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Fashion Takes Flight At M Social Suzhou's Afternoon Tea

M Social Hotel Suzhou and SHE'S brought together fashion, flavour and creativity through a unique co-branded collaboration.

M Social Hotel Suzhou recently hosted an afternoon tea tasting party, co-branded with renowned hair accessory brand SHE'S, at the hotel's Beast & Butterflies Bar. The event, "SOCIAL SHE'S TIME", brought together local media and fashion influencers for an afternoon celebrating style, creativity and contemporary aesthetics.

Inspired by SHE'S signature butterfly motifs, the specially curated afternoon tea combined the brand's distinctive design elements with M Social's modern aesthetic philosophy. Presented in soothing sky-blue hues, the "Butterfly Dance" themed menu featured an array of visually striking sweet and savoury creations.



Local media and fashion influencers gathered for delectable treats, conversations and creative inspiration.

Guests enjoyed butterfly-shaped sandwiches paired with velvety ice cream, alongside delicate blue-and-white mousses and airy pastries that captured the lightness and elegance of butterflies. Signature coffee creations, adorned with bespoke branded touches, completed the experience, offering a feast for both the eyes and palate.



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Beyond the culinary offerings, guests participated in an "Urban Lifestyle Inspiration Sharing" session, exchanging ideas on fashion, aesthetics and contemporary living. The afternoon also featured the "Rousseau Holiday Weekend Painter" DIY workshop, where guests crafted bespoke hair accessories while being inspired by the beauty of purple irises.



Attendees enjoyed a hands-on workshop experience, crafting bespoke hair accessories inspired by the beauty of purple irises.

As a lifestyle destination overlooking Jinji Lake, M Social Hotel Suzhou continues to bring its "Modern Jiangnan" philosophy to life through experiences that blend local culture with contemporary trends. The collaboration with SHE'S not only reimagined the traditional afternoon tea experience through a fashionable lens, but also provided a vibrant platform for Suzhou's creative and style communities to connect. Looking ahead, the hotel will continue to introduce innovative cross-industry collaborations, creating memorable experiences that encourage guests to live in the moment.



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Dance And
Community Club
Rocks A
New Rhythm
At M Social
New York
Times Square

M Social Hotel New York Times Square has launched a new monthly social dance experience, the Buena M Social Club, at M Social Hotel New York Times Square.

M Social Hotel New York Times Square recently launched Buena M Social Club, a vibrant monthly social dance experience held at Beast & Butterflies Times Square.

Taking place on the second Wednesday of every month from 7pm to 10pm, the event begins with a complimentary salsa lesson, followed by an energetic evening of music featuring a live percussionist and DJ. Open to both hotel guests and locals, the event offers a welcoming space for dance enthusiasts to connect and unwind.

The inaugural event drew strong participation and lively social interaction, reinforcing M Social's position as a hub for culture, connection and memorable experiences in the heart of New York City.



Guests take to the dance floor and enjoy an energetic evening of dance and live music during the inaugural Buena M Social Club.



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Millennium Hangzhou Embraces Nature With Morning Run

Team members from Millennium Resort Hangzhou strike a fun pose before setting off on the "Confess to the Wilderness" to promote wellness, nature and healthy living.

Millennium Resort Hangzhou recently partnered with popular Chinese beverage brand Hope Water, and Green Lake Park in Hangzhou, to launch the "Confess to the Wilderness" morning run, an event designed to promote wellness and nature, and positive living.

Starting and ending at the hotel's grand lawn, participants completed a scenic 5km route to Jiuxi Misty Forest, passing through mountains, streams and tea fields while taking in the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape.

To reflect the event's theme of love and fulfilment, the route featured handwritten messages and hand-knitted roses. Participants also received a sustainable finish package, including an eco-friendly medal that reinforced the event's eco-friendly focus.

Attended by hotel guests, local media and lifestyle enthusiasts, the event showcased the "hotel + outdoor" experience, combining comfortable hospitality with opportunities to explore nature and local culture.



Participants enjoy a scenic 5km run through the mountains, streams and tea fields surrounding Millennium Resort Hangzhou



They also received hand-knitted roses and medals, reflecting the event's themes of love, fulfilment and sustainability.



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Millennium Sirih Jakarta Among Top Stays In Downtown Jakarta

Located in Jakarta's business and shopping district, Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta sits at the heart of the vibrant city, offering experiences that celebrate culture, creativity, and exceptional taste.

Indonesia economic and business new portal, *Warta Ekonomi*, has highlighted Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta as among its top five recommended accommodation options in the Tanah Abang area, a dynamic commercial and business district in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia.

Ideally located between the Sudirman–Thamrin business corridor and the Tanah Abang trading hub, the 401-room hotel offers guests a highly strategic base for both business and leisure travel. Its central position provides convenient access to key office towers, shopping destinations, and major city attractions.

The hotel features a comprehensive range of facilities designed for comfort and convenience, including an outdoor swimming pool, fitness centre, sauna, spa, all-day dining restaurant, and a spacious ballroom suited for meetings and events. Guests also benefit from 24-hour room service, concierge assistance, and valet parking.

Popular travellers for its spacious rooms, warm hospitality, and practical location, Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta continues to be a preferred choice for visitors seeking both accessibility and comfort in the capital.



The hotel is popular with travellers for its spacious rooms, warm hospitality, and convenient location, and remains a preferred choice in the capital.



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Experience
The Spirit
Of Phuket
Through
Mixology,
Cooking Classes
And More

An interactive Thai cooking class offered guests a fun and immersive way to experience Phuket's vibrant culinary traditions.

M Social Hotel Phuket recently curated a series of immersive experiences that showcased the vibrant culture, flavours and energy of Phuket.

Held at Beast & Butterflies, the event featured Korean, Chinese and Japanese food stations, with an extensive seafood buffet and international favourites. The diverse dining experiences invited guests on a gastronomic journey across Asia, highlighting the universal language of food in bringing people together.

The evening was elevated by a Guzheng performance by visually impaired musician Anny, and a lively in-house DJ party to round off the celebrations.



A captivating Guzheng performance by visually impaired musician Anny added a memorable cultural touch to the evening.

Guests also had the opportunity to discover Phuket through a range of interactive lifestyle experiences like a traditional Thai cooking class, and a hands-on mixology session that allowed them to craft their own signature cocktails and personalised keepsakes. A tour of the hotel's thoughtfully designed guestrooms provided further insight into the distinctive M Social experience.



*M Social
Hotel Phuket
brought the
vibrant energy
and culture of
Phuket to life.*



Orchard Hotel Celebrates Filipino Heritage Through Cuisine And Culture

Philippines Ambassador Mr Medardo Macaraig (centre) with Singapore Ambassador-at-Large Mr Ong Keng Yong (left), Singapore Ambassador-at-Large Professor Tommy Koh (third from right), Orchard Hotel General Manager Mr Nelson Camoeira (second from right), and the hotel's chefs.

Orchard Hotel Singapore was honoured to host a special buffet luncheon organised by the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in collaboration with The Orchard Cafe, commemorating National Heritage Month and the strong bilateral ties between the Philippines and Singapore.

The event brought together distinguished guests for an afternoon of meaningful connections, cultural appreciation, and warm hospitality. Over a thoughtfully curated dining experience, attendees celebrated the rich heritage of the Philippines while fostering friendship and goodwill between the two nations.

The occasion reflected Orchard Hotel Singapore's commitment to bringing people together through memorable experiences that celebrate culture, community, and cuisine.



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Sustainable wedding favours and cookies provided through ImpactGifts by GUAVA social impact company at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel is highlighting how more sustainable choices can extend the impact of wedding celebrations beyond the event itself.

As part of its commitment to sustainability and community support, couples hosting weddings at the hotel can now select wedding favours through ImpactGifts by GUAVA, a Singapore-based social impact company that works with charities, social enterprises and local businesses to create meaningful gifts.

Instead of traditional wedding favours, couples can offer guests curated keepsakes that support organisations such as Yellow Ribbon Singapore, which helps ex-offenders reintegrate into society and rebuild their lives.

These gifts help create employment opportunities, strengthen social enterprises and contribute to community programmes, allowing each celebration to give back in a meaningful way.

Through this initiative, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore aims to embed sustainability into its wedding experiences, creating lasting value for both guests and the wider community.



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CDL And Hong Leong Finance Help To Drive Sustainability Across Singapore's SME Ecosystem

Introduced in 2025 to help SMEs prepare for a low-carbon future, the programme complements Green 100 by strengthening the sustainability capabilities of businesses. Pictured is CDL senior management and partners with Ms Low Yen Ling, Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry, and Culture, Community and Youth (in pink blazer), at the launch of the CDL Queen Bee Compact Programme in 2025.

CDL and Hong Leong Finance, are supporting Singapore's sustainability agenda through the newly launched Green 100 initiative, a national movement that encourages SMEs to begin sustainability reporting and capability-building.

Both companies are among 22 major Singapore organisations that are participating in the initiative to strengthen sustainability engagement across value chains, while helping SMEs to enhance their environmental competitiveness and resilience.

Announced during Ecosperity Week (18-21 May 2026), Green 100 brings together leading enterprises, or "Queen Bees", each of which will encourage 100 SMEs within their supply chains and business networks to take their first steps in sustainability reporting through a simple, free disclosure process.

As sustainability reporting requirements continue to evolve, Green 100 will also support larger companies in better understanding and managing emissions across their value chains, contributing to Singapore's broader transition towards a low-carbon economy.

Besides helping SMEs through the Green 100 initiative, Hong Leong Finance also provides green financing for SMEs to develop their sustainability capabilities.



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Global Stakeholders Unite To Save Glaciers And Oceans In New Alliance

Representatives from 35 global partners and stakeholders take a ceremonial pledge to strengthen collective action for glacier and ocean conservation at the launch of the Saving Glaciers and Oceans Alliance at World Cities Summit 2026 on 16 June 2026.

City Developments Limited (CDL) and its partners recently launched the Saving Glaciers and Oceans Alliance at the World Cities Summit 2026 (14 to 16 June 2026), establishing a global platform to advance collaboration, partnerships and practical solutions for the protection of glaciers and oceans.

Spearheaded by CDL, the initiative aims to mobilise stakeholders across sectors and geographies to address the growing threats facing these critical ecosystems. The launch was marked by a ceremonial pledge undertaken by 35 country representatives, leading non-governmental organisations and other key stakeholders to affirm their commitment to strengthening collaborative action across sectors and borders in the protection of glaciers and oceans.

The Alliance was unveiled at the City Innovators Stage, which also featured “Innovators Alley”, an exhibition showcasing 11 Singapore companies and their innovations in nature-based solutions, property technology, carbon reduction technologies and sustainability tools.



Environmental leaders (L-R): Ms Andrea Erikson, Sir Robert Swan, and Mr Michael Aw participated in a fireside chat on strengthening global collaboration, moderated by Ms An.



The Innovators Alley exhibition that showcased Singapore companies and their innovations in nature-based solutions and technologies



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They include diplomats representing Australia, Cambodia, Colombia, the European Union Delegation to Singapore, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Panama, as well as representatives from global organisations such as the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and the World Green Building Council.

Ms Esther An, Chief Sustainability Officer of CDL, said, "The scale and speed of glacier melt, which together with global warming contributes to sea-level rise, demands urgent collaborative action. As a built environment leader, CDL is committed to accelerating climate action and mitigating our industry's environmental impact. Through the Saving Glaciers and Oceans Alliance, we aim to bring together public, private and people sectors to accelerate meaningful solutions for two ecosystems that are fundamental to the health of our planet. We believe that sustainability is not achieved by any one organisation acting alone – it requires partnerships, innovation and a shared commitment to creating a more resilient future for all."

CBM Showcases Smart Facilities Solutions

CBM, the facilities management subsidiary of CDL, was among the 11 Singapore companies that hosted a showcase booth featuring its Integrated Facilities Management (IFM) capabilities. The display highlighted the company's adoption of smart technologies, including robotic patrol solutions and an automated façade cleaning system, reflecting CBM's continued focus on innovation and operational excellence in facilities management.



The CBM team at its exhibition booth with Chief Technology Officer Mr Derek Yoh (centre, in black jacket), who also spoke at the World Cities Summit conference. They are pictured with a security patrol robot demonstrating the company's technology-driven approach to smart facilities management and operational excellence.



CBM representatives engaging with visitors interested in learning more about the company's smart facilities management technologies.

CBM Chief Technology Officer Mr Derek Yoh also took part in the conference programme as a speaker. In his session, he highlighted the increasingly critical role of facilities management in addressing urban challenges such as rising heat stress, public health risks, and carbon emissions.

He noted that these challenges can be better managed through an integrated approach that combines sustainable building design, smart technologies, data-driven operations, proactive maintenance strategies, and initiatives that support workforce well-being.



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The World Cities Summit is an international platform that brings together urban leaders, policymakers, and industry experts to exchange ideas and explore solutions for building more sustainable and liveable cities. The 2026 edition in Singapore drew over 4,200 delegates and trade visitors from 263 cities worldwide.



Minister for National Development Mr Chee Hong Tat (centre) at the Innovations Alley Showcase during the launch of Saving Glaciers and Oceans Alliance at the World Cities Summit. He is pictured with CDL representatives, Head of Group Innovation Mr Ke-Vin Lim (left); Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong (3rd from left); Chief Sustainability Officer Ms Esther An (4th from left) and partners.



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CDL-Hong Realty Joint Venture Emerges Top Bidder For Prime Newton Site

The Peck Hay Road site, which will introduce some 380 homes along Scotts Road, is well-placed to benefit from URA's long-term vision for Newton as a vibrant mixed-use urban village.

City Developments Limited (CDL), together with joint venture partner Hong Realty, is the top bidder for a prime residential Government Land Sales (GLS) site located at the intersection of Peck Hay Road and Scotts Road, a 3-minute walk from Newton MRT Interchange.

The joint bid of S\$542.4 million (or S\$1,865 psf ppr) was the highest of four bids that were submitted for the 59,347 sq ft site.

CDL's Group Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sherman Kwek, said, "We are pleased to have emerged as the top bidder for the Peck Hay Road site, which is strategically located within the prime Newton residential enclave. Given the site's close proximity to Orchard Road, excellent MRT connectivity and access to key amenities, the project is well-positioned to meet the aspirations of discerning homebuyers. As Newton evolves into a distinctive mixed-use urban precinct with enhanced green connections, public spaces and heritage elements, we look forward to shaping the precinct's next phase of transformation with a distinctive residential landmark that is thoughtfully integrated with the wider urban fabric."

CDL and Hong Realty plans to develop a distinctive 39-storey residential tower with around 380 units. To complement the precinct's greenery and heritage, the development will incorporate lush landscaping, sky terraces and communal spaces that foster urban liveability.



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CBM Expands Regional Operations, Opens New Office In Thailand

CBM Thailand Managing Director, Mrs. Thida Kaewumporn praying for prosperity and protection when the office opened earlier this year in 2026.

Opened earlier this year, CBM Facilities & Security Management's new Bangkok office marks a significant milestone in the company's regional expansion.

Since entering the Thailand market, CBM Thailand has strengthened its presence by securing integrated facility management contracts for GPF Witthayu Tower and Bangkok City Tower, both owned by Thailand's Government Pension Fund (GPF).

The two contracts, with a combined value of over THB 63.36 million and a three-year tenure, underscore GPF's confidence in CBM's expertise, service quality, and operational excellence.

Managing these landmark office towers also provides CBM Thailand with an opportunity to showcase its capabilities in high-rise building management and further strengthen its position as a trusted facility management partner in Thailand.



GPF Witthayu Towers is a premium Grade B office building for rent in the bustling heart of the business district. Comprising two buildings, Building A with 18 floors and Building B with 16 floors, this property offers over 30,000 sqm of prime office space.



Thailand Science Park, Thailand's largest integrated research and development hub, serves as a leading innovation ecosystem connecting research, academia and industry.



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The company has also been awarded a 12-month contract at Thailand Science Park, where it will deploy more than 200 personnel to provide facilities management services across 300,000 square metres spanning four science and technology buildings.

In addition to these project wins, CBM has strengthened its industry network through strategic partnerships, including a memorandum of understanding with Grundfos (Thailand) to explore and implement sustainable water management solutions.

These achievements reflect CBM's growing capabilities and reputation in Thailand, while reinforcing its commitment to drive sustainable growth in the region.





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Boutique Hotel, Kingsgate Clocktower In Dubai Opens Its Doors

The Kingsgate Hotel Clocktower Dubai team marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter.

A new chapter has begun in the heart of Deira, a historic and bustling commercial district in Dubai, with the official opening of Kingsgate Hotel Clocktower Dubai, the latest addition to the MHR's portfolio in the Middle East.

The opening ceremony brought together valued guests, hotel associates, management representatives, invitees, and members of the MHR's regional commercial and management teams to celebrate this significant milestone. A special highlight of the occasion was welcoming the hotel's first guests.

Located near the iconic Deira Clocktower, Kingsgate Hotel Clocktower Dubai is a boutique hotel that offers modern, comfortable accommodation in one of the city's most vibrant cultural and heritage districts. The 92-room property is designed to meet the needs of both business and leisure travellers, combining convenience, comfort, and accessibility.



The arrival of the hotel's first guests marked a memorable moment as it embarked on its new journey.



The entrance of Kingsgate Hotel Clocktower Dubai offers a peek into the property's contemporary hospitality experience.



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Guests can enjoy a range of facilities, including a rooftop swimming pool with panoramic city views, a fitness centre, and Abra Restaurant & Café, an all-day dining venue serving international cuisine and refreshments throughout the day.

The hotel's prime location provides easy access to Dubai International Airport, Deira City Centre Mall, Dubai Creek, the Gold Souq, Heritage Village, and other key attractions. Nearby metro stations and public transport links further enhance connectivity for visitors exploring the city.

The opening of Kingsgate Hotel Clocktower Dubai strengthens the group's growing presence in the UAE and reinforces its commitment to delivering quality hospitality experiences in key destinations across the region.



Guests, hotel associates, management representatives and the regional team of Millennium Hotels and Resorts in the Middle East, celebrated the official opening of Kingsgate Hotel Clocktower Dubai.



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IGNITE! Singapore Showcases Hospitality, Innovation And Global Connections

Industry partners and MHR representatives gathered at IGNITE! Singapore 2026 to reinforce the strength of the group's global network and build meaningful partnerships, with MHR Chief Commercial Officer Ms Cinn Tan (front row, 4th from left).

Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) brought IGNITE! Singapore 2026 to Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel and M Hotel Singapore on 16 and 17 April, welcoming leisure, corporate and MICE partners for an engaging showcase of hospitality, collaboration and global expertise.

IGNITE! is MHR's official, global B2B engagement and business exchange platform. It operates as a high-impact multi-city roadshow and networking initiative designed to connect the hotel group's global sales leaders directly with key travel industry partners.

The two-day programme commenced at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore, where guests experienced an immersive evening highlighting the hotel's capabilities as a premier destination for meetings and events. A curated culinary journey featured live cooking stations inspired by flavours from around the world, complemented by attentive service and a signature cocktail created by Adam Lee Soon Keat.



Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel General Manager Mr Andrew Tan rallying participants on the first day of the event.



The pastry team at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel presented its creations for the event.



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The following evening, M Hotel Singapore City Centre hosted the grand finale in its Banquet Suite. The venue was transformed with panoramic LED video walls and immersive audio experiences, creating a dynamic setting for networking and knowledge-sharing among global sales leaders and industry partners.

The evening also celebrated Singapore's rich culinary heritage through a thoughtfully curated menu. Guests enjoyed locally inspired canapés, interactive live stations featuring favourites such as Popiah and Kueh Pie Tee, and signature beverages including freshly pulled Teh Tarik, Chin Chow and Soya Bean.

IGNITE! Singapore 2026 highlighted the diversity of Millennium Hotels and Resorts' hospitality offerings while reinforcing the strength of its global sales network. The event provided valuable opportunities to build relationships, exchange insights and explore new possibilities for collaboration across markets.



Participants at M Hotel Singapore for the grand finale of IGNITE! Singapore 2026.



The M Hotel team takes a fun pose at the end of the event.



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Thai Flavours Take Centre Stage At Grand Copthorne Waterfront And Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao

Guests can savour an array of authentic Thai specialties at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore's Thailand Flavourscape Buffet, featuring dishes inspired by Thailand's vibrant street food culture and treasured regional recipes.

At **Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore**, the highly anticipated Thailand Flavourscape Buffet returns from 13 July to 23 August 2026 in partnership with the Royal Thai Embassy Singapore. Building on the success of last year's Phuket Flavourscape Buffet, this year's edition features an extraordinary six-hands collaboration celebrating Thailand's diverse culinary traditions.

Award-winning Executive Chef David Toh joined two acclaimed Thai guest chefs, Chef Ratchadawan Thongwichien (Chef Noon), Executive Chef of M Social Hotel Phuket, and Chef Nawamin "Boss" Pinpathomrat, MasterChef UK finalist and owner chef of REALM restaurants in Thailand, to present Thailand's street food culture, royal-influenced classics and regional recipes.

Guests can indulge in signature dishes including Tom Yum fried rice with grilled river prawn, Phuket-style braised pork belly, deep-fried seabass with pineapple chilli sauce, Andaman seafood curry and premium Grand Tom Yum Goong.



Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao brings the authentic taste of Thailand with a selection of signature dishes celebrating the country's culinary heritage.

Meanwhile, **Grand Millennium Shanghai Hongqiao** officially launched its "Taste of Thailand" Food Festival in May in partnership with the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Shanghai and the Tourism Authority of Thailand. Held at O'Café, the festival celebrates authentic Thai cuisine while strengthening cultural connections between Thailand and China

Guests at the opening ceremony enjoyed a live cooking demonstration by visiting Thai Chef Anna, alongside a specially curated buffet featuring favourites such as Tom Yum Goong, Pad Thai, Thai Curry Crab, Bangkok Volcano Pork Ribs and Mango Sticky Rice.

Running every Friday and Saturday until 29 August 2026, the festival offers guests in Shanghai an authentic taste of Thailand through a curated selection of traditional Thai dishes.



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Soluna Sets The Table For Graduation Celebrations At Millennium Hotel Taichung

Millennium Hotel Taichung's Soluna – All Day Dining offers students, educators and families a memorable setting to celebrate graduation milestones over an indulgent international buffet.

As graduation season approaches, Millennium Hotel Taichung invites students and educators to mark their achievements with a memorable dining experience at Soluna – All Day Dining.

Available until 31 August 2026 for lunch and dinner daily, the Graduation and Teacher Appreciation promotion offers the perfect setting for graduates, classmates and mentors to come together in celebration. Upon presentation of a valid teacher or student ID, groups of 20 guests will receive four complimentary meals, while groups of 40 will enjoy eight complimentary meals.

Guests can look forward to Soluna's generous international buffet, featuring premium seafood and Japanese specialities. Highlights include fresh sashimi, handcrafted sushi, three-spot crabs, ox-hoof crabs, white shrimp and Hokkaido scallops, while unlimited snow crab legs add an indulgent touch to the weekend dining experience.



From ocean-fresh seafood and Japanese favourites to carved roasts and signature sweets, Soluna's buffet spread offers something for every celebration.

The spread also features herb-roasted beef carved to order, alongside made-to-order dishes such as Premium Scallop Salad, Truffle Abalone Chicken Soup and Steamed Fish. To end on a sweet note, guests can enjoy Fresh Cream Cake and Soluna's signature Caramel Pudding.

From celebrating academic milestones to thanking inspiring mentors, the promotion offers guests a meaningful way to honour achievements and create lasting memories over an exceptional feast at Millennium Hotel Taichung.



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Dream
Weddings
Come To Life
By The
Andaman Sea
At M Social
Resort Penang

M Social Resort Penang brings wedding dreams to life with scenic venues, curated packages and seamless event service.

M Social Resort Penang is setting the scene for memorable wedding celebrations with a curated range of packages designed for modern couples seeking a stylish coastal setting. Framed by the Andaman Sea, the resort offers versatile venues for every celebration, from romantic solemnisation ceremonies on its sea-facing pool deck to elegant banquets at Penang Pavilion, its pillarless ballroom.

Each package combines scenic surroundings, seamless event planning and professional service, allowing couples to enjoy a refined and stress-free journey from preparation to celebration. From intimate Registration of Marriage ceremonies to grand banquets with family and friends, M Social Resort Penang offers the flexibility to bring each couple's vision to life.

The resort's wedding offerings include the R.O.M. Ceremony package from RM10,999 nett, as well as three banquet packages — Eternal at RM2,188 nett per table, Serene Vows at RM2,688 nett per table and Timeless Love at RM2,988 nett per table.



From sea-facing ceremonies to elegant ballroom banquets, M Social Resort Penang offers versatile venues for modern wedding celebrations.

With its coastal charm, contemporary lifestyle appeal and dedicated events team, M Social Resort Penang offers couples a memorable destination to begin their new chapter together.

To start planning their dream wedding, couples may contact the resort's events team at +604-6058 888 or Sales.MSRP@millenniumhotels.com.



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M Social Singapore serves up six country-inspired cocktails, offering guests a spirited way to celebrate football season.

Football season is in full swing, and M Social Singapore is bringing the spirit of the world's biggest football nations to the table with The Social League, a limited-time cocktail line-up inspired by six iconic countries.

Available from 11 June to 19 July, The Social League invites guests to cheer on their favourite teams, catch the action with friends and enjoy match-day moments over specially crafted cocktails. Each drink offers a playful nod to a football-loving nation, turning every round into a celebration of flavour, flair and team spirit.

Guests can journey from England with a classic Gimlet and Italy with an Aperol Spritz, to Argentina with a Vodka Brûlée and Brazil with a refreshing Caipirinha. France is represented by the elegant Bleu Breeze, while Spain brings the festivities with a glass of Sangria.

Priced at \$15++ per cocktail, The Social League is the perfect match-day companion for football fans, casual viewers and anyone looking to soak up the atmosphere.

Whether guests are cheering for their favourite team or simply enjoying the season's lively atmosphere, M Social Singapore offers the perfect setting to gather with friends and raise a glass to the beautiful game.



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New World Millennium Hong Kong Serves Up A Celebration Of Umami And Kokumi

Sagano's new set dinner brings together Japanese culinary traditions and the innovative use of Ex M sauce for a memorable exploration of umami and kokumi, often described as the "fifth and sixth tastes".

A six-hand collaboration celebrating Exotica Umami (Ex M), an innovative seasoning sauce known for enhancing flavour, texture and complexity, takes centre stage at New World Millennium Hong Kong Hotel's Sagano from now until 31 August 2026.

Inspired by traditional Kyoto cuisine, Sagano Head Chef Chris Chan joins forces with restaurateur and Ex M sauce creator Dan Gan, and JW Marriot Hong Kong Executive Chef Tony Wong to offer this distinctive dining experience. Together, they present a refined 10-dish menu that explores the depth and complexity of umami and kokumi, often described as the "fifth and sixth tastes" beyond sweet, salty, bitter and sour.

At the heart of the menu is Ex M sauce, inspired by *garum*, a Roman marinade with a history dating back more than 2,000 years. Known for complementing a wide range of cuisines, the sauce adds richness, intensity and a lingering finish to each carefully crafted dish.



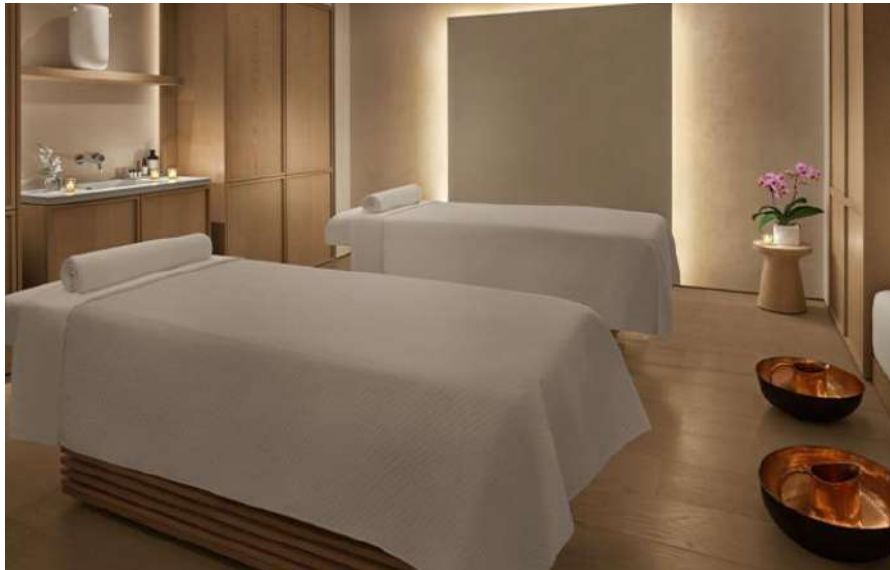
The set dinner showcases refined creations such as pan-seared duck breast with Exotica Umami sauce (above) and grilled Hokkaido king crab leg with Exotica Umami butter.

Highlights include Ex M sauce-marinated sushi, grilled Hokkaido king crab leg with Ex M butter, Ex M yakitori and deep-fried Ex M marinated pork chop. Diners can also look forward to Kyoto-style pan-seared duck breast, grilled silver cod, sautéed A5 wagyu beef and grilled sea bream clay pot rice, before concluding on a refreshing note with green tea ice cream served with Ex M yuzu chocolate syrup.

Available at Sagano until 31 August at HKD1,200 per person. Reservations are recommended.



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The Singapore
EDITION
Invites Guests
To Pause
And Recharge
In The Heart
Of The City

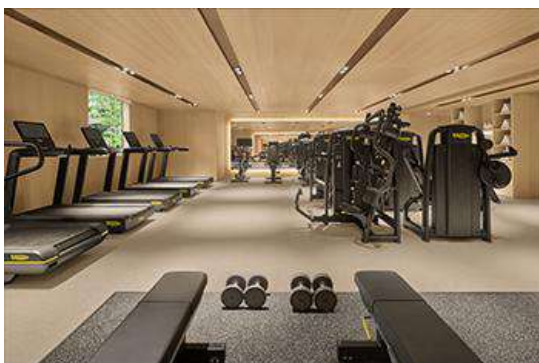
Guests can unwind at The Spa, where a 90-minute body massage and thermal suite experience offer a calming reset in the heart of the city.

The Singapore EDITION is offering guests a welcome pause in the heart of the city with its newly launched Wellness Indulgence Pass. Available from Wednesdays to Fridays at SGD 360++ per person, the half-day retreat is designed for those seeking a restorative escape without leaving the city centre.

The experience begins with an energising workout at the hotel's sleek gym, equipped with the latest Technogym machines, before guests ease into recovery at The Spa's thermal suite. For the full effect, guests can rotate between the jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and ice fountain, enjoying the benefits of contrast therapy.

The highlight of the retreat is a deeply relaxing 90-minute body massage, designed to release tension, improve circulation and ease the effects of long hours, screen time and city living.

To complete the experience, guests can retreat to the hotel's lush indoor garden at the Lobby Bar for afternoon tea. The new Summer Fields menu features elegant sandwiches, seafood bites and delicate sweets, including a passionfruit, raspberry and almond tart.



The Singapore Edition's sleek gym, equipped with the latest Technogym machines for an energising start to the retreat.



Summer Fields afternoon tea at the Lobby Bar with elegant savouries, seafood bites and delicate sweets in a lush indoor garden setting.



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A Stylish City Daycation At The Newly Refurbished Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen

A refreshed guest room at Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen offers a stylish and comfortable space for guests to relax, recharge or prepare for an evening in the city.

For those looking for a stylish city retreat without an overnight stay, the newly refurbished Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen offers a convenient daycation in the heart of the city. Priced at £65 for use between 9 am and 5 pm, the offer provides guests with a private space to relax, refresh or prepare for an evening out.

Nestled in Aberdeen's vibrant West End, the hotel combines modern comfort with the charm of the city's iconic past. Its beautifully revitalised historic building offers a welcoming setting for both business travellers seeking a quiet base and leisure guests looking to enjoy a short city escape.

Located on Huntly Street, the hotel is surrounded by some of Aberdeen's finest bars and restaurants, making it well placed for guests spending the day in the city centre. The hotel is also just 300 yards from His Majesty's Theatre, around a seven-minute walk away, making it an ideal choice for theatre-goers to get ready at ease before enjoying a performance.

With its central location, refreshed interiors and accessible price point, the daycation at Copthorne Hotel Aberdeen offers a simple yet sophisticated way to enjoy a short city escape.



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Millennium Resort Hangzhou Welcomes Families On A Summer Forest Adventure

Millennium Resort Hangzhou's summer package encourages children to discover nature from a new perspective through guided tree-climbing activities.

Millennium Resort Hangzhou is inviting families to swap indoor routines for an outdoor adventure in nature with its new three-day, two-night Jiuxi tree-climbing parent-child package. Available from now until 30 August 2026, the experience is designed for families looking to enjoy fresh air, forest fun and meaningful time together.

Nestled within the scenic surroundings of Jiuxi Scenic Area, the resort offers a peaceful base for a nature-led getaway. The package includes a two-night stay in the spacious North View Family Room, where families can wake up to lush mountain views and quiet moments amid the woods.



Families can enjoy a refreshing summer escape surrounded by lush mountain views and the natural beauty of Jiuxi.



The North View Family Room offers guests a comfortable retreat with peaceful views of the surrounding greenery.

Tailored for children aged five to 12, the package includes professional tree-climbing courses for two children. Guided and supervised by certified instructors, young adventurers can climb safely, explore the forest from a new perspective and experience the joy of being close to nature.

After the tree-climbing session, families can cool off by the clear streams of Jiuxi and enjoy a more relaxed side of summer in the mountains. Blending forest exploration, streamside fun and comfortable accommodation, the package offers families a refreshing seasonal escape and the chance to create lasting summer memories.



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MEMO At Studio M Hotel Singapore Introduces New American Comfort Food Favourites

MEMO's latest menu additions bring the comforting flavours of America to the table, from smoky barbecue favourites to hearty home-style dishes.

Great comfort food has a way of bringing people together, and MEMO at Studio M Hotel Singapore is serving up a delicious taste of America with its latest menu additions.

Inspired by some of America's most well-loved home-style favourites, the new dishes celebrate the rich traditions of comfort cooking, from hearty casseroles to smoky barbecue classics and island-inspired flavours.

This season, MEMO introduces four new menu additions, each created to satisfy cravings for bold, hearty and familiar flavours. Guests can enjoy American Goulash, a timeless dish of tender macaroni tossed in a rich and savoury tomato and beef sauce. Another comforting highlight is the King Ranch Chicken Casserole, a Texan classic layered with crunchy tortilla chips, sweet capsicums, spicy jalapeños and velvety cheese cream, then baked until golden.

For barbecue lovers, the Oven-Baked BBQ Boneless Beef Ribs offer a satisfying choice. Slow-cooked until tender and finished with a smoky barbecue glaze, the dish delivers a balance of sweet and savoury notes. Guests can also look forward to the Huli Huli Chicken Skewers, inspired by Hawaii's famous roadside grills and marinated for a smoky, sweet and tangy finish.

Whether guests are craving something hearty, comforting or packed with bold flavours, these new dishes bring a little more Americana to the table. Perfect for sharing with family and friends, the menu offers plenty of reasons to pull up a seat and discover a new favourite.

The new menu additions are now available at MEMO Cafe. Guests are invited to come hungry, as MEMO has saved a spot for them.



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Celebrate
Singapore's
61st Birthday
With Heritage
Flavours And
National Day
Dining Specials

From local favourites to heritage-inspired creations, M Hotel Singapore and Orchard Hotel Singapore offer guests many ways to savour the National Day season. Pictured here is The Orchard Cafe's Singalicious buffet.

M Hotel Singapore

From 31 July to 9 August, M Hotel Singapore presents two specially curated dinner buffet promotions that pay tribute to the nation's rich culinary heritage.

At **Cafe 2000**, guests can enjoy A Nation's Taste Reimagined, specially crafted by Executive Chef Jacky Zhang. The menu features highlights such as Rojak Infused Crispy Chicken, Beef Rendang Wellington, Fermented Durian Tempoyak Crab, Chempedak Prawn with Curry Mayonnaise, Pan Roasted Chicken with Otak Mousse and Lychee Rose Panna Cotta. The dinner buffet is available from 6 pm to 10 pm at \$61 nett per adult. Reservations can be made [here](#).

Over at **The Buffet Restaurant**, the National Day Special celebrates familiar flavours of home with local highlights such as Oven Roasted Striploin with Assam Pedas, Grilled Stingray, Rojak, Chilli Crab Bun, Durian Pengat and Fresh Seafood on Ice, Beef Cheek Rendang, Ayam Pongteh, Udang Masak Lemak Nenas, Sayur Lodeh and assorted Nyonya Kueh. One adult aged 61 can enjoy 61% off, limited to one adult per dine-in group of every four adults. The dinner buffet is available from 6 pm to 10 pm at \$53.80++ per adult. Reservations can be made [here](#).



Cafe 2000 (left) and The Buffet Restaurant (right) at M Hotel Singapore serve up sumptuous National Day buffet spreads inspired by Singapore's well-loved local flavours.



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Orchard Hotel Singapore



Indulge in Singapore-inspired dining experiences at Orchard Hotel Singapore, such as the Heritage Afternoon Tea at Bar Intermezzo (left) and the Dim Sum Delights set at Hua Ting Restaurant (right).

At **The Orchard Cafe**, Singalicious takes the spotlight with a thoughtfully curated showcase of local favourites, fresh seafood and premium roasts by Executive Chef Thenesh Murugaya and his culinary team. Highlights include Roast Duck Tortilla Wrap, Singapore Chilli Crab with Fried Mantou, Seafood on Ice, Otak-Otak Baked Salmon, Oyster Omelette, Baked Oyster with Mentaiko Cheese Sauce, Sambal Stingray, and Massaman Curry Rubbed Pork Shoulder. The buffet is priced from \$88 per person. Guests can also enjoy special dining offers, including 61% off for the second diner, My Millennium promotions and selected senior citizen privileges.

At **Bar Intermezzo**, Heritage Afternoon Tea reimagines Singapore's culinary traditions through a refined contemporary lens. Priced from \$39 per person, the experience features Singaporean-inspired creations such as Nonya Kerabu Abalone, Chicken Buah Keluak Black Truffle Sandwich, Boston Lobster Nasi Lemak Kueh Pie Tee, Wagyu Beef Pongteh Slider and Musang King Durian Cake, complemented by freshly baked Coconut Scones served with homemade kaya.

Guests can also raise a glass to Singapore's 61st year with Bar Intermezzo's exclusive National Day drinks selection, with prices starting from \$6.10 per drink like Kampung Old Fashioned, Fountain of Merlion, Milo-tini and the iconic Singapore Sling. Promotional pours at \$6.10 per glass for house pour spirits, beer on tap and M Wines, \$61 per bottle of Piccini Venetian Dress Prosecco, cocktails at \$16++ and mocktails at \$10++.

For Cantonese dining, **Hua Ting Restaurant** presents two indulgent specials. The Wagyu Indulgence, priced from \$24 per dish, showcases Australian Wagyu Beef through refined creations such as Crispy-Fried Sliced Marble Beef and Braised Australian Wagyu Beef Cheek Noodles. Also available is Dim Sum Delights for Two at \$61, featuring Steamed Lobster and Prawn Dumpling, Crispy Lychee Prawn Ball and Baked Mango Chicken Tart.

From nostalgic local favourites to elevated Cantonese creations, heritage-inspired afternoon tea and celebratory beverages, the National Day promotions offer guests many delicious ways to come together and celebrate Singapore's 61st birthday.



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Business Meets The Court As Grand Millennium Muscat Serves Up Support At Corporate Padel Cup In Oman

Grand Millennium Muscat serves up hospitality and helps build connections at the AmCham Oman Corporate Padel Cup. (Credit: Muscat Daily)

Grand Millennium Muscat recently supported the AmCham Oman Corporate Padel Cup, which brought together members of Oman's business community in the Middle East, for an evening of sport, networking and camaraderie.

Padel is a racket sport that combines elements of tennis and squash.

Held at Padel Addicts, the tournament featured 16 corporate teams competing in a knockout format, while guests enjoyed networking opportunities and refreshments. The event marked the return of the popular tournament to AmCham Oman's events calendar and attracted strong participation from companies across a range of industries.

As a supporter of the event, Grand Millennium Muscat provided refreshments for participants and guests, contributing to the welcoming and community-focused atmosphere. The initiative reflects the hotel's continued commitment to supporting business and community engagement in Oman.

The event concluded with Falcon Oilfield Services claiming the championship title after a closely contested final match.



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Tower Club
Members
Savour An
Evening Of
Fine Dining
And Hennessy
Pairings

Guests gathered at Atlantic for an evening of exceptional cognac, fine dining and warm camaraderie during the Hennessy Dinner Experience.

On 28 May, Tower Club members and their guests gathered at Atlantic for an intimate and memorable Hennessy Dinner Experience, where exceptional cognac was thoughtfully paired with an inspired five-course culinary journey.

The evening commenced with a refreshing Hennessy VSOP High Ball, setting the stage for a carefully curated dining experience. Guests enjoyed a selection of thoughtfully prepared dishes, each paired with Hennessy cognacs to complement the flavours of the menu.



The evening began with a refreshing Hennessy VSOP High Ball, setting the stage for a specially curated five-course dining experience.

Among the evening's highlights was the pan-fried foie gras with a delicate fig chutney that balanced richness with subtle sweetness, followed by a chargrilled seafood risotto, elevated by a silky lobster emulsion that brought depth and refinement to the dish. The main course featured a roasted peppery duck breast, expertly prepared and paired with Hennessy XO, allowing the complex and layered notes of the cognac to enhance the flavours of the dish.



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To round off the evening, guests were served a cardamom dark chocolate brownie with candied orange and hazelnut gelato, providing a sweet ending to the meal.



The evening provided members and guests with an opportunity to connect and forge new friendships over fine cuisine and cognac.

Beyond the exquisite food and cognac pairings, the dinner also offered members an opportunity to connect and unwind in an intimate setting, sharing warm conversations and creating new memories over an exceptional dining experience.

Tower Club extends its heartfelt appreciation to all members and guests who joined the event and looks forward to welcoming them to more memorable experiences in the months ahead.



Riviera Family Day Brings The Community Together For A Fun-Filled Afternoon

A lively programme of music and performances kept guests entertained throughout the Riviera Family Day.

On 7 June, Beijing Riviera residents and members gathered for the inaugural Riviera Family Day, jointly organised by Beijing Riviera Country Club and Riviera Social Club. The event brought the community together for an afternoon of laughter, entertainment, and family-friendly activities.

The programme featured a range of performances, including musical presentations by the 9th Movement International Music Centre, a children's talent showcase and a lively band performance. A DJ kept the atmosphere upbeat throughout the afternoon, adding to the festive spirit.



Younger guests enjoyed a range of activities, including the ever-popular bouncy castle and traditional children's games.

The afternoon offered something for everyone, with younger guests enjoying the popular bouncy castle and a variety of traditional children's games, while families sampled a wide selection of food and refreshments from the event's stalls.

The inaugural Riviera Family Day was a great success, providing residents and members with an opportunity to connect, strengthen community ties and create lasting memories with family and friends.



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A Morning Of Family Bonding And Creativity Play At Millennium Resort Hangzhou

In-house guests came together for the resort's exclusive Children's Day celebration, set amid the scenic surroundings of Jiuxi.

In celebration of Children's Day, Millennium Resort Hangzhou hosted its exclusive "Fun at Millennium· Happy Children's Day" event on 31 May, offering in-house guests a morning of family-friendly activities set against the picturesque backdrop of Jiuxi.

Held from 10 am to 12 pm, the event featured a range of outdoor interactive experiences designed to bring families together and create memorable moments for guests of all ages. Surrounded by the resort's lush natural landscape, children and parents enjoyed a fun-filled morning of creativity, play and quality family time.

Guests took part in three specially curated activities — pixel bead crafting, goldfish fishing and wind chime making. These hands-on experiences encouraged children and parents to interact and enjoy meaningful bonding time while creating keepsakes to remember the occasion.

The event reflects Millennium Resort Hangzhou's continued commitment to enhancing the family holiday experience through engaging and immersive activities. By offering a diverse range of experiences in its scenic outdoor setting, the resort aims to provide families with opportunities to relax, reconnect and create lasting memories together.



Children and parents enjoyed a series of interactive activities designed to encourage creativity and family bonding.



Singles Mixed, Mingled And Made New Connections At M Social Singapore

The Social Butterfly Singles Mixer reflects M Social Singapore's commitment to curating engaging lifestyle experiences that foster genuine connections among guests.

M Social Singapore recently came alive with The Social Butterfly Singles Mixer. The event brought singles together for an evening of interactive games, delectable bites and drinks in a relaxed and engaging setting. The ice breaker games got conversations flowing almost immediately, turning awkward introductions into genuine laughs and unexpected connections.

Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed a selection of buffet canapés and refreshments while mingling with fellow attendees from diverse backgrounds. The atmosphere grew progressively energetic as groups began mixing and conversations continued. What began as a room full of strangers soon evolved into a lively social gathering filled with warmth and camaraderie.

One of the highlights of the evening was seeing many guests continue socialising even after the event had officially ended. From spontaneous post-event gatherings to new group chats being formed before the night was over, it was evident that meaningful connections had been made.



The Social Butterfly Singles Mixer provided the perfect setting for guests to connect, mingle and create lasting memories in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.



Dress for Success Auckland CEO Ms Robyn Moore (left) and MHR New Zealand Sustainability Manager Ms Danielle Kennedy with boxes of donated uniform items.

MHR in New Zealand recently donated 317 uniform items (or 109 kg of clothing material) from several of its hotel properties to Dress for Success, a charity that empowers women to achieve economic independence through professional attire, career coaching and employment support.

The donation comprised a range of new, unused, non-branded uniform items, including jackets, shirts, trousers, and skirts, which were no longer required following uniform updates across the New Zealand properties. Instead of being sent to landfill, these items have been given a new purpose, supporting women as they prepare to enter or re-enter the workforce. The initiative demonstrates how simple sustainability efforts can deliver meaningful outcomes by reducing waste, lowering disposal costs, and creating positive social impact within the community.

MHR New Zealand continues to explore opportunities to donate surplus items and investigate recycling solutions for returned uniforms that are no longer suitable for wear, further supporting its commitment to waste reduction and responsible resource management.



Copthorne Auckland City (left photo) was among the hotels that contributed to the donation. Housekeeping Supervisor Ms Lagi Anamani is pictured with Ms Kennedy (right photo) as they loaded the boxes into a car.



Extending Safety And Wellness Beyond The Workplace

South East CDC's Mayor, Mr Dinesh Vasu Dash (centre, in black) poses with CDL volunteers before joining them to distribute food packs to seniors. Also pictured are CDL's Group COO Mr Kwek Eik Sheng (on his right) and CDL's Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong (on his left).

CDL's employee volunteering arm, City Sunshine Club (CSC) recently organised a Safety for Life engagement for seniors at THK Active Ageing Centre @ Bedok.

Volunteers were joined by Mayor of Singapore's South East District Mr Dinesh Vasu Desh, who is also the Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth and Manpower, as well as CDL Group Chief Operating Officer Mr Kwek Eik Sheng and Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong.

Together, they visited seniors in their homes and distributed food packs as part of the community outreach initiative. The seniors also participated in a safety awareness session covering practical tips on home safety, heat resilience and personal well-being.

Launched in partnership with South East Community Development Council (CDC) under its Support a Block programme, this initiative adopts a holistic approach to senior well-being, covering home safety, health, anti-scam awareness and food safety.



Mr Dash and CDL volunteers distributed food packs (left) and engaged seniors during the Safety for Life programme at THK Active Ageing Centre @ Bedok (right).



Building Safety And Environmental Awareness At M Social Penang

And promote coastal
conservation with university
students.

SOTA students from Universiti Sains Malaysia help clear abandoned ropes and debris from the beach as part of the coastal conservation effort.

Taking students from classroom to coastline for a cleaner future

M Social Penang recently welcomed students from the School of The Arts (SOTA) faculty at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) for a field visit focused on sustainability and experiential hospitality.

The programme included a beach clean-up CSR activity by Team M Social and the students, promoting environmental awareness and coastal conservation. Students also attended a hotel briefing and a sharing session on the resort's creative direction and design concept, gaining insights into the hospitality industry.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world experience while reinforcing the importance of sustainability.



The students equipping themselves with litter pickers before setting off for the beach clean-up.



M Social Penang Executive Housekeeper Mr Sikh Omar (far right) introduces students to hotel housekeeping operations.



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Reinforcing safe and healthy workplace practices

M Social Resort Penang also conducted a safety walk (or 'Gemba Walk') with CDL to reinforce workplace safety and health practices.

The walk covered key operational areas and provided an opportunity to engage employees on proactive risk management, fire prevention and heat stress awareness. The session also reinforced CDL's safety culture, which empowers every employee to speak up and stop work when conditions are unsafe.

The engagement concluded with a gathering involving hotel management and staff, reflecting the strong teamwork and positive safety culture at the resort. CDL extends its appreciation to General Manager Jasmine Keh and the M Social Resort Penang team for their active participation and support.



General Manager of M Social Penang Ms Jasmine Keh explaining the safety measures that the hotel has put in place to CDL Head of Green Buildings and Decarbonisation Mr Allen Ang (left) and CDL Head of Global Asset Management Ms Callie Yah (right).



Staff and management of CDL and M Social Penang take a group photo at the hotel in Penang, Malaysia.



Supporting Pilgrims On Their Spiritual Journey In Saudia Arabia

M Hotel Makkah in Mecca and Millennium Al Aqeeq in Medina.

Hajj pilgrims arriving at M Hotel Makkah are greeted with flowers, sweets, candles and well wishes as they embark on their spiritual journey.

Millennium Hotels and Resorts properties in Saudi Arabia, **Millennium Aqeeq** and **M Hotel Makkah**, played an important role in supporting the 2026 Hajj season, welcoming thousands of pilgrims from around the world as they undertook one of Islam's most significant religious obligations.

In Medina, the 505-room Millennium Al Aqeeq was among a select group of hotels chosen to host Indonesian pilgrims during the Hajj season. According to media reports, nearly 17,000 Indonesian pilgrims were accommodated in four- and five-star hotels in Medina under the scheme for the first time this year.

Located just steps from the Prophet's Mosque, Millennium Al Aqeeq was among a select group of hotels chosen to host Indonesian pilgrims after an assessment by representatives from Indonesia's Ministry of Hajj and Umrah, underscoring the hotel's quality facilities, strategic location and readiness to support pilgrims during this important stage of their spiritual journey.



Indonesian Deputy Minister of Hajj and Umrah, Dahnil Anzar Simanjuntak, during a visit to Millennium Al Aqeeq Hotel in Medina, one of the hotels selected to accommodate Indonesian Hajj pilgrims in 2026. (Credit: Antara/Ho-MCH 2026)



Millennium Al Aqeeq Hotel is located just 50 metres from the Prophet's Mosque, Islam's second holiest site. One of the mosque's iconic minarets is visible in the background on the far right.



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Serving Indonesian pilgrims in Mecca

In Mecca, M Hotel Makkah by Millennium hosted thousands of pilgrims during the holy season, with its team providing accommodation, hospitality and support services to ensure a comfortable and seamless experience throughout their spiritual journey.

The hotel also worked closely with Hajj campaign leaders, partners and government authorities to help deliver a safe and well-organised pilgrimage experience.

Together, M Hotel Makkah and Millennium AL Aqeeq demonstrate MHR's commitment to delivering exceptional hospitality during one of the world's largest annual religious gatherings, helping pilgrims focus on their spiritual journey while enjoying a comfortable and memorable stay.



The Hajj journey touches pilgrims in different ways. Some are moved to tears by the spiritual experience (left), while others require extra assistance due to age or mobility needs (right). M Hotel Makkah ensures everyone is well looked after throughout their sacred journey.



CDL Battles With Grit, Pushes Limits To Raise Over S\$250,000 For A Cause

Hong Leong employees also unite to power the fundraising effort.

United by a shared purpose, CDL employees raised funds at Assisi Fun Day to support quality palliative care for patients at Assisi Hospice.

Assisi Fun Day, the mega charity carnival at SJI International, once again brought the community together in support of quality palliative care for patients and their loved ones. Co-organised with City Developments Limited (CDL), the carnival is the hospice's largest annual fundraising event.

Held on 14 June 2026, the event was graced by Guest-of-Honour Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister for Digital Development and Information, and Minister-in-charge of Cybersecurity & Smart Nation Group, together with Assisi Hospice Patron Ms Ho Ching.



CDL employees, led by Group CEO Mr Sherman Kwek (centre, left photo), showed grit and mettle as they battled in a series of physical challenges.

Through the combined efforts of sponsors, volunteers and donors, Assisi Hospice hopes to raise S\$1 million from this year's carnival to sustain and expand its patient care services.

A highlight of the carnival was the CDL Challenge – GRIT for Good, a special charity segment led by CDL Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mr Sherman Kwek. In a test of endurance and teamwork, two CDL employee teams competed in a series of physical challenges comprising Battle Rope, Shuttle Run and Wall Ball stations. The segment raised S\$200,000 for Assisi Hospice.



The two teams clocked 953 rope swings, 64 laps and 205 ball throws in seven minutes. They are joined by SJI International's CEO Dr Michael Johnson and Sister Linda Sim.



Minister for Digital Development and Information Mrs Josephine Teo joins the Hong Leong Finance team for a photo, with EVP for Corporate & Consumer Business, Mr Jeffrey Toh (in white shirt) holding the certificate of appreciation.

Mr Sherman Kwek, CDL's Group CEO, said, "Assisi Fun Day has been a much-loved tradition for our CDL family, bringing people and their families together in a shared spirit of compassion and service. Beyond fundraising, it is also a meaningful opportunity to build deeper connections with the community we serve and stand alongside those in need. We are truly grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity shown by our business associates, partners and employees every year, and we hope these efforts will inspire even greater support for Assisi Hospice's vital mission."

Returning favourites and collective efforts serve up over S\$50,000



Team Hong Leong Club, the staff recreational platform of Hong Leong Group with its President Ms Kwek Pei Xuan (standing next to Mr Kwek) and CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong (far right).



Little 11-year-old Go Brielle Tan successfully scored a big sale of Japanese butter rolls to Assisi Hospice Patron Ms Ho Ching at Hong Leong Club's stall, as Mr Kwek and Mr Chia look on.

This year, more than 200 employees from across the CDL Group contributed their time and energy to support the event, setting up 10 stalls – four by CDL, four by Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR), one by sister company Hong Leong Finance and one by Hong Leong Club, selling an array of F&B items, while CDL subsidiary CBM provided facilities support, including logistics, cleaning and security services.



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A steady queue for Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel's signature laksa kept the team busy, with all 500 bowls sold out by noon.



Orchard Hotel General Manager Mr Nelson Camoeira beams for the camera with his team. The hotel's Durian Pengat and Steamed Glutinous Rice Chicken were hot sellers.

MHR hotels that participated include Copthorne King's Hotel, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, M Hotel, Orchard Hotel, M Social Hotel and Studio M Hotel, sponsoring F&B vouchers and hotel stays for the lucky draw segment.

This year's carnival drew an estimated 10,000 visitors and featured more than 100 games, food and retail booths set up by corporations, community organisations and schools.



Back by popular demand, M Hotel's well-loved Chicken Pies proved a hit once again, with all 750 pies, including pre-orders, sold out by late morning.



Mission accomplished! The participating hotel teams gathered for a celebratory photo after another sold-out charity food sale.



The Stories Beneath Our Feet: Tracing One Historic River Through Four Hotels

Journalists and influencers explored Robertson Quay on a hospitality and heritage tour organised by Millennium Hotels and Resorts, discovering how the historic riverside precinct has evolved over more than a century. The tour was led by Yong, an urban heritage guide.

A hospitality and heritage tour organised by Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR) took journalists and influencers on a journey through Robertson Quay, revealing how the historic Singapore River precinct has evolved from a bustling trading hub into one of the city's most vibrant lifestyle destinations.

This article is contributed by Mr Santosh Kumar, Contributing Editor and writer for *tabla!*, an English-language newspaper serving Singapore's Indian community. He also previously served as Honorary Secretary of the Singapore Press Club, a longstanding partner supported by MHR.

“How often do we walk through a place without knowing the stories beneath our feet?”

On 8 June 2026, I joined a dozen journalists and influencers on a fascinating hospitality and heritage tour of Robertson Quay organised by Millennium Hotels and Resorts (MHR).

What I expected to be a hotel familiarisation trip turned out to be a journey through more than a century of Singapore's transformation.

Led by urbanist Yong (@urbanist.singapore), we learned how today's stylish waterfront district was once a muddy landscape of warehouses, boatyards and bumboats carrying spices, charcoal and rubber along the Singapore River.



Studio M Singapore, Singapore's first fully loft-inspired hotel, offers 360 contemporary loft-style rooms by acclaimed Italian architect Piero Lissoni, featuring private mezzanines, expansive bay windows and modern comforts near Robertson Quay.



M Social Singapore is a trendy 293-room urban lifestyle hotel along Robertson Quay, featuring advanced technology, and sleek, industrial-chic interiors by renowned French designer Philippe Starck.

The four MHR properties each reflected a different chapter of that story.

Studio M impressed with its loft-inspired design and sustainability initiatives. M Social added a playful touch with a welcome dance, a photo contest (I was delighted to win second prize and a \$75 voucher!), and a fun mixology masterclass that proved making cocktails is harder than drinking them.

At Copthorne King's Hotel, the legendary Princess Terrace Penang buffet was a feast of nostalgia and authentic flavours. We ended at Grand Copthorne Waterfront, where discussions on travel trends and the future of hospitality reinforced how guest experiences are increasingly about connection, culture and storytelling.

For a few hours, I wasn't just visiting hotels. I was travelling through Singapore's history.



Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel is an award-winning luxury and eco-friendly hotel offering 573 refurbished rooms and 24 stylish serviced suites with panoramic city or river views.



A nostalgic landmark, the 319-room Copthorne King's Hotel opened in 1970 as the first hotel by Hong Leong Group Executive Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng, laying the foundation for MHR's global portfolio of over 150 hotels. Its Princess Terrace restaurant remains a favourite for authentic Penang cuisine.



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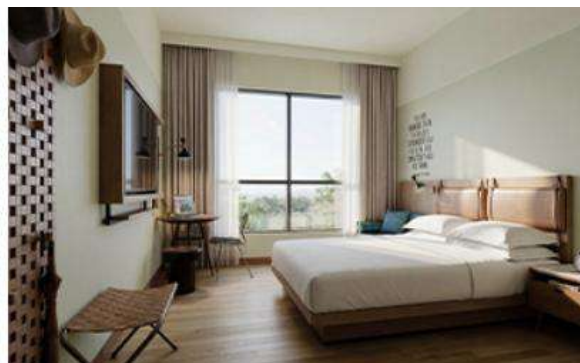
Jakub Skyvara
Appointed
General Manager,
M Social
Sunnyvale

Newly appointed General Manager of M Social Sunnyvale Mr Jakub Skyvara will lead the team in the hotel's opening in September 2026.

Mr Jakub Skyvara has been appointed General Manager of M Social Hotel Sunnyvale, a new addition to the group's portfolio set to launch in the heart of Silicon Valley. He has more than 20 years of hospitality leadership experience across North America, Europe, and Asia, and a wealth of expertise in luxury hotel operations, guest experience, and commercial performance. He has held leadership roles with global brands like Mandarin Oriental, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, and Viceroy Hotels & Resorts.

Prior to joining M Social Hotel Sunnyvale, Mr Skyvara served as General Manager of The Lodge at Torrey Pines, where he led the AAA Five Diamond property with a focus on service excellence, guest satisfaction, and operational performance. He also previously held the position of Executive Assistant Manager at The Resort at Pelican Hill, overseeing complex resort operations within a luxury hospitality environment.

Designed as a next-generation lifestyle hotel, M Social Sunnyvale aims to blend creativity, technology, and community to create a vibrant social destination for both travellers and locals. Located in one of the world's leading innovation hubs, the hotel will offer a dynamic guest experience that reflects the energy and character of Silicon Valley.



M Social Sunnyvale is 263-room tech-forward lifestyle property with a design ethos inspired by the creativity and energy of Silicon Valley.



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Grand Copthorne Waterfront Shines With Multiple Industry Honours And Accolades

The team at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore, led by General Manager Mr Andrew Tan (first from left), proudly celebrated multiple industry honours recognising outstanding service, culinary excellence and sustainable hospitality.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore has earned multiple prestigious accolades, recognising its excellence in guest experiences, culinary offerings and sustainability.

At the Haute Grandeur Global Excellence Awards 2026, the hotel was named Best Sustainable Hotel in Singapore for its continued efforts to embed sustainability across its operations through initiatives such as in-room filtered water systems that eliminate single-use plastic bottles, AI-powered guest room technologies, regenerative lift systems and hydroponic farming projects that support sustainable food sourcing.

The hotel's signature dining destinations also received top honours. **SanSara** was recognised as Best Fine Dining Experience in Singapore, Best Fine Dining Restaurant in Singapore, Best Head Chef in Singapore and Best Indian Cuisine in Singapore, while **Food Capital** secured awards for Best Food Gastronomy Restaurant in Asia, Best Head Chef in Asia, Best Waterside Restaurant in Asia and Best Buffet Restaurant in Singapore.



SanSara received multiple accolades at the Haute Grandeur Global Excellence Awards 2026 and was also recognised as a Tatler Best Spotlight Restaurant 2026.



Chief Concierge Muzaffar Azrin Jamil was named a finalist at the Stelliers Asia 2026 Awards for his outstanding hospitality and guest service.



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Adding to its culinary achievements, SanSara was also named a Tatler Best Spotlight Restaurant 2026. The prestigious recognition celebrates outstanding dining destinations across Singapore and reflects SanSara's commitment to delivering authentic Northern Indian and Awadhi cuisine, exceptional hospitality and memorable culinary experiences. Led by Master Chef Pannalal Nath and his dedicated team, the restaurant continues to showcase the rich heritage and artistry of Indian gastronomy.

The hotel's people were also recognised on the regional stage, with Chief Concierge Muzaffar Azrin Jamil named a finalist at the Stelliers Asia 2026 awards. The recognition honours his unwavering passion for hospitality, exceptional dedication to guest service and commitment to creating memorable experiences for every guest.

These latest achievements further strengthen Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore's reputation as a destination where exceptional dining, sustainability and heartfelt hospitality come together to create meaningful experiences for guests from around the world.



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Celebrating Exceptional Hospitality And Service Excellence At Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur

General Manager Mr Jim Khoo and the Front Office team joined Shima in celebrating her achievement.

Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur was recently honoured with the Q1 2026 Service Excellence Hotel Award, while Ms Nur Hashimah Binti Yusseni (Shima) received the Q1 2026 Service Excellence Award – External Recognition under the Global HQ and Asia platform.

Since joining Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur in December 2022, Shima has played an important role in elevating the Club guest experience. As a Club Ambassador, she attends to guests staying in Club Rooms and higher categories, delivering attentive and personalised service from arrival to departure. From facilitating lounge check-ins and check-outs to anticipating guest needs, she helps create a smooth and memorable stay.

These accolades reflect the passion, dedication and care demonstrated daily by the team. Their unwavering commitment continues to elevate the guest experience and bring the hotel's service culture to life.

To mark Shima's achievement, the team organised a surprise celebration, bringing colleagues together to recognise her dedication and contributions. The occasion reflected the appreciation and admiration she has earned across the hotel.

Congratulations to Shima and the Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur team on the well-deserved recognition. As the team continues to support one another and put guests at the heart of all they do, Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur remains committed to creating memorable experiences and fostering a workplace where everyone can thrive.



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M Social Auckland Serves Up Another Winner In Iconic Eats Top 100

The M Social Auckland team celebrating their place in the Iconic Eats 100 with Chef Top showcasing the award.

M Social Auckland has once again secured a place in the prestigious Iconic Eats Top 100, with one of its signature dishes earning recognition among more than 2,400 entries from across the region. Curated annually, Iconic Eats showcases Auckland's top 100 must-eat dishes and celebrates the city's vibrant and diverse culinary landscape.

This marks the second consecutive year that M Social Auckland has been featured on the coveted list, reaffirming the hotel's reputation as a destination for innovative and memorable dining experiences.

The award-winning dish, a beautifully crafted trevally ceviche, highlights the very best of locally sourced New Zealand seafood. Inspired by Chef Top's Asian heritage, the dish combines vibrant citrus notes, fresh aromatics and delicate layers of flavour, offering a contemporary interpretation of a classic ceviche.

Developed through extensive experimentation and inspired by Auckland's dynamic food scene, the dish reflects the culinary team's commitment to quality ingredients, thoughtful techniques and creativity. The result is a dining experience that is fresh, refined and distinctly M Social.

This latest accolade underscores M Social Auckland's passion for pushing culinary boundaries while showcasing local produce and flavours. It also reflects the dedication and talent of the hotel's culinary team in delivering exceptional experiences for guests and diners alike.



The award-winning trevally ceviche that secured M Social Auckland a place in the Iconic Eats Top 100 for the second consecutive year.



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Long-Serving
Colleagues
Recognised
For Their
Outstanding
Dedication At
M Social Paris

Reservations Coordinator Ms Sophie Deflandre marks 34 years of dedicated service with M Social Hotel Paris. She is pictured with General Manager Mr Gilles Lodewyck.

M Social Paris recently celebrated its Long Service Awards, and honoured three remarkable colleagues whose dedication has helped shape the spirit and success of the hotel over many years.

Ms Emma Dalle and Ms Berthe Mulamba, both valued members of the Housekeeping team, celebrated an impressive 25 years of service. For a quarter of a century, their professionalism, positivity and unwavering dedication have played an integral role in creating the warm and welcoming environment that guests experience every day.

The hotel also celebrated Reservations Coordinator Ms Sophie Deflandre, who marked an extraordinary 34 years of service. Her exceptional commitment, responsiveness and wealth of experience have made her not only an invaluable colleague, but also a trusted and respected member of the team.



Celebrating 25 years of service, Ms Emma Dalle (left) and Ms Berthe Mulamba (right) have been an important part of the hotel's housekeeping team, led by Ms Tatjana Jancic (standing beside Emma).



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Conserving A Piece Of Singapore's Heritage, Villa Haji Kahar

1920s bungalow built by the
"King of Bedok".

The century-old Villa Haji Kahar, one of the last surviving landmarks of old Kampong Bedok, has been designated for conservation by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) for its historical and architectural significance.

HR Property Development is set to breathe new life into one of Singapore's hidden heritage gems. As plans progress for a premium landed residential development in Bedok, the more than 100-year-old Villa Haji Kahar will be conserved. HR Property Development is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hong Realty under the Hong Leong Group.

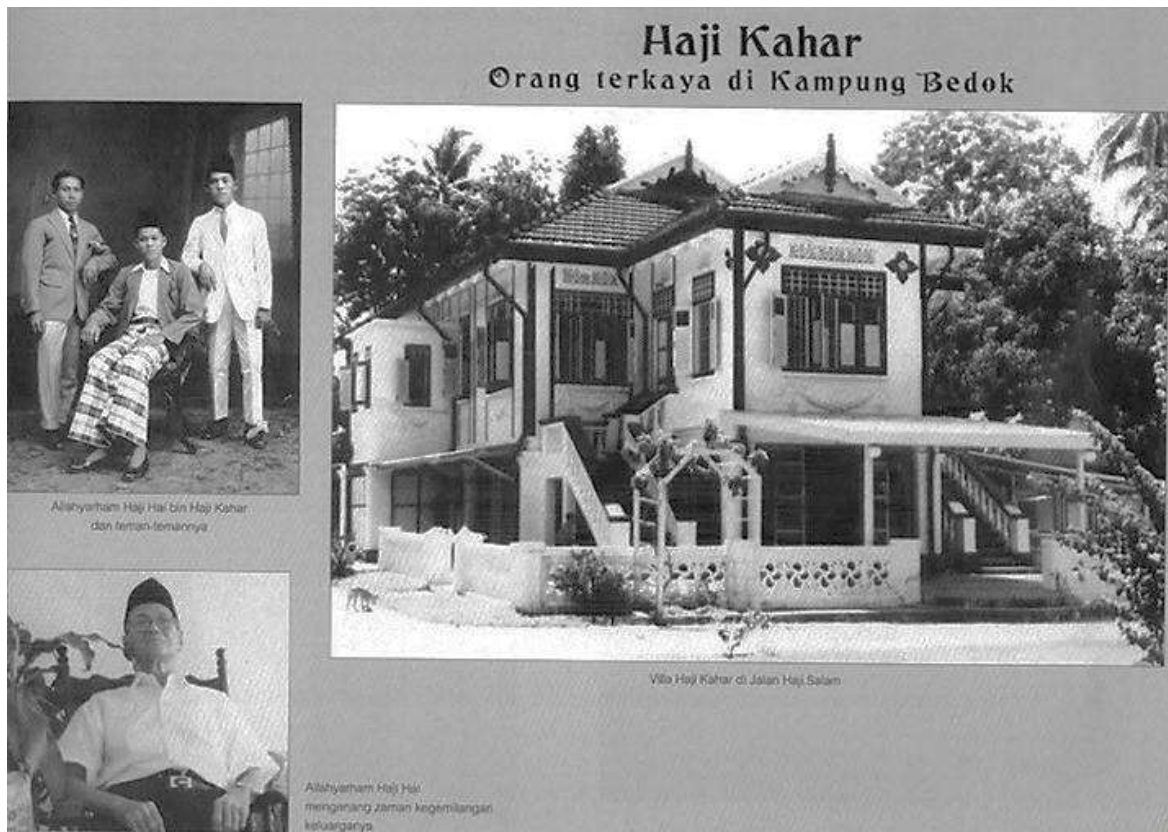
Villa Haji Kahar, a heritage bungalow dating back to the 1920s, has been designated for conservation by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA). The move recognises its historical and architectural significance as one of the last surviving landmarks of old Kampong Bedok.

The bungalow sits on a 5,963 sq m (64,185.2 sq ft) freehold site owned by HR Property Development, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hong Realty under Hong Leong Group. The site, which will be redeveloped into a premium private landed housing project, also includes a traditional kampung-style house and several single-storey buildings.

Historical significance

Villa Haji Kahar was built by Haji Kahar Abdul Ghani (1863–1940), a pioneering Malay entrepreneur who left his hometown of Palembang, Sumatra, Indonesia, for Singapore in 1882 in search of better opportunities. He went on to become one of Bedok's most prominent businessmen.

Beginning with odd jobs, he established a successful barter trading business linking Singapore and Palembang before expanding into property, plantations and retail. He also became the first Malay businessman to secure a distribution licence for His Master's Voice (HMV) gramophone records, reflecting Singapore's growing role as a regional trading hub in the early 20th century.



The Malay text in the photo translates to "The Richest Person in Kampong Bedok". Built in the 1920s, Villa Haji Kahar was the grand residence of Haji Kahar Abdul Ghani (1863–1940), a pioneering Malay entrepreneur widely known as the "King of Bedok". (Credit: Singapura Stories Facebook page. Original photo from the book, *Kilat Senja* by Hadijah Rahmat (2005), showing Villa Haji Kahar in Kampong Bedok on the street, Jalan Haji Salam.)

His business success enabled him to acquire around 30 acres of land in Bedok in the 1900s from a Chinese nutmeg plantation owner for about \$7,000, completed with small houses and fruit orchards, where he built Villa Haji Kahar as a family home large enough to accommodate his extended family of 16 children.



A kampung-styled house beside the villa that currently sits on the site. A kampung-styled house is a traditional Southeast Asian village home, typically found in Malaysia and Indonesia. (Credit: *The Straits Times*/Ng Keng Gene)



Kampong Bedok in the mid-20th century. Once home to a thriving Malay coastal community, the village was cleared in the 1970s to make way for modern urban development. (Credit: National Museum of Singapore)



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At the height of his success, Haji Kahar was one of the area's largest landowners and became widely known as the "King of Bedok". He had two horse-drawn carriages to ferry him between Bedok and the city and would later spend \$1,190 to replace his carriage with Ford cars.

Despite his wealth, he was remembered for his humility, declining the renaming of Jalan Haji Salam after himself out of respect for a village elder. In later years, he devoted much of his time to religious education, serving as a Quran teacher at the nearby Masjid Al-Taqua.

Beyond its striking blend of traditional Malay and imported architectural influences, Villa Haji Kahar stands as a physical reminder of Singapore's multicultural trading heritage and the contributions of early Malay entrepreneurs to the nation's development.



The URA said the villa "showcases an architectural fusion of traditional and imported styles".