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What's Happening in February



Feb 1
Sid Sriram: Live in Penang

After the success of its previous concert, Wordmark Events relives the magic and madness with yet another concert in February 2020. The Sid Sriram: Live In Penang concert is expected to draw a huge number of people. With the notion of going ‘bigger and better’, the concert will be held at a bigger venue and with a bigger artiste line-up. The production will be the grounds for some of the greatest entertainment and event professionals in the region who are dedicated to bringing an even better experience for concert-goers. The show will host multi award-winning singer and composer, Sid Sriram, and his band of musicians comprising Leon James, Tapass Naresh, Krishna Kishor, Keba Jeremiah, Ramkumar, Sanjeev Thomas and Abijith Rao.

Tickets: RM99 to RM1,299
Venue: Setia Space Convention Centre, Bayan Lepas.

Feb 1 and 2
Penang Hot Air Balloon Fiesta

It's a one-of-a-kind experience and the only hot air balloon festival on an island in Malaysia! The Penang Hot Air Balloon Fiesta will see 15 hot air balloons flown by international and local balloonists over the 2-day festival, together with family-friendly activities, creative workshops and more.

Venue: Padang Polo.
George Town, Penang



Feb 2
Let's Tour The World

Did you know that the MPO is home to musicians from more than 29 different countries? With music as a common language, the orchestra uses its diversity to produce a plethora of breathtaking sounds. Gerard Salonga takes us on an exotic voyage – world music with a classical flair! Featuring works by Bernstein, Smetana and de Falla.

Tickets: RM47 to RM122
Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas



Feb 8 and 9
Cirque de la Symphonie

Music is in the air as the magic of cirque returns. Previously sold out at DFP, world-renowned Cirque de la Symphonie returns for a dazzling fusion of movement and music. Featuring acrobats, strongmen, contortionists, jugglers – and for the first time, a ‘live’ violin aerialist! Gasp in amazement as they perform daring routines choreographed to classical masterpieces and contemporary favourites.

Tickets: RM141 to RM358
Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas



Feb 7 to 14
Le Tour de Langkawi

Le Tour de Langkawi, Asia’s premier multiple-stage race, is the brain child of Malaysia’s Prime Minister, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad which made its debut in 1996 to place Malaysia on the world sporting and tourism map.

Venue: Dataran Lang, Langkawi

MUST VISIT ART GALLERY



KL LIFESTYLE ART SPACE
KL Lifestyle Art Space (KLAS) is an art gallery that boasts modern and contemporary artworks from Malaysia and around the region. Through its gallery, KLAS intends to inculcate awareness about Malaysian artists and their works. This establishment will also provide the service of receiving consignments from artists or individual collectors, thereby making their artworks available to interested parties. Today, KLAS is one of the leading auction houses in Malaysia that sells high volumes of prized artworks during every auction.



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Feb 14 to 16
Fly' Celebrating 20th Anniversary of Batu Dance Theatre

In conjunction with its 20th anniversary, Batu Dance Theatre presents another heartfelt dance production choreographed by Vincent Tan Lian Ho. It's as a new innovation out of the classical dance movement and a new inspiration by combining the former and new dancers of Batu Dance Theatre, to express their greatest love for our homeland, Malaysia.

It's going to be a whole new experience for you at Batu Dance Theatre! "FLY ", the terminology chosen to describe the combination of the traditional and contemporary modern dance, the latest art of choreography, and, the expression of the scenic views of Peninsula Malaysia from sunrise to sunset, from the ebb and flow of the tides. It will be a graceful expression by combining masculinity and gentleness, tranquillity and movement, smoothness and obstacles, hopes and disappointments in life. It will be a total reflection of the efforts, hardship and hopes of the people living in this land.

Tickets: RM68 to RM108
Venue: The Platform, Menara KEN TTDI, Kuala Lumpur



Feb 15 and 16
Berlioz: Obsession

The ever-innovative Hector Berlioz drew inspiration for his greatest compositions from literature, using music to tell stories of passion. Kees Bakels conducts an all-Berlioz programme featuring charismatic mezzo-soprano Fleur Barron singing arias from Les Troyens and La Damnation de Faust. The MPO performs the radical Symphonie Fantastique – Berlioz's ode to obsession and unrequited love.

Tickets: RM94 to RM188
Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas

Feb 15
Angeline Wong 10th Anniversary Concert

Get dazzled by the sultry tunes of Angeline Wong, celebrating her 10th anniversary in the industry.

Tickets: RM88 to RM268
Venue: Pentas 1, The Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (klpac)



Feb 16
Kunal Kamra: Fresher Thoughts

One of India's most important and popular comedic voices will be performing in Malaysia this year. Kunal is known on stage and on social media for his fearless, incisive and often polarising material. Selling 40,000 tickets across four continents, 60 million views on his YouTube channel with more than a million subscribers, nothing stops this man. His Podcasts feature the most imminent guests, including Chief Ministers. He has been called many names, from anti-national to unofficial pposition of India, but there is one label everyone agrees on: Hilarious

If you want to see Hindi comedy at its best, Kunal is the comedian for you!

Tickets: RM59 to RM161
Venue: PJLA Theatre @ Jaya One

Feb 16 and 17

Shakespeare Demystified: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

A performance on the canonical speeches and scenes from A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, each comes with narration of plots and discussion of the themes. The audience is invited to join the discussion during the Q&A session.

Ticket: RM45
Venue: Stage 2, Performing Arts Centre of Penang (penangpac)



Feb 17
Krakatau with MPYO

Indonesian jazz-world music group Krakatau fuses its signature breezy style with the rich colours of the Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra strings in this DFP special event. The group was best described by American writers Harnish and Wallach as a "band rooted in electric jazz composition and improvisation with a commitment to traditional Sundanese instrumentation, timbres, and performance practice".

Tickets: RM99 to RM299
Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas



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Feb 20 to 23
Shakespeare Demystified:
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S
DREAM

A performance on the canonical speeches and scenes from A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, each comes with narration of plots and discussion on the themes.

Ticket: RM55
Venue: Pentas 2: The Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre



Feb 22 and 23
The Russian Affair

The notoriously difficult 3rd piano concerto was written at the apex of Rachmaninoff's career for his first US tour – the country which would later become his home. Lukáš Vondrá ek, 2016 Queen Elisabeth Competition winner takes us on this thrilling ride of romanticism. Maestro Kees Bakels also conducts Scriabin's Symphony No. 2, rich in colour and passionate indulgence.

Tickets: RM94 to RM188
Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas



Feb 29 to March 1
The Elegance of Mozart

Tchaikovsky once described Mozart's work as "the culmination point of all beauty in the sphere of music". The golden light of the classical era, Mozart was perhaps the most versatile composer of all time. The concerts will feature clarinetist Alessandro Carbonare performing Mozart's sublime clarinet concerto. Kees Bakels will also conduct the Haffner and Prague symphonies – a celebration of spirited elegance.

Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas

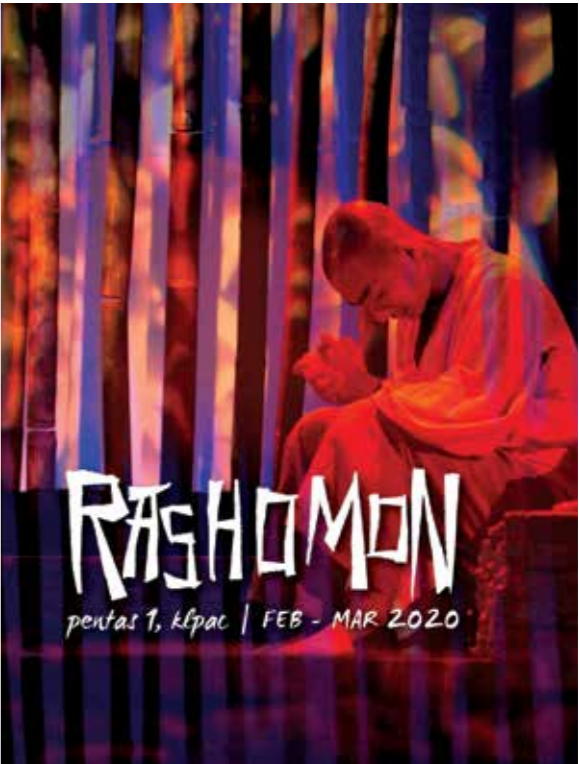


Feb 29
Jay Chou Carnival World Tour (Kuala Lumpur)

Calling all fans!
Jay Chou, Asia's Mandopop King is returning to Malaysia with his new concert world tour on Feb 29, 2020 at the National Stadium, Bukit Jalil. This is his first concert at the stadium.

With a bigger venue and capacity, Chow is set to wow his fans with a brand new theme.
With 14 albums, more than 150 songs and seven sold-out world tour concerts, the all-new 8th concert tour will be a celebration of his 20 years in the music business and a great way to make this leap year a memorable one.

Tickets: RM288 to RM938
Venue: National Stadium, Bukit Jalil



Feb 29 to March 8
Rashomon

A samurai is murdered and his wife raped. The body of the samurai is discovered by a woodcutter. Just before the crime took place, a priest passed the couple. A notorious bandit comes forward to claim responsibility for the crime, and the woodcutter and priest are summoned to testify at the trial. So begins the recounting of the crime by ...the bandit ...the woodcutter ...the wife ...and the samurai (through a medium). Each of the four testimonies contradict each other. What really happened on the day of the crime?

Tickets: RM60 to RM100
Venue: Pentas 1, The Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre

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

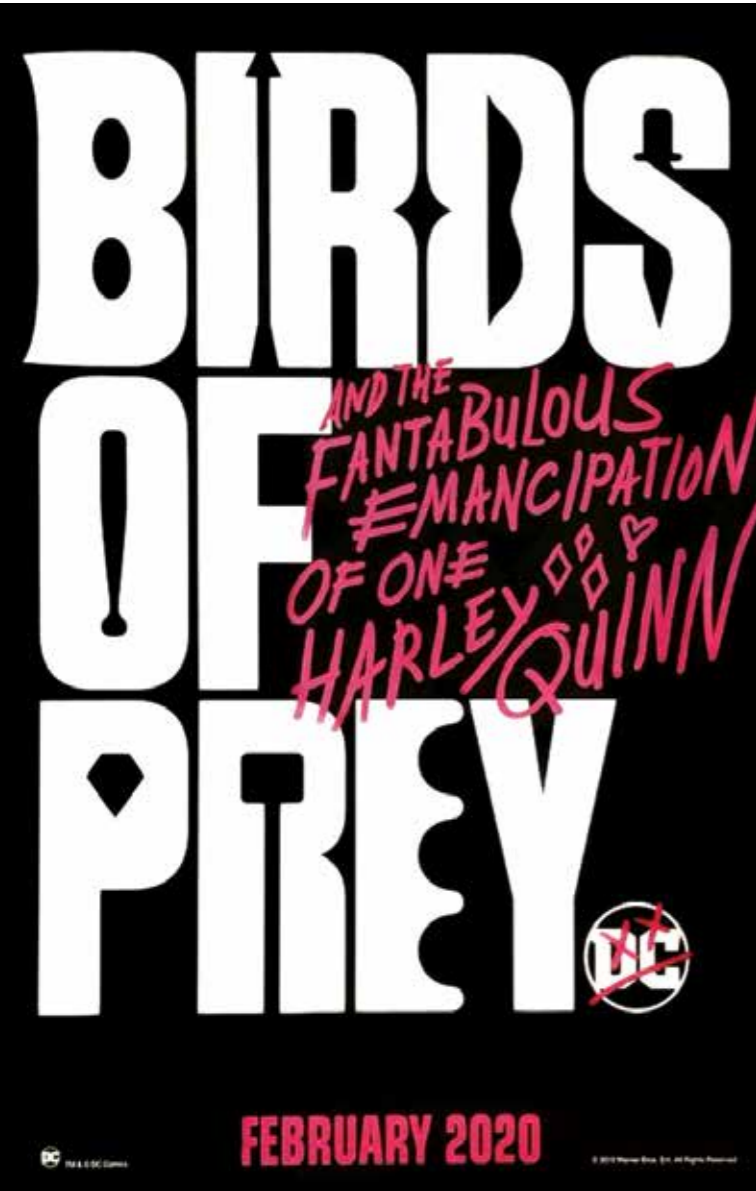
One of the most striking features in Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery is the Nautilus Staircase that begins from the lobby and links every floor. This structure is the inspiration for the main graphic icon. The icon is actively applied and prevalent across all of Bank Negara Malaysia Museum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

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MUST-WATCH MOVIES of the month



BIRDS OF PREY
FEB 6

Following Batman’s disappearance, Gotham City is left unprotected. It is now up to Harley Quinn, who has split up with the Joker, to protect Cassandra Cain when the young girl gets into trouble after finding a diamond that belongs to crime lord, Black Mask. Black Canary, Huntress and Renee Montoya team up with Harley to help protect Cassandra.

Genre: Action, Crime, Adventure
Cast: Ewan McGregor, Ali Wong, Margot Robbie.



THE KING’S MAN
FEB 13

One man must race against time to stop history’s worst tyrants and criminal masterminds as they get together to plot a war that could wipe out millions of people and destroy humanity.

Genre: Comedy, Action, Adventure
Cast: Gemma Arterton , Aaron Taylor-Johnson , Matthew Goode.



77 HEARTWARMINGS
FEB 13

The critical and box office success of ‘77 Heartbreaks’ has led to the reuniting of cast and crew for this sequel, with the key term “heart breaks” changed to “heart burns”. This time the couple enters the graveyard of love – marriage. The challenge facing Adam (Pakho Chau) is whether his love is enough for Eva (Charlene Choi) to achieve a happy ending.

Genre: Romance
Cast: Pakho Chau , Charlene Choi , Mario Maurer.



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FEB 14

Sonic is an anthropomorphic, extra-terrestrial blue hedgehog that is trying to avoid being captured by the villainous Dr. Robotnik, who plans to use his powers for world domination. Sonic then teams up with Tom Wachowski, a former San Francisco Police Department officer who has recently been appointed Sheriff of Green Hills, Montana, to defeat Dr. Robotnik.

Genre: Adventure
Cast: Jim Carrey , Neal McDonough , James Marsden.



BERNARD CHANDRAN

Malaysia's King of Fashion

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VENUE: FIGURE @ FAHRENHEIT88

The story of Datuk Seri Bernard Chandran goes back to a boy of mixed parentage with a dream. While his parents urged him to take up accounting, Chandran soon realised that his passion lay elsewhere - in fashion designing. With the consent and support from his parents, the young boy followed his calling and paved his own path to the tremendous success he is today. We sit down with Malaysia's King of Fashion in his latest menswear outlet, Figure, to find out about his travels and plans for Valentine's Day.



YOU ARE AN AVID TRAVELLER. WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE PLACES TO TRAVEL TO?

It might be a biased answer, but I would have to say, Paris. I love Paris – I studied there and hence, have a soft spot for Paris. Paris is not just about fashion; it's a refined city where people take pride in their offerings, and that's what attracts me about the city. Paris is beautiful, current and its people put a lot of thought into everything they do.

PARIS IS A MECCA FOR FASHION DESIGNERS. WHAT INSPIRES YOU ABOUT THE CITY OF LIGHTS?

The city itself inspires me – its exhibitions, museums, etc. today, I have a good eye for interior design and fashion because of the city. I'm grateful.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MOST SURREAL PLACES TO VISIT?

Paris (laughter ensues). Don't get me wrong, I love Africa too – it's a supernatural place. During our visit there, with my family, we were fortunate to have breakfast with the lions (just like Out of Africa), witness the sunrise on a hot air balloon followed by a champagne breakfast with the Masai. It was an amazing experience. Prior to that, we went to Capadoccia, Turkey also for a hot air balloon ride, albeit relatively commercial. We were surrounded by hundreds of hot air balloons at the same time. It was the most magical and surreal moments for my family and me.

WHO DICTATES THE VACATIONS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

We practise hierarchy in my family – I always believe that everyone should know their place, just as in a company – so this is something I practise in my household. My family and I are like a tribe; there are seven of us altogether. We get together and always discuss about our ups and downs in terms of school, work, etc – it's something I believe in and practise since they are younger, so nothing gets swept under the rug. The method is similarly applied for our holidays. The majority in favour decides the holiday and even the restaurants we go to. This way, it's fair and everyone gets a chance to go to the places they enjoy. It's very orderly – we have a system where we plan ahead, even up to who queues at the immigration first, or who sits with whom on the aircraft and who stands beside whom for pictures. I think it's a good system; the holidays are better and everyone's happy.

YOU COME FROM A FAMILY OF MIXED PARENTAGE. HOW DO YOU TRANSLATE THE CULTURE THAT YOU GREW UP WITH TO YOUR CHILDREN?

I think it started with my father. He never stopped my mother from practising her religious beliefs in any way. So, she had statues of her deity as well as joss sticks while my father had his own Hindu altar. We celebrated both Chinese New Year and Deepavali – this was how we grew up. Now that I'm married with my own family, I stand by my father's teachings. My wife is a Catholic who is free to celebrate and practise her beliefs. As a family, we look forward to all these celebrations and the beautiful outfits we can wear, which is amazing. I teach my children to practise and understand all cultures and religions. We have been to a mosque and an Orthodox church despite my wife being a Catholic. That's why they wear whatever religious amulets they want.

WHAT IS ON YOUR TRAVEL BUCKET LIST?

I have a long bucket list. My wife always tells me that we should travel more and eat more. Travelling and experiencing different cultures have really opened my eyes to the world. I want to know about different countries so yes, my bucket list is long and I wouldn't even know where to start.

YOU ARE A FASHIONABLE PERSON AND TRAVELLER. WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR MUST-HAVE ITEMS WHEN WANDERLUSTING?

I'm not a light-weight traveller, let me tell you. I must have my earphones with my audio guide, my two phones, definitely a sketchbook, beautiful well-made sling bag or backpack, trendy shoes that can pair with any outfits and something I constantly get in trouble for at the airport, my jewellery.

YOU MENTIONED SKETCHING. WHAT MUSIC, MOVIE, BOOK OR MAGAZINE GETS YOU READY TO SKETCH OR BRAINSTORM?

I think I get inspired very easily. Yoga has helped me a lot. It has really calmed me down and made me look inwards which helps the process. Music is my trigger and so is audio books now. I used to avoid reading, but now, thanks to technology, I listen to audiobooks. My resolution for 2020 is nothing much, I would love to finish 30 books this year as last year I read 15. Audio books, for me, is like a friend telling me a story. This has helped me focus when people talk because with audio books, you have to focus on each word read out. Anything I read, listen to or watch can charge me.

HOW HAS TRAVELLING INSPIRED YOUR DESIGNS?

Tremendously. When I was younger, I never liked long-haul flights but now, I have come to enjoy them. As I mentioned, in my sling bag or backpack, there's always a sketch book. So when my wife and children or my assistant, Fairouz sends me off, I start drawing, almost like a destressing method and it comes naturally. Many things during travelling inspire me, such as from different airports to the ambience. When I visited Qatar some years ago, close to Chinese New Year, I was surprised to find thousands of the 'lucky cats' moving their arm in coordination at the airport. It was amazing to me that an Islamic country embraces another culture. Another instance, also in the Middle East, I saw displays of Christmas trees. I found it very inspiring.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS WITH YOUR WIFE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY?

It will be our 30th year wedding anniversary this Valentine's. It's our legal wedding date. We received our parents' blessings and got wed at the registrar's office. We will definitely be doing something special but I'm not sure exactly what yet. I'm waiting to be inspired. For example, in the year 2000, I got my wife a very special pearl necklace from a friend's farm in Australia. I actually bought quite a number of high-quality, amazing pearls with a thought of keeping them for my grandchildren. Funny enough, on New Year's day, I was inspired to give those pearls to my wife and children with an ang pao each. It just came naturally. So for Valentine's Day, I don't know yet, let's keep it a secret.

HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR WIFE?

I first saw my wife, then a model, as a cover for the fashion section. I found her very beautiful and told my friend about it. I remember my friend telling me that she was taller than me and wouldn't go for a young 16-year-old like me. I met her when I was 18, at a Model of the Year competition. She overheard me talking in Tamil to a male model and immediately came over to me and we connected. Within a month, we sparked and she became my girlfriend even though I had no job and career at the time. After a year, we got engaged and the year after, we got married and were off to Paris. Don't be afraid to dream – dreaming is free. I dreamt about being with her, and it came true. I dreamt about designing for royalty, and it also came true.

TELL US ABOUT THE NEW MEN'S STORE IN FAHRENHEIT 88.

I opened a boutique for womenswear in December 1993, in now, Fahrenheit 88. Figure first opened on July 15, 1976

when I collaborated with a tailor. I eventually made an offer to buy the store but the tailor rejected, saying he wanted his son to learn the craft. But two years ago, the same tailor approached me and asked if I was interested in buying the space. The time was right and I felt we needed a change. Prior to this, I opened a fashion fabric store spanning the entire second floor of now Picollo Hotel. I had private rooms to meet on each occasion and had a space for collaboration on fashion shows, etc. After three years, the owner wanted the space back, which was rather disappointing but that was a blessing in disguise because it created an opportunity for me to buy my own space, Bernard Chandran. Figure (latest menswear store at Fahrenheit 88) is a contemporary menswear store, with the aesthetics I love.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PERSONAL STYLE?

I would say, regal. I find myself versatile and like a chameleon – it's like muscle memory for me, to dress fashionably. A king and queen probably wear their crown or tiaras and jewellery only during their coronation or special events. But I feel like everyday is my coronation day, hence the jewellery and fashion everyday. I really enjoy fashion. People think that I take awhile to be put together but in fact, I just throw a few things together and I know that it works. I have my own sense of style.

WHO ARE YOUR HEROES?

My hero is my wife. She is amazing. I'm so grateful for her. We went home quite late after the opening of Figure and we were so hungry. She made me a sandwich but when I saw her eating her Maggi mee, I wanted to eat it instead. She gave me her whole bowl of Maggi even though she was hungry herself. She has always been there for me. She really loves me and understands me. I always tell people that I've done something good in life to deserve her.

FINALLY, WHAT ARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS FOR YOUR CAREER, FAMILY AND PERSONAL GROWTH?

I think most importantly, to be happy. Like I said, I have been practising Yoga for three years now and it has changed me physically and mentally. I can't explain what it does for you until you have tried it for yourself. Yoga has taught me to slow my pace, and allows me to think and observe first. My relationships have become amazing. For the new year, like I said, I want to finish 30 books, spend more time with my family and make sure my team is happy working with me. Career-wise, I'll be focusing more on Figure, the menswear store and Bernard Chandran, of course.





FUN WAYS TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY

Beyond Dinner and Roses

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

Valentine's Day is here and sure, dinner and roses are a classic for date night and might be just how you and your partner wish to celebrate. But, if you're looking for something a little different, we've rounded up some new, and might I add, very fun, things to try that are sure to make for great memories and stories to tell the (future) grandkids.

GO FOR A SUNRISE HIKE

While getting out of bed at 5 am may not be for everyone, it'd be worth it once you're at the peak, arms around each other watching the glowing sun rise. There are quite a few hills around Kuala Lumpur that will make for great short hikes, from Bukit Broga to Bukit Batu Chondong. At the risk of sounding cheesy, helping each other navigate the challenges up the hill could also strengthen your relationship, reminding your partner you're always there to cheer him/her on and do this thing called life, together. Here's a way to make the hike extra special: pack a bag of snacks for each other and reveal what's inside only when you're at the peak.

TRY SOMETHING NEW TOGETHER

If you and your partner have been together for many years, you might find you've become a little trapped in your daily routines. It is healthy to get out there and have new, exciting experiences together to keep the spark alive. Do something you've both never done this Valentine's Day, be it going for a pottery lesson, a Muay Thai class, a cooking workshop or even a skydiving experience.

MAKE YOUR OWN TREASURE HUNT

Gift-giving becomes extra fun when you design a treasure hunt for it. Write up little clues for your partner and hide them around the home or even the city - think the mailbox, the restaurant where you had your first date, that bus stop near your office where your partner always picks you up from. The possibilities are endless. Let the clues lead your partner to a special place where X marks the spot. Beyond being real fun, this is also a way to reminisce about your relationship and the memories shared.

STAY IN

Sometimes, it's less about what you do and more about simply spending time with each other. Snuggle up on the couch, watch your favourite movies (remember the chips and chocolate) and maybe even Facebook-stalk each other's old photos? That's sure to be a laugh and you can learn more about who your partner was before the two of you met.

GO TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK

Be it sharing cotton candy on a Ferris wheel or screaming together as the roller coaster makes the grand drop, amusement parks are one of the best ways to keep the love (and your youth) alive. While funfairs may not be available in Kuala Lumpur all year round, we do have some great theme parks in and around the city.

HOST A GAME NIGHT

Valentine's Day doesn't always have to be only about your partner. Invite some of your couple (or even single) friends over and have a game night filled with board games, charades and lots of laughter. You can pair up with your partner to build teamwork or go up against them to make it extra fun. If you're not interested in hosting the party (and cleaning up after), consider going out as a group to an escape room or maybe even a futsal court.



There’s a saying that goes, “Learn to love yourself before loving someone else”. Despite how straightforward it may sound, many of us fail to provide sufficient love for ourselves, yet would go all out for those around us. It’s not exactly a bad thing, but it’s not a good thing either because neglecting self-love could result in severe mental health deterioration, and we don’t want that. Which is why for this month of love, we emphasise and share with you five simple ways you can show love to yourself:

Treat yourself

No, we’re not talking about endless desserts, as much as we would love to. But we’re talking about treating yourself to a book or a walk in the park – something that would help to refresh your mind. If wellness centres are your thing, don’t hold back on spending for yourself because a little splurge on facials, nails, hairdos and spas may do you good in months to come.

Have me-time

Having family and friends are great for the most part, as you create memories and moments that you’d look back on and laugh. However, having some time to yourself is equally important to recharge and refresh your mind. Whether you’re an extrovert or introvert, everyone benefits from having some alone time. Not only does spending me-time create a loving relationship with yourself but it also helps you reflect and allows you to listen to what you want.

Feed yourself nutrition

One simple way to show love to yourself is through health, which is to consume food with high nutrition. It’s no surprise that we feel tired and lazy when consuming junk food; it’s our body’s way of simply telling us no. But fill your diet up with vegetables, nuts, seed, fruits and more – and watch your day turn productive without you feeling sluggish at the end.

Work hard, play hard

As children, we prioritise play time as it stimulates the brain and keeps the child active. Similarly, as adults we should be doing the same. Many of us neglect play time because we’re so busy with work and the general hustling of life, making it harder to allocate time as well. However, hobbies can help incorporate some play time in our lives – like photography, music, dance classes and more.

Self-recognition

Love yourself emotionally by recognising your efforts and appreciating your achievements. Instead of beating yourself down by saying you’re not good enough or you could’ve done more – switch it around by telling yourself you’ve gotten this far and that you’ve done well. With constant self-encouragement and validation, you’ll find it somewhat easier to accomplish difficult daily tasks.

WHEN IN PLAZA BATAI ...

Saunter through the restored walkways of Plaza Batai and experience its multi-faceted offerings, from a blow-dry bar to cosy restaurants. Check out our guide to exploring Plaza Batai below.

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



Ben's Independent Grocers
Ben's Independent Grocer in Plaza Batai, also known as Little Big, is a behemoth of a store. Here, one can shop at the various sections including the botanical produce, barn butchery, Malaya kitchen, bay seafood and S.wine Deli, to name a few. Besides that, a florist, a cheese section known as Cheese Cave and an aisle dedicated to Japanese products offers an immersive shopping experience at Little Ben.



Simpli Dry
Let's face it, it's not every day that our luscious locks behave as we want them to. Fortunately, nestled in Plaza Batai is Simpli Dry, a blow-dry bar to turn that bad hair day into a good one. The resplendent space provides professional wash-and-blow, scalp and shoulder massages, treatments and manicures and pedicures – talk about a one-stop beauty centre.



Yellow Brick Road
For many, Yellow Brick Road is synonymous with Plaza Batai. One of the famed cafes in KL, Yellow Brick Road is the fruition of a dreamer's imagination. Serving good coffee and even better fare, this Instagrammable cafe makes for a good spot to catch up with your friends or simply, a place to indulge.



Sitka Restaurant
Traditional ingredients and fresh produce meet modern techniques here at Sitka Restaurant. With a visionary such as Chef Christian Recomio helping the restaurant, one can relish in avant-garde, elevated fare with a touch of flair.



Merchant and Sisters
Merchant and Sisters is a lifestyle store that houses a humble cafe, designer clothing from various parts of the world, artisanal home with love and passion furnishings and gifts, a barber shop and a tattoo parlour. Procuring unique pieces crafted from love and passion, makes the products sold at Merchant and Sisters special and utterly irresistible.



Torii
Contemporary Japanese cuisine with a flair for presentation is how we would describe Torri. Unlike a typical yakitori bar, Torri is elegantly furnished with leather sofas, wooden flooring and a walk-in whiskey closet. Whiskey and skewers go hand in hand here, offering patrons a lavish dining experience.



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Little Pig's highlights and bestsellers

Little Pig

Big and Bold Spanish Flavours

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Ascend a flight of stairs to be greeted by a neon boar — that's how you know you're in the warm belly of Little Pig. An open kitchen becomes the heart of the restaurant, further embellished by a vibrant mural and cosy seating arrangement. The genius behind Little Pig is Chef Yu Khim, who finally returned to Malaysia after some years in a venerable Spanish restaurant in Singapore. Pairing passion and a team of skillful sous chefs, they craft a melange of contemporary Spanish dishes and tapas, alongside specialty creations.

POTATO BRAVAS AND CRAB CROQUETTE

First comes the Potato Bravas. Made from Potato Agria, imported from Spain, this dish is a labour of love, with thinly stripped potatoes stacked layer upon layer, steamed and deep-fried and cut into strips. Next, from the special menu, Crab Croquette. Two crisp, bulbous croquettes scream our name and surprises us with its toothsome quality.

PRESSA IBERICA

The succulent cut of Pressa Iberica, cooked to a perfect medium, oozes natural juices with every chew. A cut of

meat so tender and perfect, it practically melts in the mouth and explodes with a multitude of flavours. With a presence ever so slight, the pickled apple sheet gently takes away the acidity of the entire dish and finally presents a harmonious dance on the tastebuds.

CRISPY PORK BELLY EEL BAO

Incorporating an Asian twist to tapas, the Crispy Pork Belly Eel Bao is presented in a steam basket. A closer look unveils homemade bao buns with an egg yolk centre, sandwiching luscious slab of Spanish Duroc pork belly with grilled

The Interior



LP Mini Burger and Fries



eel laid atop and pickled cauliflower with a drizzle of teriyaki dressing. It whets the appetite for what is to come.

SQUID INK PAELLA

The Spanish cuisine is incomplete or rather, crippled without the inclusion of paella. Catalan-style arroz negro (sumptuous squid ink sauce) bathes the rice and is cooked with fish stock for 30 minutes. A medley of clams, crispy pork belly, minced squid, parsley and garlic oil tastes just like a summer day by the sea. Closing our eyes, we could have easily been in a restaurant in Spain.

ROASTED CAULIFLOWER

It becomes obvious at first bite why the Roasted Cauliflower is among Little Pig's highlights. Several chunks of cauliflower heads are grilled and brushed with basil mint pesto, Manchego cheese and pippara peppers. Pine nuts are strewn in for added texture and flavour, alongside the Romance sauce, which essentially resembles a Spanish-style satay sauce.

LP MINI BURGER AND FRIES

Just when our clothes are bursting at its seams, our stomachs and the divine LP Mini Burger and Fries prove us unabashedly wrong. Creatively concocted to aesthetically

resemble burger and fries, we are very intrigued. The 'burger' comprises an intoxicating combination of French premium valrhona chocolate mousse and fruits, while the 'fries' are made from white chocolate and passionfruit. Feigning only a second of hesitation, we devour this brilliant dish without a single care for calories. This dessert proves to be a sweet end to a wonderful meal.

**Little Pig *Spanish Cuisine
*Casual Dining (non-halal)**
Lot B1-06 ,The Hub SS2, 19 Sentral, Jalan Harapan, 46300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.



Interior of Ember Modern Bistro with an open kitchen concept

Ember Modern Bistro

An experience you'll have to try for yourself

BY AGNES AUI

Along a street in Taman Tun Dr Ismail (TTDI) is a bistro run by the humble duo of Chef Gary Anwar and manager Jasmyin Yeap. With classy interior and an open kitchen concept where diners can witness the chefs at their best, one may take Ember Modern Bistro as a fine dining restaurant serving dishes that would burn a hole in one's pocket. But in reality, it's far from that. Born with the mission to serve its version of good food at an affordable price, the eatery refuses to categorise itself to a certain cuisine – but with its posh and quirky dishes, we're thankful for that.

COLD

Refresh yourself with its Cold Noodles, Duck and Ponzu featuring duck confit and a ponzu of four citruses, namely calamansi, lime, lemon and grapefruit. Deemed perfect for tart lovers, saltiness of the soft and creamy duck confit does balance out the sour notes. Taking a Turkish twist, the Eggplant Salad of fried eggplant tossed in peanut butter, seasoned with cumin and topped with pomegranate is a whirlwind of flavours and textures from spicy and creamy to sour and crunch. However, those seeking to try new things can opt for the "Smoked" Beef Tartare with charcoal oil and flat bread. The dish is evident with smoky taste, is soft and melts in the mouth with every bite.

HOT

Warm up your palate with the Grilled 4 Days Dry Aged Duck served with fresh vegetables from the local market that's cooked to perfection, smooth and packed with flavours. Those who prefer fish can order its Grilled Fish with Local Baby Vegetables featuring snapper, fiddlehead fern, pumpkin shoots and four-angled beans – a dish that glistens under the spotlight and trickles with juiciness.



Grilled 4 days Dry Aged Duck

However, if duck or fish isn't your meat of choice, opt for the Grilled Chicken with Yuzu Kosho that also comes with locally sourced and handpicked vegetables alongside kampung (village) chicken. The generous portion of half chicken accompanied by fresh greens, fermented chilli paste and yuzu sauce was a flavour incomparable to anywhere else.

Deeply rooted in what it truly believes in, Ember Modern Bistro is no fancy spot, just a simple place serving distinct creations that are open to your own interpretation. But with the labour, love and passion encrypted in every heart-warming dish – it's truly simplicity at its finest.

Ember Modern Bistro (Pork-free)
20, Jalan Wan Kadir 1, Taman Tun Dr Ismail,
60000 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 018-323 2786



Clockwise: "Smoked" Beef Tartare, Cold Noodles, Duck and Ponzu and Eggplant Salad



3 Flavoured Pot

Xiao Long Kan Chinese Fondue

Like taking a trip to China

BY AGNES AUI

Strategically located along a street of Bukit Bintang is the newly opened Xiao Long Kan Chinese Fondue, a Sichuan-inspired hotpot hailing from Shuinianghe Cheng Du. It's evident that the eatery pays attention to detail as all four stories are decked with woodwork, decorations, bricks, furniture and utensils imported directly from China. With an extensive menu consisting of unique food selections, we were eager to travel across the world through our palates.

To start off, choose from four options of broth, namely traditional spicy mala, tomato, mushroom and pork bone. It is recommended that diners try their traditional spicy mala broth that's made from 90 different Chinese spices including HanYuan pepper, Sichuan broad bean paste and chilli oil. Distinctly different from other overpowering mala broths, flavours of the individual spices stood out in this one – making it an experience worth trying.

Next, build your own signature condiment from sesame oil, scallion, bird's eye chilli, cilantro, garlic and a dash of oyster sauce, picking and omitting based on your preference. Meat lovers can go all out by ordering the XLK Spicy Chilli Beef featuring sliced beef sprinkled generously with chopped chilli and spring onion or the handmade Rose Meat Ball served on rose petals, adding a fragrant floral taste. When cooked at its recommended time, the meat is soft, pulls apart with ease and filled with striking flavours.



Rose Meat Ball

Skip the hassle of peeling shrimps by trying the Shrimp Paste made with finely crushed shrimps, egg white and starch. Having a consistency that's somewhat similar to meatballs, pieces of shrimp are noticeable when bitten and enhanced with flavours from the broth.

If you're feeling a little more adventurous, order exotic dishes like pork brain, supreme thousand layered beef omasum, pork aorta, pork blood and more. Though unconventional, it's selections like these that make Xiao Long Kan Chinese Fondue different from other hotpot eateries. Add some fibre to your meal with fresh greens like sliced green bamboo shoots which are imported from China, chinese white cabbage, winter melon, seaweed and dehydrated ivy mosses. Diners can also have the Mushroom Platter consisting of five different types of mushrooms.

A must-try at Xiao Long Kan is the Brown Sugar Rice Cake that's lightly battered, fried and soaked in a bountiful brown sugar sauce. Bite into the warm and chewy rice cake as the brown sugar oozes, making the sweet dish a perfect finish.

Xiao Long Kan Chinese Fondue *Hotpot (non-halal)
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Andra by Gula Cakery

The best of sweet and savoury

BY AGNES AUI



Swedish Meatball, Beef Lasagna, Spicy Buttermilk Soft Shell Crab, Mac & Cheese Beef Burger and Fried Mushrooms

Nestled in the hip and stylish Ardence Labs is Andra by Gula Cakery, a café and bakery serving classic and elevated Western and Asian cuisine with modern and chic interior. Perfect for families, patrons can choose between sitting outdoors or indoors, where children can be entertained at the play area in the latter. The eatery incorporates greenery into its interior, with potted plants hanging from the ceiling to adorable succulents placed on every table. But it’s their dessert display that will have you staring in awe – with endless selections like cream puff, Ferrero Rocher cake, doughnuts and more. It’s a sweet tooth galore.

SAVOURY

The eatery’s dishes are the epitome of unconventional and unique with dream combinations made into reality. Start off with some nibbles like its fried mushrooms that are crunchy on the outside and juicy on the inside, paired beautifully with light mustard sauce. Go Asian with the Salted Egg Yolk Squid, fried to perfection and soft to the bite.

The Mac and Cheese Beef Burger was cheesy, gooey and warm with a succulent homemade beef patty. Smothered in barbeque sauce and accompanied by thick and chunky fries, the burger was what we’d say the ultimate guilty pleasure. Another hearty dish was the monthly special, Swedish Meatballs that came in seven large homemade



Matcha Latte, Boba Milk Tea Cheesecake, Cream Puffs, Berry Pavlova and Nutella Doughnut

meatballs with cranberry jam and mashed potato. Though the dish may sound similar to the popular one served by Ikea, rest assured that this version has been elevated to a whole new level.

SWEET

Rejoice dessert lovers as you’ll never run out of options to choose from. If you feel the crave for something sour, try the Berry Pavlova – a creamy, crispy yet airy end to your meal. Although, fret not as there are also locally flavoured desserts like the Cempedak Burnt Cheesecake where you can find a large dollop of Cempedak paste on top the classic Burnt Cheesecake. Boba enthusiasts might gravitate towards the distinct Boba Milk Tea Cheesecake that will have you wanting more.

For something less sweet, bite into its cream puffs, generously filled with custard that’s been made with fresh vanilla beans. Or maybe go all the way up the sweet scale and opt for the Nutella doughnut, a sticky and soft piece that oozes warm hazelnut chocolate filling and coated mercilessly with white sugar – the perfect dessert to please your sweet soul.

Andra by Gula Cakery *Western Cuisine *Asian Cuisine *halal
Lab 12, Ardence Labs, Eco Ardence, Persiaran Setia Alam, Selangor.

Glow Smoothie Bar

by Amazin’ Graze

BY AGNES AUI

Here’s one for the health junkies – a smoothie bar by well-known healthy snack brand, Amazin’ Graze. Using their own brand of granolas alongside a vast variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, superfood and natural sugar, they’ve introduced a total of 13 combinations with eye-catching themes from tropical to greens and energisers.

Take your pick from their smoothie menu with options including Tropical Jack, Avocado Nut, Oaty Cacao, Matcha Reviver and more. We tried the Berry Acai – a concoction of acai, raspberry, almond milk and coconut sugar, resulting in a smooth blend that was light and refreshing with sour notes and a roasty finish from the almond milk. The Green Healer was the ultimate detox consisting of spinach, pineapple, coconut water and ginger, making it the perfect drink for green juice lovers like myself.

Smoothie bowl portions were ideal with crunchy and soft textures from the colourful toppings. The Purple Glow was a base of acai, blueberry and banana while toppings include Hazelnut Blackforest Granola, blueberry, Pepita and chia seed. Fit for a light breakfast, the dish was creamy, tart and absolutely guilt-free. A complete opposite Power Up smoothie bowl with a base of avocado, peanut butter, and soy milk with toppings of Salted Gula Melaka Granola, cacao nib and blueberry is the ultimate meal after a workout. The dense yet velvety finish of the smoothie and hints of chocolate may just have you ordering more than one or two bowls.

Glow Smoothie Bar by Amazin’ Graze *Vegan
Sweet Escape by Inside Scoop - 16G, Jalan Dutuk Sulaiman,
Taman Tun Dr Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur (opening in mid February)

The Hive Intermark - Lot No. C-01, The Intermark Mall,
Jalan Tun Razak, 50450 Kuala Lumpur (opening in mid February)



Mich’sology

BY AGNES AUI

As I stepped foot into Mich’sology, I couldn’t help but notice the quote written on a bright cream coloured wall in neon lights that read, “A healthy theory by Michelle”. Healthy food is notorious for being expensive with little to no flavours. However, I was eager to understand Michelle’s theory of healthy food which prompted me to delve into the nutritious spread across my table.

The signature Mich’sology fuel bowl was a heavenly mix of brown rice, fresh salmon sashimi, crabstick, corn, tomato, tamago, fried shallots, ebiko, parmesan cheese and seaweed. Despite having rice as its base, the dish was comprehensive and light – perfect for eaters with a small appetite. The salmon sashimi was rich, soft and melty as the combination of other ingredients complemented one another, making it a wholesome dish to order for breakfast.

If you prefer something cold to start your day, opt for the Signature Mich’sology Granola Bowl that comes with a base of yogurt and milk topped with strawberry, blueberry, banana, granola, cornflakes and honey. Every bite came with a burst of flavours and textures – tartness from the berries, creaminess from the yogurt and milk, sweetness from the honey and added crunch from the granola and cornflakes. It was a lightweight option that was packed with nutrients.

For drinks, customers can choose the unique pink latte made from beetroot. The warm coffee is creamy and earthy while presentation makes it irresistible for pictures.

Mich’sology *Poke bowl
7, Jalan 26/70a, Desa Sri Hartamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 016-660 6573

Flavours from Around the World

As you arrive, look out for the rattan chair set against a bright white wall and arch windows reminiscent of a vacation home in Greece. Walking in, the senses light up from the vibrant pink walls, colourful suede chairs and most importantly, friendly staff. With an outdoor seating area, a spacious first floor and an event space on the second floor which can house up to 90 guests, Divine Fusion is the place for you and your loved ones to catch up and celebrate the big days.

After taking some shots at this very Insta-worthy spot, we got comfy and began our feast. First, one of the must-tries is the signature seafood cooked with your choice of sauce. We tried the Clams with Garlic Bread cooked in Butter Cream and Chilli sauce. The garlic bread was crispy and dipping it into the rich, sweet and spicy sauce made for delightful bites. We also had Mussels with Spanish-style Spicy Chilli sauce, with the generous use of spices and fresh mussels making for a fragrant and appetising dish.

For pastas, we had the Spicy Prawn Spaghetti, served with tiger prawns, seafood gyoza and a creamy Spanish spicy sauce which for me, made a great choice of comfort food (if you can handle the spice). If you're sharing with a friend, also order the Aglio Olio Seafood Spaghetti for a balance. This was a little lighter with the tiger prawns, mussels, clams, calamari and black olives tossed in a sweet basil sauce.

One of the stand-out dishes for us was the Spanish-style Spicy Prawn Mantou - large tiger prawns with a Spanish spicy sauce

stuffed in a fried golden mantou. What we loved most was how well the flavours and textures went together. It was as if they pieced together the best elements from each cuisine and presented it to us.

Moving on to the Asian section of this journey, we had the Sichuan Mala Chicken Rice (appetising fried chicken with refreshing cucumber and chilli served with crunchy keropok) and Nasi Lemak with Beef Rendang (a classic with a slightly sweet sambal, fragrant coconut rice and spicy beef). To round off our feast, we had the Divine Butter Egg Fried Rice with mouth-watering buttery bits and treasures such as chicken and prawns hidden inside the rice.

While here, be sure to also try the drinks, which deserve the spotlight just as much as the food. As the brainchild of co-founder Hazel, each drink delights not only in taste, but also in presentation. Divine "The Blue Lady", for one, is a bright blue mocktail made with lemonade, blue lagoon, basil and sprite topped with beautiful pink

petals and gold foil. The finishing touch is the little piece of RM100 note, which really is sugar for you to adjust the level of sweetness.

My personal favourite was the Longan Mojito, a refreshing soda with fresh mint leaves and yes, lots of longan. Although this is not an alcoholic drink, you can opt to add a shot of vodka or rum to kick things up a notch.

Other drinks to try include the Iced Lychee Coffee, with the slight bitterness of the black coffee balancing well with the sweet lychee, and the Ice Blended Milk with Gula Melaka, creamy milk perfectly blended to ensure no chunky bits of ice remain, served with a beaker of gula Melaka.

Divine Fusion Restaurant & Bar
 *Modern Fusion *Casual Dining (pork-free)
 No. 155 & 155A, Jalan SS2/24
 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
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First Floor Interiors



Delicious Drinks

Tomo Ramen Bar

Serving an All-new Experience

BY CRYSTAL CHONG



Clockwise: Buta Don, Katsu Curry Don, Pork Ribs Mayu, Tonkotsu.

Tradition meets innovation at Tomo Ramen Bar in Damansara Utama.

The restaurant’s facade is reminiscent of a Japanese home, with wooden furnishings and pebbles giving a Zen atmosphere. But step inside, and you will be transported to a hip, modern joint, complete with neon lights.

‘Tomo’ means ‘friends’ in Japanese, and the restaurant is named so because the founders would like to invite diners to take their time and strengthen friendships, old and new, over their quality food and drinks.

For lunch, we started with the signature Tomo, springy noodles in a special miso soymilk broth you won’t find anywhere else. While sweeter and slightly thicker than one might expect, for me, this was an instant favourite. The richness is cleverly balanced

with refreshing bites of bean sprouts and crunchy wood ear fungus, and with the broth itself being meat-free, there is a vegetarian version of the dish available.

Ramen is versatile and Tomo Ramen Bar really pushes the boundaries. This is evident not only in the miso soymilk broth, but also in the house-made chashu, which has been marinated in distinctive Southeast Asian flavours such as chilli and star anise.

Looking for the classics? The Tonkotsu is made with a flavourful 20-hour pork bone broth, complete with chashu pork belly, nori, soft-boiled egg, wood ear fungus, scallion and menma (bamboo shoot). If you want your ramen packed with protein, the Pork Ribs Mayu is the way to go. The same pork bone broth is served here with house-made black garlic oil and the finishing touch is a generous portion of well-seasoned pork ribs.



The Bar



Tomo

Tomo Ramen Bar also serves a range of donburi (rice bowl), from the Katsu Curry Don (rice with fragrant, crispy pork katsu and a side of creamy Japanese curry) to the Buta Don (rice with seared slices of pork belly topped with an onsen egg). For beef lovers, the Gyutan Don with grilled ox tongue and chilli padi will be your go-to.

After your meal, stay a little while and continue the conversation with some drinks, be it the draft sake, Japanese beer or a calming cup of Genmaicha (green tea with roasted brown rice).

Tomo Ramen Bar
*Modern Japanese *Casual Dining (non-halal)
75, Jalan SS21/1A, Damansara Utama,
Petaling Jaya
03-7733 7755



After tasting the best gelato she had ever had in Rome, Marie thought, “We need to bring this to KL!” So she got to work, and after much trial and error, Waka Waka Gelato was born.

To bring out the best in texture and taste, the gelato is made from scratch with quality ingredients, from house-baked brownies to fresh pineapple. As Marie explains, the gelato has to be sticky and dense, giving a strong flavour and clean aftertaste. This means your mouth wouldn’t be blanketed by sugar after. I was tasting close to a dozen gelato flavours, and each of them still managed to stand out with their distinctive ingredients.

While at their store in Sea Park, do look out for the staples - Cookies & Caramel, Choc Brownie Chunks, Lemon Poppy Seed and Pineapple



Waka Waka Gelato

BY CRYSTAL CHONG



Basil Sorbet - and new surprises, especially for this Valentine’s Day.

Other must-tries are the Rose Gold, infused with rose petals, the Egg Tart, a custard-based gelato with bits of egg tart from a neighbourhood baker, and the Kopiko, a nod to a childhood favourite.

Despite its name, Waka Waka Gelato also has sorbets for those who are looking for something lighter. From Kiwi to Watermelon, the sorbets are sure to make great pick-me-ups on a hot day.

Waka Waka Gelato
*Ice Cream *Muslim-friendly (with halal ingredients)
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Parklife

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Lured by the vibrant array of fare displayed through a glass window, natural sunlight and green furnishings, we answered the call of Parklife Restaurant. The restaurant serves passion on plate, alongside wholesome and scrumptious fare. The menu here is a playful rendition of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern influences, guided by Penang-born Chef Ling’s experience in the industry.

While 80 per cent of Parklife’s offerings are plant-based, the remaining percentage caters to pescatarians and meat-lovers alike, uniting everyone through food. With a heavy emphasis on quality, the vegetables are sourced daily from local suppliers and are carefully paired with nuts and fruits for a playground of textures and flavours.

We started with the clean and lean set, comprising a beautiful and balanced cornucopia of roasted butternut squash with mixed nuts, grilled broccoli and mixed quinoa salad. Each vegetable carried a distinct flavour profile and colour, proving to be a feast for the eyes as well as the stomach. Then, representing the protein segment, the Grilled Mackerel with Salsa arrived. It teased both sweet and sour notes, neutralising the salty nature of the mackerel.

Boasting Middle Eastern influences, a healthy plate of lamb kofta on skewers, roasted egg plants topped with pistachio, signature hummus with pomegranate and chickpea made an entrance. Again, one would find this selection robust in colour as well as nutritional value, and surprisingly filling. To finish, an in-house baked carrot cake packed with nuts and toothsome-ness sealed the deal for us. Parklife proves that healthy food doesn’t necessarily lack in scrumptiousness.

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The Bar

Coppersmith

Charming Cocktails with a View

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

If you’ve ever been to Fuego at Troika Sky Dining, you would have walked through Coppersmith, an unassuming bar serving craft cocktails in a cosy space.

Arriving at the bridge where Coppersmith begins, I was mesmerised by the sleek yet simple interior - comfortable sofas with wooden accents, marble side tables and to top it off, a grand piano.

Wandering further into the main lounge, I immediately thought, “Hey, this looks different.” Instead of a countertop where guests sit across from the bartender, there is simply a large table with copper details decked with high-quality spirits. I felt as if I had been invited to someone’s home - a home with a beautiful bar and a great view of the Petronas Twin Towers.

Born from a collaboration with internationally-renowned bar consultants Cocktail Professor, you will find the drinks here crafted with care and creativity, evident in the flavour profiles and presentation.



From Left: Lucien Gaudin, Copper Fairies and Copper Clover Club

The menu at Coppersmith has six signature cocktails at the moment. However, you are welcome to ask the mixologist for your favourite classics and any cocktails tailored to your tastes. On our evening there, we started with the Copper Clover Club. Standing pretty in pink, this fruity cocktail is a mix of gin, raspberry syrup, fresh lemon juice and egg white. It is worth noting that all the syrups at Coppersmith are made in-house by Troika Sky Dining’s patisserie chefs. Sipping through the creamy egg white foam, I was greeted with the push and pull of sweet and sour, and if you ask

me, this has to be my favourite.

The Lucien Gaudin was next. Concocted with gin, Cointreau, Campari and finished with a spray of dry vermouth, it was refreshing with an immediate reveal of bitter citrus and floral notes. For those who like their drinks with some spice, Copper Fairies is what you’d want to go for. The blueberry syrup, fresh lime juice, tequila, prosecco and black pepper syrup balanced and brought out the best of each other. For a little extra sweetness, consider adding in bits of the golden caramel structure perched atop the cup.

As I sat there with a cocktail in hand and the Petronas Twin Towers in front of me, I imagined this would be the perfect place for a date. Be it before dinner to catch the sunset or after dinner for a night view of the city, Coppersmith is the place for it.

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The Bar Interior

As you stroll along the streets of TREC Kuala Lumpur, your eyes will be drawn to the mysterious black and red interior of The China Bar. From the outside, patrons can witness its elegant display of liquor as the right amount of spotlight shines onto it while details of seats and countertops remain hidden. Stepping foot into the bar, one can appreciate the bright and stunning wall art of a dragon painted in red, paper lantern lights and carved wooden chandeliers. But the highlight of The China Bar isn’t just the traditional Chinese interior, it’s its uniquely presented and tasty cocktails too.

Try its signature The China Bar cocktail – a concoction of rosemary, vodka, citrus and watermelon foam prepared by the mixologist with over a year of experience. Take a sip and instantly be met with the boozy taste of vodka, followed by a hint of sweetness and a wave of sourness as citrus pulps burst with flavour on your taste buds. Bar enthusiasts who enjoy the playful incorporation of sweet and sour will find The China Bar cocktail on the top of their list.

Be blown away by presentation when you order the Smoked Pineapple that features

roasted pineapple infused with vodka, clove, midori, juices and homemade pineapple syrup generously filled in a rose gold pineapple cup. Watch closely as the mixologist brings the drink to life by filling the glass with smoke and releasing it into the air as the drink is served. Perfect for those who prefer something light, the Smoked Pineapple is mild, easy to drink and simply quite addicting. Every sip was a delightful mix of vodka, tart pineapple syrup and a smoky finish.

Like a rose encased in glass, the Smoke Popcorn Old Fashion tells a tale about the combination of pandan and lemongrass infused vodka, citrus and egg white that form a glass of popcorn goodness. Similarly, the scent of the familiar caramel popcorn matches the taste, like eating a sweet buttery and fully coated caramelised popcorn. The drink was unconventional, quirky and even mind boggling at first try. However, following suit a wondrous experience – we only wanted more.

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The China Bar

A luxurious oriental night out

BY AGNES AUI



Smoke Popcorn Old Fashion



Smoked Pineapple

The Reign of Hot Pots

Our Guide to the Best Hotpots in Town

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN

Hot pots are all the rage right now, with many new restaurants budding like mushrooms. Perfect to savour on a rainy day or any day really, we list our go-to hot pots for your eating pleasure.



FWF 凤王府 HOT POT

FWF (or Feng Wang Fu in Chinese) might be one of the lesser-known hotpots among the heavyweights, but it certainly makes for a mean contender in the hot pot game by rendering authentic Chengdu hot pot. Get your greed on and choose up to three soup bases — the Wangfu secret recipe (mala), tomato soup, mushroom soup or pork bone soup. FWF hot pot is one of the few places that can accommodate your midnight cravings since its operation hours last till 4.30am.

CHUN CIOU HOT POT

Chun Ciou Hot Pot is a name that takes inspiration from the spring and autumn periods. Under a Taiwanese brand, they specialise in All-You-Can-Eat Sukiyaki. Unlike most hot pots that offer a buffet spread, Chun-Ciou doesn't practise wastage and instead, allows you to order the desired ingredients and their quantity at the comfort of your table. Choose from six soup bases — Mala, Tonkotsu, and Lake Salt broth to name a few and pair them with the scrumptious selection of seafood and premium meats, and enjoy unlimited desserts and sauces.



FEI FAN HOTPOT

Among the multiplicity of steamboat buffets in town, Fei Fan Hot Pot stands out for offering Hong Kong-style hot pot. Besides that, the buffet spread here boasts a melange of ingredients, including, homemade specialty meatballs and fish paste noodles. Choose between four soup bases — tomato, spicy, pork bone and mushroom and enjoy them with endless choices of homemade meat.



BEAUTY IN THE POT

Beauty in the Pot is the latest eatery to join the hot pot bandwagon. If you're wondering about the epithet, Beauty in the Pot is called so due to its collagen-rich base. Decked in pink sakura hues and contemporary setting, diners can expect premium imported meat such as the US and Australian beef and Nagano pork. Priding itself for being the world's first health and beauty hot pot in the sky, its growing fame has led the brand to open its second outpost in The Gardens mall.



HAI DI LAO HOTPOT

The famed hot pot chain from Sichuan province in China, Hai Di Lao is a highly patronised restaurant, evident by its long queue. Knowing that the wait to get into the restaurant can be long, Hai Di Lao cleverly offers refreshments, massage and a manicure on occasions. Its growing patronage can be owed to its addictive soup bases, which include Tomato Soup Hot Pot, Sichuan Spicy Hot Pot, Sichuan Pickled Hot Pot, Mushroom Soup Hot Pot and Three Delicacy Hot Pot, with two Malaysian exclusives on the menu — Pork Stomach with Pepper Hot Pot and Local Laksa Hot Pot. They must be doing something right because the surge of people doesn't seem to die down.





Chocolate Concierge

Truly Malaysian, Truly Delicious

BY CRYSTAL CHONG



Most of the chocolates we enjoy in Malaysia are imported, which is surprising because the country provides the perfect climate and soil to grow cacao. So with all the resources available here, can Malaysian-made and grown chocolate rival that of international brands?

Chocolate Concierge founder Ning sets out to prove it can with his brand of local artisanal chocolate.

HOW IT ALL STARTED

After spending nine years in Illinois, Ning returned to Malaysia with his heart set on making positive and sustainable changes for our nation. With that vision, and as a chocolate lover fascinated with fermentation, Ning saw potential in Malaysian cocoa to not only taste good, but do good.

In 2010, he started researching and experimenting with local cacao, and in 2015, Chocolate Concierge was born. Today, the social enterprise grows cacao on their own farms and works with partner growers around the peninsula. The team then ferments the beans before turning them into delicious chocolate. By being hands-on in every step of the journey from farm to store, Chocolate Concierge can

ensure only the highest quality of chocolate is delivered.

FOR THE PEOPLE

Chocolate Concierge currently works with two Orang Asli communities, namely the Semai and Temuan, to grow cacao.

As of January, the team at Chocolate Concierge has connected with 150 families, supporting them in cacao farming, giving them thousands of banana and fruit trees, conducting skills-sharing sessions and more, with the goal of empowering them and increasing their income.

FOR THE PLANET

With the tree-to-bar journey being kept within Malaysia, Chocolate Concierge is able to minimise its carbon footprint. Beyond being zero-carbon, however, Ning and his team have worked to create ‘negative-carbon chocolate’.

That is, for every cacao tree planted, the team has planted another tree, often a threatened or endangered species, to promote biodiversity. The young trees for planting come from various nurseries, including FRIM (Forest Research Institute Malaysia).

FOR THE PALATE

Ning and his team’s devotion to chocolate-making is evident as soon as you have a taste. Their focus is on single-origin chocolate, which means each bar is made from cocoa from only one region, highlighting their distinctive natural flavours.

From hand-painted bonbons to bars and brittles, the chocolates are freshly crafted within days with classic as well as bold local flavours such as onde-onde, teh tarik and sweet laksa.

FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

This Valentine’s Day, give the gift of truly good chocolate while supporting local cacao growers. Created especially for this celebration of love are two new flavours - the Strawberry Pink Pepper, made with Sarawakian pink pepper, and the Be My Date, a date-based milk chocolate.

Purchase them online and at Chocolate Concierge’s store at Bangsar Shopping Centre.



It doesn’t take an occasion to treat your other half with mouth-watering desserts, but it’s the thought and effort to commemorate Valentine’s Day that win hearts. Following is our guide to some of the best desserts to indulge in and treat your sweet.

MAD HATTER DESSERTS

Steered by Masterchef Asia runner-up, Marcus Low, Mad Hatter Desserts appeals to all sweet teeth out there. Here, he crafts beautiful works of art that double as desserts. Each dessert unveils a unique pairing of ingredients and textures, that finally delivers a whirlwind of intended flavours as a result.



CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

Crème de la Crème, or affectionately known as CDLC in Damansara Uptown serves up all-natural, authentic flavours with a creative variety. While their ice cream are indulgent and scrumptious, Valentine’s Day calls for sharing the love over their Petit Gâteaux (or few). The Petit Gâteaux here are the materialisation of their imagination, each unique and enclosing delicious flavours.

TANUKI BY CRUSTZ

Tanuki by Crustz is yet another dessert destination, perfect for Valentine’s Day. Boasting an Instagrammable interior, the desserts here are equally Instagrammable, portraying the founder’s passion for craftsmanship. There is a decent array of offerings here, with some petit gateau (small French cakes) laced with liquers. No matter the dessert you choose, you will be in for a delicious awakening of beautiful piquancy.

Treat For Your Sweet

Valentine’s Day Dessert Ideas

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



LES DEUX GARÇONS

Les Deux Garçons is a dessert spot perfect for a little indulgence. Specialising in fine French desserts, this patisserie is home to a selection of petit gateau that are plenty and pretty. Each is crafted meticulously and represents a harmonious balance of flavours. You will not be met with a dessert that is sweet here, rather, one that has been crafted to be light and brush the palate with subtlety.

FOO FOO FINE DESSERTS

The genius behind Foo Foo Fine Desserts is Foo, a graduate Le Cordon Bleu, Sydney. Foo translates his experience and craftsmanship through the delectable creations at this dessert parlour. Traditional plated desserts with a bit of a spin is the focus here. Discover complexity, versatility and creativity put on show through each cake.



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Brighter Prospects Ahead for Asia Pacific's Aviation Sector in 2020

With Routes Asia 2020 looming near in March and the keen interest on Asia Pacific, which is expected to continue to play a lead role in the global economic growth including the aviation sector which has seen tremendous growth in the last few years, there is much to be positive about in 2020 for the region.

Not only are we looking at many more new carriers taking to the skies this year but also many of the airlines taking delivery of more fuel-efficient and longer-range aircraft. Gulf Air, which recently announced the resumption of its daily Bahrain-Kuala Lumpur flights come July, will be served by its flagship Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner.

After a challenging 2019, International Air Transport Association (IATA) Director General and Chief Executive Officer Alexandre de Juniac anticipates global passenger numbers to reach 4.72 billion in 2020, up 4% from 4.54 billion.

Meanwhile, passenger demand is expected to grow 4.1% in 2020 in line with 4.2% growth in 2019. Passenger revenues, excluding ancillaries, are also expected to rise 2.5% to US\$581 billion from US\$567 billion in 2019.

While passenger capacity is forecasted to grow 4.7% in 2020 with aircraft deliveries soaring significantly, load factors are expected to slide slightly to 82% from 82.4% in 2019.

De Juniac adds, "The big question for 2020 is how capacity will develop, particularly when, as expected, the grounded 737 MAX aircraft return to service and delayed deliveries arrive".

IATA's forecast also shows that the global airline industry will produce a higher net profit of US\$29.3 billion in 2020 compared to US\$25.9 billion in 2019, whose figure has been revised downward from its forecast of US\$28 billion made last June.

Highlighting the benefits arising from increased global connectivity, IATA expects the airlines to contribute US\$136 billion to government coffers in tax revenues in 2020, 5.2% increase over 2019 while the number of unique city pairs served by them is projected to grow to 23,162 in 2020, up 4.2% from 22,228 in 2019.

It anticipates global spending by consumers and businesses on air transport to reach US\$908 billion in 2020, up 4.0% in 2019 and equivalent to 1% of the global gross domestic product (GDP). IATA expects the value of the tourism spend associated with air travel will be US\$968 billion, up 7.3% over 2019.

In reviewing 2019's performance, the association says the aviation industry's economic performance was weaker than anticipated during its June forecast, explaining that it aligns with weaker global GDP growth of 2.5% versus 2.7%, and world trade growth of 0.9%, which was down from 2.5% as forecasted.

While these negative developments contributed to softer passenger and cargo demand and corresponding weaker revenue growth, IATA notices that operating expenses did not rise as much as anticipated (3.8% versus 7.4% in June forecast) largely due to lower-than-expected fuel costs.



Despite the slower economic growth, trade wars, geopolitical tensions and social unrest, it says the aviation industry managed to achieve a decade in the black and sees 2019 as being the bottom of the current economic cycle.

Depicting brighter prospects ahead for 2020, IATA adds, "Asia Pacific carriers will be helped by the modest recovery in world trade and air cargo, showing a US\$6 billion net profit in 2020 (up from US\$4.9 billion in 2019) for a 2.2% net margin.

"Asia remains the manufacturing centre of the world and revenues from transporting many of those goods are a significant proportion of sales for many of the region's airlines".

IATA also expects China to overtake the United States and become the world's top passenger market in six years while India moves to number three spot in eight years. Both India and China will account for nearly half of the air passenger growth worldwide over the next two decades.

IATA's latest global passenger traffic's moderate results for November 2019 show international passenger demand up 3.1%

compared to November 2018, with Asia Pacific contributing around half of the growth to the annual industry-wide performance.

Despite disruptions in Hong Kong, slowing demand in India and China and less supportive business confidence in several key economies, the region's airlines' performance has been relatively stable. Spurred by a growing middle-class with a propensity to fly, the momentum for Asia's aviation market has shown no sign of letting up.

To boost tourist arrivals from China and India, the Malaysian government announced on 29 December 2019 visa waiver for tourists from these two key markets ahead of the roll-out for its Visit Truly Asia Malaysia 2020 campaign. With the visa waiver, tourists from these two countries are now able to enter the country for up to 15 days using the electronic travel registration and information system or via travel agencies in their respective countries.

Tourism Malaysia, which targets to attract 3.26 million Chinese and 683,000 Indian tourist arrivals in 2020, received 2.41 million and 539,167 tourists from these two countries respectively from January to September 2019.

AirAsia recently announced it will be commencing its thrice weekly Penang-Chengdu flights on 8 March. Currently, AirAsia X and Malindo Air offer daily and four weekly flights respectively connecting Kuala Lumpur and Chengdu.

International traffic growth, which has been commendable in previous Visit Malaysia Year campaigns, is expected to get a similar boost this year and benefit from new routes, direct connectivity and additional frequencies by new and existing airlines into the country.

For 2019, Malaysia Airports saw 20 airlines recording double-digit growth and 16 new destinations operated by existing and new airlines. The main contributors of its international traffic volume included Scoot, Emirates, China Southern Airlines, Jetstar Asia and Qatar Airways.

The airport operator expects to maintain the momentum this year with the new Taiwan-based Starlux Airlines commencing its maiden Taipei-Penang flight on 23 January 2020, Turkmenistan Airlines reintroducing its Ashgabat-Kuala Lumpur service using its Boeing 777-200LR aircraft on 2 February 2020 and Gulf Air resuming its service to Kuala Lumpur on 2 July 2020 from Bahrain.

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Kazakhstan-Langkawi Special Chartered Flights Boost Visit Malaysia 2020

Special chartered flights by Kompas Tour from Almaty, Kazakhstan to the duty-free resort island of Langkawi provide the early boost to the Visit Malaysia Year 2020 campaign.

The first of the charter flights in December was welcomed by Datuk Musa Yusof, Director General of Tourism Malaysia, Dr. Hezri Adnan, Chief Executive Officer of Langkawi Development Authority (LADA) and Mohamed Sallauddin Hj Mat Sah, General Manager Airline Marketing of Malaysia Airports.

On receiving the flight, Datuk Musa said the initiative would boost the number of tourists from Kazakhstan to Malaysia, which registered 13,912 visitors as of September 2019, an increase of 33.6% over the same period in 2018.

Datuk Musa added, "The Kompas Tour special chartered flight is a collaboration between Tourism Malaysia, Malaysia Airports, Langkawi Development Authority (LADA), Embassy Alliance Travel (M) Sdn Bhd and Kompas Tour, which is one of the leading travel agencies in Central Asia".

He explained that the flights from



Kazakhstan to Langkawi would not only bring tourists from Kazakhstan but also from its neighbouring countries in Central Asia such as Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

Meanwhile, Dr. Hezri said the strategic cooperation carried out by Tourism Malaysia and Kompas Tour had boosted the number of tourists from Central Asia.

In 2017, Malaysia and Kazakhstan have agreed on 11 areas of cooperation to enhance bilateral ties which include, among others, information and communication technology, islamic banking and financial services, tourism and higher education.

Kazakhstan is Malaysia's fourth largest trading partner among the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries.

In 2018, Malaysia-Kazakhstan bilateral trade stood at US\$478 million (RM2 trillion), out of which 73% comprised of Kazakhstan's exports to Malaysia, while the remaining 27% is made up of imports from Malaysia.

Tourism Malaysia hopes that in light of the Visit Malaysia 2020 campaign, more visitors from the region will discover and enjoy the various beautiful and historical destinations across the country.



Tourism Malaysia Holds Media & Industry Appreciation Dinner



In a night of glitz and glamour, Tourism Malaysia held a dinner to show their appreciation for the commitment and cooperation of the Malaysian media and industry players in supporting the tourism industry in Malaysia. The sharply dressed event was held in The Glasshouse, Seputeh on 13 December.

The event was also held in light of the launch of the 'Visit Malaysia 2020' campaign. The space was arranged tastefully with decorations and adornments in a theme of white and blue as guests flocked in with dresses matching to the theme.

Datuk Musa Hj. Yusof, Director General of Tourism Malaysia said, "The Visit Malaysia Year 2020 is just around the corner and as one of the agencies under the Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture Malaysia, Tourism Malaysia was given a mission to promote the Visit Malaysia 2020 campaign throughout the world. I am

pleased to say that we are on track to deliver the best Visit Malaysia campaign ever in the history of Malaysia with targets of 30 million tourist arrivals and RM100 billion tourist receipts".

The Director General added, "Moving forward next year, I wish to share my hopes and aspirations. The success of Visit Malaysia is not about Tourism Malaysia's efforts alone but as well, that of the whole nation's. As such, I hope that next year, we will continue to receive the support of all media players and industry friends to ensure a successful Visit Malaysia 2020 year".

The event was also attended by YB Tuan Muhammad Bakhtiar Wan Chik, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia who spoke about Malaysia's abundance in natural and cultural heritage as an invaluable asset towards capturing traveller's interest and growth in the Southeast Asia region. Among the top online searches for travel to Malaysia

are from Korea, Indonesia, China, Thailand and Singapore.

YB Muhammad Bakhtiar also added, "As we continue to focus on high-value tourism such as ecotourism and cultural tourism, in particular, the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia (MOTAC) welcomes the newly announced inscription of Silat to UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, which celebrates a history tracing back to the early days of the Langkasuka Kingdom. This remarkable recognition is significant for the art of Silat, which now joins the ranks of Dondang Sayang (2018) and Makyong (2005), declared a Masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity".

Tourism Malaysia also presented the Visit Malaysia 2020 video and treated guests to a scrumptious dinner along with entertainment, a lucky draw, as well as the announcement of the winner of Best Dressed Award.

Shenzhen Airlines Flies to Penang

Malaysia Airports continues to position Penang International Airport (IATA Code: PEN) as a preferred hub by welcoming Shenzhen Airlines' inaugural flight last December.

The then former Group Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia Airports, Raja Azmi Raja Nazuddin said, "With the increasing number of business and leisure travelers traveling between Malaysia and China, this new service by Shenzhen Airlines is very timely. It is the fourth Chinese airline operating in Penang and we are confident to continue developing the tourism and business industries for the state. I am delighted to share that our current international passenger movements stand at 3.5 million and 444,507 are from China alone."

The momentous occasion was graced by Yeoh Soon Hin, State EXCO for Tourism, Arts, Culture and Heritage; Lu Shi Wei, Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Penang; Ooi Chok Ya, Chief Executive Officer of Penang Global Tourism and Zainuddin Mohamed, Senior Manager Airline Marketing of Malaysia Airports.

As one of China's gateways to the world, Shenzhen is one of China's most developed cities and one of the fastest-growing cities in the world. The city is proudly on the list of UNESCO Creative Cities. Shenzhen Airlines was founded in November 1992 and started operations on 17 September 1993. The airline is headquartered in Shenzhen and

has been a member of Star Alliance since 2012. To date, Shenzhen Airlines owns nearly 220 aircraft and has one of the youngest fleets worldwide.

Shenzhen Airlines covers nearly 300 routes around the world, with nearly 700 outbound flights and more than 80 cities.

Being the 20th passenger airline operating in PEN, Shenzhen Airlines offers a 4-time weekly flight on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, utilising its Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

For more information, please call 03 - 2166 1999.



ANA 'POCKETALK' Enhances Airport Communication Services

POCKETALK®, All Nippon Airways (ANA)'s advanced interactive translator is the latest effort by the airline toward reducing barriers and creating a more connected world.

From December 2019, the first POCKETALK® devices are being featured at the lobby and boarding gates of Osaka International Itami Airport and a total of 200 devices will be featured across all 50 domestic Japanese airports.

POCKETALK® is a portable real-time language translator that will enable ANA ground staff in domestic airports to communicate with all of its passengers instantly and naturally - no matter what language they speak. It has the ability to translate up to 74* languages including various dialects and commonly used idiomatic phrases. By using this device, ANA staff will be better equipped to communicate with passengers in situations where a linguistic barrier may have previously existed.

Senior Vice President of ANA, Masaki Yokai said, "ANA is constantly looking for opportunities to improve the passenger's travel experience, and that includes taking steps to make our service at airports as

inclusive and convenient as possible".

He added, "Our commitment to service and Japanese hospitality has inspired us to look at innovative ways to use technology to enhance the passenger experience. Providing POCKETALK® to our staff will simplify communication with global travellers and allow them to better meet passenger needs".

For more information, please call 03 - 2032 1331



**Out of 74 languages, 55 languages are translated into speech and text, while the other 19 languages are translated into text. (As of November 2019)*

Malindo Air Makes Da Nang Third Destination In Vietnam

Malindo Air has added Da Nang as its third destination in Vietnam from Kuala Lumpur after Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

The Kuala Lumpur-Da Nang route commenced with frequency of three times weekly from 1 December 2019 until 8 December 2019; and then increased to four times weekly from 9 December to 12 December 2019; six times weekly from 13 December 2019 to 19 January 2020 with the frequency eventually increasing to daily flight from 20 January 2020 onwards.

CEO of Malindo Air, Captain Mushafiz Mustafa Bakri emphasised that the launch of direct flight to Da Nang from Kuala Lumpur is a strong reflection of Malindo Air's continued efforts to strengthen the airline's regional foothold.

He continued, "We are delighted to launch direct services from Kuala Lumpur to Da Nang, a renowned historical city with several UNESCO



World Heritage Sites, including the Imperial City of Hue, the Old Town of Hoi An, and the My Son ruins".

Mushafiz said, "We are offering accessibility to more travellers with seamless connectivity via Kuala Lumpur from countries such as Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore, Australia and Malaysia".

For more information, please call 03 - 7841 5388

Korean Air Celebrates 35 Years of Seoul-Kuala Lumpur Route



Korean Air celebrated its 35th anniversary of the Seoul-Kuala Lumpur route with a special ceremony held at KL International Airport on 16 December 2019. Korean Air launched its flights to Kuala Lumpur in 1984 from Gimpo Airport (Seoul) to Subang Airport (Kuala Lumpur) via Singapore using the three-engine McDonnell Douglas DC-10 with a frequency of two flights per week.

In his speech during the ceremony, Korean Air's country manager for Malaysia, Mr. Jeon Young Do, said that this event was also held in conjunction with Korean Air's 50th anniversary. Korean Air began as a small Asian carrier with only eight aircraft on 1 March 1969. Today, after decades of developing new routes, service innovation, and continuous investment, Korean Air has become a leading global airline, flying to 127 cities in 44 countries.

"We are truly grateful to Malaysia Airports not only for hosting this event, but also for being one of our best airport operator partners. Malaysia Airports has provided us with the best services during the past

35 years. Korean Air has turned 50 this year and we hope the next 50 years to come will be filled with success and prosperity".

The then former Group Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia Airports, Raja Azmi Raja Nazuddin said, "For the past 35 years, Korean Air has been a trusted and preferred airline of our passengers. We are confident that our partnership will continue to spur the tourism industries of both countries as preferred holiday destinations, especially with the rising entertainment industry in Korea over the years. It is also Visit Malaysia 2020 for the nation, so this celebration is timely. We look forward to many more years working with Korean Air".

During the event, Korean Air arranged a parade by flight attendants in vintage uniforms, exhibiting the changes in the airline's uniform design over the past five decades.

'The historical uniform teams,' who wear ten types of vintage uniforms as well as the current uniform, have flown on important routes from each region, such as Los Angeles, Tokyo, Beijing, Hong Kong, Singapore,

Paris and Sydney as part of Korean Air's 50th anniversary celebration.

Korean Air also showcased their newly launched safety video starring SuperM, a global K-pop group. The safety video features a mix of five music genres: hip-hop, R&B, electronic, deep house and synth pop. The video aims to capture the attention of a wide range of passengers through the mixing of various genres into one song.

At the end of the event, a cake-cutting ceremony was held. A cake with the 50th anniversary emblem was specially prepared for the ceremony by Aerodarat, Korean Air's ground operator in Kuala Lumpur. The number 50 symbolises Korean Air's 50th anniversary and the featured Taegeuk design represents the iconic symbol of the Korean flag.

Korean Air currently operates daily flights to Kuala Lumpur with Boeing 747-8i, seating 368 people.

For more information, please visit www.koreanair.com

British Airways Explores 3D Printing for Aircraft Parts

British Airways' initiative to explore the possibility of using 3D printers to create aircraft parts in the future is part of the airline's flightpath to net zero carbon emissions by 2050. These printers would be located at airports around the world to reduce delays for customers and emissions caused by transporting items.

Non-essential cabin parts would likely be the first on the list to be generated, including pieces of tray tables, entertainment systems and toilets. While these components do not impact the safe operation of the flight, they can reduce the number of seats or toilets available for customers and cause delays as engineers wait for the parts to be flown to wherever the aircraft is.



Announcing this in December, Ricardo Vidal, Head of Innovation at British Airways said, "We work with start-ups and innovation partners from around the world to explore and implement the very latest technologies, from artificial intelligence to speed up turnaround times to biometrics, helping us to deliver a seamless airport experience for customers. 3D printing is yet another advancement that will keep us at the forefront of airline innovation".

According to British Airways, 3D printing is an essential step towards the sustainable future of aviation, as the printers can produce parts that, while as strong and durable as traditional components, weigh up to 55 per cent less. Every kilogram removed saves up to 25 tons of CO2 emissions during the lifespan of an aircraft.

It's research into the future of the customer experience suggested that within the next decade, biological scanners gathering

travellers' physiological and nutritional needs could suggest food and drink to meet individual requirements and print these on board the aircraft. In addition, the research predicts that jet lag could become a thing of the past, with 3D printers producing personalised health supplements.

British Airways' list of top ten predictions for how 3D printing could be used by airline's in the future include: cutlery; products for amenity kits, such as toothbrushes or combs; tray tables; aircraft windows; inflight entertainment screens; seats; baggage containers; circuit boards for electrical components; flight deck switches and, aircraft shells.

British Airways operates daily flights between London and Kuala Lumpur.

For more information, please call 03 – 7712 4747



ZIPAIR Unveils New Cabin Ahead of Summer 2020 Launch

ZIPAIR Tokyo Inc. revealed the much-anticipated cabin interior of its Boeing 787-8 aircraft last December, as the carrier prepares to launch its international flights on 14 May 2020 between Tokyo-Narita and Bangkok-Suvarnabhumi Airport.

The interior of the cabin features a contrast of dark tones and the corporate color of harmony gray. These colors were selected in the design to provide a sense of serenity, allowing passengers to relax on long-haul flights. For entertainment, the carrier will primarily offer a fee-based option to browse the internet and stream movies on the passenger's smartphone or tablet. As such, the aircraft will not be equipped with personal monitors on each seat.

A total number of 290 seats will be available whereby 18 seats are designated for the

ZIP Full-Flat, while the remaining are the standard economy seats.

As the name suggests, the Business Class product features a 180-degree reclining seat and spaciouly designed area with privacy in mind. The cover of each seat is made with genuine leather, allowing one to relax and enjoy the flight experience, while being equipped with reading lights and charging equipment.

Meanwhile, the carrier's Economy Class product utilises artificial leather on each seat, while featuring an ample seat pitch and width measuring 79 centimeters and 43 centimeters, respectively. In addition, when one reclines, the backrest and seat move simultaneously providing more space for passengers sitting behind each seat.

The Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft has a cruising range comparable to that of larger

aircraft and is 20% more efficient than the conventional aircraft. The superior noise performance plays a critical role in operating quieter flights to destinations around the world and with advanced technologies; the aircraft provides an unrivaled passenger experience.

ZIPAIR Tokyo Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japan Airlines.



Four Airlines in the Atlantic Joint Business Extensify Network for Summer 2020



The airlines in the Atlantic Joint Business, American Airlines, British Airways, Finnair and Iberia, are opening additional routes across the Atlantic for the Summer 2020 season. In total, 8 new routes will be added for next summer. With these additions, the four airlines will together offer over 14,500 additional seats on a total of 105 routes, with over 1,000 weekly frequencies between both continents.

The new routes include:

- Chicago O'Hare – Budapest; Chicago O'Hare – Prague; Chicago O'Hare – Krakow
- Philadelphia – Reykjavik Keflavik
- London Heathrow – Portland
- Madrid – Washington Dulles
- Paris Orly – Las Vegas; Paris Orly – Boston

Since 2013, Finnair has partnered with fellow oneworld alliance members American Airlines, British Airways and Iberia to provide customers with more flight choices, better connections and better pricing on

transatlantic routes through its Atlantic Joint Business (AJB).

"The Atlantic Joint Business provides our customers with unparalleled choice and flexibility when they travel between North America and Europe," says Ole Orv r, Chief Commercial Officer at Finnair. "Customers can mix and match flights from any of our AJB airlines, have access to even more destinations and take advantage of our oneworld global support centres in some of the main US and European hubs".

In 2020, Finnair will fly to five Trans-Atlantic destinations, including year-round services to New York JFK and Los Angeles LAX as well as seasonal flights to Chicago O'Hare, San Francisco and Miami. Finnair has significantly increased its US capacity in recent years by adding over 88 % of seats on the transatlantic corridor since 2015. Last September, Finnair announced David Posey as its first ever US

Signature Menu Chef. Chef Posey curated Nordic-inspired dishes for Business class customers on flights departing from the United States to Helsinki.

By bringing their network of flights together, the partnership offers customers in the North Atlantic the most competitive choice, with British Airways, Finnair and Iberia operating in Europe and American Airlines in the USA.

Within the partnership, there are over 140 transatlantic flights a day, giving customers a wealth of choice when travelling across the Atlantic. Together they offer convenient flight schedules at competitive fares from eight hubs throughout North America and three hubs in Europe. American Airlines and British Airways have approximately 75 flights a day from London to the USA. In addition, the partnership has 102 nonstop flights from North America to Europe; 34 gateways to North America and 24 gateways to Europe.



National Art Gallery & Malaysia Airports Announces KUL Biennale 2020

The National Art Gallery announced the second instalment of KUL Biennale, an exhibition created to further establish the progression of the local and international visual arts scene. KUL Biennale 2020 is scheduled to be held and exhibited to the public from 1 September 2020 till 28 February 2021.

Joining in the announcement of KUL Biennale 2020 at Langkawi International Airport recently was YB Tuan Muhammad Bakhtiar Wan Chik, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia together with Ismail Ani Arope, Chairman of KUL Biennale 2020 and Mohammad Nazli Abdul Aziz, Senior General Manager of Commercial Services, Malaysia Airports.

Following this momentous partnership, KL Biennale has been re-named KUL Biennale, hence *udara* (aviation) is included in the theme of 'Tanah Air (Sa)Udara' - with (Sa) being placed before the word *udara* which

when combined becomes *Saudara*, translating to 'brotherhood'.

With an inspiring theme touching on environmental and social matters, the curatorial direction is focused on local and bordering issues associated with negotiations in politics, economics, geography, culture, beliefs, flora and fauna.

KUL Biennale 2020 will see the participation of 100 artists from Malaysia and South East Asia countries including Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Singapore, Brunei, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and others. Apart from these 100 artists, participants will also consist of visual artists, art lecturers and collectors, as well as industry experts who will be showcasing a variety of art pieces such as drawings, sculptures, installations, murals, and interactive performance arts.

In addition, the National Art Gallery will organise parallel programs around Kuala

Lumpur to complement KUL Biennale 2020 which include Collateral exhibitions from selected private galleries, and an Art Symposium targeted towards local and international art enthusiasts as well as primary and secondary school students to be held at the National Art Gallery Auditorium.

Apart from building Malaysia's identity and profile as a must-visit destination on the global art map, the initiative took place in conjunction with Visit Malaysia 2020, with various art exhibitions planned to be on display in five locations under Malaysia Airports, starting with Langkawi International Airport.



AVIATION INTERVIEW WITH MALKIT SINGH

Deputy Head of GSA for Citilink Indonesia in Malaysia

Malkit Singh is one of the more prominent figures in the aviation industry. Having been in this line of business for over 35 years, he is certainly a sailor that has conquered the seven seas. And despite this, he is still traversing into uncharted waters by starting his own company that currently represents Citilink Indonesia as their General Sales Agent in Malaysia. Airlink finds out what it takes to stay on top of your game in the aviation arena.



As the Deputy Head of a GSA (General Sales Agent) for an international airline, what are the main challenges that you face?

As Citilink Indonesia is relatively new to Malaysia, the airline has to work strategically to grow its market share on routes between Malaysia and Indonesia despite stiff competition from both full-service and low-cost carriers (LCC) in the region.

Being an LCC, Citilink's unique selling proposition (USP) is their free checked baggage allowance which includes hot meals and drinks on most of its routes which is in contrast to other LCCs. The challenge therefore, is reaching out in innovative ways to the travelling public, especially the middle class, and offering them perks beyond what other LCCs delivers.

In spite of the fact that Citilink is in heavy competition with other airlines that fly the same routes, I believe that we are able to leverage on our USP by advertising in all possible media channels.



Another challenge includes optimising both traditional and new distribution channels to secure a respectable market share on the routes operated by Citilink. Even though travellers are getting more comfortable dealing online for their travel needs, traditional distribution channels still have a significant role. The challenge here is having a balance between upholding expectations of the traditional channels and providing adequate options for travellers who wish to plan their journey by themselves.

What are your plans and vision for Citilink Indonesia in the upcoming years?

Citilink Indonesia is the LCC arm of Garuda Indonesia. It is an award-winning LCC, voted 4-star LCC by Skytrax. This is a befitting complement to a 5-star status to Garuda Indonesia (also rated by Skytrax). As an award-winning airline, Citilink has only one direction - to move forward and eventually be on par with the parent company, Garuda Indonesia.

The aviation industry is rapidly changing and is said to be increasingly challenging for airlines to circumvent. What are the initiatives that you plan to implement to overcome this?

To me, challenges are opportunities to prove yourself that you deserve a place in the forefront as a prime option for customers. We will continue to identify the issues and explore opportunities so that we can accommodate our customer's needs.

In regards to marketing, we will focus on packaging Citilink as an airline that has an excellent flight safety record, on-time departures, convenient flight timings, premium loyalty programme benefits, and competitively priced. To us, first impression is everything and we want our customers to keep coming back.

On the other hand, we place a huge priority on frontline hospitality and fast customer service. With genuine care of our customers, I believe our frontline team are instrumental in turning Citilink into a success.

In your own opinion, what is your standpoint of Citilink Indonesia and its future in the aviation industry as one of the low-cost carriers in this region?

I believe Citilink has great potential to grow as a premier LCC in the region as the airline is essentially a different product altogether from other LCCs.

Citilink's loyalty programme has now been integrated with Garuda Indonesia. This means that the vast global network of Garuda Indonesia is now a seamless option for Citilink customers. It is our hope to grow this loyalty programme in Malaysia so that our customers can get the best deals for their travels.

In addition, Citilink also has the Corporate Partner programme, tailored for companies and organisations travelling with us where members enjoy exclusive airfare offers. We believe that this product has great potential in the Malaysian market, which will ultimately contribute to our load factor with our existing flights between Malaysia and Indonesia.

With continued focus on air travel security, safety, best hospitality, and fast service recovery, the airline will stand out to be among the preferred short-haul LCC in the region.

Citilink Indonesia have launched 4 international routes to Malaysia: Surabaya – Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta – Kuala Lumpur, Denpasar (Bali) – Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta – Penang. Can you tell us more about these routes and what the carrier offers?

Citilink Indonesia currently uses the Airbus A320 aircraft with a 180-seat economy class configuration to connect Indonesia and Malaysia with a total of 32 flights weekly, made up of 11 weekly flights from Kuala Lumpur-Jakarta, daily flights for Penang-Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur-Surabaya and Denpasar-Kuala Lumpur. That is equal to 5760 seats offered weekly in each direction.

The free allowance for checked baggage per seat-occupying passenger on these routes is 10 kg and another 7kg for hand-baggage. This also includes a complimentary inflight hot meal.

As an award-winning carrier, we strive to further excel our hospitality attributes, flight safety and security. Our parent company, Garuda Indonesia also has a wide global network to provide seamless connectivity to meet the long-haul travel needs of our customers.

How long have you been in the industry and what kind of expertise do you have in this line of business?

I am proud to say that I have been in the aviation industry for over 35 years and counting. I started working in the finance department in Malaysia Airlines. From there, I moved around several departments (including Corporate Planning and Revenue Management) before getting posted to Penang for two years. Subsequently, I was posted to New York, USA for 7 glorious years before calling it a day.

Soon after, I was employed by Air Mauritius for 5 years, Qatar Airways for one year, and then Oscar Holidays for two years, to which were the General Sales Agent (GSA) for Sri Lankan Airlines. Finally, I decided to leave and start my own GSA company called MS Elite Global, which is proud to have Citilink Indonesia as its first airline to represent.

Thus, I can very much say that I have the wherewithal in the industry. By the same token, I believe that networking is extremely important in this industry and it is safe to say that I am well-established within the Malaysian aviation circles.

What do you love about the aviation industry that drives your passion for it?

The beauty of the aviation industry is that it is very vibrant and dynamic. It is, however, a double-edged sword as throughout your career, you will experience many peaks but there will also be many troughs. The trick is to always prepare for incoming weather.

FASHION & BEAUTY NEWS

All the must-knows and must-haves of the month

BY AGNES AUI

ALL ABOUT LOVE

Nothing says Valentine's Day more than symbolic jewellery and Swarovski is doing just that – with an inspiration from the sparks of energy igniting a journey of infinite love, the collection showcases romantic symbols in new colourways and silhouettes. Reimagined for the modern woman, the infinity symbol is used repetitively throughout the collection in different styles and forms, from the Infinity Collection to the Lifelong Heart Collection. These universal representation of love in polished tones also feature intricate Swarovski crystal-paved embellishments. www.swarovski.com



LEVEL UP

Ready for all things new, PUMA is stepping up its game with the new RS-X3 Super, a positive proof of the brand's bravery in pushing the envelope. The new release features a reboot of its RS design for 2020, dialling it up to the third power by stripping down the silhouette and building it up with stronger material mixes. With bold colours and details, the RS-X3 Super, worn by American rapper Gunna, is a version inspired by the vibrant hues found in old school video games, making it the perfect pair for creative minds with an unconventional style. www.puma.com



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KAWAII GALORE

Just last year, Furla collaborated with Sanrio to release an adorable Hello Kitty collection and this year, Furla is doing it once again with Kiki and Lala of Little Twin Stars. The collection, which is majorly filled with pastel hues of pink and blue alongside the familiar caricature of the pair, will have your inner child squirming with excitement. Aside from the emblematic Metropolis crossbody bag in Ares calfskin, Talco and Saffiano versions, Little Twin Stars fanatics can also get their cosmetic cases, card holders and coin purses featuring similar printed leather patterns.

www.furla.com



SUSTAINABLE STYLE

Made specifically for dancers, H&M launched an all-new collection of conscious sportswear, H&M Conscious sport collection, in conjunction with its ongoing sustainability efforts. The collection includes 28 different pieces ranging from tights and leg warmers to bodysuits made in sustainable and practical fabric. No matter what genre of dance you're into – be it hip hop, jazz, ballet or contemporary, the conscious sportswear collection can be worn, allowing you to feel good and look good while sweating it out through your dance practices. Modelling for the collection are exercise lover figures Chloe Vero, Mia Kang and Solange van Doorn as they dance their way through captivating movements to showcase the collection's versatility.

www.hm.com



CRYSTAL CLEAR

Inside its transparent cabinet made of anti-reflective glass, the Atmos Transparente clock by Jaeger-LeCoultre displays a strikingly sober new face. The dial is embellished with an Art Deco-style while the hour-markers and hands follow a minimalist aesthetic alongside its base that's been satin-brushed and rhodium-plated. The clock features a mechanical movement that is virtually perpetual and includes the Jaeger-LeCoultre Calibre 563, manufactured and assembled by hand. The hands of the clock are finished in black polish while the cabinet is of a new-generation glass for a complete colourless and see-through effect and a stainless steel base.

www.jaeger-lecoultre.com

DIVERSITY RULES

Supermodel, entrepreneur and body activist Ashley Graham together with Pronovias present a bridal gown and suit collection designed for all types of women with a diverse range of body shapes. The collection features 16 pieces in a variety of styles and silhouettes available in sizes all the way up to 34. Designs from beaded off-shoulder, long-sleeved lace dresses, strapless cuts and classic princess silhouettes encompass the entire range – the ultimate size-inclusive bridal collection for every bride-to-be.

www.pronovias.com





ALEXANDER
MCQUEEN
SPRING
2020 RTW



ANNA MASON
Sylvie metallic crepe
mini dress
RM3,716



SUZANNE KALAN
18-karat gold sapphire cuff
RM21,808



AQUAZZURA
Purist 105 leather
sandals
RM1,855



ALEX PERRY
Lorin one-shoulder
crepe midi dress
RM5,317



CHLOÉ
Ruffled metallic floral-print
silk-jacquard mini dress
RM7,790



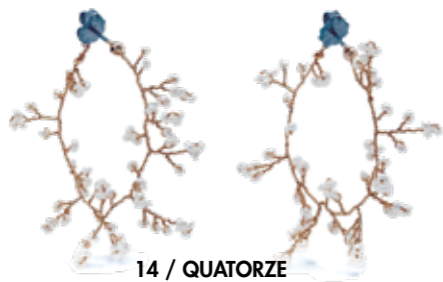
HERVÉ LÉGER
Crystal-embellished metallic
bandage midi dress
RM9,933



CULT GAIA
Bella open-back cutout
linen maxi dress
RM3,355



AQUAZZURA
Whisper 105 leather sandals
RM2,161



14 / QUATORZE
Baby's Breath gold-plated
pearl hoop earrings
RM613

DATE FOR DATES

Take your pick from casual, classy or chic because no matter the hour, we've got you covered with florals, metallics, crepes and cut outs in pretty pastel pink.

BY AGNES AUI

MAN 1924
Beige Tomi Slim-Fit
Tapered Mélange Wool
Suit Trousers
RM1,506



MAN 1924
Beige Kennedy Slim-Fit
Unstructured Mélange
Wool Suit Jacket
RM2,790



FAVOURBROOK
Midnight-Blue Davenport
Grosgrain-Trimmed Silk
and Wool-Blend Jacquard
Waistcoat
RM1,327



MISSONI
Knitted Wool and Silk-Blend Tie
RM568



BERLUTI
Alessio Leather Oxford Shoes
RM5431



DRIES VAN
NOTEN SS20

GEAR UP TO STAND OUT

Make a glamorous impression on a night out with unconventional suit and ties from embroidered logos to beige wool and knitted pieces.

BY AGNES AUI



ETRO
FALL
2020



GUCCI
Poplin-Trimmed Cotton-
Twill Suit Trousers
RM4,713



GUCCI
Blue Cambridge Logo-
Embroidered Cotton-Twill
Suit Jacket
RM13,816



PAUL SMITH
Sky-Blue Soho Slim-Fit Wool
and Mohair-Blend Suit Trousers
RM1,333



PAUL SMITH
Sky-Blue Soho Slim-Fit Wool
and Mohair-Blend Suit Jacke
RM2,962



SELF-PAMPER SESSION

Be your own lover this Valentine's Day

BY AGNES AUI

1. ORIGINS Drink Up™ Intensive Overnight Hydrating Mask With Avocado & Swiss Glacier Water (Limited Edition)
Tuck yourself in bed with this overnight mask infused with Swiss glacier water, hyaluronic acid and avocado butter for 72 hours of non-stop, superfood-infused hydration. **RM126**

2. MELVITA Rose Extraordinary Water Intense Formula
Show your skin some care with this natural hydrating rose water that is concentrated with hyaluronic acid and helps firm and tighten the skin instantly. **RM118**

3. L'OCCITANE Fruity Lipstick 040 Coral
Get soft and smooth lips while having strong colour payoff with this Fruity Lipstick in a coral shade that's perfect for the season of love. **RM98**

4. DIOR Capture Totale C.E.L.L. ENERGY High-Performance Treatment Serum Lotion
Keep your face feeling fresh and free with this hydrating and soothing serum that also helps to balance out your skin and completes your total age-defying ritual. **RM320**

5. FRESH Sugar Caramel Hydrating Lip Balm x GirlNewYork (Limited Edition)
Give your lips the love they deserve with this moisturising blend of sugar and emollient oils with limited-edition look inked by tattoo artist, GirlKnewYork. **RM78**

6. FRANK BODY Partners In Shine Kit
Illuminate your skin with this cruelty-free Rose Gold body scrub in natural shimmery pink and illuminator that exfoliates, hydrates and highlights all at once. **RM145**

7. LANEIGE Time Freeze Intensive Cream EX
Look younger with anti-ageing ingredients in this moisturising care cream that also includes Hyaluronic Bouncing Water for hydration and skin elasticity. **RM265**

VALENTINES GIFT GUIDE

It's the only month you can show your partner a little more love than usual, so go the extra mile with these luxurious picks that will have them gleaming all year long!

BY AGNES AUI



FLOWERS THAT LIVE FOREVER

- 1. **BUCCELLATI** Rombi 18-karat yellow and white gold diamond necklace **RM44,399**
- 2. **BUCCELLATI** 18-karat white and yellow gold, garnet and diamond earrings **RM43,8469**
- 3. **JENNIFER BEHR** Adele gold-tone headband **RM2,298**
- 4. **AMOUAGE** Love Mimosa 100ml **RM1,360**
- 5. **PIAGET** Sunlight 18-karat rose gold diamond necklace **RM44,734**

MAKETH MEN

- 6. **GUCCI** 5cm Black Leather Belt **RM3,512**
- 7. **111SKIN** Celestial Black Diamond Cream, 50ml **RM2,382**
- 8. **VERSACE** Gold-Tone Cufflinks **RM1,451**
- 9. **MB&F HM7** Aquapod Limited Edition Automatic 53.8mm 18-Karat Rose Gold and Rubber Watch **RM44,7582**
- 10. **FLORIS LONDON** Three-Piece Gold-Plated and Briarwood Shaving Set **RM2,214**

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 HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



Soneva Jani

📍 Maldives

Soneva Jani is the sister resort to Soneva Fushi and does its family proud. Here, the only rules that apply are no news and no shoes. Hues of blue travel decorate the sky and waters throughout, offering serenity. The enticing facilities at Soneva Jani is decadent, including an overwater cinema, star-gazing observatory, meditative labyrinth, beautiful villas and the signature Soneva crowd-pleasers – a luxuriant spa, brilliant staff and So Cool ice-cream, cheese and chocolate rooms. Akin to its sister resort, sustainability is practised here. Earth-kind products and light bulbs are used, besides recycling and composting carried out. The restaurants rely on seasonal, organic produce, either grown on the islands or sourced from local suppliers. There's even an on-site glass factory, which recycles glass for Soneva's rooms and restaurants. The palatial overwater villas are fit for royalty but opt for a room with a water slide or add one on for a true Soneva experience. www.soneva.com/soneva-jani

Palazzo Margherita

📍 Basilicata, Italy

It takes eyes and a camera to capture the grandeur of the Palazzo Margherita. Steeped in history, the hotel traces back to the 15th century and only after being discovered by Francis Ford Coppola (director of 'The Godfather') as a 19th century relic, it was restored to its former glory. This extravagant mansion is fuelled by intuitive service, lush suites designed by the Coppola team and homemade cooking. Tastefully designed, the interior is furnished with pastel-shaded frescoes, chevron floor tiles, lacy wall friezes and a small garden-view terrace. www.thefamilycoppolahideaways.com



Arctic Treehouse

📍 Rovaniemi, Finland

There's no better embodiment of the phrase 'love nest' than Finland's Arctic Treehouse. Each cabin's window wall is like an ever-updating Insta-stream of snow-dusted pines, wispy auroras and the jazzed-up skies of the Midnight Sun. Sneak out of the comfort of the duvets and furs long enough to take part in the Finnish experience where polar expeditions await – wild taste testings, heli-skiing, ice swimming, reindeer and husky safaris – followed by fine Finnish dishes of lake-caught perch and reindeer ribs, served indoors or fireside in the snow. www.arctictreehousehotel.com



Can Bordoy

📍 Palma, Spain

Decadence and romance go hand in hand at Can Bordoy. Its interior features a confluence of art deco and mid-century designs – the Thirties-style headboards and custom-made drinks cabinets are a feast for the eyes. Each suite is decorated with lavish flourishes, highlighting the quirks and character of the historic rooms. Some boast floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the courtyard, while others have wooden beam ceilings or restored cornicing. Pick the amazing Premium Suites in which the art deco-style bed can be encircled with a thick velvet curtain, separating the bedroom from an inch-perfect living area and freestanding oval bathtub. www.canbordoy.com



THE LUXE REPORT

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

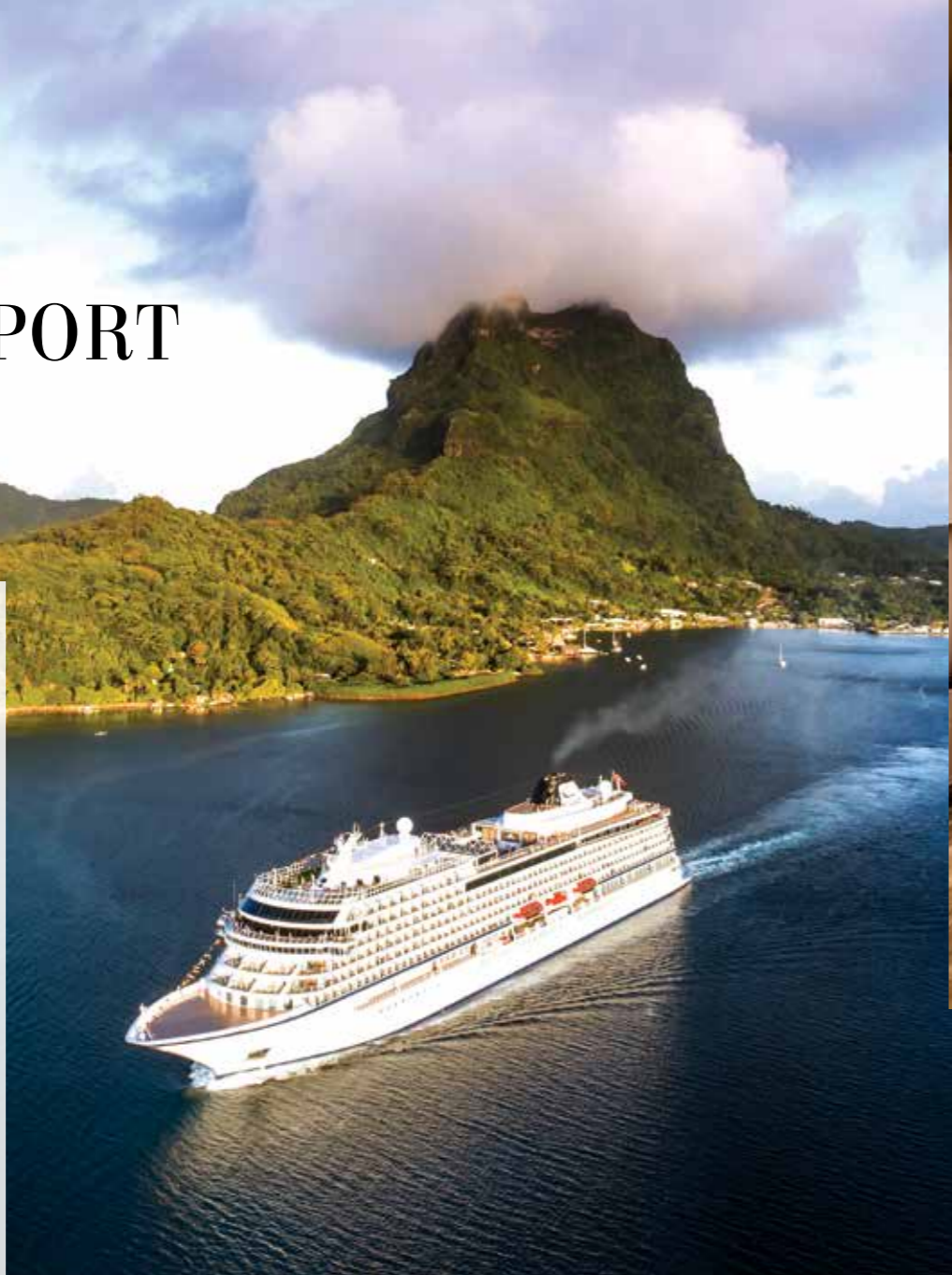
All Aboard a 245-day Cruise

In August last year, Viking® guests embarked on the Ultimate World Cruise, a 245-day journey spanning six continents, 51 countries and 111 ports.

Sailing from London on Viking's award-winning Viking Sun®, the longest-ever continuous cruise will fully circumnavigate the globe, bringing guests to some of the world's most legendary cities, iconic landmarks and far-flung destinations.

In beginning this journey, Viking attempts to set the Guinness World of Records for the "longest continuous passenger cruise" upon the return of Viking Sun to London in May 2020.

The Ultimate World Cruise offers guests an opportunity to explore Scandinavia, the Caribbean and destinations throughout South America before calling on the remote tropical islands of the South Pacific. The cruise will then continue its journey along the coast of Australia and through Asia before returning to the Mediterranean region and Europe.



Switch It Up

Leading British electrical accessories manufacturer, Focus SB, has collaborated with multi-award-winning designer Kelly Hoppen on a debut collection of designer electrical wiring accessories.

Described as an eye-catching, cutting-edge collection of 'wall jewellery', the collection will be focused on the UK and China luxury hospitality and residential markets.

From a matte backdrop to a labyrinth of sleek lines, we can expect an innovative collection of fresh new plate styles come to life.

As Kelly Hoppen MBE comments, "The world of electrical wiring accessories is generally very conservative. This collaboration with Focus SB introduces a new aesthetic to electrical fittings in a way we haven't previously seen."

Discover the collection on the Focus SB website.



Wellness with Aman

The concept of wellness is transforming almost every aspect of travel, with individuals in constant search of the best ways not only to unwind but to take time for reflection and discovering methods to cope with the stress of everyday life.

With the growing desire to improve one's wellbeing wherever we are, Aman has curated holistic experiences with physical and mental wellbeing at their heart.

From highly personalised Individual Wellness Immersions at Amanzoe in Greece and Amanyara in Turks and Caicos, to insightful and meaningful retreats at Amankora in Bhutan, Amangani in Jackson Hole and Amangiri in Utah, 2020 will see the naturally restorative and mesmerising Aman destinations introduce a calendar of new holistic experiences designed to subdue stress, reduce the risk of illness and re-energise.

For more information, visit the Aman website.

The Art of Tea-Making with Mandarin Oriental, Taipei

With Taiwan's sophisticated tea culture having become an indispensable part of local daily life, Mandarin Oriental, Taipei has partnered with YOSHANTEA, a well-established tea house with over a hundred year's history, to present a bespoke tea-roasting experience for guests.

Situated in a unique and artistic part of Taipei City brimming with rustic charm and cultural history, YOSHANTEA Qingtian Club is set in a Japanese-style wooden house built in the 1940s. Led by an expert, the one-hour tea-roasting experience will fully immerse hotel guests in the charm of tea-making, as they are taken through the process and the stages of roasting tea to enhance aroma and flavour. Guests will also have the pleasure of roasting their very own flavour of Oolong tea to take home.



This unique and enriching experience also includes a tea ceremony performed in a relaxing atmosphere to enhance tea

appreciation, and an exclusive Chinese teacup from Mandarin Oriental, Taipei to take home as a special memento.

Source: Bloomberg

YOGSHAKTI

Lightness in Body, Stillness in Mind

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN

With many celebrities such as Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson and Gisele Bündchen swearing by Yoga, there must be something to this 5,000-year-old ancient practice. Enter Yogshakti, a beautiful Yoga oasis and community, set in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. It embraces the quietude and foliage of its surroundings, presenting a serene setting for the true experience of Yoga. Besides offering a slew of unique Yoga classes such as Integrative Yoga, Yin Yoga, Hatha Vinyasa Yoga and many more, they extend beyond just teaching technique – focusing on improving strength, flexibility, mental clarity and reduce stress.

Derived from the passion and philosophy of helping individuals harness their inherent and dormant potential, Yogshakti practises Integrative Yoga among many, developed by founder, Shilpa Ghatalia – to cultivate awareness of the mundane. Integrative Yoga is a synthesis of the teachings of the Himalayan tradition of Swami Rama, the Intuitive Yoga of spinal freedom inspired by Vanda Scaraveli, Yin Yoga, the Zen Mindfulness teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh and the philosophy of non-dualism of Taoism and Advaita Vedanta. It also draws from the timeless eastern practices of Taichi and Qigong inspired by the system of Calligraphy Health of Master Yang Mian and the fluid spinal practices of the Yoga Synergy method.

Integrative Yoga incorporates spiritual healing – the practice of ‘yielding’ or ‘letting go’ in movement to make room for the vast, ever present intelligence within. As soon as you grasp this, relaxation comes naturally. Practising this promotes balance and self-care. One experiences balance between doing and being, effort and effortlessness. Integrative Yoga incorporates philosophy into movement to enable one to find the infinite within and live in a continuous state of awareness. The practice involves,

movement originating from the vital centre/ dan tien or hara, effortless movement with little or no change in heart rate, slowing of breath, silencing of mind and cultivating presence. As writers with a stressful lifestyle and noisy mind, we crave peace and respite. Thus, our Integrative Yoga adventure begins.

In spacious room with parquet floor, ample morning light streaming in and light Indian melodies set the mood. The class starts with us sitting comfortably, our hands in a Chin Mudra position and breathing – consciously paying attention to every breath as we inhale and exhale. Then, we move on to embrace the fluid and slow motions of Taichi and Qigong, where the body takes over and becomes our guide. The circular motions release the tension that binds the body and in turn, relaxes it.

Our bodies a tad limber, we proceed with light stretches, followed by repetitions of the Surya Namaskar (Sun Salutations). Before we begin, we start by building a foundation – feet arched yet firm on the ground and hands together, at our hearts. We start with Pranamasana (prayer pose), followed by Hastauttanasana – arms up and back, keeping the biceps close to the ears. In this pose, the effort is to stretch the whole body up from the heels to the tips of the fingers. As we exhale, we bend forward into Hastapadasana, keeping the spine erect. As we exhale completely, we place our hands on the floor, along our feet. We proceeded to go through the motions of the 12 poses with four repetitions. All the while, our guru reminds us to never force a pose, rather, allow it to flow naturally. Finally, we lie down with our eyes closed, resting our stretched limbs and basking in the energy. It is a beautiful way to start the day.

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COCOdry, the first blow-dry bar in Malaysia joins the hubbub of activities and offerings in Bangsar. Leave your woes and bad hair days behind and cross the threshold to the embrace of positive energy and tropical ambience at this blow-dry bar. Steered by two best friends whose passion is beauty and entrepreneurship, COCOdry transcends a beauty parlour to a space where women can convene, connect, as well as evoke confidence.

Inside, eyes immediately wander about the commodious space and settle on the u-shaped bar where the magic happens, while large oval-shaped mirrors embellish the walls for the final reveal after a blow-dry. It can be discerned that thought and passion went into the execution of every nook and crevice of this blow-dry bar. We appreciated the attention to detail – compartment to store your handbag, wires to charge your phone, small pouch to store earrings, hot towels, refreshments and Netflix for the ultimate relaxing experience.

Unlike a typical salon, a blow-dry bar specialises in just blowouts, no cuts and colour. The CocoServices offered here come in two categories, one for the everyday metropolitan like us, hence named The Hustler, while the second is Hijabista, meant for hijab-donning Muslim women. In a private, cosy room, Muslim customers can choose from five hijab styles – Two Chill, Turbaniser, Khimar, Instagrammer and Side Knot to slay any event.

Our manes in dire need of pampering, we opted for the Tai Tai Life. The Tai Tai Life, as you probably guessed,

Beach Please Blowout



prolongs the indulgence, compared to The Hustler. Friendly staff, Faye and Kai Xin began the process by draping our shoulders with towels and proceeded to comb the scalp with a wooden brush, massaging it while removing foreign particles and dirt from our hair. It is known to promote hair growth and a healthy scalp. Between sips of cold earl grey tea, they began lathering a natural shampoo, safe for our scalp as well as the environment.

Impressed with their natural products and efforts at sustainability, the regime continued with a head massage, wash and then, the apex – a blowout using a Dyson hairdryer. We opted for Beach Please and Crazy Rich Asians from the 10 blowout and updo styles from The Hustler category. In mere 10 -15 minutes of blowout and styling, it was time for the big reveal. Our chairs swiveled to the mirror with excitement to reveal shiny, beautifully-primped hair that was ready to take on the world.

COCOdry
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LASH & POLISH @ 176 AVENUE

BY AGNES AUI

Along an ever-busy street in Bangsar is an all-in-one stop, famously known as 176th Avenue. With services from hair, lashes, eyebrow, nails to waxing – the fancy location is the ideal place for over-the-top, eye-catching and glamorous manicures for every season. Upon entering, treat yourself to a cup of coffee from their menu before heading upstairs to Lash & Polish where you can scan through a wide range of nail designs.

This Valentine’s Day, take your pick from jewels and chains to three-dimensional and hand-painted designs. No matter the choice, well-experienced nail gurus will cater to your every need. For us, senior nail guru Shirone curated a luxurious and red carpet-worthy

themed manicure, overall screaming Crazy Rich Asian.

The treatment started by gently shaping, cleaning and priming our nails. Evident skills and technique were displayed through Shirone’s use of three-dimensional gel designs, holographic rub on powder and her extravagant jewel arrangement – where one fingernail could accommodate ten different jewels. The result was a detailed piece that was meticulous and simply gorgeous. Ending with some aftercare tips and a soothing arm massage, the experience from Lash & Polish at 176th Avenue will undoubtedly have me revisiting for more.



Goddess Glitz (Price: approximately RM246)
Lash & Polish @ 176 Avenue
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L'OCCITANE PETIT SPA

BY AGNES AUI

Amidst luxury brands in One Utama Shopping Centre is the first L’Occitane Petit Spa in Malaysia – where soft yellow and beige hues welcome you like family into the relaxation haven. Get the ultimate lift before a big date with the Immortelle Divine Secret of Youth treatment, starting off with the Lavender foot soak from the Lavender range followed by a calming facial massage.

Using products from the Immortelle Divine line including oils, masks, scrubs and more, the skin care specialist uses lifting and firming massage techniques while concentrating on high points of the face. The cheekbones, temples and chin are gently accentuated throughout the facial as the fingers and hands are used like face rollers – improving micro circulation, relieving muscular tension and reducing fine lines.

Also focusing on unwinding, the treatment uses natural essential oils, allowing one’s mind and body to drift to rest as a gentle arm massage is given. A de-stressing shoulder massage ends the facial treatment as you walk out those doors feeling refreshed, lifted and young.

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CHEN WEN HSI

THE NANYANG STYLE PIONEER

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



Three Koi Fish
Ink on paper 33 x 43 cm

Soft in sight with graceful subtlety, Chen Wen Hsi brings forth his depiction of what seems to be Japanese carps sauntering through its natural habitat, enclosed by foliage, as depicted in the foreground. Using Chinese ink and watercolour on paper for this masterpiece, the artist illustrated his Nanyang-style forte with immaculate brushstrokes.

Born in 1906 in Guangdong, China, Chen Wen Hsi was renowned for his avant-garde Chinese paintings. Regarded as a first-generation artist, Chen was in the forefront of the Chinese avant-garde movement in Singapore during the 1950's. He was a member of a group of five prominent artists that founded the Nanyang style, a landmark in the art history of Southeast Asia. Chen was a highly esteemed painter and art educator who played a significant role in developing the art community in Singapore.

The artist was heavily influenced by traditional Chinese paintings, early Cubist works of Pablo Picasso and Paul Klee, paving the way for Chen's own repertoire and identity, which he later trademarked. In the span of 1923 to 1992, Chen had conducted 38 one-man exhibitions within Singapore and other countries such as China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

In 1926, the artist moved to Shanghai to enrol in the Shanghai College of Fine Arts. Due to growing dissatisfaction with the quality of education at the college, Chen along with a few others transferred to Xinhua College of Art where he studied under the tutelage of renowned artists such as Pan Tianshou. It was also at Xinhua that he met his fellow peers, Chen Hen Hao, Chen Chong Swee and Liu Kang who all later became Singapore's Nanyang pioneer artists and art educationists.

In 1929, Chen graduated from Xinhua College of Art and returned to his hometown, Baigong. For approximately a decade, Chen taught art to students in primary and secondary schools in both Shantou and Jieyang, China. It was also in 1929, when Chen went to Swatow at the age of 21 and displayed his works for exhibitions in Shanghai (1931 and 1933) and Guangzhou (1932, 1936). It was not until 1937 that he was acknowledged for his talent and received praise from Chinese painter, Xu Beihong, at the second Chinese National Art Exhibition in Nanjing. He was even elected as one of China's contemporary 10 greatest artists by an English art magazine in that same year.

Seeking a new adventure and fortune, the artist planned a three-month trip to Nanyang. Then, in 1948, together with his



Two Herons
Ink on paper 65 x 68 cm

In this masterpiece, Chen Wen Hsi portrayed his abstract mastery using ink on paper, but in a muted tone. This flock of geese is portrayed in a flurry, looking for food in the wilderness. Here, a medley of Western and Nanyang influences are discerned, evidence of his flawless technique.

paintings, Chen journeyed from China to Cholon, Vietnam via an oil tanker, to start what became a tour of exhibitions spanning across Asia — Hong Kong (1949), Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur (1949), and Bangkok, Singapore (1950). Chen arrived in Singapore in 1950 without any intention of staying. However, the expiry of his visa and with the coaxing of fellow artist Liu Kang, and then Commissioner-General Malcolm MacDonald, the artist stayed. At the invitation of its then principal Cheng Anlun, Chen Wen Hsi started teaching at the Chinese High School in Singapore, where he remained as a teacher until

1968. Learning of Chen's growing name and talent, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)'s then principal Lim Hak Tai, invited the artist to teach at its hallowed grounds. He remained a teacher at NAFA until 1959.

Together with a group of fellow artists, Cheong Soo Pieng, Chen Chong Swee and Liu Kang, they embarked on a painting trip to Indonesia in 1952. They visited Jakarta, Surabaya, Bandung, Yogyakarta and Bali. Not only did this trip produce prolific works, it would later introduce the 'Nanyang' style of painting into Singapore's art culture. The same group of four later showcased



Two Gibbons, Undated
Ink and colour on paper 152 x 42 cm
SOLD RM 36,960.00
KLAS Art Auction 22 March 2015
Sale XIV



Fishes
Ink and colour on paper
65 x 43 cm
SOLD RM 47,342.40
KLAS Art Auction 31 January 2016
Sale XIX

their paintings from the Indonesian trip in a group exhibition. The exhibition was held at the British Council Gallery and saw each artist contributing about 20 works for the show. It was an important moment in the Singaporean art scene, heralding the introduction of the ‘Nanyang’ style of painting.

1964 was the year that Chen was awarded the great honour of Public Service Star of Singapore. In 1968, the artist retired from active teaching to concentrate primarily on painting. Some years later, Chen opened his first gallery at Tanglin Shopping Centre and was named, the ‘Old and New Gallery’ which remained open until 1993. It was a momentous occasion for the artist in 1972, when his painting, ‘Gibbons’ was used on the \$1 stamp as one of four local artists’ works featured in Singapore’s postage stamp issue, ‘Contemporary Art Series’.

Chen passed away at the age of 85 on Dec 17, 1991. He had been suffering from an abdominal tumour and died within a year of being diagnosed. He was survived by his wife, Huang Jingzhuang and three sons, Chen Siew Yui, Chen Siew Min and Chen Siew Hong.

ARTISTIC PROWESS

Chen was adept at both traditional Chinese ink and Western oil painting. His Western-style works in the early 1950’s were realistic depictions infused with post-impressionism and expressionistic elements. He experimented with various styles and techniques ranging from Fauvism to Cubism as well as acrylic, viscous paints and sand on canvas. His art evolved over time and transformed from simplified forms and strong colours to cubism, and later abstraction.

He had great interest in human figures and perceived them in the simplest of manner by merely depicting them as a pattern of images. He was also keen on nature and animals. Other than human figures, his other subjects included landscapes, figures, birds and other animals, still life studies and abstract compositions. His attention to detail and sensitive transcription of illustrating his subjects to canvas, especially his work on the gibbon paintings where he was inspired by Mu Xi’s works, were highly noted by art experts and aficionados in his time.

For his contributions to fine arts in Singapore, Chen was awarded the Public Service Star in 1964 by President Yusof Ishak. He received an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters by the then President Benjamin Sheares in 1975 and was the first Singaporean artist to be awarded with the Golden Chapter gold medal award by the National Museum of History in Taiwan. In 1987, he was the first recipient of the ASEAN Cultural and Communications Award as outstanding artist. Even after his passing in 1991, he was posthumously awarded a Meritorious Service Medal for his artistic legacy. Today, many of his works are preserved and cherished in the collection of the Singapore Art Museum.



Heron
Watercolour on paper 43 x 29 cm
SOLD RM 29,680
KLAS Art Auction 24 February 2019
Sale XXXV

ONG KIM SENG’S
NEPAL AND SINGAPORE RIVER SERIES

MAESTRO OF EN-PLEIN-AIR PAINTING

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



Market Kathmandu, 1991
Acrylic on canvas
58 x 72 cm

Entitled ‘Market Kathmandu, 1991’, this work is as humble as it is beautiful. Ong with his mastery, depicts a daily scene in Kathmandu, in presumably, a market. An earthy palette becomes the painting, with meticulous portrayal of details. Pails and basins are seen strewn about the left of the shop, some holding vegetables. What looks like a hole in the wall shop is manned by a Nepalese lady dressed in a vibrant saree, tending to two modest, female customers. There is a simplistic beauty to this work.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Singaporean artist, Ong Kim Seng came from humble beginnings, a village in Tiong Bahru, Singapore and has been a full-time artist since 1985. He has participated in both group and solo exhibitions in Singapore and around the world including the United States, China, United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, Belgium, Germany, France, the Middle East, Taiwan, Hong Kong and ASEAN countries.

This watercolourist studied at Radin Mas Primary School from 1959 and later at Pasir

Panjang Secondary School. Ong had innate interest in art since he was young, but his mother had envisioned him having an office job, being either a clerk or teacher as it was a ludicrous thought for her son to become an artist. Not paying heed to his mother’s dissatisfaction with his interest, Ong began experimenting with painting, beginning with pastels and oil and moving on to watercolour painting earnestly since 1960. It was during this period that he became a regular participant in a painting group at the Singapore River led by artist, writer and lecturer, Chia Wai Hon.

In 1962, Ong left school to join an advertising agency where he worked as a bill collector. He left the agency after four years and found his next job as a policeman at the British Naval Base in Sembawang. He lost his job in 1971 when the British withdrew their troops from Singapore. He subsequently worked as a welder at Pulau Bukom, a line technician at an electronics firm, National Semiconductor, and then as an audio-visual/graphic technician at the Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education.



Raffles Landing Site - Singapore River, 1979
Watercolour on paper 36.2 x 53.3 cm

ACCOLADES

This talented artist has garnered many accolades, including being the first and only Singaporean to have won six awards from the prestigious 138-year-old American Watercolor Society (AWS), of which he was conferred membership in 1992. He is also the only Asian artist outside the US to be admitted into AWS. Ong’s collectors include Queen Elizabeth II of England, Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of China, Secretary-General of the United Nations, President of the Republic of Korea, Prime Minister of Thailand, President of the Philippines, Prime Minister of Japan, Prime Minister of India, the Governor of Hokkaido, Singapore Arts Museum, Maritime Museum, Agung Rai Museum and Neka Museum in Bali, Indonesia, and Singapore’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, foreign missions and embassies.

ONG KIM SENG’S ARTISTIC STYLE

Ong’s style is described as being naturalist cum impressionistic and a combination of post-Impressionism colour and outlook of the American realist masters. He paints en plein air and has stated that in order for him to paint a place, he has to feel it first. “I believe that inspiration comes naturally when there’s a link between the artist and his subject,” said Ong.

The subjects of his works revolve around inanimate objects, architectural forms, masonry, foliage and landscapes. He seems to have a way in materialising exactly what he sees on canvas, capturing the complexities and minute details of the buildings and the realistic play of light

and shadow. Ong’s exemplary use of watercolour and the balance between subject and space truly make his work a gem.

The images contained in his art does not convey extreme emotions, they simply play on the nuances of natural light, exacerbating the ordinary into visual splendor and capturing texture and luminescence with layers of pigment. The skill in his art is indelible, and his aesthetic eye even more so. Merging concepts with finesse of execution, the artist presents representative images which are also ethereal in their beauty and flawless in their elemental flow and appropriation of light.



Singapore River, Singapore, 1991
Watercolour on paper
27 x 36 cm
SOLD - RM 7,890.40
KLAS Art Auction 8 November 2015
Sale XVIII



Singapore River, 1979
Watercolour on paper 71 x 51 cm
SOLD RM 37,670.00
KLAS Art Auction 24 May 2015
Sale XV

THE SINGAPORE RIVER SERIES

There must have been something about the Singapore River that spoke to the artist. For a masterpiece to come alive, there has to be a special connection between the artist and the subject. In this breathtaking painting of the Singapore River, Ong captures the depth, contours, shadows and beauty that is the natural scenery of the world. It is stunning, and although simple in its execution, it shows the meticulous and methodical use of fine brush strokes and skills. Through the power of observation, the artist captures the scene of yesteryear, one that is highly uncommon in this modern age. Ong has produced numerous renditions of the Singapore River, each with its own distinctive quality. With a number of works collected by The National Heritage Board of Singapore, these highly coveted series have gone on to fetch incredible prices at the KL Lifestyle Art Space (KLAS) Art Auction.



Heart of Kathmandu, 1994
Acrylic on canvas 130 x 180 cm
SOLD RM 168,000
KLAS Art Auction 24 November 2019
Sale XXXVIII



Himalayan Panorama, 1982
Watercolour on paper 77.5 x 113 cm
SOLD RM 56,000.00
KLAS Art Auction 28 September 2014
Sale XI

ONG KIM SENG’S KATHMANDU SERIES

The Himalayas has always been a source of inspiration and a great challenge to venerable artist, Ong. He trekked up to Everest Basecamp to paint its scenery in 1978 to test himself. “I wanted to see if I could work in conditions that were a lot harsher than those in Singapore, and I am very glad that I passed the test,” said Ong. The artist’s well-received Himalayan Trek Exhibition in 1979 was a testimony of this fact.

But more than that, Ong was captivated by the mountain range as well as the people of Kathmandu, which inspired another trip in



Man with Opera Masks, 1985
Watercolour on paper 52 x 72 cm
SOLD RM 29,120.00
KLAS Art Auction 10 August 2014
Sale X

1981. On the other side of the Himalayan mountain range, lies Tibet, which throughout the years, posed a mysterious lure for the artist. “It represented my greatest challenge yet. By a stroke of fortune, I found myself in Tibet in 1986 when China first opened it to the world. It was a dream come true, although the conditions then didn’t allow me to paint as much as I had wanted to,” the artist lamented. Some of Ong’s earliest works showcased in KL Lifestyle Art Space (KLAS) were on the Nepal series – each work is more beautiful than the other, illustrating the underrated beauty of Kathmandu.



A Chat with Chef Richard Millar

Director of Culinary at W Kuala Lumpur

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

From Beijing to Bali, Australian-born chef Richard Millar has worked in five-star hotels across continents over the last 19 years. Today, he is Director of Culinary at W Kuala Lumpur, with a vision to cultivate greater appreciation for Malaysia’s makers and growers.

What are his thoughts on the local culinary scene and his favourite restaurants in Kuala Lumpur (KL)? Let’s find out.

Tell us about yourself.

I was born in Melbourne and grew up in a dairy farming and fruit growing area in Victoria for 10 years, before moving to Queensland to complete my cooking apprenticeship. I moved back to Melbourne in the late 1980’s and worked for some well-known chef’s-hatted (Australian version of the Michelin-star) restaurants before making the move to Beijing in 2001.

You’ve worked in Australia, South-East Asia and the Pacific. How different is the culinary scene in Kuala Lumpur?

The culinary scene in KL reminds me of Melbourne in the 1980’s when we sourced most of our produce from local farms in Victoria. Since then, the farm-to-table movement has boomed. A lot of the produce here is sourced from around the country and there are many artisans that make amazing cheeses, chocolates, charcuterie, jams and honey. I like that about Malaysia.

In comparison to our neighbours Bali, Singapore and Bangkok, the food scene in KL is catching up and it is an exciting time with the boom in the hotel industry. There are many new F&B concepts opening, creating opportunities for local chefs. I have always seen my role as a

mentor and I would like to take their talent to the next level and grow the passion for food and hospitality that has inspired me over the years. I see many talented chefs in Malaysia and I feel lucky to be a part of their journey.

W Kuala Lumpur is home to a variety of dining experiences. With your role as the Director of Culinary at the hotel, what are you looking to achieve in the next few years?

We are working on some exciting projects and collaborations in 2020 that will further laminate our reputation in the industry and also bring about a greater focus on sustainability and the impact we have on the environment.

What are three things you wish you knew before moving to Malaysia?

The distinct taste and smell of durian, deeper understanding of Malaysian culture and where to find ‘Melbourne-style’ coffee.

What was your biggest challenge when you first moved here?

Not having the network to source the quality of local produce that I prefer to cook and work with.

What is a typical day in your life like?

Coffee, team, kitchen, guests, suppliers, creative brainstorming and more coffee.

It is no doubt you are skilled in several styles of cooking. Of them all, do you have a favourite cuisine to cook?

I like variety. However, if I were to choose one, it’d be Japanese cuisine for its purity of flavours, honed techniques and deep respect for food.

What do you love most about working in W Kuala Lumpur?

The freedom of expression and creative energy that demands what’s new and what’s next.

As a chef yourself, which are your top two favourite dining spots in Malaysia? (other than in W Kuala Lumpur)

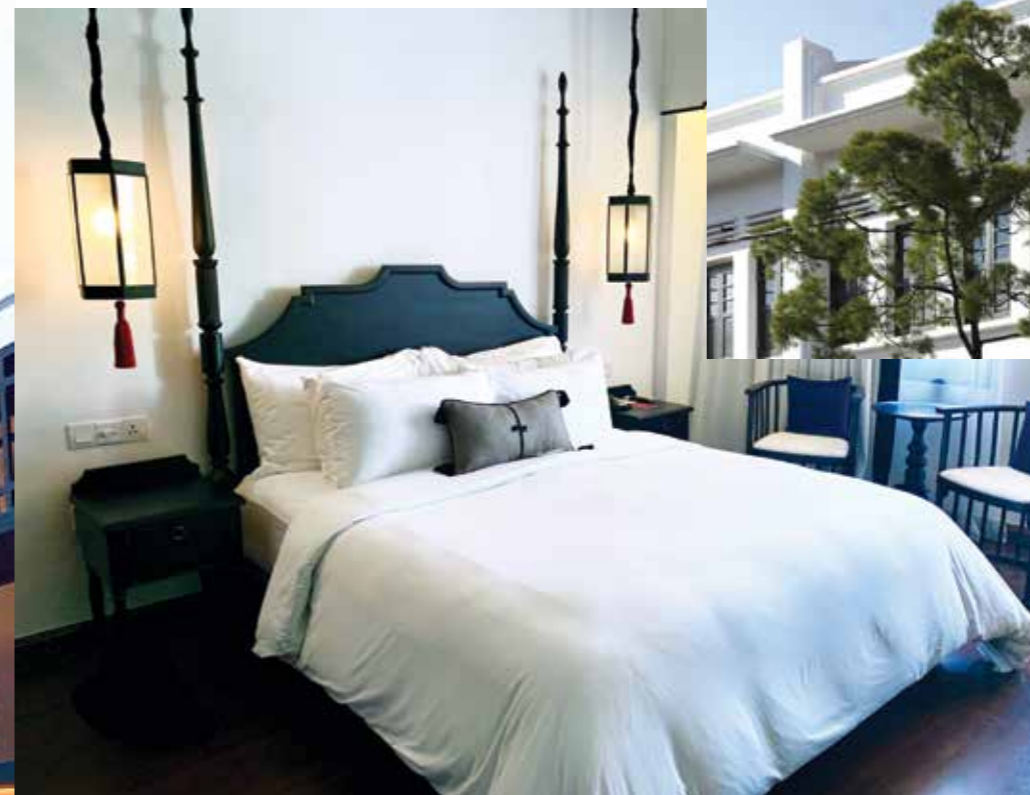
Palillos Yakitori Bar in Jalan Mesui and Nadodi in Jalan Yap Kwan Seng for nomadic South Indian cuisine.

What would you like to accomplish while in Malaysia?

I would like to bring greater recognition and appreciation for the local farmers, producers and artisans to the table.

If you have travelled domestically, tell us about your favourite trip.

It has to be my trip to Kuching to join the annual marathon. During the course, we were cheered on by local musicians dressed in tribal wear and it was such an unforgettable experience.



LIU MEN MELAKA - BY PREFERENCE

A Celebration of Cultures

BY HIRANMAYI AWLI MOHANAN

Liu Men Melaka is a storied pre-war shophouse-turned-hotel in Jalan Tokong. All its architectural clout and historic grandeur has been maintained, and its interior is contemporary renditions of 1930's colonial art deco. The hotel embraces geometric shapes and bursts of vibrant reds – symbolising joy or luck in playful chaos, a representation of the Chinese Peranakan culture. Geometric nuances perpetuate its interior, from cylindrical chandeliers to hexagonal tiles. White walls embellished by dark, trimmed wood emanates elegance while a collection of Chinese Peranakan antiques fill the space with old world charm.

Translating to six doors, Liu Men is a unification of six shop houses into a behemoth residence – once a family home. This lavish boutique hotel sits strategically a few kilometres away from the famed Jonker Street, Cheng Hoon Temple (oldest Taoist temple), A'famosa fort and the Stadthuys building. Saunter between the buildings reeking of history and character,

take a picture with the Melaka River as your backdrop and embark on a short tour of the city on a beca (trishaw). On weekend evenings, the hawker stalls in Jonker Street come alive until a little after midnight, giving you a peak into Melaka's multifaceted culinary offerings.

Liu Men Melaka captures the spirit of Malaysia's past and present through the warmth of its rooms. Offering five room categories – Jebat, Hang Tuah, Kapitan, Cheng Ho Suite and Parameswara Suite, each takes a nod to the yesteryear of Melaka. We crossed the threshold into the Hang Tuah Room, which felt like a pied-a-terre – conceptually simple and unfussy. In the spacious attic-like room, pre-war colonial influence is evident in its wooden furnishings, integrated with modern amenities of 40" TV and minibar for your everyday comfort.

The contemporary-designed bathroom is enviable and strikes inspiration for us. White tiles run through the walls,

complemented by a dark-wood vanity with marble top and hexagonal chandeliers on either side. Our favourite fitting in the bathroom is the shower system; while modern, it exudes antiquated aesthetics, complete with brass hue and phone receiver-like shower head. The evenings at Liu Men Melaka warrant a libation in hand, at the rooftop lounge area to bask in the tropical breeze and wind down while people-watching.

Breakfast at the Courtyard is not only stunning, it's delicious. Sit under the glass ceiling that allows natural sunlight to stream in and indulge in a mélange of local as well as Western breakfast. Being true-blue Malaysians, we ordered the Nasi Lemak and with the first bite, it immediately earned our seal of approval for its authenticity. For something lighter, opt for the American Breakfast or relish in fresh fruits and yoghurt.

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An Oasis in the Heart of the Action

BY CRYSTAL CHONG

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For our stay, we were transported to the World Club Room, where the tranquil tones of teal, light grey and white reminded us of a beach resort.

After a big day of exploring Resorts World Genting, entering the room will immediately grant you privacy and comfort. Relax on the sofa with a cup of Nespresso coffee, end the day with the rejuvenating rain shower, snuggle up for a night in with movies on the 40-inch LED TV and fall into deep sleep on the comfortable queen-size beds.

What’s more? The 430-square-feet space boasts plenty of room for children to play or for you to keep up with your workout routine.

AN ESCALATOR RIDE TO ENTERTAINMENT

First World Hotel is just a short escalator ride from Skytropolis Indoor Theme Park, where thrills await at every turn for children and adults alike. Other exciting attractions here include The VOID and SkyVR for immersive virtual reality adventures and the Big Top Video Games Park for arcade games.

Connected to the theme park is SkyAvenue, a mall with over 250 tenants to meet all your dining and shopping needs. On the fourth floor of the mall is Adventureland, which houses Zombie Outbreak, Ripley’s Believe It or Not!, Jurassic Research Centre, Jungle Jam and Eagle Landing Zipline, an exhilarating ‘flying’ experience.

At the concourse area, catch the magnificent SkySymphony performances, where lights, motion graphics and music are crafted to tell spellbinding stories via 360 LED screens spanning three storeys.

DINING AT YOUR DOORSTEP

With SkyAvenue closeby, First World Hotel guests have a wide variety of restaurants to choose from. Must-tries are the popular Burger & Lobster, Harry Ramsden’s Laughing Fish and Ed’s Easy Diner, a newly opened retro-American diner with a working jukebox, all from the UK.

Decision-making for the family becomes easy at the High Line Rooftop Market, with a range of dining options in one place. Indulge in delicious seafood, savour bites from the BBQ pit, have a cup of fresh roasted coffee at Café Richard and enjoy a freshly pulled pint from Brooklyn Brewery while listening to a live band.

For breakfast, head over to Food Factory at the hotel for a scrumptious buffet, where an open kitchen serves up fresh favourites, from pancakes to nasi lemak.

First World Hotel
Genting Highlands, 69000 Pahang
Tel: 03-2718 1118



Skytropolis Indoor Theme Park



World Club Room



Fresh Oysters at High Line Rooftop Market



Jukebox at Ed’s Easy Diner



DORSETT PUTRAJAYA

An escape to serenity

BY AGNES AUI

Located in Malaysia’s federal administrative capital of Putrajaya lies Dorsett Hospitality International’s newest hotel – Dorsett Putrajaya. Finding solace in Precinct 3, the eco-conscious haven is lavished with gold accents and Islamic-Mogul design from its lobby to its 218 guestrooms. Apart from modern interior and chic vibes, the hotel also has an all-day dining restaurant with a scenic lake view and Dorsett Café.

ROOMS

Stepping foot into the Deluxe Garden Room, we had an instant feeling of comfort – like a home away from home. Adorned with gold interior from curtains to table lamps and gold-bordered mirrors, the room was fully equipped with a fridge, coffee and tea set, toiletries, and a television with a wide selection of channels from Astro. But the ultimate highlight was the glamorous patio with seating alongside the scenic landscape of a lake and Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Mosque that had us staring in admiration.

DINING

Savour the breakfast buffet consisting of various pastries while lunch highlighted a spread of mouth-watering desserts. For dinner, we indulged in the chef’s specialty – Pomegranate Nasi Lemak with tiger prawn and pandan chicken accompanied by a thick and creamy CR’s signature Mango Fish Head Curry. The attractive pink rice lured us for endless pictures before relishing the soft and juicy tiger prawn, flavourful pandan chicken and tart fish curry with a generous serving of succulent fish, making their Malay cuisine one worth trying especially in the upcoming Ramadhan month where an early bird promotion of RM88 nett per person will commence.



Savour a full day meal at Citra Rasa, the All Day Dining Restaurant



Soak in the sun at the Rooftop Pool

ACTIVITIES

Perfect for sight-seeing, guests can visit exquisite spots like Astaka Morocco Putrajaya or Putrajaya Botanical Garden where they can appreciate bright local flora and fauna. However, guests can choose to stay indoors and experience the rooftop pool or the 24-hour gym. One thing’s for sure, a trip around Putrajaya will have you appreciating its architecture more than you’ll ever know.

Dorsett Putrajaya
Lot 3 (Lot 3C5) Precinct 3 Wilayah Persekutuan
Bandar, 62000 Putrajaya
03-8892 8388



Heineken Star Tower at TREC

A celebration of the new decade was held at TREC where partygoers joined Heineken and a myriad of activities specially curated to create a night to remember. Heineken also unveiled its newest celebration piece, the Heineken Star Tower which carried wishes and festive greetings of Heineken fans from across the nation. DJs JHin and BATE also entertained the crowd with highly energetic performances.

Guests were also interacting with the virtual Count Your Lucky Stars game projected on the Heineken Star Tower, took home their own personalised Heineken bottles and experienced their fifteen seconds of fame in the Heineken Cheers Cam.

Wine Pairing Dinner x Luca Ardiri at Tamarind Hill, Kuala Lumpur

Tamarind Hill collaborated with Straits Wine Company and kicked off its first wine pairing dinner of 2020. The wine pairing dinner was guided by wine connoisseur, Luca Ardiri, the Export Manager for the likes of Marco Felluga, Pala, and Speri & Braidà. This journey featured a five-course menu priced at RM218nett at Tamarind Hill Kuala Lumpur on Jan 14, 2020. Following this wine pairing dinner, Japamala Resorts, a sister property under the Samadhi Retreats group will conduct its own gin and wine pairing dinner for an exclusive weekend on Feb 28 to March 1. This provides guests with the opportunity to experience the two distinct venues, Il Tempio and Tamarind, but also bask in the rustic-luxe beauty that is the Japamala Resort.



Xiaomi Partners with Tourism Malaysia for Visit Malaysia 2020

Global technology leader Xiaomi has partnered with the Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board (MTPB) to boost Malaysia's global tourism. The partnership sees Xiaomi and MTPB jointly producing photography shots in several scenic spots in Malaysia through the latest Mi Note 10, as well as contributing a promotional video for the Visit Malaysia 2020 (VM2020) campaign.

The partnership was announced at an official joint collaboration ceremony between Xiaomi Malaysia and MTPB, officiated by Director General of MTPB Datuk Musa Yusuf and attended by several representatives including Country Manager of Xiaomi Malaysia and Singapore Allen An.



Sephora Opens The Largest Flagship Fahrenheit88 In Malaysia

Sephora has opened its largest Malaysian flagship at Fahrenheit88, right in the heart of Kuala Lumpur at Bukit Bintang. Spanning over 17,000 square feet, Sephora Fahrenheit88 is home to the beauty retailer's largest array of brands and products, with over 100 brands encompassed in a dramatic new and iconic store design concept. The Largest Beauty Playground boasts innovations and personalized services

for its members, aiming to give the beauty community a unique shopping experience.

"The opening of Sephora Fahrenheit88 is a testament to our ongoing effort to make Sephora as the ultimate place for our beauty community and strengthen Sephora's position as the world's leading beauty retailer. This Flagship is the largest beauty playground and will be the ultimate one-stop beauty destination in this market," Sephora Malaysia General Manager Valerie Foong.

Customers can find the in-store Interactive Kiosk to help navigate through the store with each, flick through the Sephora Buying Guide and Rewards Boutique catalogue as well as play an exciting game. Other than that, elevated skin services are available for all visitors such as Perk Treatment by Hydrafacial & Perk Lips — an invigorating facial and lip treatment that combines cleansing, exfoliation, and hydration simultaneously for instantly smoother and glowing skin, and Skinccredible by Sephora, a breakthrough skin analysis app.

Sephora Fahrenheit88 also houses the country's first Beauty Loft on level 1 - a private area where members can enjoy in-house personal beauty shopper service and can take delight in engraving services. The Sephora Lounge (an event space) and The Studio (a photography studio) are also available for beauty brand takeovers wanting to engage with customers, influencers & KOLs in Malaysia.



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 P.J. 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 📍 Bangsar• Bangsar Shopping Centre • Non-Halal • Casual Dining

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
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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.princehotels.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.legendhotels.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 6060 • 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.corushotels.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.quality.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
Penghulu 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

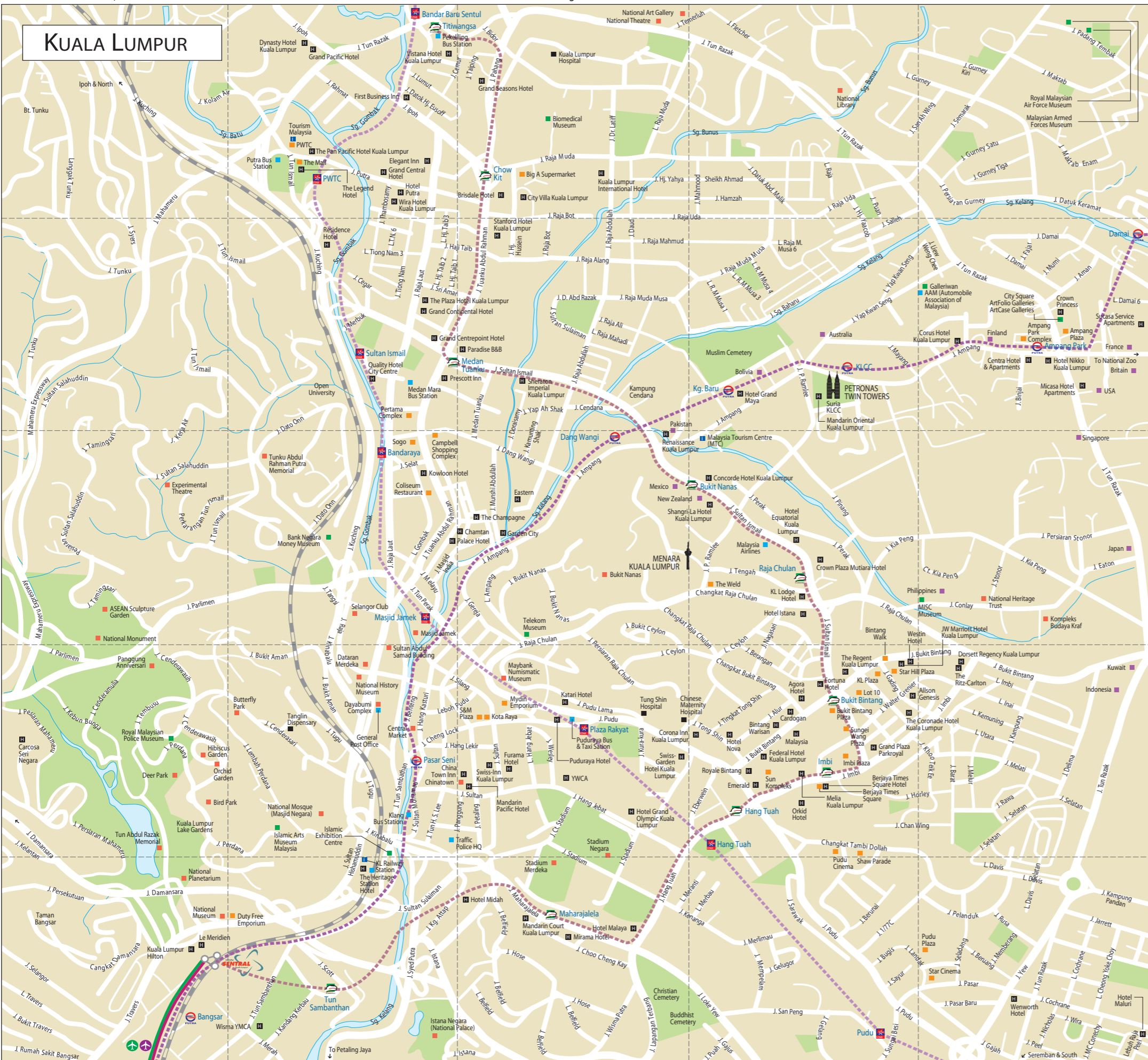
Galeri Petronas
03-2051 7770 • 🇲🇾 KLCC • Level 3 Suria
KLCC. • Exhibits artworks by local and
international artists.
• Opens 10am to 8pm. Closed on
Monday. • D8 FREE

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- 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 Bridale 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

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- 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 ★★★★★
- 3D 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
- 5E 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 ★★
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- 4D Westin Hotel ★★★★★
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- 2E Wisma YMCA
- 3D YWCA

- 2D Tanglin Dispensary
- 3D Tung Shin Hospital

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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.

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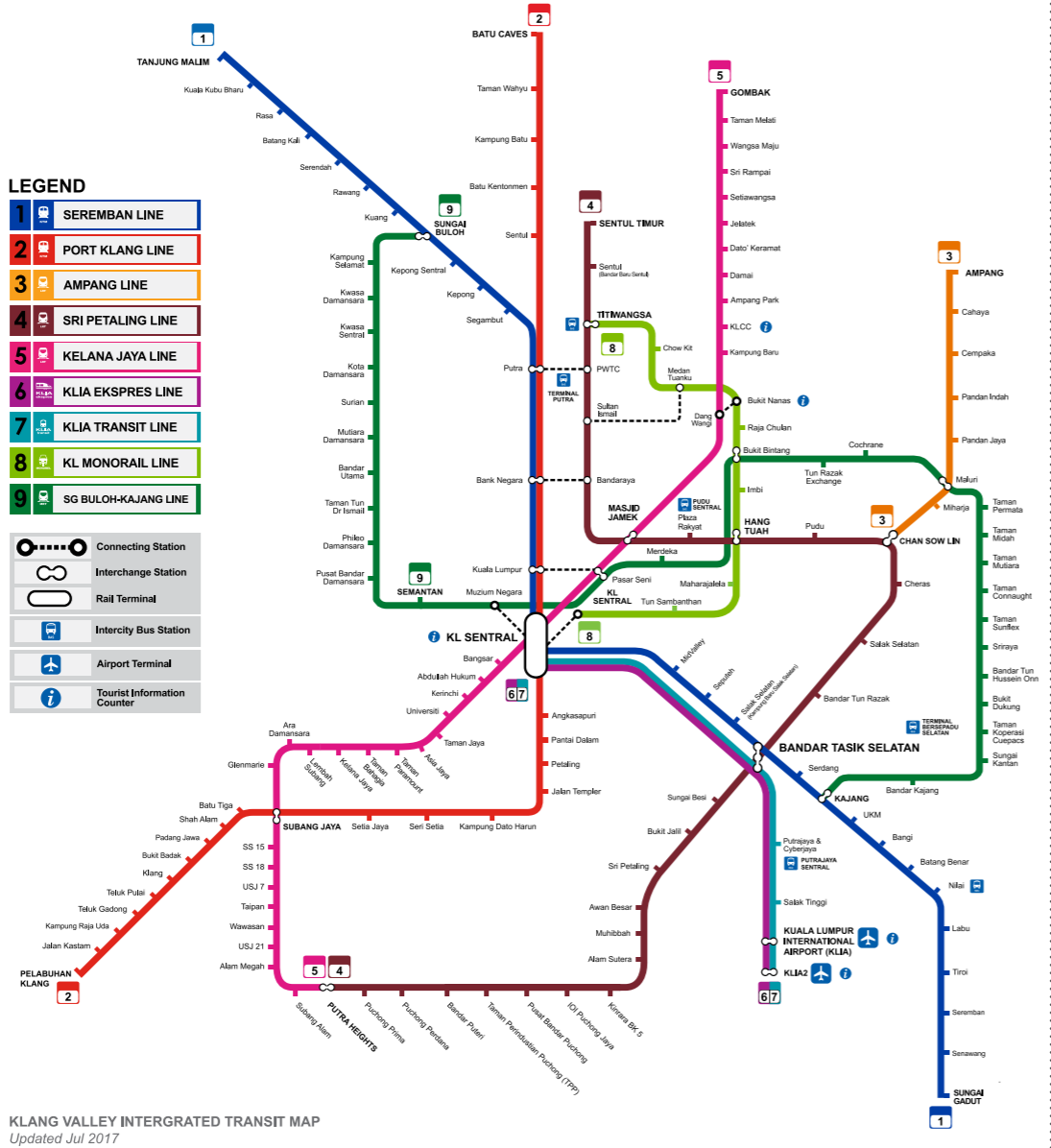
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Klang Valley Rail Transit Map



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