its partners and clients for their ongoing trust and support. Together, the hotel looks forward to making 2026 another remarkable year in the ASEAN MICE landscape.



M Social Resort Penang Achieves 4-Star Rating Within Its First Year Of Operations

General Manager of M Social Resort Penang, Ms Jasmine Keh (middle left), receiving the hotel's first 4-star rating certificate from YBrs. Dr. Annuar bin Mohamed (middle right), Director of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia, Penang.

M Social Resort Penang, Millennium Hotels and Resorts' (MHR) latest hotel in the state of Malaysia, was recently awarded a 4-Star rating under the Tourist Accommodation Premises Grading (PPP) for the Resort Hotel Category. The milestone was achieved following a comprehensive inspection conducted in December 2025, less than a year after the resort officially opened its doors in July 2025.

The inspection was led by YBrs. Dr. Annuar bin Mohamed, Director of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia (MOTAC) Penang, alongside a panel of representatives from key industry and regulatory bodies. These included the Malaysian Association of Hotels, the Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia, the State Health Department, the Penang Island City Council, and Tourism Malaysia Penang. The process evaluated the resort's facilities, safety measures, and service standards to ensure compliance with national grading criteria.



YBrs. Dr. Annuar bin Mohamed (left) inspecting the kitchen's processes and cleanliness.



A representative from the Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia inspecting the hotel's fire and safety equipment.



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Ms Jasmine Keh, General Manager of M Social Resort Penang, said, "Achieving the 4-Star Resort Hotel rating within our first year of opening is a proud milestone for the entire team. It reflects our commitment to strong service standards, quality facilities, and delivering a memorable resort experience from day one."

The 4-Star Grading Certificate was formally presented to Ms Keh by YBrs. Dr. Annuar bin Mohamed, recognising the resort's excellence in hospitality and operational standards. As part of the MHR portfolio, M Social Resort Penang continues to exemplify the group's commitment to contemporary, design-led experiences and consistent service standards across its global brands.



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Aroha Matthews Appointed General Manager Of Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge Paihia

Aroha Matthews is known for her practical, hands-on leadership style, strong organisational skills, and resourcefulness. Aroha thrives on developing people, fostering a positive workplace culture, and consistently delivering exceptional guest experiences.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) is delighted to announce the appointment of Aroha Matthews as the new General Manager of Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge Paihia at Bay of Islands, New Zealand.

Aroha Matthews first joined the group in June 2021 as Operations Manager at Copthorne Bay of Islands, located just a short distance from Kingsgate Hotel Paihia. During her first year and a half, she stepped into the Acting General Manager role, earning recognition for her capability, hands-on leadership, and people-focused approach.

In December 2022, Aroha took on a Relief General Manager role, travelling nationwide to support a diverse range of properties. This experience allowed her to hone her operational expertise, strengthen teams across the country, and contribute to key projects wherever she was needed. Most recently, Aroha served as General Manager of Copthorne Hotel Greymouth for two successful years. There, she led initiatives that elevated the hotel's profile, drawing both travellers and locals to the hotel and its restaurant.

Returning to Paihia brings her closer to her roots and whānau, and her deep knowledge of the Bay of Islands and Northland community is expected to be a significant asset as she leads Kingsgate Hotel Paihia into its next chapter of growth and excellence.

Please join us in congratulating Aroha Matthews on this exciting appointment and wishing her every success in her new role as she embarks on this next phase of her journey in the north!



Jungceylon Sets The Standard For Sustainable Retail With Energy Excellence Award

Minister of Energy, Mr Attapol Rerkpiboon (left), presenting the award to Mr Jacky Thia (right), the General Manager of Jungceylon.

Jungceylon Shopping Center — City Developments Limited (CDL)'s retail mall in Phuket — was recently recognised with the Excellence Award for Energy Conservation at the Thailand Energy Awards 2025.

This prestigious accolade was presented by Mr Attapol Rerkpiboon, Minister of Energy of Thailand, and celebrates organisations that demonstrate outstanding achievements in energy conservation and the development of renewable energy initiatives.



An island in Phuket over a hundred years ago was named Jungceylon, it was known for its wealth from international trade and its wealth of natural beauty. Today, the name is adopted for one of the largest and most stylish shopping center the same city, covering an area of 200,000 square metres in the center of tourism and business.

Envisioned as the "Oasis of Shopping", Jungceylon integrates nature with its architecture in a tropical resort setting by introducing new shopping experiences, services and new lifestyle attractions, expressed across four natural zones: The Jungle, The Bay, The Botanica and The Garden.



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Through the implementation of cutting-edge energy-saving measures and green practices, the mall has enhanced operational efficiency and positioned itself as a benchmark for energy-conscious commercial operations in Phuket. From intelligent lighting systems to optimised cooling and renewable energy solutions, Jungceylon showcases how environmentally responsible practices can complement large-scale commercial success.

Jungceylon's achievement is a testament to CDL's continued effort in setting a high standard for sustainable retail operations. The work underscores CDL's broader sustainability agenda, reinforcing the Group's commitment to integrating environmental considerations across all aspects of property ownership and management.

Congratulations to Jungceylon for this achievement!