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Photographer: Aaron Lee @lensworks_production

Makeup Artist: Deirdre Chong

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Venue: Lenswork Production

Wardrobe: Dark Blue Satin with Sequined Collar

from Cruise 2020 'Nyonya-tiful' by Melinda Looi

Bias cut gown with shirt collar

What's Happening in January



Dec 6 to Jan 1
Great British Circus Malaysia

Great British Circus brings its First Circus on Ice in Malaysia. An elegant, temperamental ballet on ice combined with magnificent traditional British circus acts. It is a real magical performance for all ages. For the first time in Circus Tent.

Tickets: RM25 to RM80
Venue: Laman Lanai @ MaTiC

Jan 4
Crowd Lu 2020 World Tour Malaysia

Taiwanese singer-songwriter Crowd Lu is set to grace Malaysia for the first time and brings together with him a fiery energy.

Tickets: RM188 to RM588
Venue: Malawati Indoor Stadium, Shah Alam



Jan 4 and 5
Viennese New Year

Glitz and glamour, pomp and splendour! Celebrate the New Year in true Viennese style with the music of Johann Strauss II. Known as the "Waltz King", he inspired a 19th century dance craze of swirling couples across the finest European ballrooms. Maestro Pietari Inkinen leads the MPO in this lighthearted yet nostalgic selection of Strauss' favourites.

Tickets: RM56 to RM141
Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas



Jan 4
City ROARS Festival 2020

2020 heralds a new era on Malaysia's music front with the debut of the City ROARS! Festival, an initiative dedicated to promoting independent music and arts from across the region. The one-day festival features artists from Malaysia, Taiwan, China, Japan, with four stages and side activities such as art bazaar, installations, workshops, talks and drums performance. So, your early-bird tickets now and be part of an unforgettable experience!

Ticket: RM250 (Door Sale)
Venue: Outdoor Lawn, Pentas 2, Indicine & Pentas 1, The Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (klpac)



Jan 6 to 11
Royal Langkawi International Regatta

Adrenaline is set to soar at the Royal Langkawi International Regatta (RLIR) 2020 as sailing enthusiasts prepare to sail their boats and endure challenging wind conditions.

Venue: Royal Langkawi Yacht Club, Langkawi



Jan 1
Ultron KL New Year Run 2020

Kick off the new year on a healthy note by participating in a New Year run.

Tickets: RM50 to RM200
Venue: Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur

MUST VISIT ART GALLERY



KL LIFESTYLE ART SPACE
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Jan 10
Authentic Ichiban 2020:
Authentic Japan Expo

This of the expo features one Malaysian and one Japanese word that together means 'Definitely Number 1' – a powerful proposition that is aimed to live up to. Running from 10-13 January 2020, Memang Ichiban coincides perfectly with the start of Visit Malaysia Year 2020 and will be a fun-filled event that is ideal for the entire family.

Venue: Tokyo Street, Pavilion
Kuala Lumpur



Jan 11 and 12
Yevgeny Sudbin Plays Rachmaninoff

Rachmaninoff's adored 2nd piano concerto tugs at our heartstrings with sweeping themes and lush harmonies. Dedicated to his hypnotherapist, this was the comeback which relaunched his career. Its iconic slow movement was later immortalised in several Hollywood films and even a pop ballad! Featuring pianist Yevgeny Sudbin and Stanislav Kochanovsky conducting Lutoslawski's folk-inspired Concerto for Orchestra.

Tickets: RM94 to RM188
Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas



Jan 12
Ballet
Challenge
2020

A performance platform for young dancers to meet international choreographer.

Ticket: RM38
Venue: Stage
2, Performing Arts
Centre of Penang
(penangpac)

Jan 12
Chinese New Year Celebration
with the Stars Concert 2020

This Chinese New Year be entertained by the likes of singers Irene Hong, Du Xiao Feng, Carmen Sam, Johnny Ho, Vivian Liong, Edmund Tan and Elias Goh, as they join forces in a spectacular line-up of festive performances. Don't miss out on an evening of sing and dance with these stars.

Tickets: RM46 to RM86
Venue: Arena of Stars, Genting
Highlands



Jan 10 to 12
7th Malaysian Jazz Piano Festival

Get your feet tapping and your body moving to the jazzy tunes during the annual Malaysian Piano Jazz Festival

Venue: Pentas 1, The Kuala Lumpur
Performing Arts Centre (klpac)
Ticket: RM85

Jan 11
Ardal O'Hanlon Live in
Kuala Lumpur

The Merry Lion presents another rapturous night of comedy right in the heart of the Klang Valley. Prepare for a once in a lifetime show with multi-award-winning comedian, actor, and writer Ardal O'Hanlon. His bestselling debut novel, 'The Talk of the Town' was featured in the influential tome, 1001 Books to Read Before You Die. Since early 2019, Ardal has been touring his show, 'The Showing off Must Go On' in the UK and Ireland, and due to popular demand has extended the tour into 2020.

Tickets: RM120 to RM200
Venue: PJ Live Arts, Kuala Lumpur.



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Jan 16 to 19
Women – On Man – On Man

Pendatang Pampers
Choreography by Suhaili Micheline

This work explores different bodies; body types of men dressed in corporate clothing, evoking a blend of the male masculinity but with the vulnerability of babies. A physical display of powerful-looking men packed with some theatrical elements, Pendatang Pampers reveals the ‘babyboss’ effect in an office environment depicting the current as well as history of events that has brought about a new wave of empowered youth, awareness and courage in people.

Wet Room
Choreography by Kenny Shim

Wet Room is a piece that is passionate, energetic and highly physical performance. Set in the male locker room, the piece plays with the peculiarity of male characteristics and behaviours whose awkward interactions result in compelling relationships. Wet Room also addresses the ego and masculinity ‘stripped naked’ when men find solitude in quiet places. Sensitivity, power, tenderness, strength, speed, quietness are the shades of the shadowed behaviour each character explores in Wet Room.

Ticket: RM75
Venue: Pentas 2, The Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (klpac)

Jan 17
Weng Li You Live in Concert 2020

Weng Li You participated in a talent show presented by Sanlih E-Television Inc where Cai Xiao Hu had introduced him to the recording label. In 2007, his song “我问天” was a hit and pushed him to the top of his career. He was named “Best Hokkien Male Singer” in Taiwan Golden Melodies in 2009.

Tickets: RM146 to RM296
Venue: Arena of Stars, Genting Highlands



Jan 18
Talattu - A Mother’s Song and
A Lovers Farewell By Rukimini
Vijayakumar

Talattu is an expression of two very strong bonds of love that we share in our lives. The bond between a mother and child and the bond with a lover. These two people see the same individual in totally varied perspectives. Talattu, takes the examples of Yashoda and Radha and their love for Krishna. It traces their personal journeys of joy and sorrow and how they deal with Krishna’s departure in very different ways.

Tickets: RM85 to RM259
Venue: Temple of Fine Arts, Brickfields

Jan 25
and 26
Chinese
New Year

Chinese New Year is the Chinese festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese calendar. The festival is usually referred to as the Spring Festival in mainland China, and is one of several Lunar New Years in Asia



Jan 18 and 19
Revolutionary Tales

Art meets politics as we revisit the life of Lenin and ideology of revolution in Symphony No. 12 by Shostakovich. Entitled “The Year 1917”, the composer pays hopeful tribute with his finale “The Dawn of Humanity”. Conducted by Stanislav Kochanovsky, the dramatic programme unfolds with a series of Beethoven’s most heroic overtures.

Tickets: RM56 to RM141
Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas

MUST VISIT MUSEUM



SASANA KIJANG GALLERY

BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
The Art Gallery provides a rotating display of the Central Bank of Malaysia’s art collection. Selected paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures which chart the nation’s milestones and highlight the Central Bank’s support for the arts include works by early masters such as Hossein Enas and Yong Mun Sen, continuing up to the present day.

THE NAUTILUS ICON

One of the most striking features in Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery is the Nautilus Staircase that begins from the lobby and links every floor. This structure is the inspiration for the main graphic icon. The icon is actively applied and prevalent across all of Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery’s communications material.

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MUST-WATCH MOVIES of the month



RATU ILMU HITAM JAN 2

The movie centres around Hanif who brought his family to the where he was raised. Hanif’s friends and their spouses joined them too. They arrived at the orphanage with the intention to stay and pay respects to those who had cared for them. What was assumed a peaceful night took a horrific turn. One by one, they experienced a terrible peculiarity – some are terrorised by the things they fear the most.

Genre: Horror
Cast: Ario Bayu, Hannah Al Rashid, Adhisty Zara



UNDERWATER JAN 9

The plot follows a crew of people who must scramble to safety after an earthquake devastates their subterranean laboratory. The trailer takes us deep inside the ocean and it seems that extreme danger awaits the characters in the dark tale. Seven miles deep inside the ocean, something has awakened, and it is not harmless. When the crew must walk across the bottom of the ocean to survival, they must contend with the deep-sea creature or creatures.

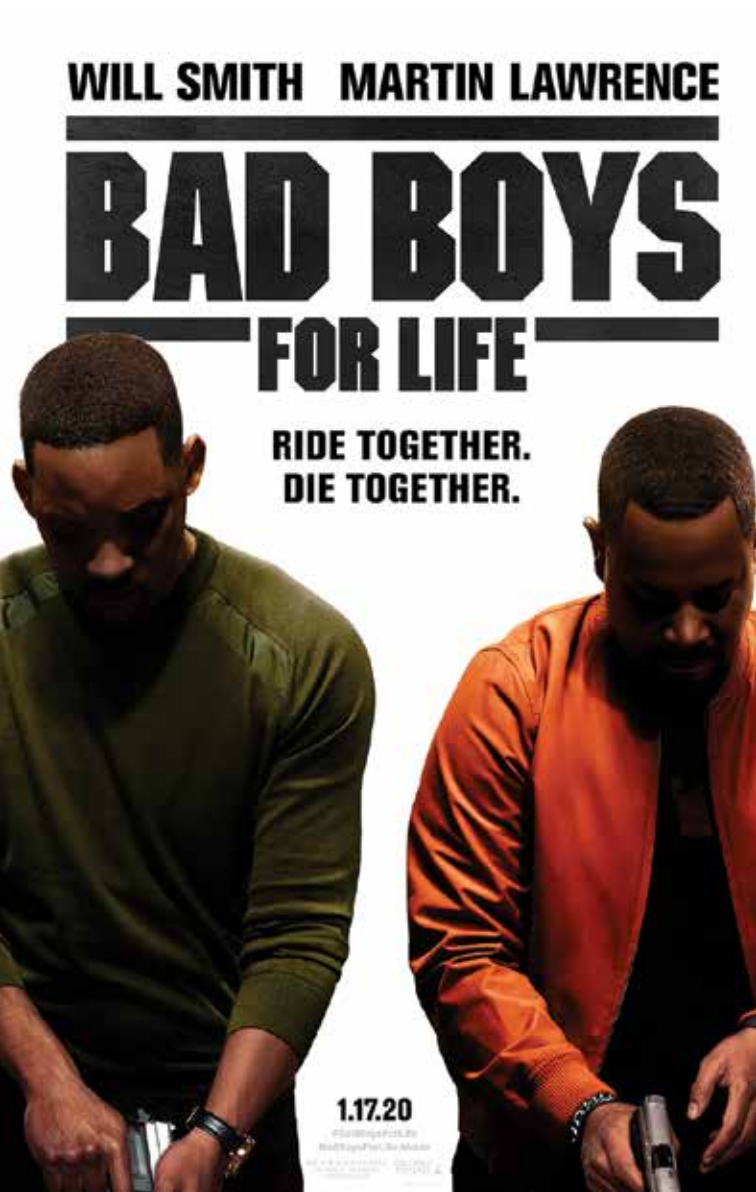
Genre: Horror
Cast: Kristen Stewart, T.J. Miller, Vincent Cassel.



DOLITTLE JAN 17

After losing his wife seven years earlier, the eccentric Dr. John Dolittle (Robert Downey Jr.), famed doctor and veterinarian of Queen Victoria’s England, hermits himself away behind the high walls of Dolittle Manor with only his menagerie of exotic animals for company. But when the young queen (Jessie Buckley, Wild Rose) falls gravely ill, a reluctant Dolittle is forced to set sail on an epic adventure to a mythical island in search of a cure, regaining his wit and courage as he crosses old adversaries and discovers wondrous creatures.

Genre: Comedy, Adventure
Cast: Tom Holland, Robert Downey Jr., Emma Thompson.



BAD BOYS FOR LIFE JAN 17

Old-school cops Mike Lowery and Marcus Burnett team up to take down the vicious leader of a Miami drug cartel. Newly created elite team AMMO of the Miami police department along with Mike and Marcus go up against the ruthless Armando Armas.

Genre: Action, Comedy, Crime
Cast: Vanessa Hudgens, Will Smith, Jennifer Badger.

CARMEN SOO

We revisit one of 2010's cover stars as we start the new decade



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 HAIR: BIBIAN LEONG

They say time changes everything and for model and actress Carmen Soo, this statement is truer than ever. When she first graced the cover of our February 2010 issue, we talked about her career and how she was looking to focus on acting. It's been almost ten years now, and as we catch up with her, she shares about her journey in the acting industry thus far and how she is now balancing being an actress with the most important role of her life - being a full-time mum to her baby daughter, Béa.

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level altogether.”

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE IN THE PAST DECADE?

The biggest change is definitely getting married and having a baby!
I was fully focused on my career back then and the past years have really been about shifting my priorities, giving more time to family and travelling less for work.

LAST WE SPOKE IN 2010, YOU WERE PRIORITISING YOUR ACTING CAREER. WE SEE THAT YOU’VE HAD MANY PROJECTS SINCE THEN. YOU WERE EVEN ON CRAZY RICH ASIANS. HOW HAS YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THE ACTING WORLD BEEN LIKE?

I have been working in the Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore regularly, and am very lucky to have experienced all the different working styles and cultures, which I treasure immensely.

Being on Crazy Rich Asians was another level altogether. Not only was I able to achieve my lifelong dream of being part of a Hollywood movie, the success of the film, what it stands for and how it changed the industry has truly made history.

I am so proud and lucky to have been on my acting journey. Working in different countries, with different actors, languages and cultures, helps me learn and absorb all that I can to improve my craft.

I still enjoy acting a lot, but being a mum, I cannot pick just any project that comes my way nowadays.

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHICH ACTING ROLES TO TAKE ON? ANY FAVORITE ROLES SO FAR?

There are many elements to help me decide whether to take on a role. It could be that I want to work with a certain director or actor. There have been some very interesting scripts and I am very excited to try out characters that I have never played before. Sometimes, it’s the journey of the character that attracts me.

My role in the film Orang Itu is something very different. I play the owner of a coffeeshop in Malaysia. There are some small physical transformations too and I love my character. Go watch it if you haven’t.

HOW DO YOU GET INTO CHARACTER BEFORE EACH SHOW, PLAY OR MOVIE?

Depending on the project and role, it’s a combination of talking to the writer and director. There’s also a lot of reading, research and imagination, and sometimes, it involves physical practices too.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT IN YOUR CAREER SO FAR?

Being in Crazy Rich Asians takes the cake.

WHAT ABOUT THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE THAT YOU’VE HAD TO OVERCOME AT WORK?

There are always challenges. In all projects.

Sometimes, it’s the language barrier. Other times, it’s working in difficult conditions and locations, such as in the forest where you’re far away from civilisation.

But I think the biggest challenge is surviving in this industry. Malaysia is a small market and to get continuous work is a challenge in itself. I believe I speak for everyone in the industry when I say we need help from the government and all parties in power to turn things around.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT SINCE THE BIRTH OF YOUR DAUGHTER, BÉA, YOU ARE NOW FOCUSING ON MOTHERHOOD. WHAT WAS THE TRANSITION LIKE GOING FROM BEING IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA TO BEING AT HOME MORE OFTEN?

I took care of Béa full time on my own for a year before I started on a project when she was 13 months old. It was so fulfilling and I am very blessed and fortunate to be able to stay at home and give her my all.

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STYLE: ANDREA KEE
MAKEUP: RACHEL @ PLIKA MAKEUP
HAIR: BIBIAN LEONG



But I believe that with all mothers, we need to love ourselves too and devote some time to ourselves, whether it's a career, a hobby or even just a chance to go for a massage.

There are days when I am only able to shower in the afternoon, and sometimes, I would catch my reflection in the mirror and get a shock! But that's part of the journey of being a mother. We give our all willingly for our babies, and it's fulfilling. It has been a learning experience for me - from loving it to feeling overwhelmed and to finding the balance again.

I know these ups and downs will come again but I also know it's totally worth it.

WITH BÉA AS YOUR PRIORITY NOW, WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING FOR OR HOPING TO FOCUS ON IN THE FUTURE, CAREER-WISE?

Miraculously, I have completed three projects this year. I know that as long as I am able to juggle my roles, I am able to keep a career while being a (mostly) full-time mother.

I have to be more selective with my projects, making sure they're worth me being away from my daughter. With that said, I hope to be involved in more exciting and meaningful projects.

THIS YEAR WILL BE BÉA'S SECOND CHINESE NEW YEAR AND FIRST AS A TODDLER. HOW WILL YOU BE CELEBRATING?

Our Chinese New Year celebrations are usually quiet, so there'll be lots of eating, resting and spending time with loved ones.

WHAT ARE SOME CHINESE NEW YEAR TRADITIONS THAT YOU FEEL ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO UPHOLD NOW THAT YOU HAVE A FAMILY OF YOUR OWN?

The reunion dinner is very important to me. We always eat with family during the first two days of Chinese New Year.

I believe this important tradition need not be practised only during festivities, but year-round. We should always make time to dine and connect with family.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS?

The abundance of food and the excuse to eat them all. My favourite Chinese New Year snack is arrowhead chips, and well, Yee Sang is a must.

The quiet roads in the Klang Valley are also a big plus during the holidays.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO ACHIEVING BY 2030?

The first thing that comes to mind is imagining Béa being a 12-year-old!

Hopefully, by then, I will have achieved all that I set out to do before I get too old. One of the worst things in life is living with regrets, so I better get to it!

IF YOU COULD HAVE A DAY WITH NO RESPONSIBILITIES AT ALL, HOW WOULD YOU SPEND IT?

I would spend the day caring for myself. Sleep, go for a facial, get my manicure done, go for a massage and sleep some more.

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU'D LIKE FOR YOUR DAUGHTER TO KNOW?

I would want her to know that we all love her so very much and that she makes me a better person. I did not know this kind of love until she came along.

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU'D LIKE FOR THE WORLD TO KNOW?

If we want change, every single one of us has to play a part and do something about it.

LIGHT PINK LACE WITH CREAM LINING
FROM CRUISE 2020 'NYONYA-TIFUL' BY MELINDA LOOI
Classic Cheongsam with side slits



ZODIAC HOROSCOPES FOR THE YEAR OF THE RAT

BY AGNES AUI

It's all things new this year with the start of another Chinese Zodiac Animal Calendar. According to a myth, the Jade Emperor said the Zodiac animal order would be decided by the order in which they arrived at his party. The Rat was first to arrive, placing in first out of the 12 animals. So, what does the Year of the Rat have in store for your Zodiac animal? Here's a compilation of Zodiac Horoscopes for the Year of the Rat:



RAT
Although a zodiac's year is traditionally the most unfortunate, 2020 will perform reasonably well for the Rat. Career will prove successful while health and relationships will prove to be a struggle. Those born in the Year of the Rat are advised to work toward creating a loving, open relationship environment.



OX
2020 will be a better year for the Ox due to the compatibility of the Rat and Ox, making the year full of blessings and advances. Relationships, however, will need more love and care while communication is critical, so be diligent and maintain open channels.



TIGER
Tigers are set to reap the benefits of the Year of the Rat. Those born in the Year of the Tiger should use their loyalty and intelligence for good. However, health and relationships will not have such a positive outlook and will need to be handled with attentiveness.



RABBIT
Blessings will continue from the previous year, especially with love as those born in the Year of the Rabbit will be most irresistible throughout the year. Though, be prepared for mental health issues and try to balance your emotions when you are feeling low.



DRAGON
Revered in Chinese culture, the Dragon will have a smooth Year of the Rat. More focus should be given to career and embrace your talents as they may pave the way to success. Prioritising yourself and spending time alone will also prove good for personal growth.



SNAKE
There won't be much to look forward to for Snakes, so those born in the year of the Snake should be on guard against suspicious behaviour. Nevertheless, fortune will come in the form of a friend or business associate. Put aside your misgivings and success will be possible.



GOAT
Be ready for a shift as last year brought fortune for the Goats but this year will prove difficult. Keep persevering when dealt with challenges and luck may come in some ways. Despite it not being a favourable year in many aspects, career will succeed.



HORSE
The Year of the Rat will be difficult for the Horse because they are not compatible. Turn the bad year around by performing good deeds. Be kind to others and help those in need and it may prove to be successful instead.



MONKEY
2020 will bring good luck and misfortune to those born in the Monkey year. Career will not see much improvement but health and relationships will be blessed. Be mindful of strengths and weaknesses this year and try to channel a sense of harmony.



ROOSTER
Use your talents to your advantage in career opportunities and surround yourself with friends and family for the good things come from a supportive home. However, work towards becoming more level-headed and peaceful in all situations, especially office-related ones.



DOG
Success is all year round for those born in the year of the Dog. Be ready for growth opportunities and overall progress. Also pay attention to friends as they will play essential roles throughout the year and can be relied on for support during success or failure.



PIG
2020 will be better and opportunities may present themselves at any time, so look forward. However, expect difficulties keeping your temper and concentration. Do everything you can to focus on the good for the year.

Source: chinesenewyear.net

WHEN IN MONT KIARA ...

Saunter through the affluent neighbourhood of Mont Kiara and experience its multifaceted offerings, from a luxurious spa experience, cosy cafes, to discovering a home away from home. Check out our guide to exploring Mont Kiara below.

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



Hammam

Leave your woes behind at the doors of the hammam and embark on a journey of purification and relaxation. Experience the culture of the Ottoman empire firsthand with the slew of spa packages offered such as the hammam and gommage and aromatic massage to name a few. After slaving over a 9-5 job, we deserve a lavish R&R.



Kopenhagen Coffee

Find Hygge in any one of Kopenhagen’s comforting coffee and pastries. An approach to the Nordic lifestyle starts with the food. The menu here is prepared with Hygge and wholesomeness in mind – starting with the ingredients, which they source from local farmers (to give back to the farming community). It’s not hard to make healthy choices here. Their breakfast menu looks like clean eating goals – freshly baked spelt bread with sliced avocado, served with velvety smooth scrambled eggs.



Batik Boutique

For the artistic, a lesson on batik making might just be the outlet you’re looking for. Allow your inner artist to shine through at the Batik Boutique workshop where you are exposed to batik or shibori (tie dye). Learn the fundamentals of batik-making and at the end of the day, take home your personalised work of art.



Fire Station

If you’re looking to be motivated and inspired by a growing community with a passion for health, sign yourself up at Fire Station. This highly Instagrammable gym offers both personal training and small group training with its core being HIIT (high-intensity interval training) which gives the fastest results and the highest calorie burns.



Kettlebell

After an electrifying workout at the Fire Station, refuel your body with some nutritious and equally scrumptious fare at Kettlebell. Tucked next to the boutique gym, this café makes for a cosy nook to settle in and do some work or to just enjoy a good cuppa.

Jaslyn Cakes

Patronised by many for its rustic, homey desserts, Jaslyn Cakes is a name sworned by many sweet tooths. The second outpost in Mont Kiara is relatively bigger than its flagship in Bangsar, boasting an al-fresco seating area. The similarities that remain, however, are the luxurious, simply delicious desserts and the laidback ambience. Our personal favourite here is the Lemon Drizzle Butterloaf.



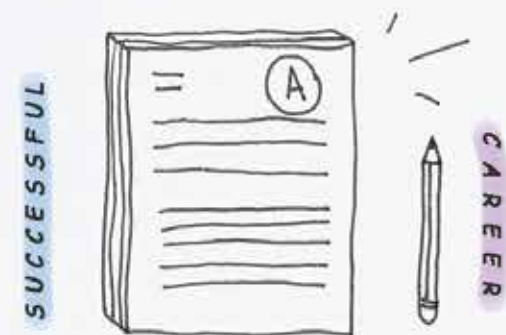
Hyatt House

Check into Hyatt House Kuala Lumpur, an extended hotel stay that connects you to the international cosmopolitan enclave of Mont Kiara. Its strategic locale is just a stone’s throw away from premium fashion chains, niche lifestyle stores and vibrant nightlife. Grab a book and relax at the Rooftop Sky Pool.



WHAT ARE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

COMPILED BY CRYSTAL CHONG



The new year is a magical time, bringing with it new hope for a better future. This year is especially special because we're also welcoming a new decade.



To mark this occasion, we reached out to our readers to find out what resolutions they're working towards in 2020. Here's what they shared with us.



My New Year's resolution is to move to a new house with my family. We have been facing issues with bed bugs for almost three years now. Every year, we call in pest control and spring clean, but the bed bugs continue to be a problem. We are unable to sleep, we get mood swings and our relationship has become tenuous. I hope when I get enough money, we can move out.
- **Ainal Fahmi**



- 1. Be open to meeting new people. As I am getting older, I think it's important for me to set time aside to get together with new people and friends.
 - 2. Address my anxiety. This is something I've lived with for a long time and I want to learn how to handle it better.
 - 3. Put down my phone more often. It's so important for me as I need to connect with real people and the real world.
- **Abah Man**



Being a single mum, my life was like a rollercoaster ride. Sometimes, I'd skip lunch so I could have some money for my kids. It's like I have forgotten to smile and enjoy the beauty of life. In 2020, I am starting my 40's, so my resolution is to be happy and successful. I want to be a role model for my kids and have more holidays. I will make my life simple and fun.
- **Sharmila Raj**



I indulged in food without much exercising, which resulted in my weight jumping to 85 kg. My mom, aged 65, is my fitness fairy as she accompanied me on my journey to be fitter and healthier. I managed to shed 20 kg over the years. She believes progress is for everyone and my resolution for 2020 is to continue my fitness regime without putting her time and effort in vain.
- **Robin Brian Vander Slott**



I am a home baker, so my New Year's resolution is to get more orders and my own baking space in our house. I also want to save more money and try to fulfill what my kids want, like bring them for a holiday.
- **Umami Zaydan**



Quitting my job and becoming a full-time housewife was not an easy decision. But since I have chosen to make this sacrifice for my family, my New Year's resolution is to prepare myself mentally, emotionally and physically for life without my monthly income. I hope I can fulfill my responsibility towards each of them and – this is very important – be able to control my EQ so I don't get too stressed with the 24-hour tasks. I look forward to slowly achieving this goal in 2020.
- **Rose Mary**



My 2020 New Year's resolutions:

1. Be kinder to myself and love myself more.
2. Get back into a manageable fitness program after the birth of my second child.
3. Renew my passport and travel overseas! (I have not travelled anywhere since the birth of my first child 2 years ago.)
4. Get in touch more frequently with my friends and family.
5. Learn to be more patient and less of a perfectionist.

- **Audrey Wong**



My resolution is to give more love to my family and friends, especially my ageing mum. I would also like to dedicate more time to staying healthy and happy. Last month, I did a mission trip to the Promise Home in Slim River, Perak and I returned with many different views. Whatever I'm blessed with, I would like to bless others too. So I will participate in more mission trips. Last but not least, let us all usher in the new year with lots of love.

- **Katie Lim**



My resolution is to be a better man by committing to the following:

1. Drive politely and behave.
2. Visit my parents at least once a month.
3. Volunteer more and help people in need.
4. Maintain a positive lifestyle.

Hopefully, I can achieve these and prove to my girlfriend that these promises are not a show to win her heart, but that they are truly my aspirations.

- **Wafiq Hakim**



My New Year's resolution is to be a better mother for my kids, a great wife for my husband and a good daughter for my parents. My other target is to live a peaceful life without any debt.

- **Za Fira**



My New Year's resolution is to strike a balance between technology and face-to-face social interaction. I hope to communicate more with my loved ones, strengthen our relationships and create more memorable moments together. We can also lead a healthier lifestyle by switching off the TV, putting our phones away during meal times, encouraging conversation among one another, getting outdoors and moving with sports like badminton, jogging or even gardening.

- **Kong Pak Seong**



My New Year's resolution is to be:

[H]ealthier in mind, body and soul – Exercise more while watching what I eat.

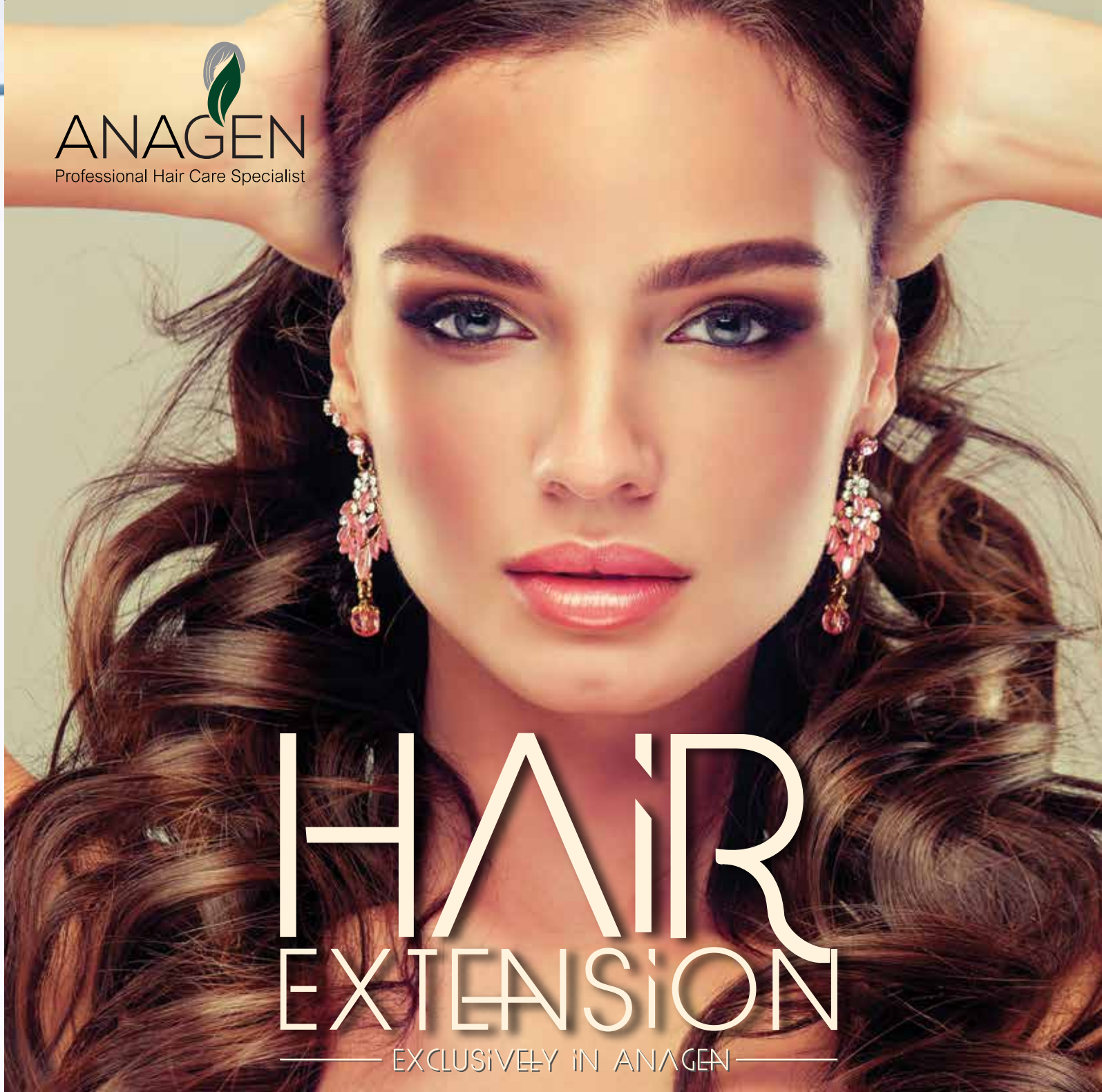
[A]llocate enough time for my family – Work smart and leave time for family get-togethers and holidays.

[P]atient in all ways – Not get irritated with every little thing.

[P]ick up a new language – Mandarin or Japanese sounds like a good start.

[Y]oung at heart - Never believe I am 'too old' to do anything!

- **Hayley Maris**



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Nippori

A Home-Cooked Affair

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

A cosy Japanese home best describes Nippori. The relaxed energy here is mustered by young restaurateur, Daichi, who pays an ode to his Japanese heritage through this café. Nippori embodies the Japanese tradition, from its façade to fare. Beyond the sliding doors, a quaint, modest interior transports patrons to a Japanese home with its wooden accents and tatami seating area. The extensive menu serves sets of true-to-tradition, home-cooked varieties, nigiri sushi, sashimi and creative additions for the adventurous.

Burnt Cheese Curry Ramen

While burnt cheese and Japanese are the unlikelyst of pairs, Daichi presents creativity brimming in a bowl. Nippori’s sought-after Japanese curry is united chicken soup stock (Daichi’s father’s recipe) for a familiar flavour. This is met with springy ramen, burnt mozzarella cheese, homemade chicken char siew and Tokyo ajitamago egg. We loved this simple, yet sinful dish – it reflects something a mother would whip up on a rainy day.

Original Japanese Hamburg Rice Set

The juicy and delicious hamburg patty blanketed in a rich sweet and savoury sauce, is meant to be eaten with plain



A slew of Nippori’s highlights

steamed rice rather than a bun - and its perfect that way. Topped with a sunny side up, this dish makes the ultimate Japanese home-style comfort food that you can’t find in most Japanese restaurants here. With a variety of flavours to choose from like white cheese garlic sauce, cheese lava red sauce and cheddar cheese sauce, you will never get bored of it even if you have one every other day. The set is served with watermelon, chawanmushi, miso soup and daikon.

Unagi Stamina Maki

For unagi lovers, Nippori offers assorted renditions of this Japanese delicacy, from

an entire fillet, don to maki – which we chose. The imported unagi is prepared kabayaki style, grilled and basted with kabayaki sauce. Japanese rice, tamagoyaki, kyuri (cucumber) make the maki. The well-prepared unagi serves rich flavours with an appetising texture – crisp on the outside but succulent and tender on the inside.

King Salmon Nigiri

This was a salmon affair and an oishi experience. Crafted by Chef Fukuzato, a trio of salmon nigiri allures with its generously long slice and pink hue. Atop the salmon slices are three differing condiments such as the tobiko mayo, aburi mentai and crabmeat gratin

cheese. Sit back and allow your palate to encounter different taste profiles.

Hokkaido Burnt Cheesecake

They say good things come to those who wait – so we did and were rewarded with a velvety, Hokkaido burnt cheesecake. Creamy with a soft centre and light as a feather, Nippori’s burnt cheesecake marked a sweet ending to our glorious meal.

Nippori *Japanese cuisine (pork-free)
Empire Damansara, G11, Jalan PJU 8/8,
Damansara Perdana, 47820 Petaling Jaya,
Selangor.

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Skillet at 163

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Skillet at 163 bursts at the seams with flounce, flurry and fanciness – after its refurbishment. This Modern European restaurant emanates a contemporary setting, elevated by an open kitchen, velour seating and an indulgent menu. The words bold, brilliant and bewitching come to mind when describing Skillet at 163’s autumn and winter menu.

The gastronomic voyage commenced with the arrival of starters, Potato Salad with Ikura and Bidor Duck Prosciutto. This dynamic duo was a play of textures and umami flavours. The latter was intriguing – encased in a tart was a thinly-sliced duck, sourced from Bidor, Perak and cured for 150 days. It was complemented with endives, walnut and sat on orange marmalade and pomegranate. Pierogi, a European dish, is essentially dumplings with either savoury or sweet filling. Skillet’s rendition of this dish is a stroke of genius – its filling creatively substituted with vegan meat, served with pumpkin puree, baked pumpkin and sealed with cheese foam.

The build of flavours reached its apex with the main courses – Venison Pithivier and Chilean Seabass. In Skillet’s maverick manner, the venison was strolled in on a trolley and cut in half to reveal the titillating meat within. The poultry was sheathed by pastry, layered with mushroom and kaduk leaves, and accompanied by vintage 2015 cranberries as well as brussel sprouts. The Chilean Seabass, was lighter in texture and piquancy, surrounded by a moat of reduced umami broth, an interjection of daikon for sweetness and tucked underneath the seabass was Spätzle (German pasta).

The Signature Texture of Chocolate dessert concluded our journey. Presented in a merry fashion, eyes were drawn to the bauble-looking dessert, made from single-origin Venezuela chocolate, spiced butternut squash, cocoa soil and blonde chocolate – an indulgent end to an indulgent meal.

Skillet at 163 *Modern European Cuisine (pork-free)
163, Fraser Place Kuala Lumpur, 10, Jalan Perak, 50450 Kuala Lumpur.



Malai Thai Cuisine

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Malai, a word that translates to traditional Thai flower garland, often given as offering or for good luck, is as synonymous with Thai culture as with its food. So, you can expect a voyage to the lengths and breadths of Thailand, through its traditional fare. Supplementing the experience are Thai embellishments, and tableware hand-picked and imported from Thailand.

To start, we had the Gai Hor Bai Toey, deep-fried, bit-sized honey chicken assembled on skewers and wrapped in pandan leaves – simple yet appetising. The mark of a good Thai restaurant is naturally, dictated by its Tom Yum. Malai’s Tom Yum, potent with delicious herbs and spices and the star of the show, river prawns, was a winner. Match this with fragrant steamed rice and you have yourself an indulgent meal.

Green curry is well bekknown to most of us, but Thai red curry, is intriguing. Also known as Gaeng Pad, we encountered upon spiciness hinted by its reddish hue. The tender chicken withintense piquancy is best eaten with rice. Another favourite from Malai Thai Cuisine is its Goong Rad Sauce Ma Kam or deep-fried shrimp with tamarind sauce. Savoury seekers would appreciate the mammoth-sized prawns tossed in a balanced sauce of sweet and sour.

Malai Thai Cuisine *Thai Cuisine (pork-free)
Fraser Place Kuala Lumpur, 10, Jalan Perak, 50250 Kuala Lumpur.





Himawari Japanese Cuisine

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Defined as sunflower, Himawari Japanese Cuisine is a hidden jewel nestled in the unassuming neighbourhood of Taman Desa. Take a flight of stairs to ascend to an intimate space that serves home-cooked Japanese fare, complemented by Japanese accents. Options here are aplenty, so we left our palates in the good hands of Tan, who helms Himawari.

While appreciating the Japanese knick knacks that furnish this eatery, a slew of starters arrived – the Korokke (breadcrumb fried mashed potato), Kawahagi (grilled fillet fish), Saba Shioyaki – grilled mackerel with salt and Salmon Shioyaki – grilled salmon. These are best savoured with beers or sake.

Then, the pièce de résistance. What appeared as a simple starter, took our palates away at first bite. The Goya Champuru – stir-fried bitter gourd with pork belly, tofu and egg closely resembled a homecooked Chinese dish. Crowned as Himawari's best-selling item, each morsel was a savoury balance of flavours.

The Salmon Zosui, essentially a Japanese porridge was the epitome of comfort food and promptly became our favourite. Perfect to cosy up to during a rainy day, this comforting bowl is a full-bodied Japanese rice soup with salmon, tofu, vegetables and egg.

For something more indulgent, we recommend Himawari's setto (sets) – each accompanied by a bowl of rice, miso soup, salad and chawanmushi. Being creatures of habit, we settled for the trusty chicken karaage, which boasted golden hue, crunchy exterior and a tender meat.

Himawari Japanese Cuisine *Japanese Cuisine *Casual Dining (non-halal)
20-1, Jalan 1/109E, Desa Business Park, Taman Desa, 58100 Kuala Lumpur.
Tel: 03-7972 2662



Krung Thep

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Krung Thep is a nod to Bangkok, Thailand's heart and central basin where the country's food, people, culture and traditions congregate. The menu here is a story of Thai flavours spanning across its four regions (North, Central, Isan (Northeast) and South). With a chef from the Land of Smiles steering the kitchen as well as the freshest ingredient used, one can expect authentic encapsulation of Thai cuisine.

Our lunch affair commenced with a complimentary starter – the Herb Garden. As its eponym indicates, a bowlful of herbs with long coriander leaves, Thai apple aubergine, cucumber and watercress served with aubergine, sriracha and tamarind sauces, resembles the Malaysian ulam. Then, the Miang Kam, a typical Thai appetizer was served.

Appetites whetted and in anticipation of the next dish, the Pla Tort Sahn Rot – whole black pomfret with three flavours sauce arrives boasting its crunchy consistency. The sauces, derived from palm sugar, tamarind and dried chilli supplemented the fish with beautiful, balanced flavours. Don't allow the unassuming appearance of the Geng Pua Bai Chapluu fool you. Like a mystery, this Southern Thai yellow crab curry took its time to unravel the spice and potent piquancy. We recommend eating this with rice.

A favourite we encountered was the Gung Orb Woon Sen – claypot baked sea prawns tossed with glass noodles, ginger and accompanied by green chilli sauce. Palatable and comforting are the words that reflect this simple dish. Whether an after-work tinkle like the Princess Pandan or libations such as Lemongrass Cooler to complement the fare, you would find that even the drinks personify the spirit of Thailand seamlessly.

Krung Thep *Thai Cuisine *Casual Dining (pork-free)
G05, Ground Floor, Republik, 1, Jalan Medan Setia 1, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur



Rage 2.0

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

RAGE's latest outpost in Mid Valley, bears similar semblance other outlets – neon pink lights and a punching bag to blow off steam. Making its way through the ranks of the F&B scene, RAGE 2.0 departs from the mundane and presents a spanking new, reinvented menu with standout meal options throughout the day, curated coffee, matcha-based drinks as well as brand-new frappes, with multiple options for the lactose intolerant.

Its laidback ambience and long tables make the cafe a watering hole for caffeine aficionados and social butterflies alike. The eatery's fresh menu takes into account the growing community of vegans and offers many plant-based protein options. Pairing Asian spices with Western passion for food, the RAGE kitchen appeals to the local palate with signatures such as the RAGE Lamb Wrap. A tortilla wrap canoodles Bean Brothers' low and slow-cooked lamb to present a tender meat with a smoky flavour. Pair this with Clarified Coconut Pineapple Cream Tea for a light medley of coconut and pineapple.

A bowl that packs quite a literal punch is the Tenderloin Rice Bowl. Beef tenderloin is the star of the show here, surrounded by lettuce, chilli and at its centre, is an onsen egg. Give it a good mix and allow the spice and umaminess to unravel upon your palate. Non-caffeine drinkers such as myself would appreciate the slew of new frappes, the Pandan Gula Melaka Frappe and Strawberry Milk for example. It doesn't take long to be bewitched by the Pandan Gula Melaka Frappe. This cheeky, festive and delicious drink is one that speaks to the soul and though sinful, it is worth every slurp.

RAGE 2.0, Mid Valley City, 58000 Kuala Lumpur.
*Asian Fusion *Casual Dining

Crème De La Crème X The Tokyo Restaurant

BY AGNES AUI

Following suit their collaboration with Sanrio and their Hello Kitty goodies, Crème De La Crème is marrying its famed ice cream with The Tokyo Restaurant (TTR)'s equally famed burnt cheesecake to create the ultimate desserts infused with the best of two worlds.

Those with a sweet tooth can savour artisanal ice creams namely Burnt Caramel Cheesecake comprising of burnt caramel ice cream swirled with TTR burnt cheesecake and Tokyo La Crème made from cream cheese ice cream featuring fresh Australian cream cheese texturized with equal proportion of TTR burnt cheesecake.

Go all out and try their plated dessert, with TTR cheesecake and a generous scoop of Burnt Caramel ice cream served with hazelnuts and caramel.

Crème De La Crème *dessert (pork-free)
35G, Ground Floor, Jalan SS 21/60, Damansara Utama, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

The Tokyo Restaurant (pork-free)
Level 4 Lot 10 Shopping Center, 50, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Bukit Bintang, 50250 Kuala Lumpur



Lamington French Toast



Sunny Salmon

The Red Beanbag

Breakfast for lunch and dinner

BY AGNES AUI

Established within Publika Mall in Solaris Dutamas, The Red Beanbag is the perfect place to recharge and find solace after a long day of shopping. The best thing about this modern contemporary café is the fact that it serves wholesome breakfasts available all day, alongside other western dishes.

If you’re wondering what to try when visiting The Red Beanbag, we suggest the Benedict III with beef bacon layered on a portobello mushroom, kale, thick French toast topped with hollandaise sauce and two poached eggs. All it takes are gentle bites to experience that savoury burst of flavour with a hint of tartness. Spice up your choice by choosing The Kraken, made from squid ink spaghetti, grilled whole squid and spicy cream sauce. The squid on its own was the star of the dish as it was soft, tender and had a slight smoky taste from the grilling.

Savour salmon in an unconventional way with the Sunny Salmon, where salmon fish cake is accompanied by a carrot rösti, sautéed mushrooms, ikura, pomegranate seeds and topped with a poached egg and hollandaise sauce. Slice into the dish like a birthday cake and be met with lovely oozing egg yolk, moist fish cake and some sweetness from the pomegranate seeds. However, dessert lovers might want to try the Lamington French Toast, an inspiration from the Australian Lamington. The florally-plated dish of desiccated coconut coated brioche French toast with strawberry filling, matcha crumble, coconut mascarpone and strawberries might look too pretty to eat but the sugary goodness will have you going in for seconds or even thirds.

When it comes to actual desserts, people tend to say “there’s always room for desserts” – and it’s true with The Red Beanbag’s Avocado ice cream. Indulge in homemade avocado ice cream on brownie chunks, honeycomb and Nutella fudge sauce. The ice cream on its own is creamy, thick and dense, almost like eating cake. But when combined with the brownie chunks and honeycomb, the dish becomes cohesive, flawless and had us scraping the bowl for more. The cosy and quiet eatery is a place fit for all as the extensive menu offers one of every kind, so rejoice food enthusiasts.

The Red Beanbag
Block A4, Publika, A4-1-08, Jalan Dutamas 1,
Solaris Dutamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur



Benedict III



Avocado Ice Cream



The Toast House

BY AGNES AUI

On a street of SS15 is a franchise from Taiwan that serves bold flavours amidst other well-known Taiwanese bubble tea brands in the area. The Instagram-worthy eatery is a place fit for wholesome weekend brunches, with charcoal-grilled toasts, burgers and Taiwanese pancakes.

For starters, try the Bacon and Cheese Pancake – made from imported Taiwanese pancake, layered with pieces of bacon, oozy cheese and smothered in sweet sauce for that slight kick of sweetness in every savoury bite.

Their charcoal-grilled Jumbo Thick Cut Beef Sandwich with beef patty, egg, mashed potato, and homemade Taiwanese mayonnaise are grilled over charcoal flames and assembled into four layers, giving it that authentic smoky taste while the beef patty remains juicy and succulent.

If you’re looking for something other than sandwiches, give their Taiwanese burgers a shot. The Crispy Fried Chicken Burger made with locally-sourced chicken and Taiwan-imported coating – giving it a hint of spice and noticeable crunch.

But the highlight was their Taro and Cheesy Egg Sandwich dessert toast made from a filling of taro and special ingredients mixed with melted cheese. It was an unexpected appetising blend of sweet taro filling and the salty fusion of cheese. As companion, their black tea with milk offers a cooling and sugary touch while the plain black tea gives a slight herby finish.

The Toast House *Taiwanese Cuisine (non-halal)
70, Jalan SS 15/4b, Ss 15,
47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor



myPizzaLab

BY AGNES AUI

Satisfy your pizza cravings with unique and homey creations from myPizzaLab, an eatery that sits comfortably in Sea Park, accompanied by minimalistic interior and a bright neon sign.

Try its Huat The Duck pizza with smoked duck slices, gouda, onion jam and torched mandarin oranges that’s a play on the classic Hawaiian Pizza. The piquant duck slices and tang from torched mandarin oranges go well together – making it what they call ‘The Good Stuff’ indeed.

For spice lovers, try their new SG. Chilli Crab Pizza topped generously with crabsticks, mussels and chilli crab sauce. With every bite taken, there was an equal portion of crabstick, chilli crab sauce and cilantro that was spicy but not too overpowering.

The seasonal Cempedak (jackfruit) Boba Pizza is made from Cempedak paste, mozzarella cheese and boba pearls. For some, it may sound uncanny but trust us when we say that the texture of the boba blended well with the sweet and familiar Cempedak paste.

If boba pizzas aren’t enough, then fret not because myPizzaLab is also home to myBobaLab and its one-of-a-kind boozy boba. The Crouching Tiger had evident taste of Tiger Beer and torched rosemary while the refreshing Pink Shock electrifies with its lemon ayu jelly and limeade. myPizzaLab’s imaginations go off the chart with quirky pairings, it’s no wonder that the eatery proves a success among young and adventurous foodies throughout Malaysia.

myPizzaLab *Western Cuisine (pork-free)
12, Jalan 21/22, Sea Park,
46300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

NEA Fine Bake

Labour of love through the art of pastry

BY AGNES AUI



Chicken Strip Croissant Sandwich

Nestled in Kota Kemuning is a minimalistic French-inspired bakery and café called NEA Fine Bake. Founded by head chef Barcspain Nea, the café mirrors the young Malaysian – poise, elegant and welcoming. Trained in France and worked under a Michelin restaurant, Barcspain curates his own recipes, adding Asian elements like green tea, salted egg yolk and taro.

Their croissants, ranging from plain and salted egg yolk to unique yam and polo-bun are made from scratch. Barcspain taught me

to eat them with my hands instead of cutleries as I would be breaking the layers apart. True enough, they were fluffy on the inside and glistening on top with enticing crackling sounds as I bit the crisp pastry while its filling oozed out – a harmonious blend of flavours.

Their Madeleine cake are made with 75% less sugar which lifted other components, allowing consumers to thoroughly taste the ingredients used and making it a wholesome experience. Take your pick from four flavours namely lemon, green tea, earl grey and chocolate – with each element strikingly

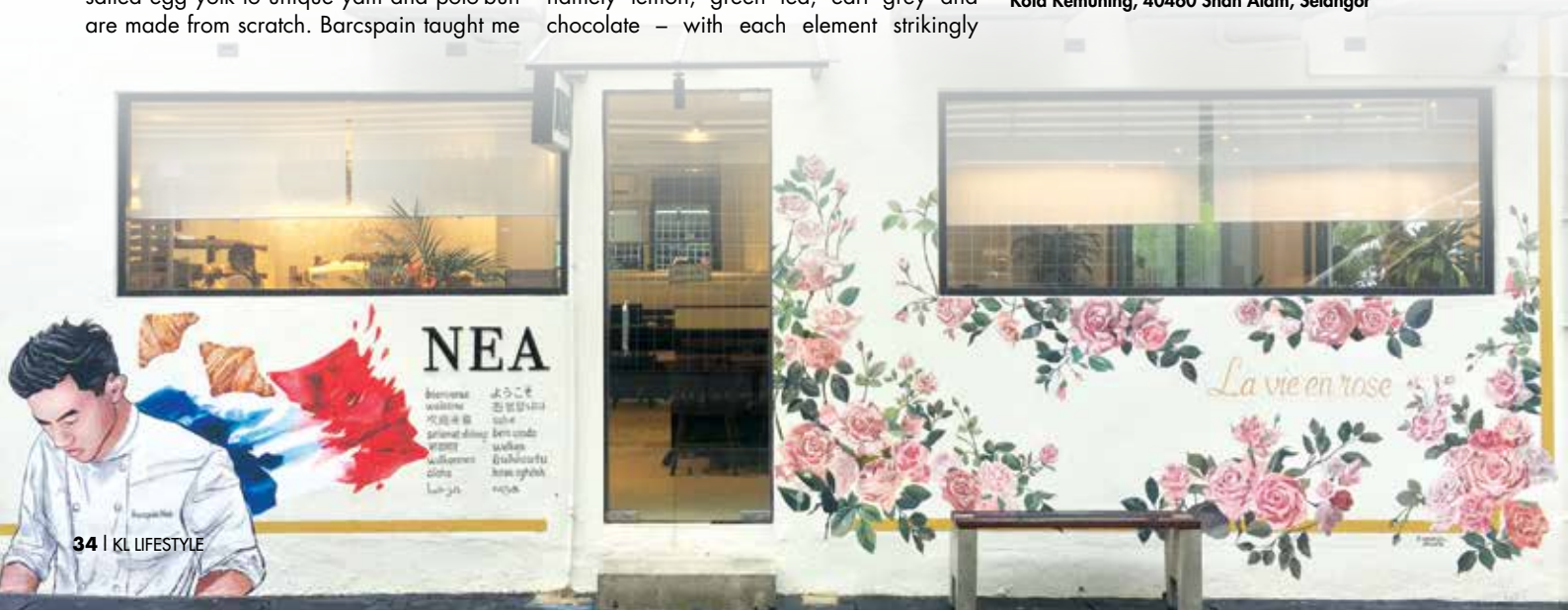
distinct. My personal favourites were the earl grey and lemon, with the strong bergamot-infused tea taste and citrusy touch.

Savoury choices include Ayam Masak Merah (Chicken in Red Chilli Sauce) with Pandan rice that reminded me of an Indian dish while the spiciness was similar to Korean Samyang spicy noodles, perfect for spice challenge lovers. Their chicken strip croissant sandwich with slight heat from the chilli infused in the salted egg yolk batter and the buttery croissant makes it a hearty dish to have for brunch.

Accompanying my meal was their signature drink of sour plum and lime marinated in bamboo sugar with soda water, their personal twist on a nostalgic childhood drink. Great as a pick-me-up on mundane days, the concoction was sweet, sour and refreshing.

Before leaving, I took time to admire the painted artwork by local artist Ng En Ni outside the café – a beautiful floral pattern on the right and a flawless portrait of the founder in his element, constructing croissants in a chef’s white. As I bid farewell to Barcspain and Steffi, I knew I would be back soon enough to have another go at their authentic pastries.

NEA Fine Bake *French cuisine (pork-free)
12, Jalan Anggerik Vanilla 31/93,
Kota Kemuning, 40460 Shah Alam, Selangor



Pampas Reserve Grill & Bar

BY AGNES AUI



Strategically located in Suasana Bukit Ceylon, Pampas Reserve Grill & Bar is home to some delectable steak and mashed potatoes.

Surrounded by a serene atmosphere, we delved into our lunch for the day starting with the smoked Salmon Roulade that was a soft and flavourful bite of smoked Norwegian salmon roll stuffed with cream cheese and dill marinated in chimichurri dressing.

For mains, the CAAB Black Angus Beef Rib Eye with a baked jacket potato was cooked to a perfect medium rare, smothered with herb butter and melted in our mouths. We then tried the Braised Lamb Shank that’s been braised for six to eight hours with tender and succulent meat accompanied by a buttery blend of mashed potato.

Beverages were curated for our lunch – a Red Wine Sangria with fresh fruit and rum marinated for two days that was unmistakably stronger in alcohol taste and the Gin-based cocktail with ginger and Spanish Juniper that were both ideal choices for alcohol enthusiasts.

To end the meal, we tried the Warm Dark Chocolate Ganache, a molten lava cake served with vanilla ice cream topped with homemade dehydrated orange that’s decadent and rich. Pampas has already made a prominent mark in the food industry and it’s clear why – nothing defines Pampas Reserve Grill & Bar other than top notch dishes and attractive beverages.

Pampas Reserve Grill & Bar *Argentinian cuisine (pork-free)
G01, Suasana, 2, Persiaran Raja Chulan, Bukit Ceylon, 50200 Kuala Lumpur

NALE – The Nasi Lemak Co.

BY AGNES AUI

Nasi Lemak is a Malaysian dish consisting of white rice cooked in coconut milk accompanied by roasted peanuts, fried anchovies and sambal. It’s simple, yet a staple in this diverse country and with the goal of pushing boundaries in mind, NALE – The Nasi Lemak Co. was born.

Situated in the newly opened Central I-City mall, NALE – The Nasi Lemak Co. serves premium nasi lemak such as Nasi Lemak Ayam Bakar NALE (coconut rice with grilled chicken and signature NALE sauce), Nasi Lemak Beef NALE (coconut rice with beef in signature NALE sauce) and Nasi Lemak Goreng Ayam Goreng Berempah (fried coconut rice with spicy fried chicken).

Try the Nasi Lemak Ayam Bakar with their signature NALE sauce – a sweet dense savoury sauce that soaks into the fragrant rice and chicken, bringing the dish together. Beef lovers can opt for the Nasi Lemak Beef NALE where tender chunks of beef are stewed with brinjals and green beans, lathered in a generous amount of their signature sauce.

Noodle fanatics need not worry as they also offer Mie Goreng Ayam Bakar (fried noodles with grilled chicken) topped with a half-boiled egg. Overall, NALE – The Nasi Lemak Co.’s dishes are hearty, rooted with Malaysian pride and has that essence of adventure. With future plans of expanding internationally, we can’t wait for NALE – The Nasi Lemak Co. to show the rest of the world how great our local dishes are.

NALE – The Nasi Lemak Co. *Malaysian Cuisine (pork-free)
LG34-B Central i-City No1 Persiaran Multimedia i-City, Seksyen 7, 40000 Shah Alam, Selangor



Maven Coffee Store

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

A hidden gem in Shamelin Perkasa, Maven Coffee Store is adorned with light wooden interiors, inviting you into a calming and cosy space where only the finest coffee is served.

We started with the classic latte, made with the Maven custom blend of 100% Arabica beans from Brazil and India. With silky smooth milk and just the right strength for our tastes, we were delighted from the very first sip.

If you are interested in trying filter coffee, the baristas here will happily guide you through choosing your own beans for the distinctive taste you desire, be it fruity or earthy.

While the focus is on the coffee, Maven also serves a selection of food to keep the hunger pangs away.

We began with the Pumpkin Soup, homemade by a nutritionist. Thick, creamy and full of flavour, we couldn't help but enjoy every last spoonful. Then, we had the Smoked Chicken Ham Sandwich, with artisanal sourdough that has been fermented for 72 hours, giving it just the right texture and taste.

For a hearty dish with a local twist, give the Salted Egg Yolk Spaghetti a go. Mixed with curry leaves and served with a choice of crispy beef strip or chicken ham, this makes a great choice for lunch or dinner.

On the sweets front, we had the Tiramisu and the Crème Brûlée, rich creamy custard beneath a layer of perfectly caramelised sugar.

That's not all. Maven Coffee Store also has imported coffee beans and equipment available for sale, encouraging more Malaysians to pick up home brewing.

So if you'd like to take your appreciation of coffee to the next level, you know where to go.

Maven Coffee Store *Coffee *Casual dining (pork-free)
Lot G-30, Shamelin Star Residence, Jalan 6D/91,
Taman Shamelin Perkasa, 56000 Kuala Lumpur
03-2728 2685



Flakes

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

Step into the serene setting of The Hub SS2 and you will find Flakes sitting quietly in front of the garden.

Named after the flakes that fall off when you bite into a croissant, the signature dish here is, as you might have guessed, its freshly baked crescent-shaped treats.

Baked in-house and with heart by the founders themselves, the croissants are just as you would like them - buttery, tender and full of flavour.

If savouries are what you're looking for, rest assured as there is also a selection of hot food here. We started with the Sinful Breakfast, a delectable plate with the star of the show being a croissant served with fluffy scrambled eggs and crunchy peanut butter.

While a little unsure of this unlikely pairing at first, one bite in and we were nodding in agreement that the flavours were indeed a good match.

Further demonstrating Flakes' playfulness with flavours, the Krabby Olio is a classic pasta dish reinvented with chunks of crab meat and golden garlic chips sprinkled with cheese.

A best-seller and a must-order, the Tai Tai by the Beach is a prawn and squid pasta, tossed over with local elements such as the pink bunga kantan (torch ginger flower) and lemongrass. Appetising from the very first spoonful, the prawns are pre-fried to ensure the flavours are well locked-in.

For drinks, we had the good old latte and the Blue Choc, rich iced chocolate married with blueberry purée, giving a taste that took me back to when I was a kid eating black forest cakes at birthday parties.

Flakes *Croissants and coffee *Casual dining (pork-free)
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Seksyen 19, 46300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
012-558 8490



Vogue Lounge

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

A memorable night out starts at Vogue Lounge, the only one of its kind in the world brought to you in partnership with media company, Condé Nast.

Set on the 38th floor of Menara SuezCap, the 18,500-square-foot space brings you a lavish experience, with sparkling lights, sleek suede chairs, an LED catwalk and stunning shots from fashion bible Vogue adorning the walls.

The main dining area serves French-Japanese cuisine with a promise of "Food for the Fashionable". We started with the signature Hokkaido Sea Urchin with Ossetra Caviar,

first admiring the beautiful nature-inspired plating, before diving into the delightful harmony of tastes and textures of the ocean.

A new addition to the appetisers is the Cold Beetroot Soup with red wine reduction, a refreshing and comforting dish perfect for the infinite summer of Kuala Lumpur.

My favourite, however, was from the mains - Steamed Kinmedai (Golden Eye Snapper) with seasonal vegetables and dashi (Japanese broth). From the very first spoonful, I could taste the layers of umami flavours infused deep into the core of the fish.

Of course, we also had to try their desserts. We had the Lemon Tart, with the acidity complemented by sweet charcoal meringue, and the Matcha Affogato. I don't want to spoil too much of the surprise but picture a red bean ice cream sphere wrapped in chewy gyūhi sitting in a pool of matcha tea.

The night doesn't end with dinner. Take an escalator ride to the rooftop bar and enjoy a cocktail or wine with 360-degree views of the Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya skyline.

Vogue Lounge KL *French-Japanese (pork-free)
Level 38, Menara SuezCap 1, KL Gateway,
Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur
03-2771 1530

Doma Modern Korean

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

Tucked at the end of the ground floor of Mont Kiara Shoplex is Doma, a Korean restaurant with a modern minimalist interior and a big swivelling glass door revealing a wall of artworks painted by the two founders.

Doma, which means chopping board in Korean, serves authentic Korean flavours brought to life by French culinary techniques, with the head chef, Terry Song, having graduated from Le Cordon Bleu Sydney.

First, we had their KFC - Korean Fried Chicken. Here, free-range chicken is fried twice at 180 degrees to give a balance of crispy skin and juicy meat. Choose from original, honey soy, sweet chilli or hot spicy, each unique in flavour and served with homemade pickled radish.

Next up was the Kimchi Fried Rice, a dish which gives meaning to the "modern" in "Modern Korean". Mixed in with smoky bacon bits, the Kimchi Fried Rice here is topped with parmesan and spring onion, giving a fresh take on a classic.

The Pork Belly Bun is another must-try. Picture a thick slab of pork belly, dressed with Korean chilli sauce, scallion, red cabbage and cucumber, sandwiched in between a soft bao. As the pork belly bursts with flavour, the vegetables refresh the palate.

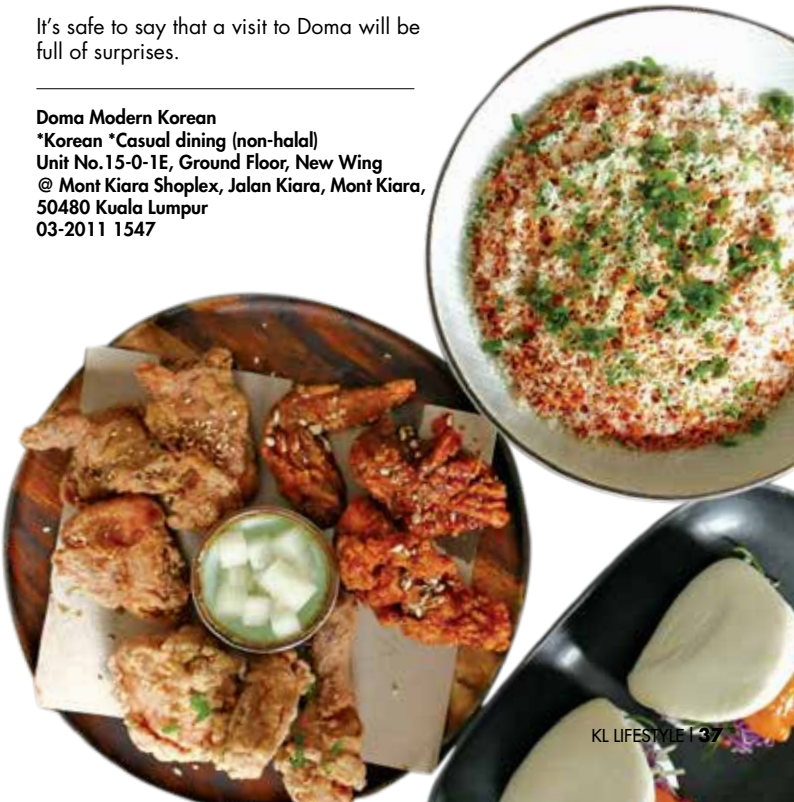
For desserts, beyond bingsu, Doma serves the signature Ice Cream on Sticky Rice Pancake - its very own creation that you can only find here.

We ordered the Soy Bean Pancake, which was a celebration of diverse tastes and textures. There was the push and pull between the heat of the pancake and the cooling in-house-made soy bean ice cream. Then, there

was the balance between the chewy centre of the pancake and the crunchy crushed cookies.

It's safe to say that a visit to Doma will be full of surprises.

Doma Modern Korean
*Korean *Casual dining (non-halal)
Unit No. 15-0-1E, Ground Floor, New Wing
@ Mont Kiara Shoplex, Jalan Kiara, Mont Kiara,
50480 Kuala Lumpur
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Clockwise: The Formioli, The Fish on a Rocket, The Killing Yolk

While Daren takes risks with his pasta flavours, he stays true to the Italians' way of cooking it - al dente, which means "to the tooth". As such, you'll notice the pasta here is firmer to the bite, but still tender.

First, we had The Formioli, ravioli filled with ricotta blended with lemon zest, and blanketed with pomodoro sauce. The lemon was an unexpected touch, with the slightly tart taste inviting us to have more.

Next was the Fish on a Rocket - fettuccine in pomodoro and cream sauce. With a generous serving of house-smoked Norwegian salmon, we loved how the touches of salt balanced with the sweetness of the sauce.

One of the stand-out dishes for us is the Killing Yolk, matcha fettuccine in pesto with a fresh egg yolk, which when mixed in, adds to the richness of the sauce. The Japanese matcha gives the pasta a hint of earthy bitterness, which we found added character and made this a must-try.

In between bites, we were also treated to the Cold Brew French Earl Grey, a refreshing drink with a noticeably fragrant aroma.

As Daren and his team continue to 'rebel' in the kitchen, experimenting with new ways to amaze, we can't wait to see what they serve up next.

Rebel Pasta *Pasta *Casual dining *Muslim-friendly
No.47G, Jalan SS21/37, Damansara Utama, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
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Rebel Pasta

Handmade with Heart

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

Stroll down the streets of Damansara Utama and you might catch sight of Rebel Pasta's chefs in action, rolling fresh egg dough by the window.

Led by founder and head chef, Daren, the pasta joint represents a culinary rebellion, dedicated to serving hand-rolled pasta and Italian dry pasta complemented by house-made sauces and ingredients that challenge expectations.

For antipasti, we had the Prawn and Cucumber Salad, mixed with bits of smoked salmon for a surprise in every bite. To top that off, ebiko was sprinkled in to give a literal 'pop' to the dish.

We also had the Brûléed Chicken Liver Pâté, paired with baguette. Silky-smooth and rich, the pâté marries with the sweet caramelised sugar for a union that brings out the best of flavours.

Moving on to the mains, the menu organises the pasta by their sauces - pomodoro, olive oil, cream and pesto - making it easy for you to choose your dish depending on what you feel like having.



Serving freshly hand-rolled pasta



The Elegant Interior

Clockwise: Honey Roast Chicken, Butter Croissant with Pulled Chicken and Yoghurt, Nasi Kerabu Kelantan, Beef Rendang Carbonara

DuJour

Flavours We Know and Love - with Some Surprises

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

In the up-and-coming community of The Hub SS2 is a bicycle with a basketful of hydrangea.

If you spot it out, it means DuJour's doors are open, so head on in and let the warm lights, soft, cushioned seats and calming wooden accents make you feel at home.

DuJour means "of the day" in French, and the name refers to how the food here is made fresh every day, with seasonings and sauces all made in-house.

A highlight of our lunch was the Nasi Kerabu Kelantan, a family recipe from Izreen, the head chef. The beautiful blue of the rice comes from bunga telang (butterfly pea flowers) picked fresh from her garden, with the work of art accompanied by tender ayam percik (chicken slathered with rich coconut gravy), ulam (traditional salad of herbs and vegetables), kerisik (toasted

grated coconut with fish) and salted egg. Here's a tip: mix everything up, add a dash of chilli sauce and as you take a mouthful, savour the firework of flavours.

Another interesting dish is the Beef Rendang Carbonara, which combines two Malaysian favourites - fragrant rendang (meat stewed in coconut milk and spices) and the epitome of comfort food, creamy spaghetti carbonara.

If you're craving a homey meal from the West, go for the Honey Roast Chicken - juicy thigh served with mashed potatoes, crisp greens and a side of pan juices as gravy. We also found ourselves going for seconds with the Butter Croissant, filled to the brim with tangy Pulled Chicken and Yoghurt.

However, what made us (almost) jump in joy, were the desserts - a decadent dark chocolate tart, a lemon bar giving the perfect blend of sweet and sour, a warm bread

and butter pudding, served with rich, handcrafted vanilla bean ice cream, and an espresso crème brûlée, giving the best of both worlds - your daily dose of caffeine in a dessert!

We also had the Lemongrass Bunga Telang Cooler, a refreshing antidote to a hot day. Take a moment to savour the signature blue of the flower blending into the drink, before taking a sip to taste the fresh pandan syrup giving a natural sweetness and the lemongrass, giving a touch of its distinctive citrusy flavour.

Beyond the daily menu, DuJour also has specials every weekend, so be sure to look out for them.

DuJour *Local and international cuisine
***Casual dining *Muslim-friendly**
B-G-01 and B-M-01, The Hub SS2, Seksyen 19,
Jalan Harapan, Petaling Jaya
03-7931 3717



The Bar

The Iron Fairies KL For a Magical Night

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

On a rainy Tuesday evening, we made our way through the rush hour traffic to the Hive zone of TREC. There, we stepped past heavy black curtains and found ourselves in the fantasy world of Iron Fairies, a 10,000-square-feet enchanted space where we could escape from the chaos of the city.

While admiring the one million bottles of fairy dust hanging above, we sat down on the plump leather chairs and immediately felt we had been transported to an underground Fairy Dust Factory. On the iron table sat our many (soon-to-be) fairy friends, each with their own name and personality.

Of course, this is also a factory that produces magical potions and we knew we had to try some.

With names that stay true to the world of fairies created by Australian iron ore miner-

turned-interior designer Ashley Sutton, the signature cocktails delighted us not only in taste, but also in sight and imagination.

First, we had the Trapping Tinkerbell, a strong smoked scotch-based concoction stirred with homemade popcorn syrup and bitters. Poured from a mystical jar onto a glowing ball of ice, this is one you'd want to pull up Instagram for.

Then, we had my personal favourite, The Green Fairy, a refreshing and punchy six-spirit elixir with vermouth, blue curaçao and absinthe mixed in with passion fruit. Greeting us with a burning flame, the fiery character slowly transitioned into a softer, floral and fruity tipple.

Where there's a Green Fairy, there is sure to be a Blue Fairy. This is a fragrant and creamy rum-based cocktail made with blue curaçao, coconut rum, yoghurt liqueur and basil leaves with a dash of bitters.

The finishing touch is a sprinkle of grated coconut, which gives the drink a familiar local flavour.

We also said hello to Amy's Rose, a beautiful pink potion of vodka and gin paired with rosewater, citrus, cranberry juice and a pinch of sea salt. Sipping through the foam, we were delighted to be met with sweet, fruity notes.

While the cocktails may take centre stage, Iron Fairies also has a food menu. On our table was a plate of Chicken Nachos with a generous amount of melted cheese and a basket of slightly spicy Popcorn Chicken, served with homemade chilli lime sauce. Trust us when we say this is a must-order.



Left to right: Amy's Rose, The Green Fairy, Trapping Tinkerbell, The Blue Fairy

Continue your journey up the spiral staircase for a view of the stage, which is set almost as if in the middle of the air. From Wednesday to Saturday nights, this is where you can watch the live band covering current top 40 and rock n' roll songs to get you singing along. For a more relaxed ambience, head outside to the courtyard where live acoustic performances entertain.

Go further behind the doors on the mezzanine floor to discover the secret Butterfly Room, where 50,000 handmade butterflies dangle in the air and the DJ plays every Friday and Saturday. From house and techno to hip-hop and R&B, there is sure to be a tune to keep you dancing the night away.

The Iron Fairies KL
TREC Entry 3, H-G-06, 438 Jalan Tun Razak 50400
Kuala Lumpur
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Fu Luck Bar Old school vibe on a modern-day night

BY AGNES AUI



Ice Kacang



Peony of Luck



Fu Luck Interior

It's hard to overlook Fu Luck Bar as you walk about in TREC's Electric Boulevard, its large neon signage with what looks like an accidental electrical wire burnout and the unique Chinese atmosphere that never fails to allure you to sneak a peek.

The name 'Fu Luck' represents a double meaning – 'prosperity and happiness' in Mandarin and a playful tongue-in-cheek Cantonese translation of 'pants down'. The local 80s ambience is apparent from paper doll paintings off the ceiling and mahjong filled table tops to walls decorated with antique Chinese plates and lamps made from abacus, there's nothing more Malaysian Chinese than that.

The Peony of Luck is a pretty sunflower yellow garnished with lemon peel and sprinkled dried chrysanthemum. Perfect for those who like sour notes, the hit of tartness

is noticeable from the very first sip. But if you're someone with a sweet tooth, the Hainan-Tiki with Pandan infused white rum and kaya jam or The Mistress made from Thomas Daikin Gin topped with homemade Chinese Herbal Jelly may be the whirlwind experience of textures and relish for you.

Try the Apollo Milo cocktail, served in a traditional Malaysian coffee cup adorned with two Apollo chocolate wafer sticks. Made to replicate a cup of Milo (chocolate malt drink), one may forget it's alcoholic until the boozy touch of brandy and baileys cream hit. Though other sweet and unique options include their alcohol dessert Ice Kacang, elaborately decorated with condiments finished off with a maraschino cherry.

Savour the taste of Penang with their Chee Cheong Fun (rice noodle roll) station set

outside on an old tricycle. Prepared with finesse, the dish was topped with a generous amount of fried onion, thick sweet sauce and chilli sauce. But if you're craving snacks, try their Taiwanese chicken pop, crunchy chicken pieces dusted sparingly with chilli powder or Macho Nachos, crisp and topped abundantly with cheese, chicken strips and jalapeno.

Music at Fu Luck are curated with sounds from two-piece Chinese instrumental bands or live bands performing modern Chinese hits to DJs spinning out R&B and HipHop tunes. One thing's for sure, Fu Luck Bar is a place worth visiting for your next night out in the city.

Fu Luck Bar
438 Jalan Tun Razak, Electric Boulevard E-G04,
Selangor, 50400 Kuala Lumpur

Yee Sang

Besides angpao, Yee Sang or Prosperity Toss is the most awaited Chinese New Year tradition. Family and friends gather around the table, armed with chopsticks and ready to give the dish a good toss to usher in the new year. Here, we list the places you can keep up the tradition of ‘lou sang’ with family and friends.

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



SOFITEL KUALA LUMPUR DAMANSARA

Celebrate the Lunar New Year in the sophisticated and elegant setting of Wan Chun Ting, at Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara. Gather the clan for a delightful reunion of feasting and select from three specially curated Lunar New Year menus, featuring auspicious dishes like Double-Boiled Chicken Soup with Chinese Yam, Red Mushroom and Sea Cucumber, Wok-Fried Fresh Tiger Prawns with Dried Egg Shredded, Lotus Leaf Fried Rice with Waxed Meat, Deep-fried Chinese New Year Cake with Yam, to name a few. The tradition of tossing the Yee Sang is kept alive here, with Wan Chun Ting’s unique selection of Yee Sang that includes jellyfish, scallops with snow pear, deep-fried soft shell crab and many more.



SHERATON PETALING JAYA

Sheraton Petaling Jaya ushers in the year of good fortune and great health at Yue Chinese Restaurant. Helmed by the crafty Chef Ben, patrons can relish in the three sets of menu that start from RM2,388, RM2,788 and RM3,288 per table of 10. Among the deliciousness are Yue’s signature Traditional Norwegian Salmon Yee Sang with an option of black truffles, Steamed Live Tiger Garoupa, Roasted Chicken with Golden Garlic Mongolian-Style, Fried Prawns with Black Truffles, Braised Dried Oysters with Sea Moss and Sea Cucumber, Double-Boiled Bird Nest with Ginger Tea, Glutinous Rice Dumplings and so much more.

ST. REGIS KUALA LUMPUR

This Chinese New Year, The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur celebrates the tradition of Chinese tea rituals during this auspicious season. A time when family reunions and gatherings are considered the most important get-together of the year, they embrace time honoured rituals that nurture the family connection. The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur’s Prosperity Yee Sang is a recipe handed down from generation to generation of our owning family, Puan Sri Sharon Chua’s ancestral kitchen. With the intention of enticing her children to eat vegetables, the secret to our special Prosperity Yee Sang lies in an undisclosed final ingredient. Made with a base of finely chopped and sliced fresh fruits and vegetables accompanied with assorted nuts, seeds and sauce, guests will be able to add on slices of Salmon and Jellyfish or Abalone and Soft-Shell Crab or opt for a Vegetarian version. Puan Sri Sharon Chua hopes her family’s recipe brings much longevity, prosperity and abundance to all.



FOUR SEASONS KUALA LUMPUR

From poring over ancient Chinese recipes to tracking down the highest-quality ingredients for your Yee Sang, the culinary team at Four Seasons has induced the festive spirit with energy and flair. Savour togetherness and nostalgia, with Chef Jimmy Wong’s iconic festive menus at Yun House. Along with drawing from his treasure trove of family recipes, Chef Jimmy also brings superbly executed classics to the table. Patrons are invited to sample the nuanced flavours of specialties such as Braised Money Bags Filled with Ten-Head Abalone, Fragrant Roasted Duck with Osmanthus Flower, and Double-Boiled Superior Bird’s Nest and Red Dates. Yee Sang enthusiasts are in for a treat, with salmon belly, tuna toro, Australian lobster and other prized ingredients on the menu. Add Norwegian salmon skin for an extra burst of taste and texture, then crunch a handful of crispy noodles on top – a symbol of breaking into a brand-new lunar year.



Chocolate Museum

Experience Chocolate Like Never Before

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

Beloved by all, chocolate brings people together. We used to share them with our friends at school, we snack on them when we watch TV with our family and we buy them as gifts for loved ones. Now, Chocolate Museum, the first experience of its kind in Malaysia and Southeast Asia, would like to invite chocolate lovers to deepen your appreciation of chocolate and make new memories with your family and friends.

A Fun Learning Experience for All Ages
Located in the heart of Kota Damansara, Chocolate Museum offers children and adults alike a fun and interactive way to discover what we never knew about chocolate. Learn about the historical relationship between steam engines and chocolates with a handmade 35-foot-long train set, follow the stories of well-loved brands such as Nutella and Lindt, admire the collection of 100 original ‘Cow Parade’ figurines, which nods to the importance

of milk in producing high-quality chocolate, and witness the 11-foot-tall Petronas Twin Towers sculpture made from 525 kg of chocolate. Photo spots are also on an endless supply. Our favourites were the Venetian 3D mural, which took one month to paint, and the m&m portraits of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali. Did you know Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad’s portrait used 5,359 pieces of m&m’s to create?



On your journey through the museum, you can even get a sneak peek of the on-site chocolate factory and catch the chocolatiers in action. But, for an even closer look at the chocolate-making process, head over to the Chocolate Kitchen, where friendly in-house chocolatiers give live demonstrations every day. At the end, we got to taste-test the difference between couverture and compound chocolate, which was something I never noticed before. I will leave you to visit the museum and discover the difference yourself!

Be a Chocolatier for a Day
Up the stairs from the museum is the Chocolate Lab, which reminded me a little of the chemistry labs from high school. Here, you can experience the magic of FIDANI chocolate first-hand with chocolate-making workshops guided by expert chocolatiers. Get creative and bring your wildest chocolate dreams to life! We used the moulding technique to build our very own Christmas chocolate house, complete with ‘snow’, hibiscus flowers

filled with heart shapes and sprinkles, and a customised chocolate bar with our names on it. Of course, we got to bring our ‘masterpieces’ home. The chocolate-making workshops are also suitable for young children, and can be customised based on each group’s requirements.

All Your Favourite Chocolate Brands in One Shop
Be sure to stop by the Chocolate Galleria before going home. This is where you can find a wide selection of in-house and imported chocolate brands to purchase, from DANSON and Milton to Lindt and Guylian. When planning your visit, you can choose to explore on your own or with a guide, available through reservations online. Whichever way it is, Chocolate Museum is sure to bring surprises and fun facts at every corner.

Chocolate Museum
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03-7490 4260



LISTINGS OF CITROEN SHOWROOMS & SERVICE CENTRE

NAZA EURO MOTORS HQ (GLENMARIE)
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www.citroen.com.my
Sales : 03-5566 3685

NAZA EURO MOTORS (PUCHONG)
Lot No. 18, 19 & 20GF, IOI BUSINESS PARK, Persiaran Puchong Jaya Selatan, Bandar Puchong Jaya, 47170 Puchong, Selangor
Sales : 03-8076 1788

SING HUAT PREMIUM SDN BHD
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Blogger Eats

We turned to food experts, bloggers Elana Khong and KY Speaks for their recommended restaurants for the new year. Happy reading and eating!

COMPILED BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

PENANG-STYLED CHEE CHEONG FAN AT O&S KOPITIAM
By KY Speaks @kyspeaks

Chee Cheong Fun is a dish that is found in many places in Klang Valley. However, most versions here are of central region, where the sweet sauce is watery, or that they are served with curry, and most of the time, together with Yong Tau Foo, which admittedly I'm also a fan of.

However, being from Penang, my favourite version of Chee Cheong Fun is still the one served up north on the Pearl of the Orient – a version that's simple – just the rice noodle roll with sweet, thick, dark sauce that's not entirely unlike rojak sauce, and then topped with sesame, fried shallots with a side of sambal. I also like mine still rolled instead of unwrapped (the usual way of serving). While you get them readily on Penang island, my go to in Klang Valley is the little stall at Restoran O&S in Taman Paramount, Petaling Jaya.

For RM2.60, I get a serving of proper Chee Cheong Fun that hits all the right spots. The sauce is thick and flavourful with a hint of peanut butter and not overly sweet at the same time. The texture of the Chee Cheong Fun is soft and smooth as it should. The restaurant gets busy over weekends, be prepared to share tables.

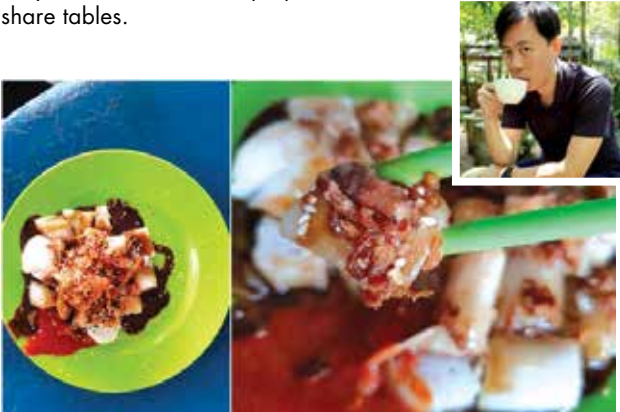


RELAX AND UNWIND AT YES SIR BISTRO & BAR
By Elana Khong @elanakhong

Amazing food and great cocktails is the best way to unwind after a long day. A new kid on the block, Yes Sir Bistro & Bar adds to the vibrant nightlife scene in Desa Sri Hartamas. The restaurant's menu features a variety of Western dishes such as steak, pizza and pasta, as well as local favourites which include Penang-style kuey teow, Asian seafood mee mamak, yong zhao fried rice and more.

We started off with the tasty Signature Pork Neck. Wonderfully charred, these well-marbled meats were melt-in-your-mouth tender, with a faint hint of smoky flavour – simply addictive. The crispy thin crust of the Pork Bacon Pizza was generously laden with delish toppings such as bacon, capsicum, chilli and cheese, while the Aglio Olio Prawn laced with garlic, chilli flakes, herbs and juicy plump de-shelled prawns was simple, yet toothsome. What really amazed me was their Yong Zhao Fried Rice! Packed with flavour and plenty of 'wok hei', the old-school style fried rice is loaded with Chinese sausages, long beans, carrot and green peas – truly amazing.

My personal favourite was the Yes Sir Gold Dust. Super bling bling, the divine velvety golden texture cocktail was infused with lychee and apple flavour, sweet with a hint of tartness. Our evening came to an end with Semangkuk, an interesting take on ABC.



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This month, Raja Azmi Raja Nazuddin reflects on the airport operator's financial performance for the period ended 30 September 2019 (3Q 2019) and past achievements for the year and how it will strive to overcome the challenging global macro-economic environment and uncertainties ahead.

Airport CEO Speaks

As a holistic global airport company managing Malaysia's various aviation gateways and Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport, I am happy to share that our third quarter results have shown growth in many areas. Thanks to our sustained passengers and aircraft movements; these have been translated into higher revenue and earnings for the group.

Looking at the positive average passenger load factors registered in the third quarter, we are optimistic that our traffic forecast numbers for 2019 can be achieved as we expect to see further improvements in our international passenger movements, particularly coming from our regional international airports in Penang, Langkawi, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching. This is due to more direct connectivity been introduced by airlines such as Qatar Airways, Qingdao Airlines, Royal Brunei Airlines and Scoot.

Low-cost carrier Scoot's maiden seven weekly flight from Singapore to Kota Kinabalu on 3 December 2019, for instance, has not only added to their growing presence in Malaysia but also augured well for our second busiest airport, Kota Kinabalu International Airport, which registered 23% increase in passenger movement for this sector to 220,561 from January to October compared to the previous corresponding period in 2018.

As for the Malaysian aviation industry, we remain upbeat. When IATA is reporting that the air cargo peak season is off to a slow start in October with annual demand down 3.5%, with the support from Pos Aviation Sdn Bhd, we have been having chartered freighter flying Malaysian fruits such as durian and pineapple to Zhengzhou, China since July.

These chartered flights carrying Malaysia pineapples since 14 November 2019, totalling 120 and scheduled for a year, are expected to export at least 2,000 tonnes of such fruit branded as 'Cat King' which is worth RM12 million. They represent the early manifestations of the capabilities of our Air Cargo & Logistics cluster. Covering 1.2 million sq ft of gross floor area, our facilities include a cargo terminal, sorting centre, warehouse, and operations office.

We will be handling another high traffic season this month in view of the Chinese New Year festivities, not too long after the recent November-December school holidays, Christmas and year-end celebrations. As always, we will deliver our utmost in ensuring our passengers' smooth journey and enjoyable experience at our airport.



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A 'Revolutionary' Aviation Sector Awaits in The 2020s

After two decades of transformation for the aviation industry, CAPA, the Centre for Aviation expects the 2020s to be a "revolutionary" era, with Asia dominating the global airline industry and low-cost carrier (LCC) expansion continuing to change the landscape. Some of these LCC operators will be extending the reach of their services and reshaping their product offerings to meet the demands of the middle-class and the rising first-time flyers.

In its latest issue of Airline Leader, CAPA also anticipates possibly a "very substantial" economic downturn to happen at some point during the first half of this decade. The 2020s will continue to be plagued by the lack of skilled resources coupled with oil prices and other external costs making cost management challenging, thus hampering the growth of the aviation industry.

In Malaysia, the scenario is no different, it will be a challenging market for the airlines with slower growth and profits under pressure expected to continue as depicted in the Malaysian Aviation Commission's (MAVCOM) newly released fifth edition of Waypoint.

Its December bi-annual industry report forecast passenger traffic in 2020 to grow between 5% and 6% year-on-year (yoy), which will translate to between 114.9 million and 116.0 million passengers for Malaysia.

Meanwhile, MAVCOM has also revised its 2019 passenger traffic forecast of between 6.4% and 7% yoy (versus its previous forecast of between 2.9% and 4.1% yoy respectively), which when translated will be between 109.1 million and 109.7 million passengers for the country.

Several factors will be responsible for its 2020 passenger traffic growth projection. Among them is the Visit Malaysia 2020 campaign, a weaker Ringgit and lower oil prices, citing that the United States' (US) Energy Information Administration, in its September 2019 Short-Term Energy Outlook,

forecasts oil prices to average US\$60/bbl in 2020.

MAVCOM says major business events such as the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Summit, which will be held in Kuala Lumpur in November, are also expected to boost passenger traffic growth,

Another contributing factor will be the continuing reallocation of seat capacity by Malaysian carriers to the domestic market, which is projected to grow by 3.2% yoy, albeit lower compared to what is forecast for 2019 at 7.2% yoy.

With tourist arrivals increasing by 19.5% and 6.7% yoy respectively during the previous Visit Malaysia campaigns in 2007 and 2014, expectations are pinned high on international passenger traffic growing in 2020 to boost tourist arrivals.

The aviation commission adds, "Stronger domestic passenger traffic growth relative to international passenger traffic growth could also influence aerodrome operators' earnings in 2020 as passengers pay a lower passenger service charge (PSC) for domestic travel."

As a result, revenue growth from PSC collection may lag passenger traffic growth.

Cautious capacity expansion by Malaysian carriers

Elaborating further on the slower growth projection for airlines in 2020, MAVCOM, in its Waypoint industry report, says total seat capacity by Malaysian carriers is expected to increase by 2% yoy compared with 4.3% yoy in 2019 with their airfares remaining flat or rising only slightly.

It also observes that the growing development of alternative airport hubs such as Kuching and Kota Kinabalu in 2019 have enabled carriers to allocate more seats to these airports, thus offering passengers a wider choice of domestic destinations.



MAVCOM Executive Chairman Dr Nungsari Ahmad Radhi expects this trend to persist in 2020 with routes within Sabah and Sarawak projected to experience the highest growth of 4.8% yoy.

Naming the top three routes in East Malaysia to be Kuching-Sibu (14% yoy), Bintulu-Kuching (13.4% yoy), and Kuching-Miri (9.9% yoy), Waypoint says this will be followed by routes from East-West Malaysia and within West Malaysia, which are expected to grow by 2% and 1.5% yoy respectively.

In terms of Malaysian carriers' fleet, the industry report says there will be additional eight narrow-body aircraft in 2020 compared to nine in 2019 to support the growth of the domestic market.

MAVCOM's Waypoint also cites rising costs for leading the local carriers to report an average operating profit margin of 0.3% in the first half (1H) of 2019 (1H18: 2.9%) whereby its cost per available seat kilometre (CASK) rose by 5.9% yoy in 1H19 to

17.9 sen while revenue per available seat kilometre (RASK) fell by 2.2% yoy to 15.9 sen.

"The RASK-CASK spread in 1H19 of -2 sen was significantly wider than the 1H18 spread of -0.7 sen. If this trend persists, the profitability of Malaysian carriers will be at risk," it says.

Other highlights of Waypoint report

Commenting on the overcapacity of airports in Malaysia as highlighted in its December report, MAVCOM explains that an airport is congested only when its infrastructure is incapable of coping with the demand at almost all times (Level 3) or during peak periods (Level 2).

"In Malaysia, only the KL International Airport is a Level 3 airport as classified by the International Air Transport Association. However, nine other airports in the country also face congestion, handling more passengers than their terminals' respective design capacities."

On the recent downgrading of Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia to Category 2 Aviation Regulator 10 by the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), MAVCOM expects its impact to be minimal.

It says existing services that could be affected are the KL International Airport-Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, Hawaii (KUL-HNL) via Kansai International Airport and the code-sharing between Malaysia Airlines Berhad and American Airlines but they are confined to extra services beyond the current ones.

"Collectively, these routes contribute 1.2% of the total seat capacity to and from Malaysia forecast in 2020.

"However, should other civil aviation authorities such as the Japanese, South Koreans and Chinese follow suit by disallowing Malaysian carriers to undertake additional operations to their respective countries, the impact can be greater than that of the downgrade by the US FAA," adds MAVCOM.

First Malaysian Chartered Freightier for Pineapples Flies to China



After the phenomenal popularity of Malaysian durians with China consumers, Malaysian pineapple is the next popular fruit to gain traction in China.

On 26 November, the first Malaysian chartered freighter for pineapple cargo took flight to Zhengzhou from KLIA. The fourth air shipment of 22 tonnes of local pineapple MD2 via SF Express cargo airlines was chartered by GlobalWind Supply Chain Management (Shanghai) Co. Ltd. with Linghang International (M) Sdn Bhd as the Malaysian agent for the chartered freighter. The momentous event was jointly graced by YB Tuan Sim Tze Tzin, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Malaysia and YB Tan Kok Wai, Malaysia's Special Envoy to China.

The chartered flight is scheduled for 1 year with an estimated 120 total flights exporting at least 2,000 tonnes of pineapples worth RM12 million in export value.

According to Raja Azmi Raja Nazuddin, group chief executive officer of Malaysia Airports, the organisation is well positioned to facilitate efficient and seamless cargo operations through the implementation of the KLIA Aeropolis Master Plan – specifically through the development of the Air Cargo & Logistics cluster, one of three core clusters identified in the master plan.

Raja Azmi said, "The facility in which you are in today - the KLIA Air Cargo Terminal 1 or KACT1 is one of the earliest manifestations of the Air Cargo & Logistics development. It encompasses 1.2 million square feet of gross floor area and serves as a cargo terminal, sorting centre, warehouse, and operations office. With our vast facilities, we are certainly more than happy to play a role in enabling the growth of our export economy, especially to new markets such as China and the Middle East".

Chairman of Zhengzhou Chen's Sun Fruit and Vegetable Trade Co. Ltd., Chen Xuemei said, "Malaysian pineapples are fresh and succulent compared to pineapples from other regions. If Malaysia maintains its supply and pricing advantage of its pineapples, I believe they will be greatly accepted by our Chinese consumers".

With the agreement of chartered freighters between the two countries, Malaysian pineapple, along with durians have become thriving commodities in the China market and at the same time, it has promoted the KLIA as the cargo distribution hub between China (Zhengzhou), ASEAN, Europe, America, Australia, and Africa.

BAR Celebrates 2019 at GTower



Malaysia Airports hosted a gathering of members of the Board of Airlines Representatives (BAR) for an informal get-together in an evening of camaraderie and networking on Friday, 13 December 2019.

The event was held at the 28th floor of GTower Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. All guests were treated to a spectacular night view of the city, scrumptious buffet dinner and refreshing drinks. The evening was a relaxed atmosphere and for those present to get to know one another better outside the norms of work. Malaysia Airports' Group CEO, YM Raja Azmi Raja Nazuddin and General Manager of Airline Marketing, Mohamed Sallauddin Mat Sah was also present at the event.

Speaking to Suresh Singam, the Chairman of the BAR and Head of Regulatory Affairs in Malaysia Airlines, he said, "We look forward to a great year in 2020 despite the soft domestic and international market. This is because, we are optimistic that 'Visit Malaysia 2020' will uplift Malaysia's tourism industry to greater heights. Thus, we have high hopes that the airlines will benefit from the increase in travellers moving forward".

Nikk bin Abdillah, Commercial Manager of Korean Air in Malaysia expresses his enthusiasm for BAR, "Besides the importance of discussing regulatory affairs in BAR, Korean Air fully supports the union's CSR efforts. On the 2nd of November,

BAR engaged with a charity home called KIRTARSH located in Bukit Beruntung, where programmes that included room decoration, food donations, and a free barber service were provided to the underprivileged kids and elderly people in the home".

Nikk further added, "On behalf of Korean Air, I want to commend Malaysia Airports for always doing their utmost best in accommodating to the needs of the airlines. In addition, I hope that BAR continues to remain relevant and become the torchbearer in spearheading the interests of the airlines in Malaysia for the sake of the future of the aviation industry".



Air Arabia Orders 120 A320

During the Dubai Airshow 2019, Air Arabia set a milestone with one of the region's largest single-aisle aircraft orders of 120 Airbus A320 Family aircraft. The airline is the Middle East and North Africa's first and largest low-cost carrier (LCC) and the order will more than triple Air Arabia's current fleet strength as well as support the carrier's global network expansion strategy.

The signing ceremony in November was attended by Air Arabia's Chairman Sheikh Abdullah Bin Mohammed Al Thani and Guillaume Faury, Chief Executive Officer of Airbus. Adel Al Ali, Group Chief Executive Officer of Air Arabia said at the ceremony, "Air Arabia's fleet growth strategy has always been driven by commercial demand and we are glad to announce one of the region's largest single-aisle orders with Airbus to support our growth plans. This new milestone underpins not only our solid financial fundamentals but also the strength of our multi-hub growth strategy that we have adopted over the years while remaining focused on efficiency, performance and passenger experience".

He added, "The addition of the A320neo, A321neo and A321XLR complements our existing fleet and allows us to expand our service to further and newer destinations while remaining loyal to our low-

cost business model. We look forward to working with Airbus and receiving the first delivery".

Air Arabia's current fleet consist of 54 Airbus A320 & A321neo-LR. While the A320neo builds on the A320 product line's position as the world's most advanced and fuel-efficient single-aisle aircraft family, the A321neo variant provides extended range for the A320neo family's longest fuselage version.

Air Arabia is the first Middle Eastern airline to operate the A321neo-LR with three aircraft currently in service and another three scheduled to join the fleet in 2020.

Air Arabia operates daily flights between Sharjah and Kuala Lumpur. The airline currently operates flights to more than 155 routes across the globe from four hubs located in the Middle East and North Africa.

Air Arabia is represented by Oscar Holidays as their General Sales Agent in Malaysia.

For more information, please call 03 – 2691 7100 or email sales@gsamalaysia.com.my.

Air New Zealand Crowned as Airline of The Year

Air New Zealand has been named 2020 Airline of the Year by AirlineRatings.com. This is the sixth time the airline has received the top honour in the website's Airline Excellence Award. The airline was honoured for its record-breaking performance, multi award winning in-flight innovations, operational safety, environmental leadership and motivation of its staff.

AirlineRatings.com editor-in-chief Geoffrey Thomas said, "Air New Zealand is a clear industry leader which is remarkable when it is up against much larger global carriers. The airline is committed to excellence in all areas of its business with its employees across the globe consistently delivering exceptional customer service".

Air New Zealand Acting Chief Executive

Jeff McDowall said, "Our 12,500 employees both on the ground and in the air are committed to offering the best travel experience on the 17 million customer journeys we facilitate every year, so it's fantastic to have these efforts recognised by such an esteemed global judging panel. We'd also like to thank our customers for their ongoing loyalty to Air New Zealand".

He added, "While we are extremely proud to receive this award, 2020 marks Air New Zealand's 80th year and we are focused on delivering some great new initiatives, as well as launching our non-stop Auckland-New York service in late October".



In addition to being named Airline of the Year, Air New Zealand has also won the AirlineRatings.com award for Best Premium Economy for the sixth time in a row.

For more information, please call 03 – 2715 5020

EVA Teams Up with Ferragamo, Jason Wu for Inflight Amenities

EVA Air is teaming up with Italian luxury brand, Salvatore Ferragamo and internationally renowned fashion designer Jason Wu for its latest inflight amenities.

The airline is introducing new Salvatore Ferragamo amenity kits for all Royal Laurel and Premium Laurel Class business passengers in both hard case and soft bag designs in December and continuing its collaboration with Jason Wu to create a second-generation of inflight sleepwear.

In the first quarter of 2020, it will begin offering brand-new Premium Economy Class amenity kits created by Belgian bag and accessory brand Kipling, giving its passengers refined amenities and comforts.

EVA President, Clay Sun said, "EVA is consistently dedicated to delivering the most comfortable and luxurious passenger services possible. We choose top global brands that complement our high standards and work in cooperation with them to create world-class amenities and service items as part of our

never-ending mission to innovate and deliver increasingly better flying experiences for our passengers".

For more information, please call 03 – 2162 2981



ANA Expands Global Network with Five New Cities

All Nippon Airways (ANA), Japan's largest 5-Star airline is expanding its international network by adding five cities: Istanbul, Milan, Moscow, Shenzhen and Stockholm, flying from Tokyo Haneda International Airport.

The operations scheduled to start in the summer of 2020, with tickets going on sale in mid-December 2019. The addition of these routes bring the total number of international cities served by ANA flights to 52 and expand ANA's presence at Haneda Airport.

Senior Vice President of ANA, Seiichi Takahashi said at the announcement in November, "There is growing demand to visit Japan, and ANA will increase its international service just as Haneda Airport also expands to adapt for inbound Japanese tourism. These new routes will increase the ease and convenience for passengers flying to Japan from across the world, a significant benefit of our dual hub strategy".

As part of its expanded summer schedule for 2020, ANA will also offer new non-stop service from Haneda Airport to Qingdao, Delhi, Houston, San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle and Washington D.C.

ANA is also increasing the frequency of the Haneda - Los Angeles and Haneda - Sydney routes. The Delhi, Houston, Los Angeles, San Jose, Seattle and Washington D.C. routes will be relocated from Narita Airport to Haneda Airport.

Haneda Airport is one of two primary airports that serve the Greater Tokyo Area along with Narita Airport, acting as a gateway for international travellers who want to reach other parts of Japan.



Following the "Inspiration of Japan" high quality of service, ANA has been awarded the respected 5-Star rating every year since 2013 from SKYTRAX. ANA is the only Japanese airline to win the prestigious designation seven years in a row.

In addition to that, ANA has been recognised by Air Transport World as "Airline of the Year" three times in the past 10 years - 2007,

2013 and 2018, becoming one of the few airlines to win this prestigious award multiple times.

ANA currently operates double-daily flights between Tokyo (Narita Airport and Haneda Airport) and Kuala Lumpur.

For more information, please call 03 - 2032 1331



Scoot Launches Route to Kota Kinabalu



Scoot makes Kota Kinabalu its 8th Malaysian destination from Singapore after Ipoh, Kota Bharu, Kuala Lumpur, Kuantan, Kuching, Langkawi, and Penang.

Its inaugural flight from Singapore to Kota Kinabalu was welcomed with a special water cannon salute ceremony as the Airbus A320 aircraft touched down at Kota Kinabalu International Airport (BKI) on 3 December.

Scoot's Chief Commercial Officer, Calvin Chan said, "We are delighted to add daily Kota Kinabalu services to our growing network in Malaysia, connecting travellers from Sabah to Singapore and onward to over 60 destinations worldwide, including Athens and Berlin in Europe. Customers can look forward to great value fares, and a memorable transit experience at the award-winning Changi Airport as well as Jewel. At the same time, we hope this route will also boost local tourism as Sabah has much to offer, from beautiful islands to the majestic Mount Kinabalu".

Group Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia Airports, Raja Azmi Raja Nazuddin said, "We are pleased to welcome Scoot from Singapore to Kota Kinabalu today. BKI recorded an increase of 23% in passenger movement for its BKI-SIN sector from January to October 2019 compared to the same period last year. We anticipate a further increase in passenger movement through the inception of Scoot's new service to the capital city of Sabah. Sabah has a lot to offer and the new flight service by Scoot will complement our efforts in supporting the Visit Malaysia 2020 campaign".

General Manager of Sabah Tourism, Noredah Othman said, "We are certainly looking forward to welcoming Scoot passengers to Kota Kinabalu! While Singaporean arrivals do make up the top 10 arrivals for Sabah, this route has the potential to reach other key markets such as Australia, Japan, India and

China, of which we may have limited or no direct access to. Furthermore, arrivals to Kota Kinabalu via Singapore has been growing over the past years".

Scoot is currently the largest foreign low-cost carrier in the Malaysian market, in terms of the number of destinations served. Malaysia is one of Scoot's key markets, and Kota Kinabalu is the second destination Scoot has launched this year, four months after the Kota Bharu-Singapore route which was launched in July. The launch of daily services between Kota Kinabalu and Singapore further underscores Scoot's commitment to growing its presence in Malaysia.

Scoot is represented by AVIAREPS as their General Sales Agent in Malaysia.

For more information, please call 03 - 2148 8033



To support the Visit Malaysia 2020 campaign, Tourism Malaysia has launched the VM2020 Website in December 2019, which can be accessed at vm2020.malaysia.travel.

Director General of Tourism Malaysia, Datuk Musa Yusof said at the launch, "With an enhanced digital experience and experiential content, we hope to entice

more international and local tourists to visit the various destinations in our country, in support of Visit Malaysia 2020".

The campaign targets to serve the international and domestic travellers with valuable information on Malaysia's tourist attractions, including recommended destinations, 'must-try' meals, travel itineraries, and things to do in Malaysia.

Through the website, users are informed about Malaysia through diverse informative articles which are categorised



into adventure, wildlife, nature, islands and beaches, waterfalls, caves and forests, food, and family, among others. Other features include deals and packages as well as events and happenings over the year 2020.

A unique feature of the website campaign is the "Insta Worthy" section which is powered by user-generated content (UGC). Travellers who tagged with Tourism Malaysia's official Instagram page (@malaysia.truly.asia) and include #VisitMalaysia2020, #MalaysiaTrulyAsia and #CutiCutiMalaysia hashtags' posted Instagram photos and videos have an opportunity to be featured in this section.

A chatbot will include FAQs and is expected to provide an enhanced user experience across the website. Besides that, industry players will be introduced to an online form submission as an efficient platform for all merchants to submit their special deals and packages to be promoted in the VM2020 website.

The campaign also aims to boost community engagement and extend the implementation of UGC by developing a platform for travel experiences and recommendations submission.

Other information such as deals and packages as well as events and happenings in the year 2020 are also featured in the website.

Uzbekistan Airways in Designers' Gala Evening

The 'Malaysia - Central Asia Fashion Designers' gala evening that was held in Kuala Lumpur last November served as a platform for the presentation and promotion of Uzbekistan's tourism potential and opportunities for Uzbekistan Airways.

Malaysian fashion designer Datuk Jimmy Choo was also present during the gala evening.

The glitzy evening was an event for the Embassy of Uzbekistan and the airline to establish new contacts and attract potential tourists to Uzbekistan.

The evening was organised with the Malaysian jewellery company 'Rafflesia Pearl' and with the assistance of the Embassies of Central Asian countries. In addition, the event included the works of designers from



five Central Asian countries - Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan were shown.

Uzbekistan was represented by a young, talented and promising designer Kamola Rustamova, better known as Azukar Moreno. As part of the event, Uzbekistan Airways presented the whole range of its services in air



transportation, including information about the aircraft fleet, route network, new destinations and services on board the aircraft.

For more information, please call 03 - 2078 6488

SHOPLAH 50-50 at Malaysia Airports

For the month of December 2019, Malaysia Airports introduced 'SHOPLAH 50-50'. With the tagline, "Shop Like a Hero. Be Rewarded Like One Too", customers were only required to spend RM50 at any participating outlet at KLIA or klia2 and receive a complimentary RM50 e-voucher for their next duty-free shopping spree.

Customers were encouraged to use their mobile phone to download the MYAirports App. The application was designed seamlessly for customers to use it in a few simple steps for them to redeem their e-voucher.

Up until 31 December 2019, the e-voucher could be redeemed at any participating outlet with a minimum spending of RM500 in a single receipt. Participating duty-free outlets include Eraman, Dimensi Eksklusif, Valiram, The Zon, and Be Duty Free.



In addition to this campaign, customers can download the MYAirports app and stand a chance to win RM1000 worth of e-vouchers, valid only for first-time registrants.

'Shop Like A Hero' campaign or #ShopLAH was announced on October 2019 to spearhead the company's commercial reset strategy that envisions its airports as vibrant,

luxurious, and exciting destinations. The revamp includes the introduction of new retail zones that simplifies the shopping experience at their airports. The retail space are divided into a fashion avenue; duty-free, retail-tainment and dining zones. At the same time, Malaysia Airports very own chain of retail outlets named "Sense of Malaysia" provides customers with a sense of place when it is launched in the second quarter of 2020.

Already on the cards for this campaign is the establishment of new retail and dining options in Langkawi International Airport (LGK) and KL International Airport (KUL), as well as retail-tainment attractions such as HIMPUN 2019, Dior Backstage, Hershey's Flotilla and Licence to Win (LTW). There will be more planned in the following months in its other international airports including Kota Kinabalu International Airport (BKI), Kuching International Airport (KCH), and Penang International Airport (PEN).

AVIATION INTERVIEW NOOR AZMI JAMALUDDIN

Country Manager Malaysia for Royal Brunei Airlines

Noor Azmi Jamaluddin is a true veteran of the aviation industry. Having worked for Royal Brunei Airlines (RB) since 1994, he knows the airline from the back of his hand. In his experience, he has weathered storms and rode high waves with the airline. But this soldier does not plan to rest on his laurels. He recently shares with Airlink RB's plans for expanding their empire in Borneo and how Malaysian travellers can discover that RB is set apart from the rest.



Royal Brunei Airlines launched 'RB Link' which is a regional service connecting travellers across Borneo and linking Sandakan, Bintulu, Tawau and Sibul to the rest of the world. What were the reasons and strategies behind this expansion?

The RB Link aircraft operation will be a key enabler of increased tourism, trade and movement of people within BIMP-EAGA and will further strengthen Brunei's economic ties with many cities and towns in Borneo. RB's investment in developing air traffic in BIMP-EAGA also shows the commitment of Brunei to contribute to regional development and paves the way for people to connect to their destinations easier to which today, is challenging between different cities in the Island of Borneo.

What is your vision for the airline and RB Link moving forward?

We are proud to launch RB Link flights, gateway to Borneo and beyond. This is our latest innovation in improving the products and services across our network and expanding our "home market" to 21 million potential customers. RB Link flights operated by our partner - Malindo Air will initially connect four new towns and two existing cities across Borneo Island and link them to our global network of 29 international destinations via our hub - Brunei International Airport.

The markets in the targeted towns in Borneo are currently underserved. When planning this game-changing initiative we took on

board the needs of our guests for enhanced seamless connectivity and affordable services. By providing RB Link services, we are confident air travel will boom in the region, allowing the various towns and its stakeholders to reap the benefits of enhanced air connectivity.

Malaysia is culturally similar to Brunei in many ways. Does this make it easier for you to make RB appealing to the Malaysian traveller?

Yes, the background similarity has helped RB to be positioned as one of the preferred carriers within the region. With the expansion of route networks, it creates value for Brunei Darussalam, RB, Brunei International Airport and Malaysian travellers who are seeking seamless connections.

What sets RB apart from its competitors?

Team RB's focus on delivering a signature RB customer experience everyday with warm Bruneian hospitality, which is recognised by our guests and reflected in multiple awards that the national airline has received. Providing a signature RB experience and doing little things well is part of our service strategy and is our competitive advantage over other airlines. RB is truly a world-class boutique airline.

How has RB been performing for the past few years?

RB has been awarded by the Airline Passenger Experience Association (APEX) - a Five-Star rating for the Major Airline category. The award was presented on September 2019 at the award ceremony held in Los Angeles, USA. APEX rating program is based solely on certified passenger feedback and insights. We are very pleased to share that RB has climbed twelve places to be at number 66th position on the world's Top 100 airlines on the Skytrax ranking of global airlines. Our goal is to be a four-star Top 50 airline in the



world and the team is working hard towards achieving this goal. The enhanced network and signature RB service will assist us in achieving the various corporate goals set for Brunei's national airline.

What is your general outlook on the future of the aviation industry in Malaysia?

The aviation industry is a very challenging market for airlines globally, set back by intense competition and volatile demand. Nevertheless, the Asia-Pacific region including Malaysia is set to be expanded in terms of passenger traffic growth in the near future.

In your opinion, what is the most important trait for a Country Manager to possess and why?

Given the complexity of the aviation industry, a Country Manager needs to maintain its appropriate engagement characteristic and always be effective to the company and team.

One of the main traits that a Country Manager need is 'to think out of the box and be creative'. Because the aviation industry

is constantly changing, we always have to be on our toes. We have to constantly re-evaluate the market and reassess our initiatives in order to stay abreast with the dynamics of the market trends. There is always a better way to keep the Company ahead of competitors and stand out to travellers as well as the trade.

Being a Country Manager for an airline can be quite hectic, what do you do to unwind?

I do enjoy simply just taking a day off to spend time with my family or travel. I find that when you travel, you will be rejuvenated by new energy and a new perspective from the places you visit. This helps in generating fresh ideas which I share with my team upon resuming back to work. In the aviation industry, no day is the same; it is such a dynamic environment. That's why it is important for me to travel, and by broadening your mind, we can broaden new sets of skills that will always prove to be useful in the future.



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BY SARA YEOH



THE RAT AND THE POMEGRANATE

To ring in the year of the rat, Jaquet Droz is shining the spotlight on its Ateliers d'Art by featuring four variations of its Petite Heure Minute watch that celebrates the sign of the rat, which symbolises the start of a new cycle in the Chinese calendar. On the Grand Feu enamel dials, Jaquet Droz poetically depicts the rodent, which is associated with vitality and intelligence, along with the pomegranate, an emblem of fertility in oriental culture. The Petite Heure Minute Rat models comprise two pieces in red gold with different diameters (35 and 39 mm) revealing an Ivory Grand Feu enamel dial embellished with a miniature painting of two rodents sitting on a bed of leaves and pomegranate seeds. For the Relief models, the rat is depicted in hand-engraved and hand-painted 18-karat red gold appliques, and pomegranates are set with rubies within the 41 mm 18-karat red gold dial. www.jaquet-droz.com

CHAIN REACTION

Combining the three pillars of Hermès' identity, the Cape Cod Chaîne d'Ancre is born. In 1938, the son-in-law of the grandson of founder Thierry Hermès, Robert Dumas, designed a piece of silver jewellery after taking inspiration from the anchors he had seen on the Normandy coast. Then, in 1991, Henri d'Origny defined a new era for Hermès with the Cape Cod – a watch with a square case within a rectangular bezel, whose straps highlighted the silhouette of the anchor chain. And in 1998, Martin Margiela gave the watch a double strap in Barenia calfskin. And now, paying homage to the history is the Cape Cod Chaîne d'Ancre. With its recognizable attachments, the double tour strap follows the curve of the Anchor Chain's links, and ends with a steel pin buckle. www.hermes.com





SMELLS LIKE BAGUETTE

Fendi has launched the world's first-ever collection of scented handbags, in three bright yellow iconic Baguettes bags in varying sizes. The unexpected twist from the luxury fashion house is a result of a collaboration with legendary perfumer, Maison Francis Kurkdjian. The internal structure of the leather allows it to retain the letheary and musky FendiFrenesia fragrance created exclusively for Fendi by Maison Francis Kurkdjian. The bag also comes with a 5ml vial of FendiFrenesia to spray on the matching card, to intensify the fragrance or extend its lifespan. But the sweetest part of it all? An exclusive patented technique that guarantees the scent will last for up to three years.

www.fendi.com

OUT OF THIS WORLD

It is no secret that Pat McGrath is a superfan of the star wars series – for those who follow her religiously. So its rather a matter of time until the makeup queen is launching a Star Wars makeup collection – and the time is now! Inspired by the new movie Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker, this new collection is made up of seven sensational limited edition cosmetic collectibles inspired by its otherworldly characters like C-3PO and R-2D2. The collection will include three eye shadow palettes, the Mothership IV: Decadence Eye Palette, Dark Galaxy palette and a Galactic Gold palette plus three Lip Fetish lip balms. May the fierce be with you indeed.

www.patmcgrath.com



ONE FOR THE BOOKS

Inspiring female narratives—on and off the page—star in this covetable new limited-edition capsule from the label beloved for its meticulously hand-embroidered book clutches, exclusive to online retailer Moda Operandi. On one clutch, Anna Wintour's signature bob haircut and sunglasses definitively point to the queen of fashion publishing, while another depicts Ruth Bader Ginsburg next to bold uppercase text reading, "FIGHT FOR THE THINGS YOU CARE ABOUT." The covers of female-authored books including To Kill a Mockingbird, Little Women and Jane Eyre are also immortalized in the collection.

www.modaoperandi.com



DIORMANIA

Dior beauty fans with a case of logomania may go even more cuckoo over a Diormania edition of its popular Forever Perfect Cushion Compact, which is set to release in 2020. Its new look, rendered in navy blue Dior monogram and has a canvas-like texture, is reminiscent of the brand's 'Oblique' print. Each of the limited edition cushion case will contain matte powder foundation that comes in six shades ranging from light to medium-dark and features built-in SPF protection.

www.dior.com



SACAI SS20

RED HOT

From genteel ruby to flaming red – whether to capture luck or hearts, its time to put on this season’s hottest hue.

BY SARA YEOH

ALEXANDRE VAUTHIER
Ruched stretch-jersey mini dress
RM5,016

ÉLIOU
Bari gold-plated, pearl and bamboo necklace
RM1,338

ALEXIS
Jacki smock-detailed silk-linen top
RM2,174

MARQUES' ALMEIDA
Feather-trimmed satin top
RM2,150

DOLCE & GABBANA
Belluci embellished lace pumps
RM2,701

BUCCELLATI
Opera 28mm 18-karat gold, alligator and mother-of-pearl watch
RM51,195

FENDI
Intarsia-knit cotton-blend midi skirt
RM3,264

GIAMBATTISTA VALLI SS20

GIVENCHY
Eden mini croc-effect leather shoulder bag
RM4,954

BALENCIAGA
Dance Knife leather pumps
RM3,486

MISONNI
Striped pattern trousers
RM6,380

COMME DES GARÇONS HOMME PLUS
Floral jacquard blazer
RM8,784

MARTINE ROSE
Python-effect leather penny loafers
RM1,656

TRIPLE RRR
Jacquard blazer
RM7,093

DRIES VAN NOTEN SS20

SIREN SONG

The SS20 runways get a sensual treatment with lush florals and sensuous silhouettes – just remember to leave the top three buttons undone.

BY SARA YEOH

BOTTEGA VENETA
Aviator acetate sunglasses
RM,411

LUIS MORAIS
Sapphire, onyx and tiger's eye beaded bracelet
RM1,559

PRADA
Studded leather ankle boots
RM5,863

GIORGIO ARMANI
Single-pleat slim-fit wool-blend trousers
RM2,730

GUCCI
Bee-plaque leather pouch
RM3,344

HELNUT LANG SS20

FENTY BEAUTY Gloss bomb universal lip luminiser

This soft romantic pink gloss completes any look while its conditioning shea butter have your lips look instantly fuller and smoother. **RM84**

PAT MCGRATH LABS Blitz astral eyeshadow quad: ritualistic rose

This eyeshadow quad of mesmerising hues induces artistry and glorifies eyes with sparkling flashes of gleaming gold, molten bronze, and radiant roses. **RM270**

KRISTIN ESS Style Defining shine pomade + edge control

Make your hairstyle last for any party with this versatile water-based pomade that adds mega-shine to the hair with flexible hold that's never dry or flaky. **RM58**

URBAN DECAY Heacy metal glitter eyeliner

What's the new year without some glitter? For a high-impact glitter finish, look no further than this heavy metal glitter eyeliner. Smooth it on with a brush or use your fingers to add extra sparkle. **RM89**

LUST LIST

Everything to covet in the new year

BY SARA YEOH

CIATÉ LONDON Glow-to-illumination blush

You will be positively blooming with this subtle, skin-brightening blush blended with a pearl highlighter. **RM130**



URBAN DECAY Scented, sparkling body powder

Get a new glow with this vegan and scented sparkling body powder made of microfine, multidimensional glitter that has a metallic base to add a subtle glow. **RM105**



GUCCI Bloom Ambrosia Di Fiori Eau De Parfum

Notes of natural tuberose and jasmine leave an unexpectedly rich white floral scent on the skin, and ragoon creeper infuses a powdery, floral edge – the scent we need for the new year. **RM413**



BUTTER LONDON Glazen™ peel-off glitter lacquer

This sparkling glitter lacquer features a Vinyl Shine Complex that delivers high shine and flexible wear. Get shining from top to toe, literally. **RM55**



88 ARMENIAN

BY SARA YEOH

8 8 Armenian is a love letter to the eponymous street it resides in, where it was once home to Penang's flourishing copper and brass industry. Within the white heritage building of the hotel, copper hues and elements tint the lobby – also home to the Copper bar and restaurant – and each of the six boutique rooms. As a further written script of its love letter, the rooms are named after six of the world's most distinguished coppersmiths – Rodin, Bartholdi, Dunand, Mackenzie, Pearson and Revere. Amidst the area's rich cultural and historical sites, 88 Armenian is a chic hideaway, yet still encapsulates Penang's nostalgic charms – perfect for the refined explorers.

The rooms on the building's first and second floors are admirably spacious and flooded with light, and dressed in muted tones with accents of copper. The comfortable beds and entertainment system equipped with Netflix and Spotify are enough to tempt anyone to stay in. The ultimate luxury of the stay, however, lies within its naturally-lit, marbled bathroom, complete with a beautiful natural stone bathtub, Gessi spa shower, and a vanity countertop filled with amenities from Aesop – exactly the sort of bathroom that makes you want to linger for longer.

When you do eventually leave the hotel, its doorstep easily leads you to a maze of

street arts and murals, and to the hippest cafés and the clan jetties. Upon returning from Penang's myriad of hawkers and stalls, you might want to come back to a therapeutic soak with essential oils, and iced tea and artisan chocolates on the side, which a bath butler will get ready for you.

If the idea of hawker food for breakfast starts to bore you, descend to Copper in the morning, where you can have croissants and English muffins under an air well.

88, Lebuh Armenian, George Town, 10200 George Town, Pulau Pinang
Tel: 04-261 1188

BEAUTIFUL HOTEL DESTINATIONS

Somewhere along the way, hotels have become a rightful destination on its own. Here are some that is currently on top of our wander list.

BY SARA YEOH



Hotel Château du Grand-Lucé

📍 Loire Valley, France

Hotel Château's du Grand-Lucé's grandeur might be second to only the Versailles. With exquisite French fabrics (archived Pierre Frey patterns and designs of Christian Lacroix and Jean-Paul Gaultier), 300-year-old art and tapestries, furnishings worthy of a museum, and even a room with hand-painted walls by 18th century artist Jean-Baptiste Pillement (the other one of

only two in the world in Versailles, duh), new nobles and modern Marie Antoinettes would certainly approve of this château. The unapologetic opulence of course extends beyond the interiors to its 80-acre neoclassical gardens complete with Roman and Greek god statues gifted by King Louis XV to the baron who built the château and a heated circular pool.

www.chateaugrandluce.com



Palazzo Daniele

📍 Puglia, Italy

There is no other lodging quite like Palazzo Daniele, where modern minimalism coexists beautifully with monastic majesty. Inspired by the idea of absence, the structure has been stripped of its clutter by architects, leaving behind only the essences of the original grandeur like opulent ceiling frescoes and mosaic flooring, creating an exceptional backdrop for the owner's contemporary art collection across all nine suites. But perhaps the best drama of it all, is the stonewalled bathroom in its Royal Junior Suite, where a rainfall shower is suspended from its soaring arched ceiling, and falls into a stone basin surrounded by decorative tiles.

www.palazzodaniele.com



Jalakara

📍 Havelock Island, India

When isolation is the prescription of the day, this rustic rainforest retreat in India's Andaman Islands may be the right cure. It takes quite a journey to reach Jalakara – flights, a ferry transfer, and a drive up steep slopes – but the secluded romance of no WiFi with prime island views will be worth the voyage. Each of the rooms, suites and villa makes the perfect setting for a tropical midsummer's dream, with spaces filled with antique colonial furniture, an al fresco bathtub with views towards the rainforest, lily ponds or a daybed pavilion – depending on which room you end up in. For extra inner peace, private yoga lessons can be arranged, or go to the spa, where they offer traditional head massage, reflexology, or Ayurvedic rituals and facials.

www.jalakara.info



W KUALA LUMPUR

BY SARA YEOH

Welcome to the jungle that is W Kuala Lumpur, where Malaysia's lush tropics are pulled into the space – bamboo-inspired chandeliers are set against an ever-changing wall of lights upon your arrival, streaming LED lights mimicking falling rain drops hang above you at the Welcome Area, spotlights alternate along the floor like a flowing river, while ceiling patterns are an artistic interpretation of water ripples.



Wind Down In Style

There are 150 stylish guest rooms and suites, including two WOW suites and an Extreme WOW Suite (their playful twist on the presidential suite) for the ultra-lavish. We wound up at the Spectacular Room, which is clear why it is named so when you walk in to a much-enviable up-close and unobstructed view of the Petronas Twin Towers. In the room, traditional accents like indigenous Wau tassels, Gasing-shaped chandeliers and pixelated batik motifs are cleverly integrated for a native touch. It's Whatever, Whenever service is exactly what it is – to indulge you with whatever (really!) you ask for, making your experience completely intimate – in just one button on the phone. And while we're at the topic of indulgence, the AWAY Spa will do just the trick whether it's a quick scalp massage or a couple's retreat you need.

When You Dine in W

Of the gastronomic choices the hotel has to offer – Yen, a contemporary Chinese restaurant with stylish takes on traditional oriental cuisine; Woobar, where you can lounge by the bar or have afternoon tea; Wet Deck, the scene to be seen and to sip cocktails with the gorgeous Petronas Twin Tower magnified as a stunning backdrop; and also Saint Pierre, a privately-managed, Michelin-famous French eatery – its all day dining restaurant Flock makes a particularly rejuvenating dining experience. With a "farm-to-flock" concept, the chefs serve up Australian dishes featuring organic produce, sustainable eats and locally-sourced artisanal delights. And on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, its Retox Sunday brunch is the perfect weekend situation, with an extravagant lunch spread and cool entertainments like a DJ playing groovy electric while a violinist makes his rounds.



SKY51 AT EQ KUALA LUMPUR

BY SARA YEOH

When you step out of the lift on the 51st floor of EQ, you will walk amongst stars made out of LED lights sealed within the walls and reflected on the floors – creating a beautiful illusion of a night sky. This floor, aptly named Sky51, is home to EQ's contemporary European fine-dining restaurant Sabayon and bespoke speakeasy bar and lounge Blue.

At Sabayon, impressive city views and the iconic Petronas Twin Towers are framed within its floor-to-ceiling windows. And on the other side of the window, there is a different world with dreamy pastel-coloured décor accented

with elegant copper and bronze tones. Chef Hans Boren who helms the kitchen, was behind Restaurant 28+'s Michelin star for 20 years in Gothenburg, Sweden, before calling Sabayon his new home – lucky us! Diners can experience the chef's creations in prix fixe menus of three, four, five or seven-courses.

And when we dined at Sabayon, he kept us excited from the amuse bouche that consisted of an asparagus espuma and lobster jelly, right to the end where dessert was a deconstructed raspberry pavlova with a hint of spiciness. In between, a seared yellowfin tuna loin with soy tapioca, lotus and mizuna

salad was unfailingly lovely, and so was the lamb loin with apricot sauce.

If you wish for the night at Sky51 to last longer after the mignardises at Sabayon – who can blame you – head over to Blue on the other side for a cocktail or two. In Blue's art deco-style indoor lounge, plunge onto one of the bar seats to order the best Smoked Negroni in town, while a live band serenades to set the mood for the night. Outdoors, expect a quicker pulse, thanks to the DJ in the upper deck, and enjoy a panoramic view of the city skyline spanning from the KL Tower to the Twin Towers, which is not to be missed.



THE LUXE REPORT

BY CRYSTAL CHONG



Gucci to Open First Restaurant Outside Italy

Italian luxury label Gucci has announced it will be opening a new restaurant in Los Angeles, following the success and Michelin-star coronation of its "Gucci Osteria" outpost in Italy.

According to WWD, the fresh culinary establishment will open doors in spring 2020 on none other than the swanky Rodeo Drive retail strip, marking the second restaurant opened by the Kering-owned luxury giant and the first outside of Italy.

Gucci Garden in Florence – a boutique, exhibition space and restaurant (dubbed "Osteria") – and a passion project by company CEO Marco Bizzarri and esteemed three-Michelin-star chef Massimo Bottura, was inaugurated in January 2018, and was awarded a Michelin star in November last year.

The further push into haute cuisine, and into the LA foodie scene, is a move by the brand to expand its empire beyond fashion and into other areas of luxury lifestyle, and follows similar initiatives by fellow conglomerates.

Source: AFP

Seven Seas Splendor Home to a US\$5 Million Fine Art Collection

Regent Seven Seas Cruises®, the world's leading luxury ocean cruise line, has unveiled details of the breathtaking US\$5 million art collection to be permanently displayed aboard Seven Seas Splendor™.

Taking nearly two years to curate and commission, the 300-piece collection is sourced from artists and galleries from around the world and will debut when the new ship launches in February 2020.

The collection features works from more than 200 artists across dozens of mediums, including two Pablo Picasso works on display in Prime 7, the ship's premier steakhouse, and in the Regent Suite.

An installation that will become an iconic sculpture aboard Seven Seas Splendor is the dramatic mythical dragon rising from under the floor and swirling through the large space up through the ceiling to greet guests in front of Pacific Rim, the ship's exquisite Pan-Asian restaurant. Holding a supernatural pearl, the cast bronze dragon is an embodiment of good luck in Asian culture. Guests walk through the winding, life-size dragon to enter Pacific Rim.

Dramatic chandeliers, which were commissioned and are also works of art, add to the sophisticated décor.

Currently being built in Ancona, Italy, Seven Seas Splendor will offer her 750 guests the most luxurious accommodations as she sails to the world's iconic destinations and less-familiar hidden gems.



A Look at How the World's Wealthiest Concluded 2019

Fortunes rise and fall, and just before the end of last year, Forbes looked at the change in net worth of more than 2,200 billionaires. Curious?

Here is the round-up of the top five gainers and top five losers for the period between Dec 28, 2018 and Dec 13, 2019.

THE GAINERS

Bernard Arnault, Chairman and CEO of LVMH

Net Worth: \$107.7 billion (+\$40 billion)

Reason: LVMH's stock price rose by around 54% in 2019

Mark Zuckerberg, Co-founder and CEO of Facebook

Net Worth: \$72 billion (+\$22.1 billion)

Reason: Facebook's stock price rose 48% in 2019

Amancio Ortega, Founder of Inditex

Net Worth: \$74.9 billion (+\$17.3 billion)

Reason: Inditex's share price rose nearly 34% in 2019

Steve Ballmer, Former CEO of Microsoft

Net Worth: \$56.3 billion (+\$16.3 billion)

Reason: Microsoft's revenue continued to rise in 2019 and its share price increased significantly

Mukesh Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries

Net Worth: \$61.4 billion (+\$16.1 billion)

Reason: Reliance Industries had a strong 2019 and is on track to being debt-free by March 31, 2020

THE LOSERS

Azim Premji, Chairman of Wipro

Net Worth: \$7.2 billion (–\$14.1 billion)

Reason: Premji transferred a \$7.5 billion stake in Wipro Limited to his charitable foundation

Jeff Bezos, Founder and CEO of Amazon

Net Worth: \$109.7 billion (–\$13.1 billion)

Reason: A \$30 billion-plus divorce settlement with wife of 25 years, MacKenzie Bezos

Subhash Chandra, Chairman of Essel Group

Net worth: \$660 million (–\$3.4 billion)

Reason: The share prices of Essel's companies dropped, due to allegations it was linked to a company being probed for suspicious transactions

Travis Kalanick, Co-founder and Former CEO of Uber

Net Worth: \$2.8 billion (–\$3.1 billion)

Reason: Uber shares fell by over 30% since May 2019. Plus, Kalanick sold nearly 90% of his Uber shares and had to pay state and federal capital gains taxes.

Yan Zhi, Founder and Co-Chairman of Zall Smart Commerce Group

Net Worth: \$2.1 billion (–\$3 billion)

Reason: A 74% decrease in profits for the fiscal year ending June 2019

Source: Forbes

Belmond Splendido Mare Set for Major Renovation

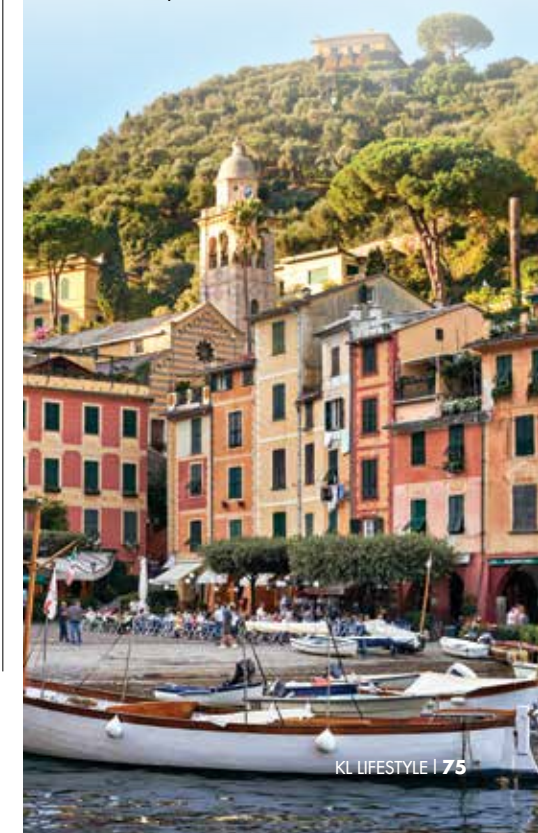
In November 2019, Belmond announced a major renovation plan for the 14-room Belmond Splendido Mare in Portofino. Paris-based designers FESTEN Architecture were appointed to lead the design with the re-opening set for June 2020.

"The redesign will evoke a stylish home where contemporary and vintage pieces co-exist to provide a timeless feel," Charlotte de Tonnac, Co-Founder of FESTEN Architecture, said.

The new design draws inspiration from nautical traditions and the hotel's modest past. Each guestroom references interiors of a typical Italian fishing boat, drawing on aesthetics of natural wood, ropes and brass, while the bathrooms are designed to create a calming sanctuary.

Individual pieces of furniture have been selected for their impeccable craftsmanship, with each guestroom featuring authentic antiques.

Sister to Belmond Hotel Splendido, guests staying at Belmond Splendido Mare will have full access to the refreshing saltwater infinity pool, the terraced gardens with panoramic sea views and spa.





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A TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN ARTISTS IN 2019

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

2019 saw the passing of three legendary artists, Choo Keng Kwang, Raphael Scott Ahbeng and Jeihan Sukmantoro – an immense loss to the art industry. These artists were incredible, each with distinct artistic prowess. KL Lifestyle Art Space (KLAS) pays tribute to these three legends by revisiting their stunning masterpieces and illustrious career.



Singapore Skyline, 1976
Oil on canvas 54 x 90 cm
SOLD RM 59,178.00
KLAS Art Auction 30 July 2017
Sale XXVIII

CHOO KENG KWANG THE PAINTER OF DOVES AND PIGEONS

First-generation Singaporean artist, Choo Keng Kwang was born in 1931 in Singapore and gained his well-deserved and exceptional reputation through extraordinary traditional oil paintings of landscape, animals and nature-inspired, mostly from his travels and exposure. A highly accomplished painter, a committed educationist and a generous supporter of social charities, his contributions

and efforts since the 1950's has made him a cherished icon in the world of art.

Choo was the son of a Teochew diamond trader, Choo Kim Kye, and his talent was apparent from a young age. During his school years, he not only attended the Catholic High School, he also enrolled for art courses at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA). Despite facing criticism and disapproval from his teachers, due to his unwavering dedication in both his regular studies and art classes, he successfully graduated from both schools in

1953. Although Choo showed interest in art during his school years, it was not until after he graduated that he delved into the field. He chose to be an educator and started teaching first, which eventually led to Choo being the principal of Sin Hua School.

During his early years as an artist, Choo had good friends within the art circle such as Lee Man Fong, Georgette Chen, Liu Kang and Cheong Soo Pieng. Even though they shared a close friendship, their art styles vary and differ from each other. For instance, his

dear friend Lee Man Fong featured pigeons perched on big brown stones while Choo's pigeons in his paintings stand on pine and bougainvillea trees.

While Lee used the Linan style, Choo's pigeon and dove artworks combined two different styles of Western impressionism and rules of perspective with traditional Chinese brushwork. Often, his bird paintings featured them descending in a spectacular vision, amidst swirling mists, to nest in foliage. His artistic signature touch in his bird paintings also exudes a romantic and atmospheric visual that carry powerful symbolic values with technical virtuosity, which is why he is well-known as the Painter of Doves and Pigeons.

Choo's life in academia

Although Choo is mainly known as an artist, he had spent more than 30 years in academia. He was known for his involvement as a teacher and later promoted as the school principal of Sin Hua School. Throughout his career in the arena of education, Choo sought to improve the teaching of the arts. So, in 1982, the Ministry of Education started a two- and four-year Art in Education diploma course in order to raise the standards of secondary school art teachers. Choo oversaw the program and became the main lecturer.

In 1984, he was promoted as a senior lecturer and later became head of the Art Education Department at the leading art school in the region, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA), until his retirement. Choo not only left a mark as an artist, but as an academician too.

The benevolent philanthropist

Choo was active in charitable work in support of youth, education and the less fortunate. He produced paintings for charitable causes besides aiding community services, institutions, associations and scholarships for the performing arts such as the education of young musicians, and at schools and community centres.

His generosity included contributing all earnings from his painting to St. Andrew's Mission Hospital and Touch Community Services. Another example was the artist's participation in the President's Charity Art Exhibition – Choo Keng Kwang: An Artistic Path of His Own, where he successfully raised S\$160, 000 for charity. In 1997, he donated oil paintings to the President's Star Charity Show. There were even phone cards of Choo's artwork reproduced by the Chinese Development Assistance Council (CDAC) for fund-raising campaigns.



Doves I, 1987
Oil on board
82 x 122 cm
SOLD RM 50,400
KLAS Art Auction 24 February 2019
Sale XXXV



Three Cockatoos, 1982
Oil on masonite board 80 x 122 cm
SOLD RM 49,596.80
KLAS Art Auction 28 January 2018
Sale XXX

Artistic Prowess

Choo Keng Kwang was famed for painting his favourite subjects, doves, cockatoos, old Chinatown in Singapore as well as a special piece on the Angkor Wat, enthused by his travels to Cambodia. The artist's oil paintings exude a sense of romanticism and

beauty at first glance, with a strong nostalgic vitality that appeals to its viewers. Besides Choo's beloved muses, his works feature a diverse array of subjects spanning various countries, made in woodcuts, oil and batik-style painting.

JEIHAN SUKMANTORO
NDONESIAN MAESTRO OF
EXPRESSIONISM

The late eminent painter was born on September 26, 1938 near Solo (Central Java). His Javanese-Hindu heritage had the most significant influence on Jeihan as a child and became his source of inspiration later in life.

Wayang kulit embodies the philosophy of Javanese culture and paves the way to further comprehend its literature, music and classical theatre. The wayang kulit played its part in moulding the artist that he was. Jeihan not only painted, but he was also active in literature and participated in Indonesian theatre.

Education

At the tender age of six, an accident left Jeihan with brain damage and epilepsy. He did not attend school for the next eight years and spent that time doing only one thing: drawing. Figures and landcapes became his playmates until he returned to school.

Fortunately, the artist’s injuries didn’t deter him from excelling in school. In fact, his intelligence improved because he successfully completed junior high school and was accepted into a senior high school that focused on art. Soon after, Jeihan received a class promotion for conducting a solo exhibition of 30 watercolours.



Jeihan Sukmantoro painting a portrait of Dato' Gary Thanasan's daughter.

Jeihan eventually enrolled at the School of Fine Art and Design of the Bandung Institute of Technology, which gave him the perception that he was on track to be a professional artist. Then, seeds of rebellion were sown when he found out that the school was set up to produce teachers of art instead of professional painters – the rules and regulations were not supportive of students wishing to embark on a professional career. For instance, students were prohibited from holding exhibitions outside campus. A carefree spirit that Jeihan was, he often broke the rules, justifying it on the grounds that they served as opportunities to gain him wider experience and knowledge.

Artistic Style

For Jeihan, it was more than just knowledge and experience – he wanted freedom to be independent and develop his character. This seemed to have been the fuel to his trailblazing works. Works from the artist’s early days were judged to have deviated from educational

rules, and he was ridiculed, criticised and even accused of blasphemy.

Jeihan’s paintings were that of figurative, incongruous with his school’s adoption of Cubism and abstract styles, though his works do seem to slant towards the abstract field. In the mid 1960’s, during the artist’s final semester, he decided to quit due to boredom.

An early work of the Indonesian artist that created quite a stir was an installation piece at an exhibition in the Balai Budaya Building in Jakarta in 1968. What did he do? He cut his Torso art piece into three separate ones. In the uproar, an art critic deemed Jeihan’s artworks rape. Unfortunately, Jeihan’s ideas were too dynamic and way ahead of its time.

This changed by the 1980’s. The decade later saw more progressive thinking into



Fatimah, 2010
Oil on canvas
70 x 70 cm
SOLD RM 8,454.00
KLAS Art Auction 28 January 2018
Sale XXX

Sore di Pelabuhan Ratu, Bandung, 1976
Acrylic on canvas
60 x 70 cm
SOLD - RM 16,500.00
KLAS Art Auction 10 November 2013
Sale VI

Perhaps, it was the artist commentary on not conforming to standards.

Women were the artist’s preferred subject of choice, seeing a uniqueness in them, exuding mystery and character. The manner in which the subjects were painted against a vibrant space devoid of things, bringing focus to the physical and non-physical reality of things. Jeihan regarded his subjects as spiritual beings and draws attention to it indirectly through facial expressions and body gestures.

Flatness discerns in some of the artist’s works, reminiscent of wayang kulit and similarly the way in which the subject matter is positioned in a side profile away from the painter is akin to the angle the dalang (puppet master) holds his puppets. It is done with an intellectual awareness. Again, Jeihan’s Javanese heritage peeks through.

From 1997 onwards, Jeihan evolved towards a certain spiritual tranquillity, reflected in a more minimalistic style of painting. His subjects took a more playful and relaxed light, but their figures expressed distortion and less being. Decades later, aficonados are still clamouring for his modern artworks and will continue to do so.



Yanti, 2008
Oil on canvas
70 x 70 cm
SOLD RM 13,750.00
KLAS Art Auction 7 July 2013
Sale IV



Gadis, 1998
Oil on canvas
45 x 45 cm
SOLD RM 11,550.00
KLAS Art Auction 7 July 2013
Sale IV

accepting unconventional ideas. It worked in Jeihan’s favour – his ideas gained traction and maturing style was easier to comprehend.

Jeihan’s status as a professional artist and his success in breaking into the market were evident by the billing received on a poster advertising a joint exhibition with a senior artist in 1985, which was organised by the Board of Art of Jakarta. The headline read, “The encounter of 2 eminent expressionists.”

Demand for Jeihan’s paintings soared, sparking a boom in demand for Indonesian paintings. The following years were particularly good for the Indonesian overseas fine art market.

The hallmark of Jeihan Sukmantoro’s artworks is his subject’s blank eyes. He deliberately lost the eyes with flat black paint. The effect can be unsettling but the peculiarity and air of mystery surrounding it draws viewers in.



Tegora, 2008
Oil on canvas
114 x 174 cm
SOLD RM 25,300.00
KLAS Art Auction 30 September 2012
Sale I



RAPHAEL SCOTT AHBENG PAINTER OF THE BORNEAN LANDSCAPE

KL Lifestyle Art Space looks back at Raphael Scott Ahbeng's illustrious career and riveting artworks.

Ahbeng, a Bidayuh, hailed from Sarawak and was one of the most prominent Borneo artists and dubbed the master of Sarawak's landscapes. He attended Bath Academy of Art in the United Kingdom, where he studied Art and Photography from 1964 to 1967. He returned to the UK in 1973, under the British Council Grant to study English and Drama at the British Drama League in London. He also studied broadcasting at the BBC in 1990 under a joint Sarawak/British Council Grant.

Road to Singai, 2011
Oil on canvas
67 x 38 cm
SOLD RM 16,500.00
KLAS Art Auction 7 April 2013
Sale III



The Glory Of Morning, 2008
Oil on canvas
182 x 243 cm
SOLD RM 23,100.00
KLAS Art Auction 19 January 2014
Sale VII



Woods, 2008
Oil on canvas
180 x 243 cm
SOLD RM 15,950.00
KLAS Art Auction 10 November 2013
Sale VI

Accolades

His many accomplishments reveal a spirited character, with an unquenchable thirst for learning various subjects. His works which address the spiritual, social and economic concerns of the Malay Archipelago were exhibited at Convergence held at Petronas Gallery in 2013. His solo exhibition, Legend: A Borneo Artist, showcased the complete oeuvre of Raphael's 60 years of work.

From his secluded studio in Bau, Sarawak, Raphael Scott Ahbeng painted on a variety of subjects and styles, with his métier being abstract. Given his first solo in 1954, he took up an Art and Photography course at the Bath Academy of Fine Art in England (1964-1967). He also took up Drama in London in 1973 under a Sarawak Government scholarship. His awards included the 1st Prize in the Sarawak Shell Open (1959, 1982, 1983), and 3rd Prize in the Natural Malaysia art competition in Kuala Lumpur in 1991.

Artistic Prowess

It is known to whoever is familiar with Raphael Scott AhBeng's works that his interpretation of nature strayed far away from the rest of his contemporaries. They had been modified into something that was purely AhBeng's style – atypical and fantastical. The artist's renditions of his favourite subject, the Borneon forest, were often depicted engulfed in various shapes, colours and shades.

Struck with visual wonder, the audience is left to discover more and more hues as they explore the canvas, each colour special and diverse, as trees and floras are in the forests. Ahbeng had produced countless variations of nature that naturally draw viewers in, coaxing them to take a longer look, as there is an underlying message or mystery to discover and to get acquainted with. Perhaps this was how Raphael Scott AhBeng saw plants, leaves and flowers collectively – he saw them as having their own aura, their own colour and own shapes despite their intrinsic and natural façade.

Meet the Manager of
Moët Hennessy’s
Champagne Brands

Ronan de
La Morlais

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

*If you have a question about
wines and spirits, Ronan de
La Morlais is your go-to guy.
His years of experience in
the industry spans across
continents, having worked in
France, China, Gabon and
now, Malaysia.*

*Read on for a peek into his
life in this city.*

Tell us about yourself.

My name is Ronan de La Morlais and I’m a Frenchman from Brittany.

I am the manager for Moët Hennessy’s champagnes in Malaysia: Veuve Clicquot, Dom Pérignon, Krug and of course, Moët & Chandon.

I have been working in the wines and spirits industry for almost seven years and I moved to Kuala Lumpur two and half years ago with my fiancée, Alice.

You’ve worked in a few countries around the world. How does working in Malaysia differ?

Before Malaysia, I had been based in Shanghai, Paris and more recently, Libreville in Gabon.

One of the most striking things is certainly the speed at which Kuala Lumpur is evolving. This creates many opportunities and at the same time, a lot of information. Fast-moving business, demanding deadlines and how can we not mention the millions of WhatsApp groups created every week?

What do you enjoy most about working at Moët Hennessy Diageo Malaysia?

The group has undoubtedly the most beautiful portfolio of premium brands in the world. Some of them, like Moët & Chandon, carry a heritage of over 250 years. With this, our job is not only to sell bottles, but to ensure that we are crafting unique and relevant experiences locally.

I think sharing stories and creating this connection between the legacy of a historical French House and a Malaysian consumer in this day and age is what I enjoy most.

What was your first impression of Malaysia?

To be honest, I didn’t really know where I was going to set foot in when I decided to move. So I was surprised by how fast I felt at home here in Malaysia.

I found life here to be quite exhilarating too: from the impressive city of Kuala Lumpur to the bountiful natural wonders, every part of the country is about diversity.

If you have travelled domestically, which is your favorite trip?

I recently went diving with some friends around Pulau Sipadan in Sabah. It is incredibly beautiful. Malaysia has an inexhaustible list of places to visit. Bako National Park in Sarawak is also great, or closer to KL, I like the discreet charm and authenticity of Melaka old town.

What are your two favorite local dishes?

That’s a tough one. Laksa Nyonya with coconut milk is definitely one of them. Then I would say a good Bak Kut Teh. But someone told me I still need to go to Klang to taste the best ones!

What would you like to accomplish while in Malaysia?

It has been some time now, but I still cannot speak Bahasa Melayu. This is definitely something I would like to work on. It might actually make it a good New Year’s resolution.

I would also like to keep discovering Malaysia and get my next diving certification.

Do you see yourself living here permanently?

I think I will continue to move around for a few more years, but Malaysia is certainly a place where I plan to come back to, and yes, why not to settle down one day?



Facade
The Majestic Malacca
Deluxe Room



THE MAJESTIC MALACCA

A Majestic Sojourn

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Steeped in history, culture and age-old traditions, The Majestic Malacca stands deeply rooted in the heart of Melaka, bearing witness to its colourful history since its erection in 1929. Upon entering the hotel’s regal doors, one is instantly transported to the bygone era of the 20’s. Naturally, the interior of this former mansion is a tribute to its storied past – complete with tiled flooring and teakwood fittings.

Rooms at The Majestic Malacca are lavish, with a confluence of contemporary luxury and tradition. Timber floors and teak wood take precedence, while subtle lighting, beige-washed walls and elegant furniture create a peaceful haven you don’t want to leave. Guests are escorted to their rooms by attendees and are welcomed the Peranakan way – tea served in a vibrant, antique Peranakan teapot.

When it comes to the modern trimmings you want from a hotel, it delivers. The spa, the rooms, the outdoor pool and fitness centre and service are all proof that The

Majestic Malacca doesn’t rest on its 20th century laurels. In an effort to provide guests with a wholesome experience, the hotel provides a complementary Historical Walk where patrons can saunter through the once entrepot and learn about the historical landmarks just a stone’s throw away.

The many foreign influences throughout the centuries has moulded Malacca into a melting pot of different cultures and cuisines. Located on the first floor of the main building, The Mansion offers a unique culinary experience, exclusive only to Malacca – the Kristang cuisine. Take your palate on a delectable journey through dishes such as the Ayam Keluak, Debal Curry and Nyonya Laksa. Then, treat yourself to a midday indulgence at The Lounge, where its afternoon tea personifies the Peranakan culture. Savour local kuih such as the onde onde, kuih lapis, as well as pie tee and spring rolls.

Cast away the cobwebs of the mind and body at The Majestic Malacca’s

Spa Village – an award-winning spa. Its inviting ambience, beautiful architecture as well as mélange of therapies draw inspiration from the Baba-Nyonya culture. Expect a greeting of sunlight from the floor-to-ceiling windows, traditional Peranakan day beds, porcelain tiles and intricate traditional wood carvings here.

Before your treatment of choice commences, you are treated to a hair ritual that is inspired by the elaborate and colourful 12-day Peranakan wedding ceremony. Leave your woes behind and allow the experienced therapists to release the knots and tension that bind the body through long strokes that resemble the rolling waves. Leave the spa as light as a feather and anticipate a good night’s sleep. To sum up, The Majestic Malacca, a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, is an oasis of luxury, heritage and beauty.

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Grand Premier Room
The Olive



GENTING GRAND HOTEL

An Icon of Classic Luxury

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

As a young girl, my trips to the mountaintop resort of Genting would always end with a family photo in front of the trademark red logo, crowning an 18-storey building.

This building houses the five-star Genting Grand Hotel, which is now the only Malaysian hotel to be honoured with a coveted four-star rating from the Forbes Travel Guide.

Rest
The 337-square-feet Grand Premier room has everything you need for a cosy and comfortable stay - warm wooden interiors, plush beds, a 42-inch Plasma TV with in-house movies, a MedKlinn ionizer and a long tub for a relaxing soak.

What caught my eye, however, was the little details indicative of the hotel’s genuine care for its guests. As I first walked in, I was greeted with a personalised welcome message on the TV. Then, there was the thoughtful plate of fresh fruit, the Nespresso machine and the automatic lights in their spacious wardrobe.

Play
While deep slumber awaits in your room, fun never sleeps in Genting, with a host of entertainment just a short walk away.

The hotel is home to the 24-hour Genting Casino, a karaoke bar, an arcade and the Genting International Showroom, where IMAGINATRICKS, a jaw-dropping performance of acrobatics, dance and comedy is currently taking the stage.

Wander a little further to the SkyAvenue lifestyle mall for adrenaline-pumping rides at the Skytropolis Indoor Theme Park and immersive VR attractions at the VOID and SkyVR.

Savour
From a scrumptious buffet at Coffee Terrace to a night out at the award-winning L’TITUDE lounge, Genting Grand Hotel has dining options for all occasions.

The nearby SkyAvenue also offers a plethora of restaurants and cafes, with the Malaysian Food Street being a must-visit. Set in a 60s-inspired town, with old

lampposts and wooden windows, here’s where you can get a taste of the country’s best hawker food all in one sitting.

Rejuvenate
M Spa, located just by the Genting Grand lobby, is where you’ll want to be after a full day of exploring. I went in for the healing stone massage, which promotes blood circulation, with the soothing chamomile and ylang ylang oil working to calm and balance hormones. Throughout the 100 minutes, the therapist made sure I was comfortable, with the massage personalised to my areas of concern.

By the end of it, I could feel all my tensions melting away, and I was ready to retreat to my room for a good night’s rest.

Genting Grand Hotel
Genting Highlands Resort, 69000
Genting Highlands, Pahang
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LEXIS HIBISCUS PORT DICKSON

Family Friendly Tranquillity

BY AGNES AUI

Unwind by stepping foot into Lex Spa and its serene setting



Merely an hour-drive away from Kuala Lumpur lies Lexis Hibiscus Port Dickson, the astounding resort along Pasir Panjang beach, built in the shape of Malaysia's national flower. The award-winning resort holds two Guinness World Records for "The Most Swimming Pools in A Resort" and "The Most Overwater Villas in Single Resort". It comprises of 639 rooms and suites with 117 tower rooms and 522 overwater villas, each with its own private pool and steam room.

LEXSPA
Walk through a short labyrinth and feast your eyes on LexSpa's serene setting of side-to-side massage beds and steps leading up to a large bathtub – beautifully decorated with real jasmine flowers as calming music unwinds your soul. The aromatherapy massage uses a mixture of palm, coconut and olive oil with lavender and chamomile essential oils to ease and relax the muscles. Local masseuses were gentle throughout and hit all the right spots, untangling muscle tension. Serving of warm Pandan and brown sugar drink signified the end of our alleviating session, but we knew we would be back for more after the lavish experience.



Lexis Hibiscus Port Dickson's Sky Pool Villa located in the main building's tower

ROOMS

With families as the focal point, their rooms feature large walkways, king-sized beds, spacious bathrooms with a bathtub and commodious living space with lush velvet sofa amidst marbled floor and wooden dividers. Slide the huge floor-to-ceiling doors to an extensive balcony featuring a private dip pool, steam room, coffee table and lounge chairs. Beyond the balcony lies a picturesque view of the sea and the overwater villas, placed architecturally to form a hibiscus flower, where you may find yourself staring in awe for a good ten minutes or more. Room amenities are abundant with floral scented toiletries, complimentary mini bar snacks and a television with countless movie options.

FOOD

Savour the breakfast buffet at Roselle Coffee House – where the selections are widespread with local and international cuisines, allowing guests to choose to their palate's delight. We created our own big breakfast and relished the local dishes alongside freshly brewed coffee. For tea, we adjourned to Coralz Bistro where we scanned through a display of fresh pastries and cakes while sipping on a refreshing Roselle Fizzy. Later that night, we opted for some authentic Japanese cuisine at UMI Japanese restaurant where we tried generous plates of delicacies. The luxury service provided by servers in each restaurant heightened the whole experience and dining at the resort was a breeze.

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Negeri Sembilan
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Top 18 Finalists of Miss Universe Malaysia 2020

The Miss Universe Malaysia Organisation (MUMO) had on Dec 12, 2019 announced the top 18 finalists of the Miss Universe Malaysia 2020 competition.

Its National Director, Datin Elaine Daly, said at the press conference: "After several rounds of auditions over the past three months, we are thrilled to present to you our top 18 finalists from across Malaysia who are now vying for the coveted role of Miss Universe Malaysia 2020. They are here today because they have each shown something special in them, not just beauty, but strength in character, determination and ambition. Eighteen beautiful girls, but only one will wear the Miss Universe Malaysia crown, and ultimately, represent Malaysia on the international stage.

"As National Director, it is truly an honour and privilege to be able to mentor our top 18 finalists in this competition. We have girls from different backgrounds and various achievements, some with personal challenges, but they all have one common goal – to become the next Miss Universe Malaysia, and this is just the beginning. My team and I are excited to go on this journey to prepare them for what's to come, and bring out the best in them so that they can stand strong and make Malaysia proud.

"'Beauty Beyond You', the theme of this competition, speaks of the opportunity that these girls will have in championing a cause close to their hearts, and bring awareness and understanding to the cause that they are truly passionate about using the Miss Universe Malaysia platform. Through this competition, they will gain new learning opportunities and invaluable experiences that will stay with them for a lifetime."

The finalists will be featured in an online show, 'The Next Miss Universe Malaysia 2020', consisting of 18 episodes of their personal profiles to be aired starting Jan 23, 2020, followed by 10 episodes of their journey leading to the crowning of Miss Universe Malaysia 2020 on online lifestyle channel, www.hurr.tv.

The crowning of Miss Universe Malaysia 2020 will take place on March 5, 2020 at The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur. As Miss Universe Malaysia 2020, the winner will have the opportunity of a lifetime to travel abroad, representing the country at the Miss Universe pageant at a yet-to-be-revealed location. She will also receive a cash prize and sponsored prizes with a combined value of RM180,000, and a full education scholarship from HELP University.



Pavilion Bukit Jalil unveils major tenants

Pavilion Bukit Jalil retail planners recently announced that they have successfully secured 1 million square feet of confirmed tenants and are close to securing another 300,000 square feet with committed tenants for the mall.

With 1.8 million square feet of retail space, Pavilion Bukit Jalil is the crown jewel of the 50-acre integrated Bukit Jalil City and will be the largest shopping mall within a 10-kilometre radius.

Anchor tenants include department store operator Parkson, China's second largest cinema chain Dadi Cinema, Food Republic, The Food Merchant, Harvey Norman superstore, and Pavilion Bukit Jalil Ice Rink. These brands alongside a host of mini anchors, specialty stores, food and beverage outlets, leisure and entertainment attractions will position Pavilion Bukit Jalil as the new epicentre of excitement and experience.



Official Launch of Xeoul Global

Founded by Managing Director Dorothy Ng and Medical Director Edmond Ng, Xeoul Global took inspiration from the business' affiliations with Seoul, hence the unique name. The purpose of Xeoul Global is to address a full spectrum of clients' beauty and aesthetics needs and desires.

A complete approach was derived to cater to a wider scope of clients with emphasis on versatility. Xeoul Global offers more non-surgical and less invasive procedures to cater to local clients who want to take care of their skin, as well as minor aesthetics procedures. They would also like to continue to provide the market with more options for reliable and quality cosmetic surgeries in Seoul, South Korea, which remains the cosmetic surgery capital of the world.



Brands under Xeoul Global include Xeoul Clinic, Xeoul Aesthetics and Aegis. Xeoul Clinic focuses on providing aesthetic and beauty services locally, while Xeoul

Aesthetics is the hub for surgeries in South Korea. Aegis is a brand of skincare-based products to address sun protection.

A Celebration of Madras Lane's charm and culture with Lorong Fest

As part of their greater Laneway Improvement Programme, Lorong Fest: A Walk Down Madras Lane, brought Madras Lane to life with the launch of its latest initiative - an event that is also a part of Think City's 10th Anniversary celebration.

The weekend-long celebration of local heritage offered fun-filled activities and a photo exhibition featuring hawkers and vendors who have found solace in the area for the past 50 years, narrating their story and encouraging visitors to return for fresh produce, traditional ingredients and good food.



Bukit Bintang Member of Parliament, Fong Kui Lun said: "Lorong Fest: A Walk Down Madras Lane is an exemplary initiative that I hope will create opportunities for the existing businesses here and nurture a sense of appreciation by the generations of today and tomorrow about our cultural history, sparking curiosity for these forgotten spaces within our city."



Viu releases original series 'Black'

Slated to air exclusively on Viu, the eight-episode series is an adaptation of the renowned CJ E&M Korean format of the same name but a local version. Produced by Kuala Lumpur-based production company Alpha47 Films, and co-directed by award-winning directors Razaisyam Rashid and Kroll Azri, Black will debut with four back-to-back episodes.

Starring in the series are artistes such as Kamal Adli, Siti Saleha, Nabila Huda, Zoey Rahman and more. The Malaysian adaptation replaces the concept of grim reaper with a supernatural being from another dimension, setting Black off on a mission to track down his fugitive partner in the human world.

"Since we began producing our own Viu Original content, we have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our Viu-ers and the Malaysian industry alike. We know that the Malaysian remake of Black will be a strong addition to our premium content offering and we are confident it will be well-received by our Viu-ers across all our 17 markets," said Viu Malaysia General Manager Kingsley Warner.



Suria KLCC
Petronas Twin Towers • 📍 KLCC
Tel : 03-2382 2828 / 2430 / 2431
Located at the base of the Petronas Twin Towers, Suria KLCC is the premier shopping centre in KL. It offers unique shopping, dining & entertainment experience. It houses exclusive designer brands and provides an abundant choices of goods and services for everyone. • 10am - 10pm daily. • D8

Avenue K Shopping Mall
156 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03 2168 7800
Avenue K is Kuala Lumpur’s coolest urban hub where life and creativity are celebrated. The new Avenue K aims to indulge your retail desires, cater to your entertainment needs and satisfy your appetite for top-notch dining in comfort. Far from a regular mall, it offers exciting experiences and a trend setting venue where shoppers can relax and treat yourself to a good time. With over 60 exciting dining options including Fresca Mexican Kitchen, Dolly Dim Sum, Samba Brazilian Steakhouse, Sushi Zanmai, Nene Chicken, Boat Noodle, Sushi King and Bankara Ramen. there is no doubt that Avenue K is a foodie’s heaven. • 10am to 10pm

IOI City Mall
Management Office, Unit T2-3A-3 & Unit T2-3A-3A, Level 3A, IOI City Tower Two, Lebuhr IRC, IOI Resort City, 62502 Putrajaya, Sepang, Selangor. Tel: 03-8328 8900
The multi award-winning IOI City Mall, located within IOI Resort City, is the largest mall in Southern Klang Valley. It is easily accessible via major highways and public transport. Its 1.5 million sq. ft. of lettable space is occupied by trendy fashion brands, supermarket, cineplexes and F&B outlets offering exquisite local and international dining experiences. • 10am to 10pm

MyTOWN Shopping Centre
No.6, Jalan Cochrane Cheras, Seksyen 90, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2710 0057
MyTOWN is located in Kuala Lumpur, anchored by IKEA Cheras. Visit us easily by bypass or take a ride on the MRT to the Cochrane underground MRT station. The blend of fashion forward retail, amazing amenities, stylish alfresco events make MyTOWN the premier shopping destination in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. It’s more than just shopping... It’s an experience for everyone in the family!
• 10am to 10pm

Berjaya Times Square
Tel: 03-2117 3111
1 Jalan Imbi • 📍 Imbi
The biggest in Southeast Asia, this mall which measures 7.5 million sq ft, is an integrated shopping-cum-entertainment centre with a hotel, the region's biggest indoor theme park and bowling centre. • 10am - 10pm daily. • F8

1 Utama
1 Lebuhr Bandar Utama, Bandar Utama, PJ Tel : 03-7710 8118
A new generation shopping centre which satisfies all shopping needs under one roof. The old wing has Jusco as the main anchor tenant while the new extension houses many designer brands and has U Parkson, MPH & Jusco as anchor tenants • 10am - 10pm daily.

Sunway Velocity Mall
Lingkaran SV, Sunway Velocity, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2786 3970
Sunway Velocity Mall is earmarked to be the leading destination in KL South with its cutting-edge architecture, neo futuristic façade and contemporary interior. Built with connectivity in mind, the mall is easily accessible through major roads and highways and is well-serviced by public transportation including 1 LRT and 2 MRTs.
• 10am to 10pm

The LINC KL
360, Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-92130388
The LINC KL is an escape, a hideaway, a preferred destination for when you want to take a break from your busy life and reconnect with nature. It is a place full of such possibilities. Room for nature. Room for coming together. Room for celebration. Space to grow. Space to simply be yourself.
• 10am to 10pm

Shoppes at Four Seasons Place
145 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2391 9655
Shoppes at Four Seasons Place is an elegant showcase spanning over six levels of retail, restaurants, a boutique grocer, and more. Immerse yourself in seamless accessibility with your every convenience within comfort’s reach. Take your time to explore the collection of carefully curated brands uniquely housed amidst wide spaces, marble halls, and comfortable lounge areas. Strategically located in the Golden Triangle of Kuala Lumpur, the mall welcomes you to indulge in an idyllic experience.
• 10am to 10pm

Publika Shopping Gallery
No 1, Jalan Dutamas 1, Solaris Dutamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-6211 7877
www.publika.com.my
www.facebook.com/publikashoppinggallery

Bangsar Village
Jalan Ara, Bangsar • 📍 Bangsar
Tel : 03-2282 1808
Located in happening Bangsar, this neighbourhood mall is vastly popular due to its individual specialist shops offering fashion wear, toys, jewellery, hardware, beauty salons and F&B. Anchor tenants include The Village Grocer. The newer and bigger Bangsar Village II that’s connected to this mall offers more local and international brands.

Sunway Pyramid
Bandar Sunway
Tel : 03-74943100
Impressive giant sphinx statue greets you at the entrance of this Egyptian-themed shopping centre situated next to Sunway Hotel and the Sunway Lagoon theme park.. The mall has a variety of shops and restaurants, an indoor ice-skating rink and a cineplex. • 10am-10pm daily.

Pavilion KL
168, Jalan Bukit Bintang • 📍 B Bintang
Tel : 03-2118 8833
The shopping centre blends the best of the international retail world with 450 stores – ranging from fashion to home deco and leisure to culinary delights - over its 7 levels and 6 themed precincts. 20% of its tenants represent debut brands in Malaysia. Anchor departmental stores are Parkson Pavilion and Tangs. • 10am to 10pm daily

Bangsar Shopping Centre
Jalan Maarof, Bangsar
Tel : 03-2094 7700
Located in the affluent Bangsar suburb, this mall buzzes with a trendy crowd and houses an array of individual specialist shops for every need. Jasons Food Hall is a favourite with shoppers, as it offers an extensive range of fresh and international food brands. 10am - 10pm daily.

Maju Junction Mall
1001 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 📍
Tel: 03-2697 9312
Located at the junction of Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman and Jalan Sultan Ismail, the five-storey mall has 101 outlets with Giant, Wh by British India, FOS, Nichii Fashion City being the anchor tenants. The mall provides concierge service and has an indoor archery centre, Big-Shot Archery. • 10am - 10pm daily.

KLIA
KL International Airport, Sepang 🛬 KLIA Ekspres-KLIA Tel : 03-8777 8888
One of airports with value-for-money shopping, it offers an excellent selection of goods like souvenirs, tobacco, liquors, perfume, chocolates and designer brands.



Pertama Complex
Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman
Tel: 03-2691 6599
One of the earliest shopping complexes in KL, this mall consists of many small shops selling an astonishing variety of goods and services appealing to the masses, including sports goods, leatherware, clothes, shoes and stationery. • 9am - 9pm daily. • D5

Sogo KL
Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman
• 📍 M Tuanku
• 🚆 Bandaraya • 🚆 Bank Negara
Tel : 03-2698 2111
This 10-storey shopping mall is well patronised for its quality goods (local and international) ranging from apparel, home furnishing to daily need items. It also has an international restaurant floor on the 6th floor • 11am-9pm daily • D5

Starhill Gallery
181 Jln Bkt Bintang • 📍 B Bintang
Tel: 03-2782 3800
Connected to JW Marriott Hotel and Ritz Carlton Hotel, Starhill houses the largest retail watch floor and a host of top fashion designer boutiques. An exclusive mall with excellent eateries and high-end shops.
• 10am -10pm daily • E9

Sungei Wang Plaza
Jalan Sultan Ismail • 📍 B Bintang
Tel: 03-2142 6636
Sungei Wang remains one of the busiest shopping centres for the last 2 decades. Linked directly to the Monorail, it has over 500 retail outlets and eateries. A great place to hunt for electrical and electronic products, mobile phones, fashionable street wear, shoes & accessories. The hip T-Hop zone at the 6th floor caters to trendy teenagers
• 10am - 10pm daily • F8

The Starling Mall
6, Jalan SS 21/37, Damansara Utama, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor. Tel: 03-7730 7000
Built in an organic form with a fluid façade and natural setting, The Starling is a space where nature is immersed into urban retail environment to create a unique space for togetherness in harmony with nature.

Subang Parade
Subang Jaya • 🚆 Subang
Tel: 03-5633 2530
This suburban mall offers an interesting mix of stores with goods ranging from apparels to antiques, and music to jewellery. Anchor tenants include Toy ‘R’ Us and Parkson. Carrefour hypermarket is located next door.
• 10am - 10pm daily.

Great Eastern Mall
303 Jalan Ampang
Tel : 03-4259 8090
Located along busy Jalan Ampang, this 6-storey mall has a host of shops including a pet shop, Aussino, British India and eateries like Starbucks and Alexis. It has Cold Storage as its anchor supermarket. • 11am - 9pm daily.

Hartamas Shopping Centre
Plaza Damas, 60 Jalan Sri Hartamas 1
Tel: 03-6201 6553
Integrated with Plaza Damas & situated among retail shops, offices, serviced apartments and alfresco boulevards. Features Citi Super, SenQ and many other speciality retailers.

Lot 10
50 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 📍 B Bintang
Tel : 03-2143 6092
Linked to the Bukit Bintang Monorail station and Sungei Wang Plaza by an overhead bridge, Lot 10 offers an upmarket and wide selection of fashion wear. It has Isetan as anchor tenant • 10am - 9.30pm daily • F8

Low Yat Plaza
Off Jalan Bukit Bintang • 📍 B Bintang
Tel : 03-2148 3651
Located next to the Federal Hotel, it has 250 tenants offering goods as varied as cameras, mobile phones, apparel, fashion accessories and antiques. This largest IT centre provides for all your computing needs. BB Park, located across the plaza and consisting of trendy restaurants and alfresco cafes, sees a hive of activities at night. • 10am - 10pm daily • F8

MINES Shopping Fair Centre
Seri Kembangan • 🚆 Serdang
Tel: 03-8949 6288
Cruise into the heart of a busy shopping mall with a vibrant mix of more than 300 retailers, fashion boutiques, F&B outlets, canal quay alfresco dining, IT & mobile gadgets and also leisure and entertainment facilities like a cinema, bowling alley and snooker centre.
• 10am - 10pm daily.

Mid Valley Megamall
Lingkaran Syed Putra • 🚆 Mid Valley
Tel : 03-2938 3333
The shops go on and on in this mall strategically located between KL and PJ. It has Metrojaya, Jusco, Carrefour, Golden Screen Cinemas and MPH as anchor tenants, over 300 speciality stores and 70 F&B outlets under one roof. Adjacent to the mall are Cititel Mid Valley Hotel and Boulevard Hotel • 10am - 10pm daily.

The Gardens
Mid Valley City • 🚆 Mid Valley
Tel : 03-2297 0288
10am - 10pm dayly

Sunway Putra Mall (Formerly The Mall)
100 Jalan Putra, KL • 🚆 PWTC
Tel: 03-2786 9333
Located across the Seri Pacific Hotel and Putra World Trade Centre, the Mall has anchor tenant Parkson Grand together with a host of retailers, offering a full range of products, services, food & amusement to shoppers • 10am - 10pm daily • B5

KL’s Best Bar



DINE



DUJOUR
B-G-01 and B-M-01, The Hub SS2, Seksyen 19, Jalan Harapan, Petaling Jaya, Selangor



NIPPORI
Empire Damansara, G11, Jalan PJU 8/8, Damansara Perdana, 47820 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Chinese

Celestial Court
03-2717 9988
• Jalan Sultan Ismail • Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur Hotel • Oriental Cuisine • Casual Dining

Chynna
03-2264 2264 📍 KL Sentral• Hilton KL • Halal • Casual Dining • H3

Shang Palace
03-2074 3904 • 11 Jalan Sultan Ismail 50250 Kuala Lumpur • Pork-free • Shangri-La Hotel KL • Cantonese Cuisine

Yun House
03-2382 8888 • Four Seasons Place, 145 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. • Pork-free • Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur • Dim sum

Opium KL
03-2142 5670 • 50, Changkat Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur. • Casual Dining • Oriental

Wan Chun Ting
03 2720 6688 • No. 6 – Jalan Damanlela, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur. • Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara Hotel • Dim Sum • Casual Dining

Din Tai Fung Pavilion
03-2148 8292 • 168, Bukit Bintang Street, Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. • Dim Sim • Casual Dining

Luk Yu Tea House
03 2782 3850 • Starhill Gallery 181, Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur • Dim Sum • Tea House • Casual Dining

Tao Chinese Cuisine
03-2782 6000 • 65, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur • Intercontinental Hotel Kuala Lumpur • Oriental Cuisine • Casual Dining

Lai Po Heen
03-2179 8885 📍 KLCC • Mandarin Oriental Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining • Cantonese • D8

Li Yen
03-2782 9033 📍 B Bintang • The Ritz Carlton Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F9

Mandarin Palace
03-2148 8744 📍 B Bintang • 2/F, Federal Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

Ming Palace
03-2161 8888 📍 Ampang Park • Corus Hotel, Jln Ampang • Casual Dining

Ming Room
03-2284 8822 📍 Imbi• 19 Jalan Delima, Off Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F10

Oriental Noble House
03-2145 8822 📍 Imbi• 19 Jalan Delima, Off Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F10

Overseas
03-2144 9911 B Bintang • 84-88 Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

Purple Cane
03-2272 3090 📍 Maharajalela • Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall, 1 Jln Maharajalela • Halal • Casual Dining • G6

Xin Cuisine
03-2144 2200 📍 B Nanas • Concorde Hotel • Non-Halal • Private Dining • D7

Indian

Passage Thru’ India
03-2145 0366 • 4, Jln Delima,kl Halal • Casual Dining • E10

FLOUR Restaurant
012-960 0053 • Unit No. 69 & 71G, Jalan Medan Setia 1, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur. • Fine Dining • Pork-free

Bar Trigona
145, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Kuala Lumpur +603-2382 8670

Mantra bar
Rooftop Bangsar Village II. +60 17-344 8299

The Roof
1 First Avenue Bandar Utama, Petaling Jaya +60 3-8605 3388

Nadodi KL
03 2181 4334 • Lot 183, 1st Floor, Jalan Mayang, Off Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. • Fine Dining • Pork-free

Qureshi Malaysia
03-2011 1007 • Ground Floor, East Wing, TPC Kuala Lumpur No 10, Jalan 1/70D, Off Jalan Bukit Kiara, 60000 Kuala Lumpur. • Casual Dining • Halal

Fusion

Shookl
03-2782 3875 📍 B Bintang• Lower G/F, Starhill Gallery • Halal • Fine Dining • E9

Cé La Vi
03-2770 3360 • Ilham Tower, No 8, Jln Binjai, 50450 Kuala Lumpur • Pan-Asian • Pork-free • Casual Dining

Open House
03-2162 0888 • G48 Suria KLCC, Lakeside, 50888 Kuala Lumpur • Malaysian • Pork-free • Fine Dining

Barat Lifestyle Vegetarian Restaurant
010-288 2654 • 19, Lorong Kurau, Taman Bukit Pantai, 59100 Kuala Lumpur. • Fusion Vegetarian Restaurant • Casual Dining • Halal

French

Chez Gaston KL by Rendez-Vous
011-3993 0036 • 12G, Jalan Bangsar Utama 9, Bangsar, 59000 Kuala Lumpur. • Non-halal • Casual Dining

Entier French Dining
03-2268 3819 • Level 41 at Alila Bangsar No 58, Jalan Ang Seng, Brickfields, 50470 Kuala Lumpur. • Pork-free • Fine Dining

Bistro à Table
03-7931 2831 • 6, Jalan 17/54, Seksyen 17, 46400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor. • Fine Dining • Pork-free

International

Contango
03-2785 8000 • 5, Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, Tasik Perdana, 50000 Kuala Lumpur • The Majestic Hotel KL • Pork-free • Casual Dining

Babe by Jeff Ramsay
013 209 1330 • 11th Floor, Work@ Clearwater, Changkat Semantan, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur • Fine Dining • Pork-free

Huckleberry Food and Fare
03-2098 7933 • Plaza Damansara, Jalan Medan Setia 2, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur • Casual Dining • Pork-free

Essence
03-2717 9900 📍 M Tuanku • Sheraton Imperial • Halal • Casual Dining • C6

Mr Chew’s Chino Latino
The Penthouse, WOLO, Bukit Bintang Street, 55100 Kuala Lumpur +60 3-4065 0168

Marinis on 57
Level 57, Menara 3 Petronas, Persiaran KLCC. +60 3-2386 6030

Italian

Cellini's
03-2715 1000 📍 B Bintang • Dorsett Regency Hotel • 172 Jalan Imbi • Halal • Casual Dining • F9

Tamarind Springs
03-4256 9300 . Jalan 1 Taman Tun Abdul Razak, Ampang Halal • Fine Dining

La Risata
03-4252 6269 • 26, Persiaran Ampang • Halal • Casual Dining

Prego
03-2773 8338 📍 B Bintang • The Westin Hotel • Halal • Fine Dining • E9

Villa Danieli
03-2717 9922 📍 M Tuanku • Sheraton Imperial Hotel • Halal • Italian • Fine Dining • C6

Japanese

Gen
03-4042 9888 🇲🇾 PWTC • Sunway Putra Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining • B5

Nobu Kuala Lumpur
03-2164 5084 . Menara 3 Petronas Persiaran KLCC . Fine Dining

Fukuya Restaurant
03-2144 1022 . 9, Jalan Delima, Imbi, Kuala Lumpur • Casual Dining

Haru Japanese Restaurant
03-2011 8783 . 124A, Jalan Kasah, Medan Damansara • Casual Dining

Nippori Cafe
03-7733 8592 . 102 (First Floor), Empire Damansara, Jalan PJU 8/8, Damansara Perdana, 47820 Petaling Jaya, Selangor • Casual Dining

Iketeru
03-2264 2264 📍 Stesen Sentral KL • Hilton Kuala Lumpur, 3 Jln Stesen Sentral

Kampachi
03-2148 9608 📍 Raja Chulan • Pavilion KL

Kokufu
03-4049 4412 • Sri Pan Pacific KL Halal • Fine Dining

Komura
03-2161 8888 🇲🇾 Ampang Park Corus Hotel • Casual Dining • C9

Ozeki Tokyo Cuizine
03-2166 4263 📍 B Nanas • Menara TA One • Halal • Fine Dining • D8

Yuzu
03-2284 7663 . The Gardens, Mid Valley City • Casual Dining

Sagano
03-2162 2233 📍 B Nanas • Renaissance Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining

Korean

Da On
03-2141 2100 📍 B Bintang • Pavilion KL • Halal • Fine Dining • Korean • E8

Koong Jung
03-2166 7181 🇲🇾 Ampang Park • PNB Darby Park • Halal • D9

Koryo Won
03-2143 2189 📍 Bukit Bintang• Starhill Gallery • Halal • Casual Dining • E8

Thai

Rama V Fine Thai Cuisine
03-2143 2428 / 03-2143 2663 5, Jalan U-Thant, 55000 Kuala Lumpur • Halal • Fine Dining

★★★★★

Sheraton Imperial KL
03-2717 9900 • Jln Sultan Ismail • 📍 M Tuanku • Essence (Int'l), Villa Danieli (Ita), Celestial Court (Chi) • From RM300- RM5,825 • D6

The Ruma Hotel and Residences
+60 3 2778 0888 . 7 Jalan Kia Peng, 50450 Kuala Lumpur • www.theruma.com • ATAS Modern Malaysian Eatery (Modern Malaysian) • Santai Pool and Lounge • Seven Lobby Bar and Lounge

Sheraton Petaling Jaya
+60 3 7622 8888 . Jalan Utara C, Petaling Jaya, 46200 Selangor • www.marriott.com/sheraton-petaling-jaya • Yue (Chinese) • Feast (International) • Miyabi (Japanese) • Sala (Bar) • Chime (cigar and whisky bar)

EQ
+603 - 2789 7777 . Equatorial Plaza Jalan Sultan Ismail 50250 Kuala Lumpur • Nipah • Kampachi • www.eqkualalumpur.com

Sunway Pyramid Hotel
+603 7492 8000 . Persiaran Lagoon, Bandar Sunway, 47500 Selangor • The Resort Cafe, The Lobby Lounge, Cherootz

InterContinental KL
03-2782 6000 • 165, Jalan Ampang • www.ihg.com 🇲🇾 Ampang Park • Serena Brasserie, Tao (chi) , Tatsu (Jap), Bentley's Pub, •OneSixFive(Japanese)

JW Marriott Hotel KL
03-2715 9000 • 183 Jalan Bukit Bintang • 📍 B Bintang • 3rd Floor (Int'l), Marriott Café, Shanghai (Chi), JW Marriott Gourmet (Int'l), Havana Club • From RM400- RM8,000 • E9 • www.marriott.com

Le Meridien KL
03-2263 7888 • 2, Jln Stesen Sentral 5, KL Sentral • 🇲🇾 🇲🇾 KL Sentral •One On One (Asian Fusion), Al Nafourah (Middle Eastern), The Conservatory (Lounge & Bar) • From RM 328- RM5,500 • H3 • www.lemeridienkualalumpur.com

Mandarin Oriental Hotel
03-2380 8888 • KL City Centre • 🇲🇾 KLCC •Lai Po Heen (Ch), Mandarin Grill and Mo Bar (Bar & Grill), Mosaic (Buffet), The Mandarin Cake Shop, Cascades (Int'l), Wasabi Bistro (Jap) • From RM409(internet)/RM499(phone) • D8 • www.mandarinoriental.com

Philea Mines Beach Resort
03-8943 6688 • Jalan Dulang, Mines Resort City, Seri Kembangan, Selangor • 🇲🇾 Serdang • Abdul and Charlie's (local), Cheng Ho Court (Chi), Beach Hut and Sunset Lounge (drinks and snacks) • From RM200-RM2000

Sama-Sama Hotel KLIA
03-8787 3333 • Kuala Lumpur International Airport • 🇲🇾 KLIA Degrees (Int), Traveller's Bar & Grill, Palmz Lounge (Wn) • From RM570+ • www.samasamahotels.com

Pullman Kuala Lumpur
03-2170 8888 • 4, Jalan Conlay • 📍 Raja Chulan • Tai Zi Heen (Chi), Eccucino (Café), Enju (Jap) • From RM270-RM670 • E9• www.princehotelkl.com

Renaissance KL
03-2162 2233 • Corner of Jln S. Ismail/ Jln Ampang • 📍 B Nanas •Sagano(Jap), MED@Marche(Med), Vogue (Int'l) • East Wing: Dynasty (Chi), TEMPTation\$ (Int'l) • From RM215-RM6,000 • D7

The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur
03-2727 1111 . Jalan Stesen Sentral 2, Kuala Lumpur Sentral • From RM850

Shangri-La Hotel KL
03-2032 2388 • 11 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 📍 B Nanas • Shang Palace (Chi), Zipangu (Jap), Lafite (Fr), Lemon Garden Café (Int'l), The Pub • From RM364-RM12,000 • D7 • www.shangri-la.com

Hilton PJ
03-7955 9122 • 2 Jalan Barat, PJ • 🇲🇾 Asia Jaya • Toh Yuen (Chi), Paya Serai Coffee House, Genji (Jap), Caffè Cino, Uncle Chilli's • From RM220-RM1685

The Gardens Hotel & Residences
03-2268 1188 • Mid Valley City • 🇲🇾 Mid Valley • The Soread (Int'l), Sage Restaurant & Wine Bar (Fr & Jap) • From RM600-RM2,600 • www.gardenshtres.com

Sunway Putra Hotel (Formerly The Legend Hotel)
03-4042 9888 • Putra Place, 100 Jalan Putra • 🇲🇾 PWTC • Museum (Chi), Di-Atas Brasserie (Int'l), Gen (Jap), Monkey Bar • From RM188-RM388 • B5 • www.legendhotelkl.com

The Ritz-Carlton KL
03-2142 8000 • 168, Jalan Imbi • 📍 B Bintang • Li Yen (Chi), Rossini's (Ita) • From RM418 • F9 • www.ritz-carlton.com

Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara
03-2720 6688 . 6, Jalan Damanlela, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur • From RM330-RM820 . www.sofitel-kualalumpur-damansara.com

The Ritz-Carlton Residences
03-2142 9000 • 📍 B Bintang • From RM950-RM1,330 • F9

The Royal Chulan
03-2688 9688 • Jalan Conlay • 📍 R Chulan • Deli Cafe (Ita), Bunga Emas (Mas), L'Heritage (Fr) • F6 • www.theroyalchulan.com.my

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Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentral
03-2723 1000 Jalan Stesen Sentral KL Sentral • 🇲🇾 🇲🇾 KL Sentral • Nook (International), MAI Bar (Bar Menu), w xyz(SM) Bar (Cocktails & Snacks) • From RM270 - RM388 • www.starwoodhotels.com/alofthotels

Ancasa Hotel KL
03-2026 4060 • Jln Tun Tan Cheng Lock • 🇲🇾 Plaza Rakyat • Saffron Brasserie and BabaReebal • Ancasa Spa • From RM165-RM416 • www.ancasa-hotel.com

Boulevard Hotel
03-2295 8111/2295 8000 🇲🇾 Mid Valley City, Lingkaran Syed Putra • Mid Valley •Wild Rice (Int'l) • Rates from RM290Nett – RM420Nett • www.blvhotel.com

Coronade Hotel KL
03-2148 6888 • Jalan Walter Grenier, Bkt Bintang • 📍 B Bintang • Makan-Makan (Local & Int'l), The Kasturi (Malay), Lobby Lounge• From RM208- RM500 • F8 • www.coronade.com

Corus Hotel KL
03-2161 8888 • Jalan Ampang • 🇲🇾 Ampang Park • Ming Palace(Chi), Dongdang Sayang (Int'l), Komura (Jap) • From RM185-RM390 • C9 • www.corushotelkl.com

Dorsett Regency
03-2716 1000 • 172, Jalan Imbi • 📍 B Bintang • Checker's (Café), Cellini's(Ita), Windows Lounge (Wn) • From RM200 onwards • F9 • www.dorsettregency-kl.com



Seri Bukit Ceylon
03-20201708 • No 8, Lorong Ceylon off Jalan Raja Chulan • From RM250-RM480 • E7

Federal Hotel
03-2148 9166 • 35, Jalan Bukit Bintang • 📍 B Bintang • Mandarin Palace (Chi), The Verandah (Int'l) Revolving Bintang (European) • From RM170-RM600 • F8 • www.fhhotels.com

Element by Westin Kuala Lumpur
03-2771 3388 . Ilham Tower, 8, Jln Binjai, Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Kuala Lumpur • Trace Restaurant & Bar • From RM343 • www.marriott.com

Impiana KLCC Hotel & Spa
03-2147 1111 • 13 Jln Pinang • 📍 R Chulan • Tonka Bean Cafe (Int'l) • From RM219- RM368 • D8 • www.impiana.com

Novotel City Centre KL
03-2147 0888 • 2 Jln Kia Peng • Qing Zhen (Chi Muslim), The Square (Int'l), Fun Pub, Al Fresco • From RM260- RM660 • E8 • www.novotel.com

Pacific Regency Hotel Suites
03-2332 7777 • Menara PanGlobal, Jalan Punchak • 📍 B Nanas • Soi 23, Luna, Olive & Geo Café • From RM290- RM500 • D7 • www.pacific-regency.com

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa
03- 7492 8000 • Persiaran Lagoon Bandar Sunway Petaling Jaya

Quality Hotel City Centre
03-2614 8000 • Jalan Raja Laut • DBKL • Benteng Coffee House (Int'l), Meisan Szechuan (Chi), Club 300 • From RM150- RM550 • C5 • www.qualiti.com.my

Swiss Garden Hotel
03-2141 3333 • 117, Jln Pudu • 📍 Hang Tuah • Blue Chip Lounge (Int'l), Flavours Restaurant (Int'l), Green Treats Delicatessen (Int'l), T@ste 6 Restaurant (Int'l) • From470+

The Royale Bintang KL
03-2143 9898 17-21 Jalan Bukit Bintang • 📍 B Bintang • Sunflowers Brasserie, Cafe Royale & Bar, Rimba Spa • From RM208 • F8 • www.royale-bintang-hotel.com.my

The Royale Bintang Damansara
03-7843 1111 • 6, Jalan PJU 7/3, Mutiara Damansara • The Restaurant (Int'l), Mystery Pub & Café • From RM195 • www.royalebintang.com.my

The ZON All Suites Residences on the Park
03-2164 8000 • 161D Jalan Ampang • 🇲🇾 Ampang Park • Terracotta Restaurant & Lounge • From RM253-RM396 • D8 • www.zonhotel.com.my

Concorde Hotel
03-2144 2200 • 2 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 📍 B Nanas • Spices (Western), Melting Pot (Int'l), Xin (Chi) • From RM178+- RM320+- • D7

Traders Hotel
03-2332 9888 • Kuala Lumpur City Centre • 🇲🇾 KLCC • Gobo Chit Chat, Gobo Upstairs, Sky Bar, Lounge & Grill • From RM270 • This hotel is located in the vicinity of KL Convention Centre • D8

Vistana KL
03-4042 8000 • 9 Jalan Lumut, off Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur • 📍 TiTiwangsa • Vistana (Asian) • From RM172-RM230 • A5 • www.vistanahotels.com

Hotel Capitol Kuala Lumpur
03-21437000 . Jalan Bulan Off Jalan Bukit Bintang • www.capitol.com.my

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Alpha Genesis
03-2141 2000 • 45 Tingkat Tong Shin • 📍 B Bintang • Tee Box Café • From RM150-RM380 • F7 • www.alphagenesishotel.com

Cititel Mid Valley
03-2296 1188 • Mid Valley, Lingkaran Syed Putra • 🇲🇾 Mid Valley • Citi Café • Rates from RM205Nett – RM320Nett

Corona Inn
03-2144 3888 • 22, Jalan Tong Shin • 📍 B Bintang • Corona Café • From RM130- RM180 • F8 • www.coronainn-kuala-lumpur.com

Grand Continental
03-2693 9333 • Jln Belia/Jln Raja Laut • 🇲🇾 PWTC M Tuanku • Grand Star (Chi) , Lai Marble Coffeehouse • From RM135- RM800 • C5 • www.ghihotels.com.my

First World Hotel
03-6101 1118 • Genting Highlands • istorante Torcello's (Italian), Lakeview Seafood Restaurant (Seafood), The Patio (Wn) • From RM85 – RM460

Midah KL
03-2273 9999 • 8, Jalan Kampung Attap • 📍 Maharajalela • Attapia Coffee House (Int'l), Rolling Good Times Café • From RM145-RM250 • G5

Prescott Inn
03-2713 7887 • 23 Lrg Medan Tuanku 1,off Jln Sultan Ismail • 📍 M Tuanku • Makana Restaurant • From RM110-RM170 • C5

HOTEL & RESORT

Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur
+603-2382 8888 . Four Seasons Place, 145, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur www.fourseasons.com •Yun House (Chinese Restaurant) •Curate (All Day Dining) •Bar Trigona (Bar) •The Lounge At Four Seasons(International) •Pool Bar & Grill

W Kuala Lumpur
+603-2786 8888 •No. 121, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur www.marriott.com •Yen (Chinese Restaurant) •Flock (All Day Dining) •Woobar (Bar)

Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur
03-2182 1234 • Jalan Pinang 🇲🇾 KLCC • JP Teres (Malaysian), THIRTY8 (International), Poolside From RM550 - RM5610 www.kualalumpur.grand.hyatt.com

The Westin Kuala Lumpur
+603-2731 8333 . 199, Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur www.westin.com • Prego (Italian Restaurant) • Five Sen5es (Chinese Restaurant) • The Living Room (All Day Dining) • Splash (Pool Side Restaurant & Bar) • 443 Bar & Coffee Lounge

Hilton KL
+603 2264 2264 • 3 Jalan Stesen Sentral, 50470 Kuala Lumpur • ww3.hilton.com • Chynna (Chinese Restaurant) • Vasco's (All Day Dining) Graze (European) • Zeta Bar (Bar) • Iketeru (Japanese)

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa
+603 7492 8000 . Persiaran Lagoon, Bandar Sunway, 47500 Selangor • www.sunwayhotels.com • The Resort Cafe (All Day Dining)

Villa Samadhi Kuala Lumpur
+603 2143 2300 • No. 8, Persiaran Madge Off Jalan Madge, 55000 Kuala Lumpur • www.villasamadhi.com.my • The Dining Room (All Day Dining)



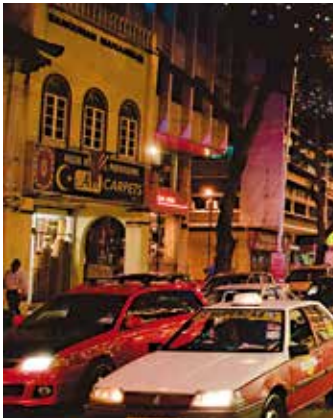
KL Tower
03-2020 5499 Bukit Nanas • Jalan Punchak, off Jalan P Ramlee. • The KL Tower stands at 421 metres. The tower houses a revolving restaurant and an observation deck which takes 58 seconds to reach. Catch the sunset or experience sky jumping from the tower roof. • Opens 9am 10pm daily • E7



Istana Negara, Jalan Duta
Located along Jalan Duta, it is the official residence of Malaysia's king since Nov 11, 2011. Influenced by both Islamic and traditional Malay architecture, this unique structure is the latest addition to the country's architectural wonders.



National Monument
Jalan Tugu, off Jalan Parlimen • Designed by American artist, Felix Weldon and cast in Italy, the immense bronze structure was built to commemorate the servicemen who lost their lives during the struggle against the communist insurgency in the 1950's. The 7 soldiers symbolise unity, strength, leadership, sacrifice, courage, suffering and vigilance • E3



Little India
🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Masjid India is a colourful street with numerous wholesale and retail Indian traders who sell everything from Indian brass, jewellery, sarees, Indian handicrafts to perfumes & spices. • E5



National Museum
03-2267 1111 • 29 Jalan Raja • Displays a unique permanent collection of artifacts and materials showcasing the history and heritage of Malaysia • Opens 9am to 6pm daily • Admission RM1. Free for <12 yrs & students



Jamek Mosque
Jalan Tun Perak • Situated at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers, this grand old mosque was designed by British architect AB Hubbock in 1909. It incorporates many features of Moghul architecture a • Opens 8am- 1:30pm & 2:30pm-6pm.

Swiss-Inn KL
03-2072 3333 • 62, Jln Sultan • 🇲🇾
Maharajalela
• Café Petaling • From RM130-RM175
• G6

The Plaza Hotel
03-2698 2255 • Jalan Raja Laut • 🇲🇾Sultan
Ismail • Pago-Pago Café (Continental),
Plaza Court (Chi) • From RM110-RM178
• C5

SIGHTSEEING

Aquaria KLCC
03-2333 1888 • 🇲🇾 Raja Chulan 🇲🇾 KLCC •
All 60,000 sq ft of Aquaria encompasses
Evolution, Jewels of the Jungle, Deep
Forest, The Coasts and Touch Pool, The
Livingb Oceans and The Living Reef, with
over 5000 aquatic and land-bound animals
representing over 150 different species.
Don't miss the 90-metre underwater tunnel.
Opens daily from 11am-8pm. (Including
weekends, school and public holidays) Last
admission at 7pm. Entry Mykad Holder
- RM49(Adult), RM39 (Child), General
Admission - RM69 (Adult), RM59 (Child)



Craft Complex
03- 2164 8344
🇲🇾 Raja Chulan • 63, Jalan Conlay. •
Showcases ethnic handicrafts, batik
printing and pottery from the 13 states
of Malaysia. • Opens 9am- 6pm daily.
• E9 FREE

Lake Gardens
Jalan Parlimen • Located near the city
centre, this 9.2ha landscaped garden is
built around a lake. Several attractions
are found within the park including
an Orchid Garden, Hibiscus Garden,
Butterfly Park, Bird Park, Deer Park,
National Monument and the Asean
Sculpture Garden • F3

Malaysian Tourism Centre
03-9235 4848 • 🇲🇾 B Nanas • 109
Jalan Ampang • This is a one-stop
tourist service centre comprising the
information counter (7am-10pm)
Transnasional Executive Coach counter,
domestic tour booking counter, money
changer, restaurant and craft demo
centre. Built in 1935, the building was the
home of wealthy tin-miner and planter,
Eu Tong Seng. Cultural shows are on Tues,
Thur, Sat & Sun 2-2.30pm. • D7

National Science Centre
03-2089 3400 • Persiaran Bukit Kiara •
Houses 9 galleries with different scientific
themes. Offers interesting interactive
displays for learning and entertainment.
• Opens 10am-5pm. Closed on Friday.

Batu Caves
03-6189 6284 • This popular Hindu
temple draws hundreds of thousand
of visitors during Thaipusam. It
consists of three grand caves: the
Dark Cave,the Museum Cave and
the Temple Cave with brilliant rock
formations. The Museum Cave at
the foothills has interesting display
of Indian mythology. To reach the
main Temple Cave, one has to climb
272 steps.

Bird Park
03-2272 1010 • Located at the Lake
Gardens, this 8.4ha bird park is the
world's largest free-flight walk-in
aviary. It is home to more than
3,000 birds from approximately 200
species. Opens daily from
9am-6pm • F4

Butterfly Park
03-2693 4799 • Over 120 species
of butterflies can be found in this
park located at the Lake Gardens'
vicinity. Admission is RM9 for adults
and RM2 for children. Camera: RM3.
Opens 9am to 6pm daily. • F4



Telekom Museum
03-2031 9966
🇲🇾 Raja Chulan • Jalan Raja Chulan
• Displays interesting exhibits of
telephones and evolution of their
designs over the years.
• Opens 9am-5pm. Closed on Mondays
• E6 FREE

National Mosque
03-2693 7784 • 🇲🇾 KL • Jalan Perdana
• This mosque embodies contemporary
designs, together with traditional Islamic
art, calligraphy and ornamentation.
The main dome with its 18-point star,
represents the 13 states of Malaysia
united by the Five Pillars of Islam. Visitors
must dress conservatively and remove
their shoes before entering the mosque
• Opens 9am to 12noon; 3pm to 4pm;
5:30pm to 6:30pm daily. • F4

Merdeka Square
🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Raja •
Opposite the Sultan Abdul Samad
Building, this is the site where the
independence of Malaya was declared
on 31 August, 1957. The 100m high
flagpole is the tallest in the world. Live
entertainment and cultural shows are
staged here on festive occasions. The
Royal Selangor Club and St. Mary's
Cathedral are located nearby. • E5

National Zoo
03-4108 3427 / 4108 3422 • Located in
Hulu Kelang, 12km from the city centre,
the zoo is home to 400 species of local
birds, mammals, reptiles and fishes. •
Opens 9am - 5pm daily. Night Zoo is on
Saturdays 7.30am - 10.30pm. Admission
RM 32 for adults and RM11 for children
3 to 12 years old

**Bukit Nanas Forest Recreational
Park**
03-2306 3421 / 2064 4741 • Bukit Nanas
• Nestled in the heart of KL, the virgin
forest-clad hill is a 10.5 ha park offering a
10-minute & a 20-minute walk trails from
the Forest Information Centre at Jalan
Raja Chulan to KL Tower. • E7

Central Market
03-2274 6542 • 🇲🇾 Pasar Seni Once the
city's biggest wet market, it is now a
centre for food and cultural activities.
Cultural performances are staged during
weekends at the riverside amphitheatre.
Handicraft, souvenirs, art & portrait
paintings are sold at bargain prices. The
Annexe Gallery at CM is a progressive
art centre. • Opens 10am to 10pm daily.
• F5

Deer Park
03-9200 0039 • Enclosed within a 2-ha
ground at the Lake Gardens, the deer,
fawns and does roam freely in a cool
and peaceful habitat with lush trees and
shrubs and ponds. • F3



Sultan Abdul Samad Building
🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jln Sultan
Hishamuddin • Also known as the Big
Ben of KL, this historical landmark and
heritage building is well known for its
Moghl architecture dating back to
1897. Originally the offices of the Colonial
Secretariat, it then housed the Supreme
Court. • E5

National Planetarium
03-2273 4303 • Lot 54 Jalan Perdana •
Located close to the National Mosque,
the attractions include space science
and astronomy exhibits, a theatre
screening 3-Dimensional movies, a
viewing gallery and an observatory •
Admission is RM1 for adults and children
over 12 years [extra charges for all
shows]. Opens 9:30am to 4:15pm daily.
Closed on Monday except public &
school holidays • G4

Old KL Railway Station
Jalan Hishammudin • Built in 1910,
the Moghl-inspired building was a
hub for Malaysian rail transport until it
was replaced by the new KL Sentral
Station. It remains a landmark and the
refurbished Heritage Hotel is still open for
business. Across the road, the Malaysian
Railway administrative building is also a
breathtaking architectural showpiece
• G5

Petrosains, The Discovery Centre
03-4108 8181 • 🇲🇾 KLCC • Petronas Twin
Towers, Level 4 Suria KLCC • Focusing on
Malaysia's oil and gas industry, it offers
an interactive approach to learning.
It takes you through a unique voyage
of discovery of science. • Opens daily
9.30am to 6pm. Last admission 4.30pm.
Closed on Monday • D8

Istana Negara
Official residence of Malaysia's King,
visitors can witness the changing
of the royal guards daily. The Rulers
Conference, various royal and national
ceremonies, investitures and official
banquets are held at this palace. • H5
03-6200 1000

Little India
🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Masjid India
is a colourful street with numerous
wholesale and retail Indian traders
who sell everything from Indian brass,
jewellery, sarees, Indian handicrafts to
perfumes & spices. • E5

Jamek Mosque
🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Tun Perak
• Situated at the confluence of the
Klang and Gombak rivers, this grand old
mosque was designed by British architect
AB Hubbock in 1909. It incorporates
many features of Moghl architecture
a • Opens 8am-1:30pm & 2:30pm-6pm.
• E5



PETRONAS Twin Towers
03- 2615 8188
🇲🇾 KLCC • KL City Centre • The
88-storey Petronas Twin Towers stand at
451.9 metres. Seated in the heart of KL
and amidst a 50-hectare landscaped
park, a skybridge on the 41st floor is
open to visitors between 9am-7pm
daily, closed on Monday • D8

Royal Selangor Visitor's Centre
03-4145 6000 • 4, Jalan Usahawan Enam,
Setapak Jaya • Located 15 minutes from
the city centre, the Royal Selangor which
is internationally known for its fine designs
and craftsmanship, offers a complete
visitor experience, enabling them to see,
hear, touch and learn how pewter is
made. • Opens daily from 9am-5pm.

Royal Selangor Club
03-2692 7166 • 🇲🇾 Masjid Jamek • Jalan
Raja • Once nicknamed 'The Spotted
Dog' during the colonial days, this club
which features Mock Tudor architecture,
is one of the oldest membership clubs
in KL. • E5

Thean Hou Temple
03-2274 7088 • 65 Persiaran Endah, off
Jalan Syed Putra • A beautiful blend of
Chinese and contemporary architecture,
this is one of the largest and most ornate
Buddhist temples in the region and a
venue for major religious festivals. Also
check out the herbs garden, wishing
wel l and souvenir stall • Opens 9am to
9pm daily.

MUSEUMS

**Asian Arts Museum Universiti
Malaya**
03-7967 3936 • Uni. of Malaya • A unique
collection of Asian art & sculptures,
ceramics, including Islamic & Malay art
and textiles • Opens Mon - Sat. Closed
on Sunday & public hols.

Forest Research Institute Malaysia
03-62797 000 • Kepong • Located
within the 1,500 hectares of natural
land reserve, the institute showcases
Malaysia's rich forest heritage. • Opens
8am-4pm. Fri 9am- 12pm.

Heritage Centre
03-7957 4341• 2 Jln Stonor • Showcases
Malaysia's architectural heritage, the
centre also conducts 2 guided tours
a day (11am & 3pm) of the Rumah
Pengkulu or Village Head's abode which
has been furnished to reflect a house in
the early thirties • E10

Islamic Arts Museum
03-2092 7070 • Jalan Lembah Perdana
• Opened in 1998, the museum focuses
on the rich diversity of Islamic arts and
culture. Miniature replicas of Taj Mahal
and other Islamic architectural wonders
are on display • Tickets at RM12 (adults),
RM6 (under 18, students & senior citizens)
• Opens 10am to 6pm daily. • G4

Museum Orang Asli
03-6187 8786• Km 24 Gombak • Displays
a collection of over 3,000 artifacts
showcasing the history, culture &
lifestyle of indigenous tribes of Peninsular
Malaysia. • Opens 9am-5pm. Closed
Fri. FREE

National Museum
03-2267 1111• 29 Jalan Raja • Displays a
unique permanent collection of artifacts
and materials showcasing the history
and heritage of Malaysia • Opens 9am
to 6pm daily • Admission RM1. Free for
<12 yrs & students

ARTS & CULTURE

National Theatre (Istana Budaya)
03-4026 5555 • Jalan Tun Razak •
Designed by Malaysian architect
Muhammad Kamar Ya'akub, this
modern theatre is one of the world's most
sophisticated theatres with state-of-the-art
stage equipment. It holds drama, dance
and musical performances regularly. • A7

Petronas Philharmonic Hall
03-2331 7007• 🇲🇾 KLCC • Located within
the Petronas Twin Towers, it is home to
the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra
and the National Choir. It features
performances of highest quality by visiting
orchestras and world-renowned soloists,
besides performances by the MPO which
now ranks among the top orchestras in
the region • D8

OTHER FUN-TASTIC
THRILLS & SPILLS

Casino De Genting
03-6101 1118 • Genting Highlands Hotel

Flight Training
03-2141 1934 • Royal Selangor Flying Club

Horse Racing
03-9058 3888 • Selangor Turf Club, Jln
Sungai Besi

Horse Riding
03-4256 4531 • Royal Selangor Polo Club,
Jln Ampang Hillir

03-2094 1222• Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club,
Jln Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur

Theme Parks

Berjaya Times Square Theme Park
1 Jalan Imbi, Level 5 & 7, Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-2117 3118

Sunway Lagoon Theme Park
3 Jalan Pjs 11/11, Bandar Sunway,
Petaling Jaya . Tel: 03-5639 0000

Skytropolis Indoor Theme Park
First World Plaza, Resorts World Genting,
Level 1, Genting Highlands, 69000
Tel: 03-2718 1118

District 21
Level 1, IOI City Mall, Putrajaya
Tel: 03-8328 8888

National Library
03-2687 1700 • 232 Jalan Tun Razak. • This
7-storey building which blends traditional
design with modern architectural
elements houses more than 1.5 million
books, some of them extremely rare.
• Opens daily except Monday • A8 FREE

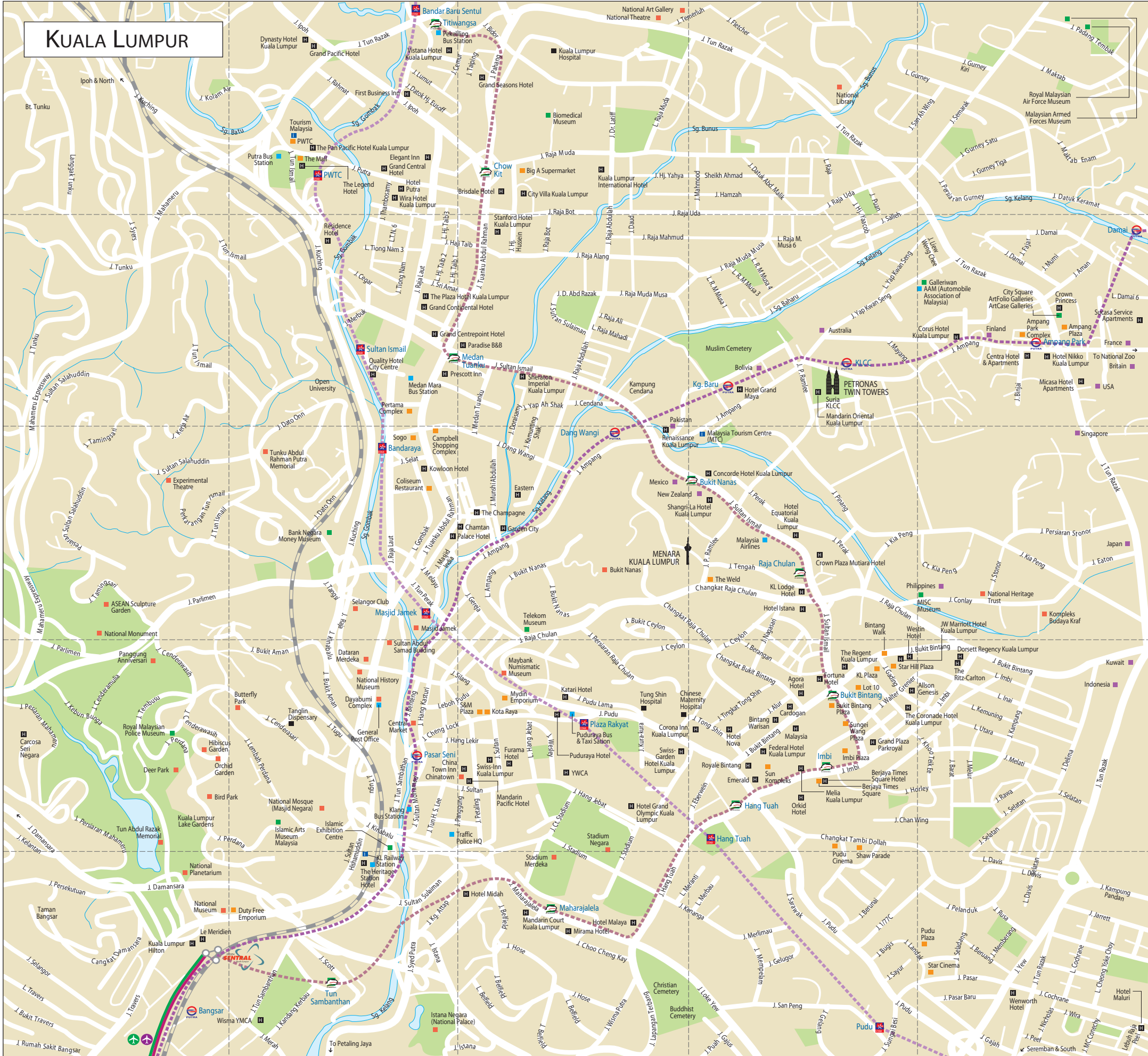
Galeri Petronas
03-2051 7770 • 🇲🇾 KLCC • Level 3 Suria
KLCC. • Exhibits artworks by local and
international artists.
• Opens 10am to 8pm. Closed on
Monday. • D8 FREE

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PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1C ASEAN Sculpture Garden
- 4D Bintang Walk
- 1D Bird Park
- 3C Bukit Nanas
- 2D Butterfly Park
- 2D Central Market
- 3D Chinatown
- 2D Dataran Merdeka
- 2D Dayabumi Complex
- 1D Deer Park
- 1C Experimental Theatre

MUSEUMS

- 5B ArtCase Galleries
- 5B ArtFolio Galleries
- 2C Bank Negara Money Museum
- 3A Biomedical Museum

EMBASSIES

- 4B Australia
- 4B Bolivia
- 5B Britain
- 5B Finland

ENTERTAINMENT/SHOPPING

- 5B Ampang Park Complex
- 5B Ampang Plaza
- 4D Berjaya Times Square
- 3A Big A Supermarket
- 4D Bukit Bintang Plaza
- 2C Campbell Shopping Complex
- 5B City Square
- 2C Coliseum Restaurant
- 2E Duty Free Emporium

BUS, TAXI, RAILWAY STATIONS, POST OFFICE

- 5B AAM (Automobile Association of Malaysia)
- 2D General Post Office
- 2E KL Sentral (main transport terminal)

HOTELS

- 4D Agora Hotel ★★
- 4D Allison Genesis Hotel
- 4D Berjaya Times Square Hotel
- 4D Bintang Warisan Hotel ★★
- 3A Brisdale Hotel
- 1D Carcosa Seri Negara ★★★★★
- 4D Cardogan
- 5B Centra Hotel & Apartments
- XX Champagne ★
- 3C Chantman
- 3D China Town Inn
- 3A City Villa Kuala Lumpur ★★
- 4C Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 4D Corona Inn Kuala Lumpur
- 5B Corus Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 4C Crown Plaza Mutiara Hotel ★★★★★
- 5B Crown Princess Kuala Lumpur
- 5D Dorset Regency Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 2A Dynasty Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 4D Emerald
- 3C Eastern
- 2A Elegant Inn
- 4D Federal Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 2A First Business Inn ★★
- 4D Fortuna Hotel ★★★★★
- 3D Furama Hotel ★★
- 3C Garden City
- 2A Grand Central Hotel
- 2B Grand Centrepoint Hotel ★★
- 2B Grand Continental Hotel ★★

HOSPITALS

- 3D Chinese Maternity Hospital

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

- 2A Putra World Trade Centre, Level 2, 45, Jalan Tun Ismail, 50480 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-4041 1295
- 4C Malaysia Tourism Centre (MTC), 109 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2164 3929
- 2E Stesen Sentral Kuala Lumpur, Lot 21, Level 2, Arrival Hall, Kuala Lumpur City Terminal, Stesen KL Sentral, 50050 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2274 3135

- 1D Hibiscus Garden
- 2E Istana Negara (National Palace)
- 5C Kompleks Budaya Kraf
- 2C Masjid Jamek
- 3D Maybank Numismatic Museum
- 3C Menara Kuala Lumpur
- 3A National Art Gallery
- 3D Chinatown
- 2D National History Museum
- 4A National Library
- 1D Deer Park
- 2D National Mosque

- 5B Galleriwan
- 2D Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia
- 2D Islamic Exhibition Centre
- 5A Malaysian Armed Forces Museum
- 5C MISC Museum

- 5B France
- 5D Indonesia
- 5C Japan
- 5C Kuwait
- 3C Mexico

- 4D Imbi Plaza
- 3D S & M Plaza
- 4D Shaw Parade
- 4D Kuala Lumpur Plaza
- 3D Kota Raya
- 4D Lot 10
- 3D Mydin Emporium
- 4D Pavilion Cinema
- 2B Pertama Complex
- 4D Pudu Cinema

- 2D Klang Bus Station
- 2E Kuala Lumpur Railway Station
- 4C Malaysia Airlines
- 2B Medan Mara Bus Station
- 2A Pekililing Bus Station
- 3D Puduraya Bus & Taxi Station

- 2A Grand Pacific Hotel ★★
- 4D Grand Plaza Parkroyal ★★★★★
- 3A Grand Seasons Hotel ★★★★★
- 3C Hotel Champagne
- 4C Hotel Equatorial Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 4B Hotel Grand Maya ★★★★★
- 3D Hotel Grand Olympic Kuala Lumpur
- 4C Hotel Istana ★★★★★
- 3E Hotel Malaya ★★★★★
- 5E Hotel Maluri ★★★★★
- 3E Hotel Midah ★★★★★
- 5B Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 4D Hotel Nova ★★★★★
- 2A Hotel Putra
- 4D JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 3D Katari Hotel ★
- 4C KL Lodge Hotel ★★
- 2C Kowloon Hotel ★
- 1E Kuala Lumpur Hilton ★★★★★
- 3A Kuala Lumpur International Hotel ★★
- 1E Le Meridien ★★★★★
- 4D Malaysia
- 3E Mandarin Court Kuala Lumpur
- 4B Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 3D Mandarin Pacific Hotel ★★
- 4D Melia Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 3E Mirama Hotel ★
- 4D Orkid Hotel ★

- 3A Kuala Lumpur Hospital
- 3A National Heart Institute

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- 1E National Museum
- 1E National Planetarium
- 3A National Theatre
- 1D Orchid Garden
- 1D Panggung Anniversari
- 2C Selangor Club
- 3E Stadium Merdeka
- 5C Stadium Negara
- 2D Sultan Abdul Samad Building
- 1D Tun Abdul Razak Memorial
- 2C Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Memorial

- 5A Royal Malaysian Air Force Museum
- 1D Royal Malaysian Police Museum
- 3C Telekom Museum
- 1D Tun Abdul Razak Memorial

- 4C New Zealand
- 3B Pakistan
- 5C Philippines
- 5C Singapore
- 5B United States of America

- 5E Pudu Plaza
- 2A Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC)
- 2C Sogo
- 5C Star Cinema
- 4D Star Hill
- 4D Sun Complex
- 4D Sungei Wang Plaza
- 4B Suria KLCC
- 2A The Mall
- 4C The Weld

- 2A Putra Bus Stand
- 2D Traffic Police HQ
- STAR LRT Station
- PUTRA LRT Station

- 2C Palace Hotel ★★
- 3B Paradise B&B
- 2B Prescott Inn ★★
- 3D Puduraya Hotel ★★
- 4C Quality Hotel City Centre ★★★★★
- 3C Renaissance Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 2B Residence Hotel
- 4D Royale Bintang ★★★★★
- 4C Shangri-La Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 3B Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 3B Stanford Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 5B Sucasa Service Apartments
- 3D Swiss-Garden Hotel
- 3D Swiss-Inn Kuala Lumpur ★★
- 4D The Coronade Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 2E The Heritage Station Hotel ★★
- 2A The Legend Hotel ★★★★★
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- 4D The Regent Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 5D The Ritz-Carlton ★★★★★
- 2A Vistana Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★
- 4D Westin Hotel ★★★★★
- 2A Wira Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★
- 2E Wisma YMCA
- 3D YWCA

- 2D Tanglin Dispensary
- 3D Tung Shin Hospital

Road / Jalan J.
Lane / Lorong L.
River / Sungai Sg.
Village / Kampung ... Kg.

Getting around in Kuala Lumpur is easy. The transit systems are efficient, taxis are plenty and buses are cheap. The public transportation usage peak hours are from 7am to 9am and 4.30pm to 6.30pm during the working days.

By Transit systems

The KL monorail and LRT coaches are air-conditioned and comfortable and run from 6am to midnight. The systems are connected to each other at several points and the network covers most parts of the city. Fares range from RM0.90 to RM2.80 per single journey.

By Taxis

Taxis are easily available at hotels or at taxi stands. Fares start at RM3 for the first kilometre and RM0.25 for every 115 metres thereon. There is a 50% surcharge on the metered fare from midnight to 6am and a baggage charge of RM2 per piece stored in the boot. There is also an additional RM1 for 3rd passenger (maximum 4 in a car). For an extra charge of RM2, you can book a taxi by phone.

By Ecovans

Ecovans can accommodate up to 5 passengers. They serve mainly guests at major hotels and follow the fare structure of taxis but charge RM4 instead of RM2 for the first kilometre.

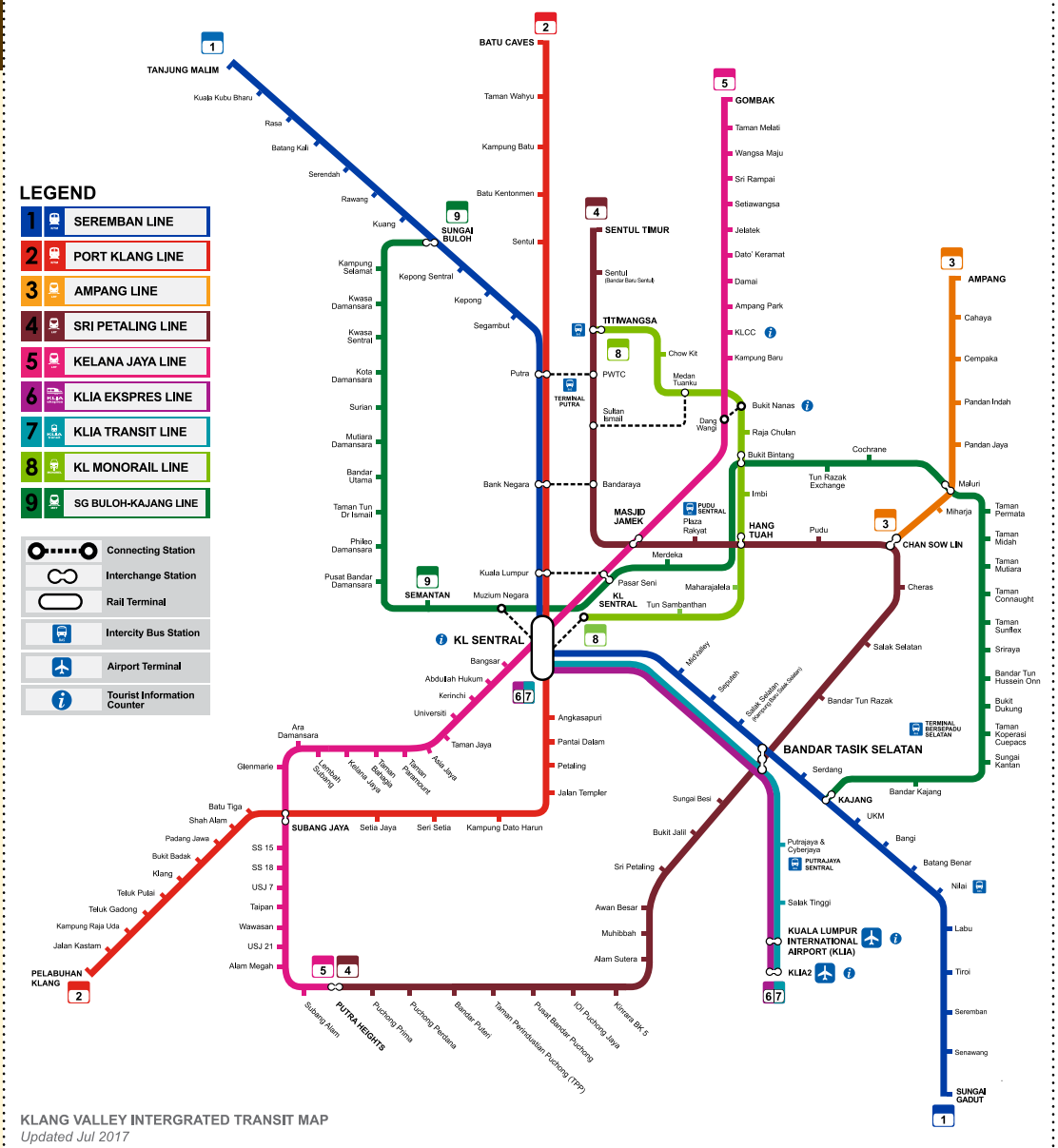
By Buses

Buses serve all parts of Kuala Lumpur with fares beginning from RM1. Some hotels also offer free bus shuttle services to major shopping malls in the city.

KL Hop-on/Hop-off Bus Service

Links you to 40 attractions around the city with 22 designated stops. 8.30am to 8.30pm. Ticket: RM38 with discounts for locals, senior citizens, students and children. 03-2691 1382

Klang Valley Rail Transit Map



GETTING TO THE AIRPORT

KLIA Ekspres: The journey takes about 28 minutes from KL Sentral and another 3 minutes to KLIA2. The fare is RM55 per person per way. There is also check-in facility at KL Sentral for some airlines.

Taxi: The fare from the city centre to the airport is RM90 – RM120 per taxi.

Eco Transit: Eco Transit can accommodate up to 5 adults and has a fixed fare of RM130/ trip.

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