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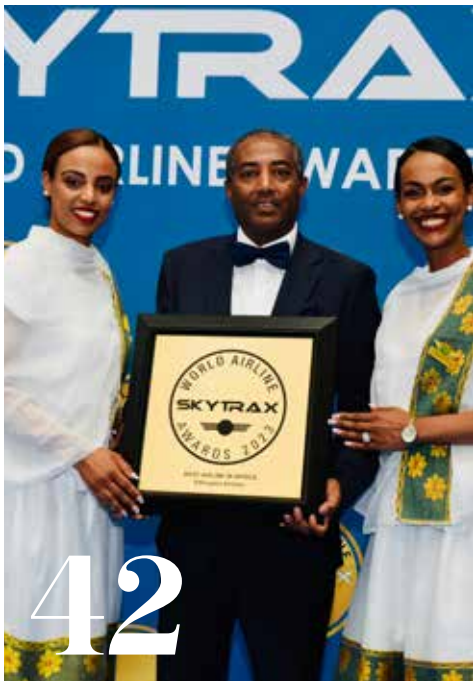
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GOINGS ON AUGUST 2023



ALU & LESUNG

August 2 to August 6

Venue: Indicine, KLPAC

An experimental and multi-sensorial theatre experience, Alu & Lesung tracks the journey of an ensemble as they revisit the calmer moments in their lives, the events that happen after where they deal with the loss of security, followed by a newfound journey of healing.

This project zooms in on individuals who are private about their own challenges and struggles. Vulnerable moments are often kept to themselves and away from others, even from the people close to them. Audiences take on a voyeuristic lens by peeking into these private moments. This production utilises movement, minimal text in various languages, scent, light, sound, and projections. Alu & Lesung is the fifth production of Theatresauce’s 2023 season.

Ticket: RM 55



PINKFISH LIVE FEATURING TYGA

August 9

Venue: Zepp Kuala Lumpur

Compton-born Tyga is coming to Malaysia and he’s ready to make it “Bedrock”! Tyga, which stands for Thank You God Always brings his arsenal of hits for his first ever live show in Malaysia. Join us for an exhilarating night of high energy trap & hip hop.

Ticket: RM 258.94 to RM 608.46



SO HAPPY I COULD DIE

August 9 to August 13

Venue: Indicine, KLPAC

so happy i could die is an immersive and participative theatrical event where audiences collectively decide on the actions of the Protagonist as they encounter Death. Will they come to terms with the end of their life or will they avoid it like a plague? Can happiness, fulfilment, and acceptance go hand-in-hand with an impending expiry date? This project came about from the production team’s introspections on the moments of intense happiness from their lives. They wonder if the euphoria they’ve experienced in these fleeting moments is the pinnacle of their existence — would they have had any regrets if their journey on Earth ended right then and there?

Ticket: RM 55



MOZART HORN CONCERTOS

August 12

Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas

Composed during the last 10 years of his life, Mozart’s joyful horn concertos are among the finest in brass literature. Discover the rich sonority of the French horn with MPO principal Grzegorz Curyła as he performs Mozart Horn Concertos No. 1 and 2. Romantic mystery surrounds Schubert’s shadowy Unfinished Symphony and his Entr’acte No. 3 from Rosamunde while Faure’s elegant Masques et bergamasques evoke festivities of yesteryear.

Ticket: RM 148 to RM 358



HONOURING THE TANJORE LEGACY OF BHARATANATYAM

August 12

Venue: Damansara Performing Arts Centre (DPAC)

Dancing Through the Ages : Honoring the Tanjore Legacy of Bharatanatyam is a solo performance by Ishwar Muthkumar. Ishwar, a student of a hereditary Nattuvanar Chandrasekaran Kittappapillai direct descendent of tanjore quartet and a practitioner of Bharatanatyam with over 22 years of experience. In this dance program, Ishwar highlights the importance of preserving the traditional style of Bharatanatyam in the modern world. Join us as we delve into the significance of adhering strictly to the time-honored principles of this ancient art form, ensuring its longevity and relevance in today’s cultural landscape.

Ticket: RM 35



MR.BIG

August 14

Venue: Zepp Kuala Lumpur

Hard rock’s original supergroup, Mr. Big, are back with a vengeance with their new album ...The Stories We Could Tell. The band’s eighth studio album is slated for release on September 23rd via Frontiers Music SRL. The original lineup comprised of Eric Martin on vocals, Paul Gilbert on guitar, Billy Sheehan on bass and Pat Torpey on drums, returns with some of their strongest material to date. The new album is the follow-up to the 2011 release What If, an album that marked the band’s return to their signature hard rock sound. Mr. Big got together this past June to begin recording and laid down the 13 new tracks in just a month.

Ticket: RM 258 to RM 700



HORN MASTERCLASS WITH GRZEGORZ CURYŁA

August 17
Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas

Grzegorz Curyła is one of the most prominent Polish horn players of young generation. Graduated from the Royal Academy of Music in London and the University of Music in Wrocław, he holds two master’s degrees in music. He has performed with the London Sinfonietta, Watford Symphony Orchestra, Zermatt Festival Orchestra, the BBC, Royal, Qatar, Berlin and Seoul Philharmonics, BBC Symphony, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, Konzerthaus Orchester Berlin, Welsh National Opera Orchestra, RTE Dublin Radio Symphony, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Orquesta Sinfonica de Galicia, the Sydney and Melbourne Symphony Orchestras, and major orchestras in Poland. He won his first professional orchestra trial for the co-principal horn position with the prestigious London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ticket: RM 25



MPO SILVER GALA NIGHT

August 19
Venue: Dewan Filharmonik Petronas

The MPO celebrates 25 years of music-making with a gilded evening of romantic masterpieces. Malaysia’s own Tengku Irfan performs Liszt’s dazzling Piano Concerto No. 2 - a kaleidoscope of contrasts transforming seamlessly from exquisite themes to fiery cadenzas. Mussorgsky’s vivid Pictures at an Exhibition depicts the intense colours and imagery of paintings by Victor Hartmann. Originally written for piano, they were later orchestrated to their full splendour by Maurice Ravel. This event aims to bring together individuals who share a passion for music and a desire to make a difference. You will not only be supporting the arts but also making a positive impact on our music community. Your presence and generosity will help us continue our mission of promoting music education and outreach programs throughout Malaysia.

Ticket: RM 988 & RM 1,288



YAYASAN SIME DARBY ARTS FESTIVAL

August 19 & August 20
Venue: KLPAC

Malaysia’s biggest free-for-all arts festival has finally returned after five long years. Themed “Shout it Out: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow,” the Yayasan Sime Darby Arts Festival (YSDAF) 2023 is an invitation for Malaysians to shout out about issues dear to them and to celebrate all things Malaysian. Presented by Yayasan Sime Darby and The Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (klpac), this Malaysian community project typically takes place once every two years to showcase Malaysian artistes and the buzzing Malaysian arts scene.

Ticket: RM 55



BRUNO MAJOR: TOUR OF PLANET EARTH

August 20
Venue: Zepp Kuala Lumpur

English singer-songwriter Bruno Major has announced a concert in Malaysia on 20th August 2023, as part of his Tour of the Planet Earth. The sentimental Nothing hitmaker will be performing at Zepp KL on the Asia leg of the tour. Lock in the dates and get ready to sing along to his soulful ballads such as Easily, Places We Won’t Walk, and The Most Beautiful Thing.

Ticket: RM 258 to RM 700



LANY: FIRST THE MOON, THEN THE STARS

August 24
Venue: Zepp Kuala Lumpur

LANY – an American pop-rock duo – will be returning to Malaysia yet again on 24th August 2023 as part of their First The Moon, Then The Stars: A Tour Before A World Tour. LANY have quietly cracked the mainstream on their own terms as one of the most ubiquitous, unpredictable, and undeniable alternative rock bands of this era. Tallying billions of streams, selling out legendary arenas, and earning widespread critical acclaim, the platinum-certified Los Angeles group consistently deliver rafter-reaching anthems anchored by airtight songcraft and the outsized personality of enigmatic frontman and songwriter Paul Jason Klein. Get ready to sing your heart out to their string of hits such as Malibu Nights, Ilysb, as well as an upcoming song from soon-to-be-released album, i really really hope so.

Ticket: RM 298 to RM 398



MOVIE REEL AUGUST 2023



MEG 2: THE TRENCH AUGUST 4

Jonas Taylor leads a research team on an exploratory dive into the deepest depths of the ocean. Their voyage spirals into chaos when a malevolent mining operation threatens their mission and forces them into a high-stakes battle for survival. Pitted against colossal, prehistoric sharks and relentless environmental plunderers, they must outrun, outsmart and outswim their merciless predators.

Genre: Action / Thriller
Cast: Jason Statham, Sienna Guillory, Shuya Sophia Cai, Wu Jing, Ben Wheatley, Lorenzo di Bonaventura, Belle Avery, Jon Hoebe.



GRAN TOURISMO AUGUST 11

Gran Turismo is based on the unbelievable true story of a team of unlikely underdogs – a struggling working-class gamer (Archie Madekwe), a failed former racecar driver (David Harbour), and an idealistic motorsport executive (Orlando Bloom). Together, they risk it all to take on the most elite sport in the world. Gran Turismo is an inspiring, thrilling, and action-packed story that proves that nothing is impossible when you’re fueled from within.

Genre: Drama / Action
Cast: Orlando Bloom, Michael De Luca, Jason Hall, Harki Bhambra, David Harbour, Lindsay Pattison, Théo Christine, Dana Brunetti.



BLUE BEETLE AUGUST 18

Jaime Reyes suddenly finds himself in possession of an ancient relic of alien biotechnology called the Scarab. When the Scarab chooses Jaime to be its symbiotic host, he’s bestowed with an incredible suit of armor that’s capable of extraordinary and unpredictable powers, forever changing his destiny as he becomes the superhero Blue Beetle.

Genre: Action
Cast: George Lopez, Raoul Trujillo, Susan Sarandon, Gareth Dunnet-Alcocer, Angel Manuel Soto, Xolo Maridueña, Bruna Marquezine, Belissa Escobedo.



RETRIBUTION AUGUST 22

When a mysterious caller puts a bomb under his car seat, Matt Turner (Liam Neeson) begins a high-speed chase across the city to complete a specific series of tasks. With his kids trapped in the back seat and a bomb that will explode if they get out of the car, a normal commute becomes a twisted game of life or death as Matt follows the stranger’s increasingly dangerous instructions in a race against time to save his family.

Genre: Action
Cast: Liam Neeson, Jack Champion, Noma Dumezweni, Nimrod Antal, Andrew Rona, Alex Heineman, Chris Salmanpour, Andrew Baldwin.

FELIX DE WELDON

IMMORTALISING HISTORY THROUGH MONUMENTAL ART

Throughout history, art has served as a medium to express human emotions, commemorate significant events, and immortalise the legacies of remarkable individuals. One such artistic luminary was Tan Sri Felix De Weldon, a gifted sculptor renowned for his masterpieces, including the iconic United States Marine Corps War Memorial and the stately Malaysian National Monument. This six-page article will delve into the life, achievements, and artistic brilliance of Felix De Weldon, shedding light on the profound impact of his sculptures on national identities and historical memory.



Felix De Weldon with President Harry S Truman in 1949

EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION

Tan Sri Felix De Weldon was born on April 12, 1907, in Vienna, Austria, to a family with a rich artistic heritage. His father, Leopold De Weldon, was a well-known portrait and landscape painter, and his mother, Bertha Weihs, came from a family of prominent musicians and artists. It was within this creative environment that Felix’s artistic inclinations first began to take shape. At a very young age, Felix De Weldon displayed an innate talent for sculpting. He often spent hours moulding clay and experimenting with various materials to bring his artistic visions to life. Recognising their son’s exceptional talent and passion for art, his parents encouraged and supported his creative pursuits.

At the age of seventeen, Felix De Weldon’s artistic journey took a significant turn when he enrolled at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna. The prestigious academy had a long-standing reputation for nurturing some of the world’s finest artists, and it was there that De Weldon’s skills as a sculptor began to flourish under the guidance of eminent mentors. During his time at the academy, De Weldon immersed himself in the study of classical and contemporary art forms. He gained valuable insights into the techniques of sculpture and developed a keen eye for detail, precision, and aesthetics. His dedication to perfection and a strong work ethic set the foundation for his future success as a sculptor.

However, the world around Felix De Weldon was undergoing significant changes during his early adulthood. As political tensions escalated in Europe in the 1920s and 1930s, it became increasingly difficult for artists to thrive in a region plagued by instability and conflict. In 1927, seeking greater opportunities and artistic freedom, De Weldon made a momentous decision to leave his native Austria and set sail for the United States.

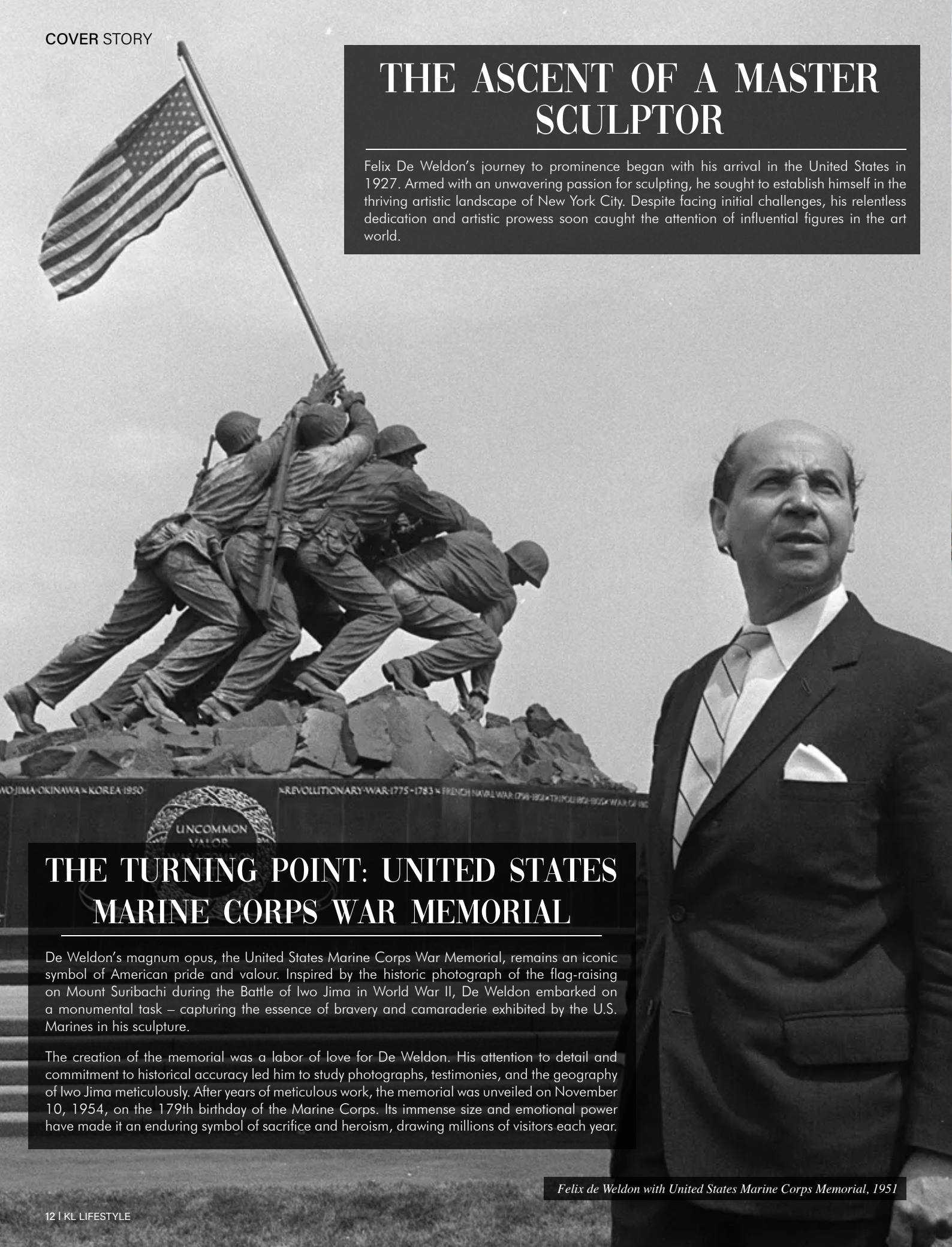
Arriving in the bustling artistic hub of New York City, Felix De Weldon sought to establish himself as a sculptor in the competitive American art scene. Despite facing initial challenges and financial constraints, his perseverance, talent, and dedication soon garnered attention from influential figures in the art community. In pursuit of his passion for sculpting, De Weldon attended the prestigious Beaux-Arts Institute of Design in New York. The institute provided him with further training and exposure to a diverse range of artistic styles, shaping him into a versatile and skilled artist.



Tunku Abdul Rahman’s Bust by Felix de Weldon, 1962

THE ASCENT OF A MASTER SCULPTOR

Felix De Weldon’s journey to prominence began with his arrival in the United States in 1927. Armed with an unwavering passion for sculpting, he sought to establish himself in the thriving artistic landscape of New York City. Despite facing initial challenges, his relentless dedication and artistic prowess soon caught the attention of influential figures in the art world.



THE TURNING POINT: UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WAR MEMORIAL

De Weldon’s magnum opus, the United States Marine Corps War Memorial, remains an iconic symbol of American pride and valour. Inspired by the historic photograph of the flag-raising on Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II, De Weldon embarked on a monumental task – capturing the essence of bravery and camaraderie exhibited by the U.S. Marines in his sculpture.

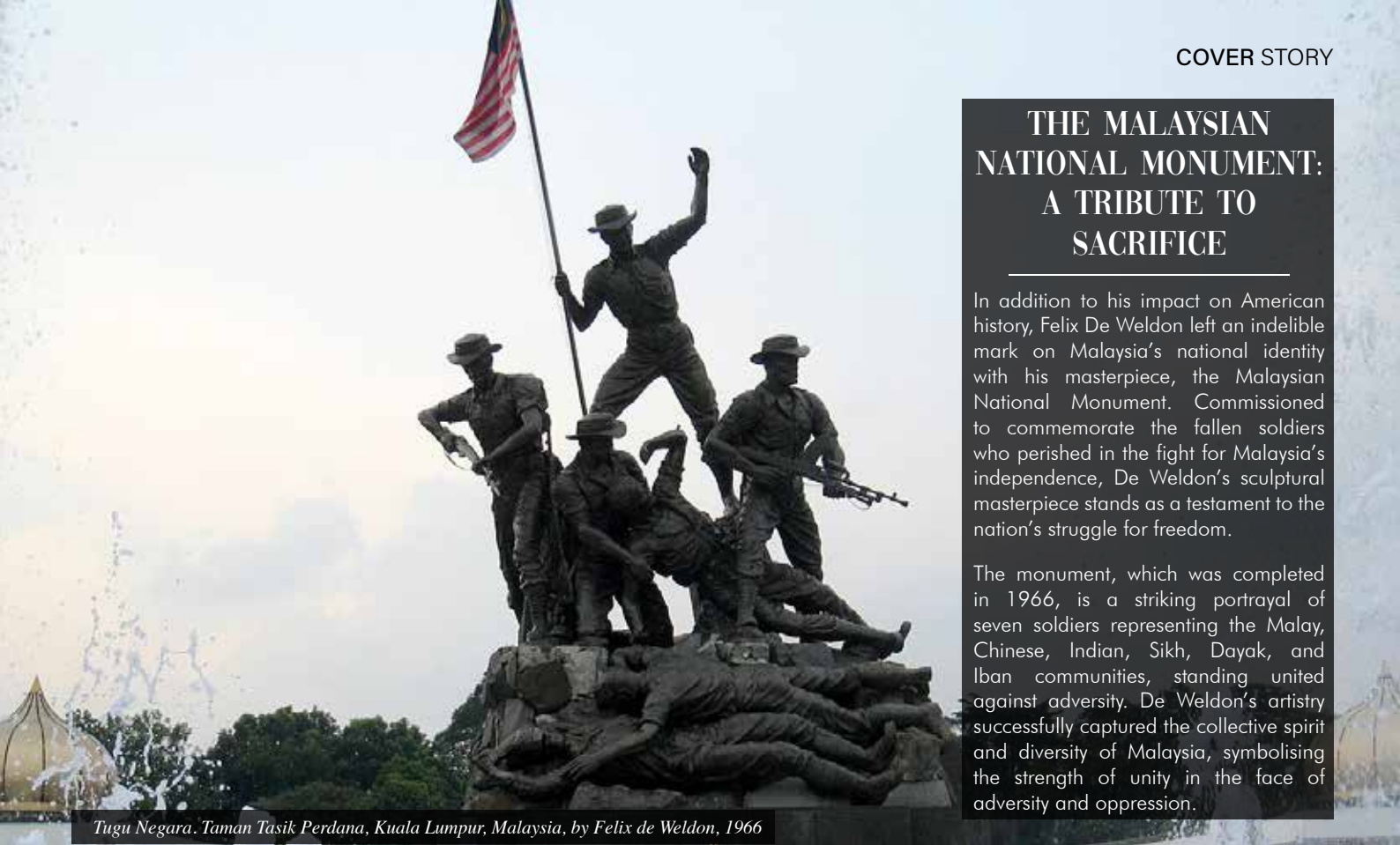
The creation of the memorial was a labor of love for De Weldon. His attention to detail and commitment to historical accuracy led him to study photographs, testimonies, and the geography of Iwo Jima meticulously. After years of meticulous work, the memorial was unveiled on November 10, 1954, on the 179th birthday of the Marine Corps. Its immense size and emotional power have made it an enduring symbol of sacrifice and heroism, drawing millions of visitors each year.

Felix de Weldon with United States Marine Corps Memorial, 1951

THE MALAYSIAN NATIONAL MONUMENT: A TRIBUTE TO SACRIFICE

In addition to his impact on American history, Felix De Weldon left an indelible mark on Malaysia’s national identity with his masterpiece, the Malaysian National Monument. Commissioned to commemorate the fallen soldiers who perished in the fight for Malaysia’s independence, De Weldon’s sculptural masterpiece stands as a testament to the nation’s struggle for freedom.

The monument, which was completed in 1966, is a striking portrayal of seven soldiers representing the Malay, Chinese, Indian, Sikh, Dayak, and Iban communities, standing united against adversity. De Weldon’s artistry successfully captured the collective spirit and diversity of Malaysia, symbolising the strength of unity in the face of adversity and oppression.



Tugu Negara, Taman Tasik Perdana, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, by Felix de Weldon, 1966

FELIX DE WELDON’S CONNECTION TO MALAYSIA

Felix De Weldon’s path to sculpting The Malaysian National Monument was serendipitous. Having gained international acclaim for his monumental work, the United States Marine Corps War Memorial in the United States, De Weldon’s reputation as a master sculptor reached beyond borders. In 1950, De Weldon was invited to Malaysia by the country’s first Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, to undertake a special commission – the creation of a national monument that would commemorate the sacrifices made during the war and the fight for independence. Recognising the significance of this opportunity, De Weldon embraced the project with enthusiasm and a deep sense of responsibility.

THE CREATION PROCESS

De Weldon’s approach to creating The Malaysian National Monument was characterised by meticulous research and dedication to historical accuracy. He delved into the country’s history, studying the struggles, triumphs, and cultural diversity that shaped Malaysia’s identity. The monument’s design draws inspiration from the Cenotaph in London, but with distinctly Malaysian elements. It features seven life-size bronze figures, representing the major ethnic groups in Malaysia. These figures stand united, clad in traditional attire, and exhibit solemn reverence, symbolising the unity and diversity that define Malaysia’s strength. The sculpting process was a labour of love for De Weldon. He spent long hours working tirelessly to capture the essence of sacrifice and honour in each figure. His attention to detail and commitment to accurately represent the various ethnicities showcased his profound respect for the nation he was sculpting. De Weldon was later conferred with the title Tan Sri, the Malaysian equivalent of a high-ranking knighthood.

LEGACY AND IMPACT ON HISTORICAL MEMORY

Felix De Weldon’s artistic genius extended beyond sculpting; it encompassed a profound understanding of history’s significance in shaping national identity. His monumental sculptures have left an enduring legacy, forging emotional connections with past events and inspiring generations to remember the sacrifices made for freedom and justice.

The United States Marine Corps War Memorial continues to evoke profound emotions and pride among Americans, serving as a reminder of the sacrifices made by servicemen and women to safeguard their country’s freedom. It has become a pilgrimage site for veterans, families, and citizens, fostering a sense of collective memory and national pride.

Similarly, the Malaysian National Monument serves as a poignant reminder of Malaysia’s struggle for independence and the diverse communities that came together to achieve a common goal. It stands as a symbol of unity and the need to remember the past to shape a better future.

Felix De Weldon’s sculptural masterpieces transcend the realm of art, becoming powerful symbols of national identity and historical memory. Through his work, he immortalised the bravery, sacrifice, and unity displayed by the people of two nations in their respective historical contexts. The United States Marine Corps War Memorial and the Malaysian National Monument stand as testament to De Weldon’s exceptional skill as a sculptor and his profound understanding of the human spirit. These monuments will continue to inspire and evoke emotions, reminding us of the importance of remembrance and the enduring power of art to shape our collective consciousness.

PERJUANGAN SERIES BY FUJI ANGGARA

AN EXHIBITION CELEBRATING NATIONHOOD

15 AUGUST - 16 SEPTEMBER 2023



Fuji Anggara Perjuangan, 2023 Acrylic on canvas 168 x 244 cm

Noorfuji Anggara, who is affectionately known as Fuji, is a young, emerging artist who was born in Kuala Selangor and currently resides in Klang. The artist graduated and holds a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from UiTM, in January 2019. Upon his graduation, Fuji has been catapulted into the Malaysian art industry, full steam ahead, by participating in numerous exhibitions and competitions. He juggles between multiple bodies of work almost simultaneously, exploring a variety of styles and forms that expresses his thoughts about all things nature through the means of pop figuration, semi abstract and semi expressionism.

Two years after his graduation, in 2021, Fuji started working at KL Lifestyle Art Space (KLAS) as an gallery assistant which catapulted him deeper into the world of art in a way he had never experienced before and exposed him to great Malaysian maestros. Through the role he served at KLAS, the artist was granted first hand knowledge of the trends as met patrons and art aficionados who walked through the door. Later, in 2022, Fuji was given the privilege of an inaugural solo exhibition entitled 'Margatulus' at KLAS, which served as an entry to him being the gallery's young, resident artist.



Fuji painting Perjuangan II at KLAS

With the nation's Independence Day looming close, the young Fuji Anggara came across the bust of Tunku Abdul Rahman, created by sculptor Felix De Weldon and like a bolt of lightning, he was inspired to create, and so he did — thus was the birth of the Perjuangan Series. Translated into struggle, this series serves as an ode to the love for his country and the forefathers, as well as notable individuals who laid the foundation and strove for freedom from the colonial power. Fuji's Perjuangan Series comprises two paintings, each similar but distinct, sharing bold brushstrokes and vivid colours of the Malaysian flag, executed in his flair.

Like clouds of colours, the paintings are instantly captivating and intriguing, inviting closer inspection, which reveals subtly shaped-figures depicted in some sort of a struggle, which can be assumed as Fuji's rendition of the struggle to independence. The figures are illustrated in motion, like a dance. When crafting the paintings, the artist was ruminating on all the challenges that we face on a daily basis — the struggle to make ends meet, to raise children, to achieve success and etc. This also led him to travel in time and picture how the country's first premier and his associates strove to be great and fight for sovereignty, and reach independence as the result. These paintings are swathed in meaning and message — that of nationhood.



Fuji painting Perjuangan at KLAS



Fuji Anggara Perjuangan II, 2023 Acrylic on canvas 170 x 170 cm

MALAYSIA’S MOST HISTORICAL SCHOOLS

CELEBRATING EDUCATION ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

On this momentous occasion of Malaysia’s Independence Day, we celebrate the rich history and cultural heritage of this diverse nation. As we pay homage to the brave souls who fought for freedom, it is equally important to acknowledge the iconic landmarks that have stood witness to Malaysia’s journey towards independence and beyond. Among these cherished treasures are historical schools and architectural marvels that reflect the nation’s growth and progress. Join us on a tribute to some of Malaysia’s most historical schools and the architectural wonders that embody the spirit of the nation.



Malay College Kuala Kangsar (MCKK)

Established in 1905, Malay College Kuala Kangsar (MCKK) holds the distinction of being Malaysia’s oldest boarding school. Founded by R.J. Wilkinson, a British resident, the school aimed to provide a blend of Western and Islamic education to Malay aristocrats. MCKK boasts a picturesque campus in the royal town of Kuala Kangsar, Perak, and has produced numerous prominent figures, including political leaders, academics, sports personalities and royalties including Tuanku Abdul Rahman — The first Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the second Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan, as well as Sultan Hisamuddin Alam Shgh — The second Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the fifth Sultan of Selangor.



Victoria Institution (VI)

Founded in 1893, Victoria Institution (VI) is a significant landmark in Kuala Lumpur’s educational landscape. The school’s rich history is intertwined with Malaysia’s colonial past, as it was established during British rule. It is a memorial school, so-called because it was partly funded by public subscription intended for the erection of a permanent memorial to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. VI’s iconic Gothic-style architecture stands as a reminder of the country’s historical roots. Throughout its journey, VI has instilled values of excellence and integrity in its students, fostering a legacy of academic and sporting achievements.



Penang Free School

Penang Free School (PFS)

Penang Free School (PFS) is not only one of the oldest schools in Malaysia, dating back to 1816, but it is also an embodiment of Malaysia’s multicultural heritage. Founded by Rev. Sparke Hutchings, the school has a remarkable history of inclusivity, welcoming students from various ethnic backgrounds and religions. Its academic achievements lead to its inclusion in the Malaysian Ministry of Education’s Cluster School and High Performance School systems. This secondary school has been an all-boys school since its inception, although girls are now admitted for Form 6. PFS holds a special place in Malaysia’s educational landscape, symbolising unity in diversity.



St. John's Institution (SJI)

Established in 1904 by the La Salle Brothers, St. John’s Institution (SJI) in Kuala Lumpur has left an indelible mark on the nation’s educational history. At the request of the Education Department and the then Bishop of Malacca, the La Salle Brothers opened St John’s Institution. The school is named after Jean-Baptiste de La Salle, the founder of the De La Salle Christian Brothers Order and also known as the Patron Saint of Teachers. Pupils attending the school are called “Johannians”, who notably include Najib Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia (2009-18) and the recent Sultans of Selangor and Perak. Its motto “Fide et Labore” means “Faith and Zeal”. The school’s emphasis on holistic education and character development has produced many influential alumni who have contributed significantly to various fields in Malaysia.



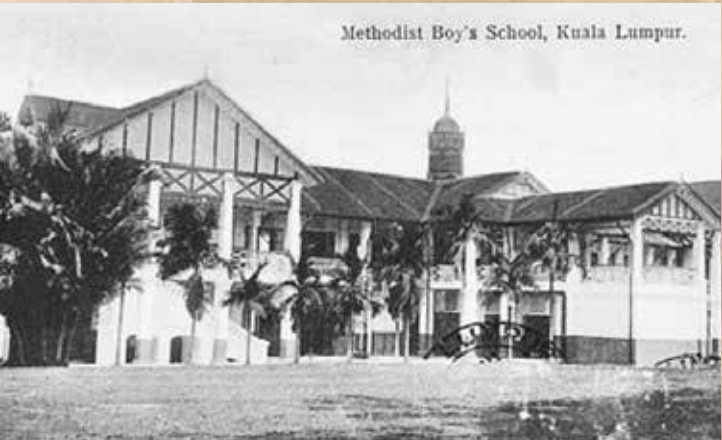
Sultan Abdul Hamid College (SAHC)

Located in the royal city of Alor Setar, Kedah, Sultan Abdul Hamid College (SAHC) was founded in 1908. Named after the 25th Sultan of Kedah, the school has a distinguished history of nurturing academic excellence and promoting the Malay language and culture. The school was initially set up to provide education for the sons of the Kedah royal family, but it later became a public school that was open to all students. SAHC’s legacy extends beyond the classroom, as it has produced leaders who have contributed significantly to the development of the state and nation.



Maktab Sultan Abu Bakar (MSAB)

The English College Johore Bahru, also known as Maktab Sultan Abu Bakar, founded in 1904, stands as a testament to the nation’s rich multicultural heritage. Located in Johor Bahru, Johor, the school has a reputation for academic excellence and producing leaders with a global outlook. MSAB’s heritage and traditions continue to inspire students to embrace diversity and contribute positively to society.



Methodist Boy's School, Kuala Lumpur.

Methodist Boy's School Kuala Lumpur

MBSKL was founded by Rev. Dr. William T. Kensett, a naval officer of the Royal Navy battleship HMS Orion. In July 1897 he decided to set up a church and school for the Tamils in Kuala Lumpur, and he left the British Navy. A shophouse was secured at the corner of Batu Road and Java Street, and the predominantly Tamil school was named the Anglo-Tamil School.

In 1904, the school moved to its current premises on Petaling Hill and was renamed the Methodist Boys’ School Kuala Lumpur by Rev William E Horley, the name used until this day.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EUROPEAN TRAVEL INFORMATION AND AUTHORISATION SYSTEM (ETIAS) BEFORE TRAVELLING TO EUROPE

For travellers dreaming of exploring the diverse cultures, historical landmarks, and picturesque landscapes of Europe, the prospect of planning a European vacation is both exciting and daunting. With the increasing concerns over security and border management, the European Union (EU) has introduced the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS). This system aims to streamline and enhance the security of travel within the Schengen Area, which consists of 26 European countries allowing for passport-free movement. This article will delve into the essential information you need to know about ETIAS before embarking on your European adventure.

Understanding ETIAS

The European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) is an electronic travel authorisation introduced by the EU to ensure the safety and control of non-EU citizens entering the Schengen Area. By using advanced information gathering and processing techniques, ETIAS identifies potential security risks before travellers arrive at European borders. ETIAS is not a visa but rather a pre-travel authorisation, allowing eligible travellers to visit the Schengen Area for short stays (up to 90 days within a 180-day period) for tourism, business or transit purposes.

Who Needs ETIAS

If you are a citizen of a visa-exempt country and intend to travel to any of the Schengen Area countries, you will require an approved ETIAS travel authorisation before boarding your flight. As of my knowledge cutoff date in September 2021, citizens from countries like the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, South Korea, and many others were eligible for visa-free entry into the Schengen Area but would need to apply for ETIAS authorisation before travel. However, it's crucial to check the latest list of eligible countries on the official ETIAS website or with the relevant authorities, as the list may have changed since my knowledge cutoff.

ETIAS Application Process

Applying for an ETIAS authorisation involves a straightforward online process. Travellers are required to complete an application form, providing personal information, travel details, and background history, including previous criminal records (if applicable). The application usually takes only a few minutes to complete, and the fee can be paid using a credit or debit card. Once submitted, the information is cross-checked against security databases to assess potential risks.

Processing Time and Validity

ETIAS applications are typically processed quickly, often within a few minutes or hours, but it's advisable to apply well in advance of your intended travel date. Once approved, the ETIAS authorisation will be valid for multiple entries over a three-year period or until the expiration of the traveler's passport, whichever comes first. However, it's essential to note that the maximum stay within the Schengen Area is 90 days within any 180-day period, regardless of the validity of the ETIAS.

Benefits of ETIAS

While ETIAS introduces an additional step in the travel planning process, it offers several benefits for travellers. First and foremost, it reduces the time spent at European borders, as authorities have already pre-screened travellers before their arrival. ETIAS also provides a level of confidence to host countries that travellers meet certain eligibility requirements and pose no known security threats. Moreover, with a single ETIAS authorisation, travellers can visit multiple countries within the Schengen Area, making it easier to explore the diverse regions of Europe.

Purpose and Limitations of ETIAS

ETIAS serves as a significant step forward in enhancing border security while facilitating legitimate travel. By collecting information in advance, authorities can identify potential threats and prevent unauthorised entry. However, ETIAS is not an exhaustive background check and may not detect all security risks. It is essential for travellers to provide accurate and truthful information during the application process.

A FOODIE'S GUIDE TO MASJID JAMEK VICINITY

CURATED BY A FOODIE, FOR A FOODIE. READ ON TO LEARN ABOUT THE MYRIAD OF EATERIES WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE AT THE MASJID JAMEK LOCALE. ENJOY!



A nostalgic concept at its core, Timothy is bravely bringing the culture of kopitiam into the contemporary café scene. Nestled comfortably in a repurposed shophouse, the building has retained most of its original charm and matches the cafe’s rustic appeal. With a deep root in Malaysian cuisine, the food served at Timothy is made different by its Western and Southeast-Asian influences across the menu. Starting with the Nasi Ulam Rainbow Ayam Percik, the dish lures one with its colourful appeal; each colour or rather element of the dish contributing a specific flavour profile and texture to create a delicious amalgamation every Malaysian is familiar with. Another signature dish we thoroughly enjoyed from their menu was the Nasi Ayam Geprek, a plateful of blue-pea rice served with a crispy fried chicken and smothered in sambal balado, a chilli relish which punches you twice, the first with the aromatic flavours and the second with the intense spiciness.

Timothy, 24, Jalan Tun H S Lee, City Centre, 50100 Kuala Lumpur.



LOKL Coffee Co.

Inspired by American diners, French cuisine, Colonial Hainanese dishes and age-old family recipes, LOKL Coffee Co serves up comfort food with an Asian twist. Bestsellers here include Thai Omelet Breakfast, Smashed Burger and Truffle Croque Madame for breakfast. They also dole out a full breakfast menu of eggs, sourdough and pancakes for champions. Coffee is stellar here, given that LOKL Coffee Co brews both local and Western coffee. The lunch menu features a beautiful and delectable selection of pasta and mains such as the Balinese Chicken Bowl — an assemblage of coconut and turmeric-flavoured grilled chicken on a bed of herb rice, served with chilli sambal and Ulam Raja.

LOKL Coffee Co., 30, Jalan Tun H S Lee, City Centre, 50100 Kuala Lumpur.



Leaf & Co. Cafe

Nestled in Jalan Sultan, Leaf & Co. Cafe screams nostalgia and the yesteryear. Housed in a heritage building, this cafe is a juxtaposition of modern and old. The fixtures and furniture give off kopitiam vibes and the semi-open space area in the café allows natural sunlight to shine through, elevating the ambience. There’s much to savour here, from the Soft Shell Crab Pasta with velvety butter cream sauce topped with parmesan cheese, Ocean Catch Croissant boasting fish fillet with Japanese roasted sesame sauce, bonito flakes and seaweed, served with side salad and fries to Lemongrass Chicken Rice with marinated lemongrass chicken thigh, Thai garllc fish sauce and rempah rice.



Leaf & Co. Cafe, 53, Jalan Sultan 50000 Kuala Lumpur.

After One

The name After One was inspired by the brunch hours which also advocates a relaxed and serene emotion while enjoying your meal with fellow companions. Indulge in After One’s healthy and delicious fare while appreciating the beautifully built two-storey bungalow turned into a café. Boasting an extensive menu with something for everyone, breakfast calls for the Big Breakfast — two eggs cooked to your liking, German chicken wurst, beef bacon, mushroom medley, blistered cherry tomatoes, home fries and sourdough toast. For healthy lunch options, the Moroccan Chicken checks the list for its Marrakech spice chicken breast, couscous, roasted vegetables and chermoula. Don’t leave without trying the Midnight Waffle for dessert, featuring housemade ice cream, banana, Oreo crumble, housemade strawberry sauce and KitKat ball.

After One, 1, Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, Wilayah Persekutuan, Kampung Baru, 50450 Kuala Lumpur.





THE LIVING ROOM'S WESTIN-DULGENCE DINNER BUFFET

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The Living Room, the all-day dining restaurant at The Westin Kuala Lumpur has revamped its weekend dinner buffet spread and jazzed it up with more international dishes and fresh seafood on ice. A variety of dishes from different cuisines, including American, European, Middle Eastern, Japanese, and a variety of local cuisines, are included in the new and enhanced menu, which was carefully curated by Executive Chef Zebdelone Chal.

Fresh Seafood On Ice
Fresh prawns, scallops, mussels, and flower crabs are among the seafood options available on ice to whet your appetite. Oysters that are freshly shucked by the chef are also available.

Live Pasta Station
At the Live Pasta Station, customers can now order a plate of freshly made pasta. The chef will prepare your meal as-you-order using one of the three sauce bases—Tomato, Cream, or Bolognese. The Creamy Smoked Salmon Pasta, a dish created by Junior Sous Chef Irwan Syah Nasril, is a must-try.

Sushi Bar
Sushi lovers can approach the chef for some California rolls or assorted Maki and savour expertly cut Salmon, Tuna, and Octopus sashimi.

The Grill
Enjoy grilled chicken or beef satay, lamb chops cooked over charcoal, Percik Jumbo Sausages, and Minute steak. Burgers are also offered fresh off the grill with the choice of lamb, beef, or chicken patties.

Carving Showcase
The succulent meat selections, which will be carved up on the buffet line on a rotating basis, include the Roast Leg of Lamb with Grilled Vegetables, Cajun Marinated Whole Chicken, Beef Wellington with Roasted Rosemary Potatoes and Rosemary Stuffed Mushrooms & Spinach Chicken Roulade.

Spices of India
The Butter Chicken, a speciality of The Living Room's Indian Chef and Executive Sous Chef Shahid Khan, who was born in Delhi, is a must-try at the buffet. There is a vegetarian version for one of his other specialties, the Chicken Kathi Roll, which is similar to a shawarma.

TLR Signatures
The Lamb Souvlaki, is a signature of The Living Room and of Executive Chef, Zebdelone Chal. The Souvlaki is a wrap with pieces of roasted lamb marinated in harissa; a paste mix consisting of red chillis, garlic, oil, vinegar or lemon juice and spices, and chopped tomatoes and onions.

Delightful Dessert Bar
For those who enjoy all things sweet, a variety of delicacies are available. Enjoy a taste of one of the many cakes, tartlets, micro puffs, chocolate cup desserts, or even dessert shooters. Additionally, diners will be able to enjoy regional specialties like Bubur Cha Cha, Ice Cream Potong, and even Ais Batu Campur (ABC). Anyone with a sweet tooth can find something to savour at the dessert bar.

The Living Room's Westin-dulgence Dinner Buffet is available on Friday and Saturday nights from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Kids Eat Free with every paying adult.



Executive Chef, Zebdelone Chal



Chef de Cuisine Chef Irwan's Creamy Smoked Salmon Pasta



Dim Sum Trio Platter

RED CHINESE CUISINE

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Nestled in Pullman KLCC Hotel & Residences, Red Chinese Cuisine is an award-winning unconventional Cantonese restaurant which has unveiled its new menu, featuring innovative dishes curated by Chef Kong, available on daily lunch and dinner. Step into a world where traditional Chinese flavours intertwine with contemporary flair, creating a truly unforgettable dining experience. The restaurant exudes an ambiance of elegance and sophistication, inviting you to indulge in a journey of taste and culture

At the helm of Red Chinese Cuisine is Chef Kong, an esteemed chef who specialises in Cantonese cuisine. He draws inspiration from Chinese culinary traditions and uses fresh ingredients to present his brand new concepts with a modern and refreshing twist. Diners looking for bold new flavours as well as familiar, time-honoured dishes will discover an exciting range of menu options, with a few deserving special attention.

One dish that stands out is the combination appetiser of dim sum trio platter, showcasing a fusion of East meets West. The trio sees a delectable array of crystal dumplings, scallop cheese balls, and Japanese eel dumplings. This is perfect to whet the appetite. The next highlight is the popular double-boiled black chicken soup with dried scallop and fish maw served in a whole coconut. The soup is infused with Chinese herbs and brought to a simmer in the whole coconut for four to five hours, extracting both nutrition and flavour. This method purposefully creates a delightful aroma of freshness from the herbs and sweetness from the coconut meat.

Chef Kong's innovative creation of stir-fried Hokkaido scallop and asparagus with black truffle sauce is worth a try. The subtle flavour of scallop blends well with the delicious umami offered by the black truffle sauce. For a tantalising contrast of textures, the menu offers cold ramen with aged vinegar dressing and oven-baked butter garlic river prawn. The fresh and juicy river prawn is bolstered by al-dente ramen which is oven-baked until golden brown and served with a lather of aged vinegar dressing. For dessert, a modern twist of classic coffee tiramisu is the perfect sweet ending to complement the Chinese dishes. Chef Kong's signature menu will change on a monthly basis to accommodate the change of seasons and availability of ingredients, offering diners something new and exciting each time.



Grouper Fish



Hokkaido Scallops and Asparagus



BREW & BREAD

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As you step into Brew and Bread, the rich aroma of freshly brewed coffee immediately envelops you, pulling you deeper into this aromatic wonderland. The coffee bar, a focal point of the establishment, features skilled baristas meticulously crafting each cup with precision and passion. From velvety lattes to robust espressos, their coffee repertoire is extensive, catering to every caffeine enthusiast’s taste.

Beyond the captivating coffee offerings, Brew and Bread proudly presents a menu that tantalises the taste buds with a harmonious blend of local and international delights. The culinary symphony begins with an array of breakfast indulgences; think fluffy buttermilk pancakes adorned with fresh fruits and drizzled with maple syrup, and artisanal toast topped with creamy avocado mash and poached eggs.

At Brew and Bread, classic dishes are taken to new heights, thanks to the creative flair of their culinary team. The signature Real Cheese Burger is a masterpiece that boasts a 150g of Australian succulent beef patty, oozing with cheese, and accompanied by a medley of caramelised onions and crisp lettuce, all enveloped by a brioche bun. It’s served alongside onion rings and fries. For those seeking a taste of Asia, the Ayam Pongteh is a revelation — a rich and aromatic Peranakan dish teeming with a sunny side up egg and plump chicken on a bed of rice.

While the food here pays homage to local traditions, Brew and Bread also introduces international influences through dishes like the Pumpkin Risotto and Handmade Meatballs with Cream Sauce. Each plate is a beautiful tapestry of flavours, carefully curated to cater to diverse palates. No culinary journey is complete without a delightful ending, and Brew and Bread delivers on this front effortlessly.



Beautiful latte art to complete the coffee



Brew and Bread’s Offerings



Truffle Carbonara



ISABEL RESTAURANT AND BAR

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Isabel is set in a restored 1950s house in KL’s Golden Triangle, a haven amidst the urban hustle and bustle. Warm and welcoming, the lush tropical décor deftly combines Asian influences with a contemporary sensibility while elements of colonial style reference the area’s history. The delicious and satisfying dishes are skilfully prepared with carefully sourced ingredients and plated to please the senses. Intimate and charming, Isabel is a fresh offering from the Alexis Group, which has been synonymous with stylish contemporary dining in Kuala Lumpur since 1995.

The menu at Isabel is a celebration of Southeast Asian flavours, spanning the Laotian foothills, down the fertile Chao Phraya and Mekong deltas, across the Indonesian archipelago and sweeping through East and West Malaysia. It’s best relished enjoyed with sharing plates and in generous portions. Every dish on the restaurant’s menu has a unique provenance and story. They are a culmination of recipes passed down through generations which is honour by preparing their spices and sauces from scratch. These beloved recipes are further enhanced with refined techniques and premium produce where appropriate.

Expect only the creme de la creme of ingredients sourced from local and regional growers and suppliers. These include fragrant Hom Mali rice from Thailand, handmade Belacan (shrimp paste) from Bintulu and juicy free range Chicken from Bentong, to name just a few. Some of our favourite dishes include the Young Jackfruit Salad — a refreshing palate teaser boasting tropical flavours. The Chef’s Special — Charcoal grilled Travelly fish stuffed with coconut and shrimp filling, served with fermented Krill relish is everything you need and more.



Charcoal grilled Travelly fish



Young jackfruit salad



MOREISH MOONCAKES

A CELESTIAL DELIGHT

As the harvest moon graces the night sky, the aroma of sweet indulgence fills the air - it's mooncake season! Originating from ancient China, mooncakes have transcended time and borders to become a beloved treat celebrated by cultures around the world. These delicate pastries, often filled with rich lotus seed paste, come in various flavours and shapes, making them a delightful culinary adventure. Whether you're a connoisseur of traditional flavours or seeking avant-garde creations, this article will be your guide to discovering the finest mooncakes.



W Kuala Lumpur

Moonlit Mirage Mooncake Collection

W Kuala Lumpur is set to steal the scenes for the upcoming Mooncake Festival with the launch of its phenomenal Moonlit Mirage Mooncake Collection. Aptly themed "Moonlit Mirage" this year's concept and design focuses towards a new class of fashionable trendy bags, this elevation of W Kuala Lumpur's Moonlit Mirage Mooncake Collection has never been more attainable. The collection comes in two brilliant and bold colours, Iconic Blue and Enigmatic Purple. Maximalism was at the helm of the most coveted bag styles past season, W Kuala Lumpur's Moonlit Mirage Mooncake Collection follows suits the bag trend of minimal chic and structural shapes which comes together in a strap that can be reused in different ways by the bag carrier. The mooncake flavours include Lotus Seed Paste Double Yolk, Mixed Nuts, Red Bean with Tangerine Peel, Pure White Lotus, Black Sesame with Yam Eggsand, Jasmine with Red Dates, Pu Er with Lychee and Seasalt Chocolate.

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The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur

Limited-Edition Swarovski® Super Mooncake Trunk

The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur exquisite mooncake trunks draw inspiration from the opulent heritage of Caroline Astor's legacy. These meticulously crafted trunks feature enchanting combinations of pastel blue exteriors and inner suede in soft pink hues. This year, The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur unveils two exceptional mooncake trunks. The Classic Trunk showcases an elegant pastel blue faux-leather design adorned with gold studs and a clasp. Additionally, the Limited-Edition Swarovski® Super Mooncake Trunk featuring dazzling Crystals from Swarovski® on its pastel blue suede exterior. The Limited-Edition Swarovski® Mooncake Trunk marks a first-of-its-kind in Southeast Asia, representing The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur third collaboration with Swarovski®. Available options include the classic white lotus seed paste with a single yolk in an individual size, as well as the signature 6.5-inch super mooncake with eight yolks, crafted using only the finest ingredients.

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Hilton Kuala Lumpur

Luminous Treasures

Hilton Kuala Lumpur is delighted to unveil its highly anticipated premium Mid-Autumn mooncake collection, 'Luminous Treasures', offering an exquisite selection of mooncakes that epitomise the delicate balance between heritage and craftsmanship. Carefully crafted with sustainable bamboo materials, the 'Luminous Treasures' mooncake box embodies elegance and cultural significance, showcasing a captivating depiction of ocean waves gracefully cascading beneath a resplendent full moon. The 'Luminous Treasures' collection offers Traditional Baked mooncakes such as Baked Yam Lotus, Baked White Lotus Paste and Traditional-Style Baked with Five Nuts to name a few, as well as Artisanal Snow Skin Mooncakes with signature flavours like Blue Moon — Snow Skin Amaretto Lotus Paste with Blueberry Cheese Feuillantine, Flower Drum — Snow Skin Lotus Paste with Soft Custard Egg Yolk and Heavenly Gold (Premium) — Snow Skin with Pure Premium Musang King Durian.

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Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur

Most Wanted Mooncakes from Lai Po Heen

As Mid-Autumn 2023 draws closer, Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur is once again proud to present the city's most wanted Mooncakes from the award-winning Lai Po Heen. Continuing the path of sustainability, this year's mooncakes are presented in an eco-friendly bamboo box with a premium finish and is lined with red velvet on the interior making it elegant and luxurious to the touch. As an added twist, this year's highlight features a string of decadent and delectable mooncakes such as Dulcey Chocolate with Raspberry and Peanuts, Mango-Vanilla, and one of the bestsellers, the Malaysian Dark Chocolate Ganache. The Halal-certified traditional baked mooncakes are also available and comes in a variety of flavours such as Assorted Mixed Nuts, Lotus Paste with Single Yolk, Pandan Paste with Single Yolk, Red Bean Paste with Almond Flakes, Low Sugar White Lotus Paste and many more. In addition to that, there will also be snow skin mooncakes with flavours such as Musang King Durian, Matcha Cream Cheese with Oreo Cookies and Lotus Paste, and Pandan Lotus Paste mooncake with Cashews, Macadamias, Almond Nut and Peanut Butter.

Purchase online at <https://kualalumpur.mandarinorientalshop.com> or call +603 2380 8888



Pullman KLCC

Pullman KLCC x WonderBrew Kombucha

This Mid-Autumn Festival, Pullman KLCC partners up with WonderBrew Kombucha, a home-grown Malaysian brand. The hotel embraces the beauty of the Mid-Autumn tradition by introducing two flavours for the baked mooncakes — White Lotus Spirulina with Single Egg Yolk and Five Variety Nuts with Propolis Honey. Additionally, there is a delightful assortment of snow skin mooncakes which include Premium Tieguanyin with Sun-Dried Cranberry, Yam Taro Black Sesame with Snow Bird's Nest, Belgium Dark Chocolate with Crunchy Caramelised Walnut, Charcoal Coffee and Coconut with Gold Dust. Guests can also purchase the Bamboo-Gift Box, crafted from sustainable and recyclable materials. The box can be repurposed as a stationery or storage tray, making it the perfect choice for businesses prioritising sustainability. The box contains a set of four mooncakes and a 250ml bottle of WonderBrew Kombucha.

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TANTALISING TIPPLES

UNIQUE COCKTAILS FOR THE ADVENTUROUS DRINKERS

What’s a good hostess without an arsenal of cocktail recipes up your sleeve? Prepare to discover bold combinations, exotic ingredients, and unexpected twists that will make your cocktail hour an unforgettable experience!



Smoky Mango Mezcalita

This daring concoction combines the smoky allure of mezcal with the tropical sweetness of mango. The Smoky Mango Mezcalita will transport you to a beachside bonfire under a star-studded sky.

Ingredients:

- 2 oz mezcal
- 1 ripe mango, peeled and diced
- 1 oz fresh lime juice
- 1/2 oz agave syrup (adjust to taste)
- Ice cubes
- Chili powder (for garnish)
- Lime wheel (for garnish)

Method:

Start by preparing the mango puree, which will be the heart of this delightful cocktail. Take a ripe mango, peel it, and cut it into small, juicy chunks. Set aside a few mango cubes for garnishing. In a cocktail shaker, add the majority of the diced mango. Use a muddler or the back of a spoon to gently mash the mango, releasing its sweet nectar and creating a luscious puree. Pour 2 ounces of mezcal into the shaker. Mezcal’s smoky flavour will perfectly complement the sweetness of the mango and add a touch of depth to the cocktail. Add 1 ounce of freshly squeezed lime juice to the shaker. The citrusy tang of lime will balance the sweetness of the mango and mezcal, creating a harmonious blend of flavours.

To enhance the cocktail’s sweetness, drizzle in 1/2 ounce of agave syrup. Adjust the amount to suit your preferred level of sweetness. Agave syrup pairs wonderfully with the other ingredients, providing a natural and subtle sweetness. Fill the cocktail shaker with ice cubes, securing the lid tightly. Shake vigorously for about 10-15 seconds to thoroughly mix the ingredients and chill the cocktail. Take a chilled glass and rim it with a sprinkle of chilli powder. The hint of spice will add an exciting kick to every sip, enhancing the overall experience. Carefully strain the cocktail into the prepared glass, ensuring no mango pulp or ice cubes find their way in. The presentation should be flawless and elegant. Complete your Smoky Mango Mezcalita by garnishing it with a lime wheel and a couple of mango cubes. The vibrant colours will make the cocktail even more enticing. Now, raise your glass and savour the adventure with every sip!



Spicy Cucumber Jalapeño Fizz

Method:

1. In a mixing glass or cocktail shaker, add cucumber slices and jalapeño slices
2. Muddle the cucumber and jalapeño gently to release their flavours. Be cautious with the jalapeño, as it can get quite spicy!
3. Add the gin, elderflower liqueur, lime juice, and simple syrup to the shaker.
4. Fill the shaker with ice and shake vigorously for about 10-15 seconds to combine all the flavours.
5. Strain the mixture into a tall glass filled with ice cubes.
6. Top up the glass with sparkling water (club soda) to your desired level. The effervescence adds a delightful fizz to the cocktail.
7. Give the cocktail a gentle stir to mix the ingredients evenly.
8. Garnish the Spicy Cucumber Jalapeño Fizz with a cucumber wheel and a slice of jalapeño for a touch of flair and to hint at the adventurous flavours within.

Ready to spice things up? This refreshing yet fiery cocktail is perfect for thrill-seekers. The Spicy Cucumber Jalapeño Fizz will ignite your taste buds and quench your thirst simultaneously.

Ingredients:

- 2 oz gin
- 1/2 small cucumber, sliced
- 1/2 jalapeño, thinly sliced (seeds removed for milder heat)
- 3/4 oz elderflower liqueur
- 1/2 oz freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1/2 oz simple syrup (adjust to taste)
- Sparkling water (club soda) to top up
- Ice cubes
- Cucumber wheel and jalapeño slice for garnish



Earl Grey Martini

Method:

Begin by infusing your favourite gin with the delightful flavour of Earl Grey tea. Take a clean, airtight container and add about 2 tablespoons of loose Earl Grey tea leaves for every 8 ounces of gin. Seal the container and let the mixture steep for at least 2 to 3 hours, or even overnight, in a cool, dark place. Before mixing your cocktail, chill your martini glass by filling it with ice and letting it sit while you prepare the other ingredients. This ensures that your Earl Grey Martini stays refreshingly cool from start to finish. In a cocktail shaker, combine the Earl Grey-infused gin, simple syrup, and freshly squeezed lemon juice. Add a handful of ice to the shaker, securing the lid tightly, and shake vigorously for about 15 seconds. The shaking process will blend the flavours and create a frothy texture. Remove the ice from your chilled martini glass, straining out any water, and strain the contents of the shaker into the glass. For the finishing touch, garnish your Earl Grey Martini with a twist of lemon peel. Squeeze the lemon twist over the glass to release its oils, enhancing the cocktail’s fragrance.

For the adventurous tea lovers, we present the Earl Grey Martini – an elevated twist on a classic cocktail. Infuse your favourite gin with Earl Grey tea leaves for a few hours (or overnight for a stronger flavour).

Ingredients:

- 2 oz Earl Grey-infused gin
- 1/2 oz simple syrup (adjust to taste)
- 1/2 oz freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Ice
- Lemon twist, for garnish
- Dried lavender, for garnish (optional)



CROFFLE AND CRONUTS

THE CROSSOVERS YOU NEVER KNEW YOU NEEDED

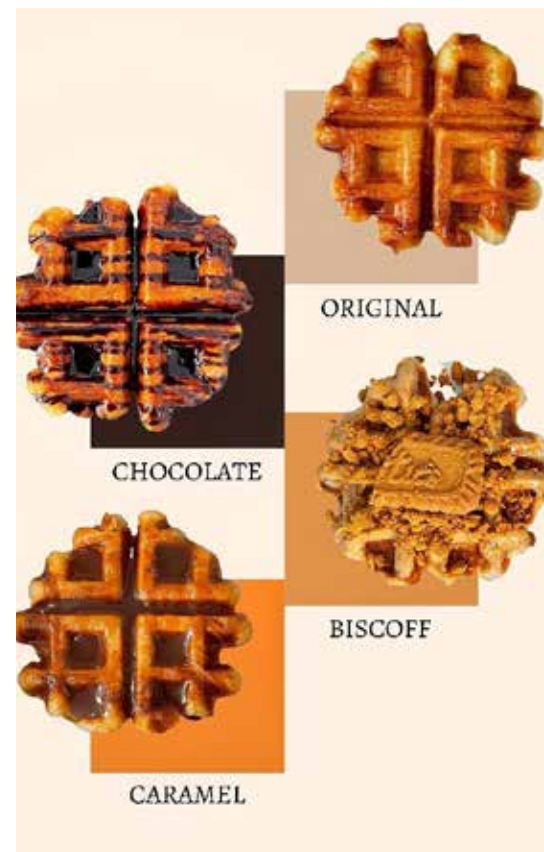
Croffle, derived from Korea, is a croissant-waffle mashup crafted with croissant dough crisped up in a waffle iron. The result is a crispy and delicious dessert that was an instant hit in Korea. This street food first descended in Seoul in 2018 and since then has propelled to international heights. The cronut, on the other hand, is as its moniker implies, a croissant-doughnut pastry resembling a doughnut and made from croissant-like dough which is filled with some kind of flavoured cream. Cronut was invented in 2013 by French-American pastry chef Dominique Ansel in his bakery.



Dotty's Pastries And Coffee Salted Egg Cronut

While cronuts stray ever so slightly away from the realm of doughnuts, it is essentially the matrimony of doughnuts and croissants. Dotty's Pastries and Coffee's rendition of the cronut takes a local stance — Salted Egg Cronut. It's a play of savoury and sweet flavours with a flaky and buttery pastry. Besides its crowd-favourite cronuts, Dotty's also carries doughnut fries. Dotty's ever evolving menu has recently added Cronut Munchkins to the mix, inspired by its signature cronut made into light, bite-sized confectionary. It comes in four signature flavours — Nutella, Speculoos, Salted Egg and Vanilla Custard. So, if you're having the munchies, you know where to go.

Instagram: @mydottys



Today's by Dalton

Minimalistic and beautiful defines Today's by Dalton's interior. Venturing further in unveils a clean, artsy space for picture-taking or to hold events. Besides coffee, croffle is the star of the show here, served warm and topped with exciting flavours that are mouth-watering. Try a mix of flavours by ordering the Signature Croffle Box that features four of their signature toppings, namely, Beuno Beuno, Milk Choco, White Oreo and Lotus Biscoff. You can't go wrong by ordering this box. If you're looking for something to relish during tea time or while watching a movie, we highly recommend the Mini Croffle — bite sized croffles that are perfect to munch on. Pair the croffles with Today's brewed and bottled coffee such as the Spanish Latte, Latte or Americano to name a few.

Instagram: @todays_kl



KLCG Confectionary and Bakery

KLCG Confectionary and Bakery is a hidden gem in the heart of the city, tucked in a 1898 colonial building recently made famous for its fresh pastries. It serves fresh out the bakery signature cronuts and croissants crafted using premium natural ingredients and a whole lot of heart. Inside, a bounteous space greets patrons, where a cafe, bakery and souvenir shop co-exist. In the centre of the space lies a glass workstation where all the baking takes place. This bakery certainly embodies the retro ambience, reflected by the rustic multi-coloured window panels, along with the vintage furniture. Cronuts reign here, featuring seasonal flavours such as Peach Cronut, Lotus Biscoff Cronut and Lemon Zest Cronut while the signature flavours include Cinnamon Cronut, Imperial Durian Cronut and Matcha Cronut.

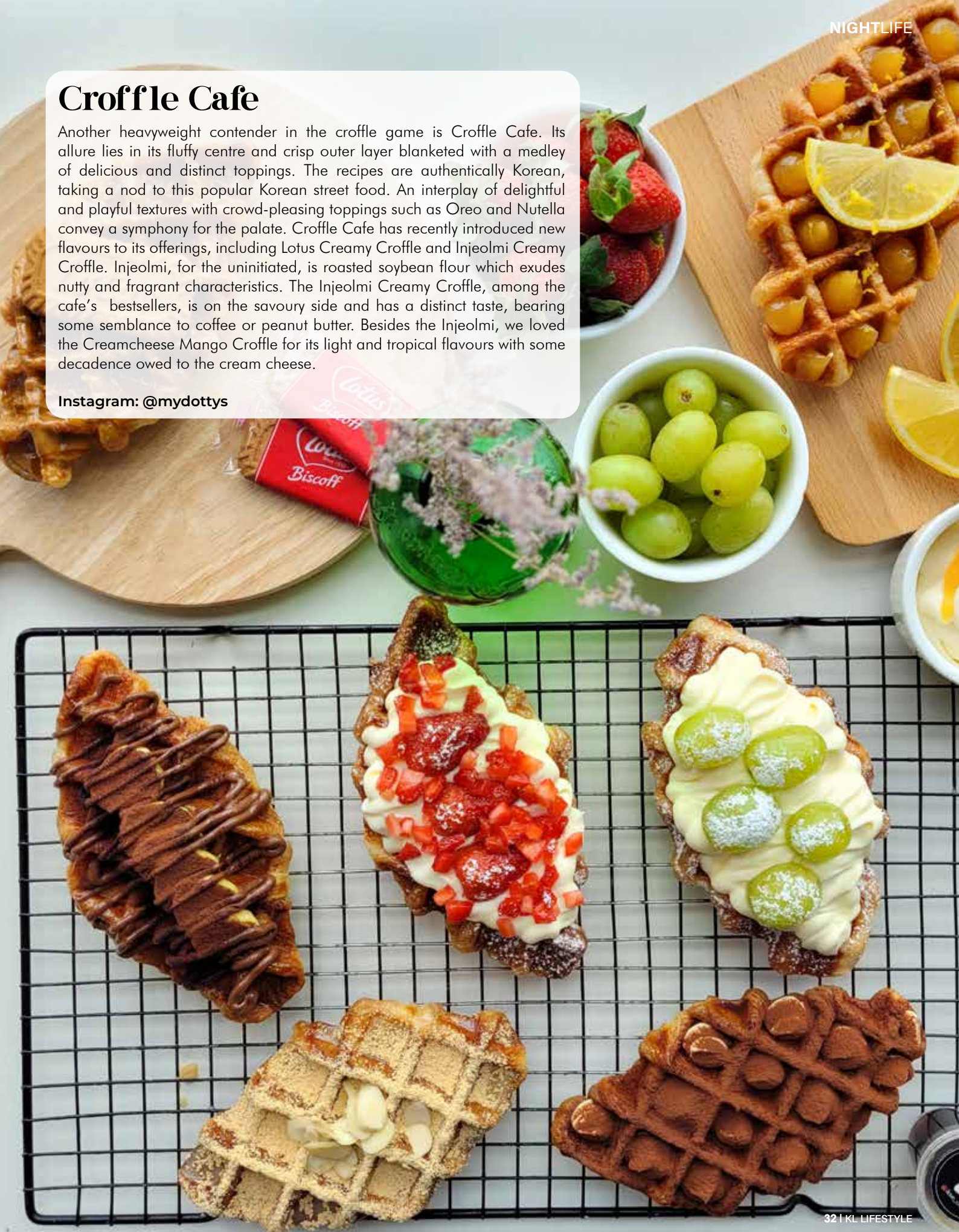
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Croffle Cafe

Another heavyweight contender in the croffle game is Croffle Cafe. Its allure lies in its fluffy centre and crisp outer layer blanketed with a medley of delicious and distinct toppings. The recipes are authentically Korean, taking a nod to this popular Korean street food. An interplay of delightful and playful textures with crowd-pleasing toppings such as Oreo and Nutella convey a symphony for the palate. Croffle Cafe has recently introduced new flavours to its offerings, including Lotus Creamy Croffle and Injeolmi Creamy Croffle. Injeolmi, for the uninitiated, is roasted soybean flour which exudes nutty and fragrant characteristics. The Injeolmi Creamy Croffle, among the cafe's bestsellers, is on the savoury side and has a distinct taste, bearing some semblance to coffee or peanut butter. Besides the Injeolmi, we loved the Creamcheese Mango Croffle for its light and tropical flavours with some decadence owed to the cream cheese.

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Airport MD Speaks



Dato' Iskandar Mizal Mahmood
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Dato' Iskandar Mizal Mahmood returns to Malaysia Airports after almost 20 years with his wealth of experience gleaned from many multinationals and government-linked companies to elevate and transform Malaysia Airports in the fast-changing aviation landscape with new travel norms and innovative technological advances.

This month, he shares how the launch of new routes and increased frequencies at its key airports, in particular KL International Airport (KLIA) and Kota Kinabalu International Airport, are bringing in more tourist arrivals into the country and helping in the sector's recovery. The passenger traffic movements have also been aided by the upcoming elections in certain states and Merdeka Day holiday break. To ensure continuous service excellence at Malaysia's flagship airport, KLIA has joined the world's first and only Airport Customer Experience Accreditation (ACEA) programme by Airports Council International (ACI) where he was recently elected to represent ACI Asia Pacific (APAC) at the ACI World Governing Board.

I am happy to see not only more scheduled flights coming and later increasing their frequencies as passenger demand grows but also new chartered services albeit they are available only for a limited period.

Two recent examples are Zhejiang Loong Air's thrice-weekly chartered flights from Xian to Kota Kinabalu from July 18 until August 31 using the Airbus A320 aircraft and Batik Air Malaysia's Chengdu-Langkawi chartered flights from July 22-31.

Coupled with Air China's inaugural flight on July 19 from Chengdu where more than 150 passengers entered KLIA Terminal 1, this will boost the number of tourist arrivals from China, one of our top five markets for the first quarter of this year, according to the statistics compiled by Tourism Malaysia with the cooperation of Immigration Department.

We have been working closely with Tourism Malaysia to promote attractions from the various states at KLIA as it is the main gateway in our country.

Having started with Sarawak through the Homestay Association since June, Tourism Malaysia's booth on level five of the MainTerminal Building KLIA was recently promoting the east coast state of Terengganu.

Other states, namely Negeri Sembilan (NS), Melaka and Perlis, will follow suit until December, which I hope will

generate more domestic travels as well.

With the state elections taking place in Selangor, Penang, NS, Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu on August 12, we expect more upcoming traffic.

MYAirline, for instance, has mounted extra flights from Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Kota Bharu, Kelantan and for our Independence Day celebration TransNusa has launched its Madani Merdeka campaign offering low fares for its KUL-Jakarta (CGK) as well as CGK-Yogyakarta and CGK-Bali route until August 31.

On another note, honoured to be one of the three elected representatives of ACI APAC on the ACI World Governing Board during a special meeting held at the recent ACI APAC Regional Assembly in Kobe, Japan, I have made sure that KLIA is part of this global organisation's ACEA programme.

Keen to bring about major improvements to our flagship airport operations in order to ensure a seamless passenger experience, we view this as a long-term commitment.

Over the past few months, we have introduced and expedited new initiatives to meet our passengers' evolving needs as we aspire to get KLIA back into the top-tier rankings of the world's best airports. This will be our brand promise of hosting joyful connections.



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Rising Airline Capacity Worldwide Aids in Travel Recovery

As the global travel industry recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic, airline capacity is expected to reach 512 million in July compared to the 524 million of July 2019, according to OAG's latest data.

OAG, a leading provider of digital flight information, intelligence and analytics for airports, airlines and travel tech companies, showed the top 20 markets accounting for nearly 86% of July's global capacity compared to 75% in July 2019.

Among the countries in Southeast Asia (SEA) that made it to this list are Indonesia, Vietnam and Thailand, which are ranked 13, 17 and 20 respectively although their seat numbers are down compared to July 2019 except for Vietnam.

The United States (US) remains the world's largest market with 103,739,830 seats followed by China (81,034,623), India (18,223,877), Japan (16,517,642) and Spain (16,408,671) in July.

Although China's domestic and international capacity have been growing since its reopening in January, the number of seats flown from its top 20 country markets in July is still significantly down from 2019 pre-pandemic levels.

Led by South Korea as its busiest international route with 576,734 seats, China's other country markets in its top 10 list are Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Macao and Vietnam.

Eighth-ranking Malaysia's seat capacity of 191,886 as at July was, however, down 45.9% compared to July 2019's 354,772 seats while Cambodia, placed 17th, saw the biggest drop of 77.8% to 52,169 seats.

OAG, however, highlighted that seat capacity to Vietnam and Malaysia rose by 34% in July when compared to June's figures.

Meanwhile, among the big three in terms of global capacity, India has overtaken Japan to be ranked third due to its rapid growth in capacity domestically and Air India's expansion of its services to the United Kingdom, North America and Australia.

Aviation market in Southeast Asia

Capacity in SEA stood at 37.2 million seats in July, with the seats calculated as departing seats (one-way) by OAG's Schedules Analyser.

The region's capacity rose by 15% from July 2022 but was still 15% below July below July 2019's figures. However, when compared to June's numbers, its capacity was up by 3%.

Of the total 37.2 million seats, OAG's data revealed that 61% of them were domestic while the rest were international, which saw growth of 90% from July 2022. Country wise, SEA's biggest capacity came from Indonesia with 10.5 million seats, representing 28% of the region's total.

Indonesia's popular resort haven Bali, which received more than two million tourists last year, reportedly has 19,000 foreign travellers passing through its I Gusti Ngurah Rai Airport daily, surpassing the average 17,000 foreign arrivals received during the pandemic.

Vietnam and Thailand followed next with seven million and 6.2 million seat capacity respectively. OAG cited that two of SEA's domestic services were among the world's top 10 busiest routes in July. They are Vietnam's Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City with 987,000 seats, up 5% from June, and Jakarta (CGK) to Denpasar Bali with 629,877 seats.

Among the global top 10 international airline routes category, Kuala Lumpur-Singapore (SIN) dropped to second place in July with 414,224 seats while CGK-SIN with 347,944 seats and Bangkok-SIN with 299,256 seats, are ranked seventh and ninth respectively.

Singapore's national flag carrier Singapore Airlines and its low-cost offshoot Scoot have reportedly posted strong passenger traffic and load factors across all regions in June due to robust air travel demand during the mid-year school holidays and the start of the summer travel season.

The two carried a combined 2.9 million passengers, up 50.4% from June 2022. SIA flew almost 1.9 million passengers in June, an increase of 35% year-on-year, with Scoot accounting for the rest. SIA and Scoot recorded monthly load factors of 89.7% and 93.6% respectively.

In Malaysia, latest statistics released by Malaysia Airports showed the recommencement of 45 airlines and entry of new airlines such as T'way Air and TransNusa into Malaysia boosting its airlines' capacity recovery to 75% at 50.5 million seats in the first half of 2023 (1H23) compared to 1H of 2019's (1H19) 67.3 million seats.

“Our total passenger movements for 1H23 was 38.9 million passengers from the 39 local airports managed by us as international traffic gained ground supported by positive developments while the domestic sector continued to lead in the traffic recovery momentum.”

DATO' ISKANDAR MIZAL MAHMOOD

Managing Director
of Malaysia Airports

The total average load factor for 1H23 exceeded 1H19 by 1.2 percentage points to register at 76.1%. He added for June, its operations in Malaysia posted close to seven million passenger movements, up 2% from May.

Dato' Iskandar Mizal remarked, “Malaysia's performance continues to contribute to nearly 70% of Malaysia Airports Group's total global passenger movements at 10.2 million passengers in June, which is a new recovery milestone for us and the highest since the global shutdown in March 2020 due to the pandemic.”



Recent chartered flights flying into Malaysia have also been instrumental in increasing Malaysia's capacity with Batik Air Malaysia's three chartered flights plying Chengdu-Langkawi from July 22-31 using the Boeing 737 aircraft.

Meanwhile, China's Zhejiang Loong Air has commenced its three times weekly flights from Xian to Kota Kinabalu from July 18.

Operating the Airbus A320, the latter's service will end on August 31.





SalamAir to Increase Kuala Lumpur-Muscat Frequencies in September

Following the recent commencement of SalamAir's inaugural direct twice-weekly flight between Kuala Lumpur and Muscat which carried 216 passengers, Oman's low-cost carrier plans to increase them to four flights a week starting September.

"We are delighted to launch flights between Kuala Lumpur International Airport and Muscat International Airport, providing our customers with a perfect value-for-money product that allows them to be flexible, save on airfare with our competitive pricing, and add services they prefer."

CAPTAIN AHMED MOHAMED
Chief Executive Officer
of Salam Air

domestic and international destinations, including the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, Europe and Asia.

It recently embarked on an economic study of 20 new tourist destinations in Europe and Eastern Europe to further enhance tourist traffic passing through both Oman's Muscat and Salalah international airports.

Currently, SalamAir operates the Airbus A320neo and Airbus A321neo aircraft, making it the first Omani carrier to deploy them for its highly rated single-aisle seat configuration.

SalamAir was awarded Oman's Most Trusted Brand 2021 and The Youngest Fleet in Asia for 2021 and 2022 by ChAviation. It has appointed ATS Network Sdn Bhd as its General Sales Agent in Malaysia.

For more information, visit www.salamair.com or call +603-6414 8915



United Airlines to Expand Hong Kong-San Francisco Service in August and October

United Airlines, which returned recently to the Hong Kong market after a pause of nearly three years, will increase its daily Hong Kong-San Francisco service to 12 flights weekly on August 3.

Continuing to be the only American airline directly connecting Hong Kong and the United States (US), it will expand the frequencies to 14 flights weekly as a twice-daily service in late October

Walter Dias, its Regional Director of Sales for Greater China, Korea and Southeast Asia said with the new late departure time at 10.30pm from Hong Kong and San Francisco departure time at 1.30pm, its 12 times-weekly service will provide its customers in Hong Kong, the southern part of mainland China and some

Southeast Asian countries with more flight options to San Francisco.

They will also offer one-stop connections to more than 70 destinations in the mainland US, Canada and Latin America via San Francisco, which is its largest hub on the US West Coast and a gateway to Asia Pacific.

Operating more than 200 daily departures to over 100 destinations globally via this hub, all its flights use the Boeing 777-300ER widebody aircraft that offers 60 seats in United Polaris business cabin, 24 seats in United Premium Plus cabin and 266 seats in United Economy cabin.

For more information, visit www.united.com

Singapore Airlines (SIA) not only won the World's Best Airline at the recent 2023 Skytrax World Airline Awards held in Paris for the fifth time but also took top spots for the Best First Class Airline, Best First Class Comfort Amenities and Best Airline in Asia.

"This award is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our people, who worked tirelessly and made many sacrifices to ensure that SIA was ready for the recovery in air travel."

GOH CHOON PHONG
Chief Executive Officer
of Singapore Airlines (SIA)

He added, "We are very grateful to our customers for their enduring loyalty to and affection for SIA. During the pandemic, their support and encouragement gave us the strength and determination to overcome unprecedented challenges."

"Today, as we recover from the pandemic, we are firmly committed to innovating and investing in industry-leading products and services, and ensuring that SIA continues to offer our customers a world-class travel experience."



Singapore Airlines Bags Four Accolades in 2023 Skytrax Awards

SIA's sister airline and wholly-owned subsidiary Scoot was also named Best Long Haul Low-Cost Airline and ranked second in the World's Best Low-Cost Airlines category.

The Skytrax awards are based on surveys of more than 20 million travellers across over 100 nationalities, who rated more than 325 airlines between September 2022 and May 2023.

For more information, visit www.singaporeair.com or flyscoot.com



Air Incheon Starts Inaugural Incheon-Kuala Lumpur Cargo Route

South Korea's sole cargo airline Air Incheon has launched its regular cargo flights from Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur (KUL) on July 12 using the Boeing 737-800 freighter aircraft. The five-weekly flights will be with on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, departing Incheon at 11pm local time to arrive at KUL at 7.40am the next day.

Time-sensitive cargo, including ecommerce, express freight, perishable goods and intermediate goods for global manufacturing companies, are loaded at Incheon International Airport during the night and delivered to KL International Airport Terminal 1 immediately after customs clearance.

Air Incheon is also able to transport special cargo such as dangerous materials and over-height cargo that are not allowed on passenger aircraft.



“The launch of the Incheon-KUL route will serve as a cornerstone to significantly expand the trade volume between Malaysia, which has been experiencing a significant increase in foreign investment among ASEAN member countries, and South Korea.

LEE SEUNGHWAN
Chief Executive Officer
of Air Incheon

Air Incheon's new cargo route will greatly contribute to the increased export of fresh and popular Korean agricultural products such as strawberries, which are in high demand in Southeast Asia. Additionally, it is

expected to facilitate regular truck transportation between KUL and key industrial areas such as Penang.

This will enable the interconnected transportation of electronic components, factory supplies and other goods, thus significantly expanding the industrial trade volume between the two countries.

Established since 2012, Air Incheon currently operates four B737-800Fs and serves 12 international routes, including China, Vietnam, Mongolia and Japan. Over the past decade, it has maintained a track record of accident-free operations, prioritising safety.

The airline has appointed Worldwide GSA Group as its General Sales Agent in Malaysia.

For more information, visit www.air-incheon.com or call **+603-8787 1868**



Award-Winning Qatar Airways Group Posts Record Revenues and Strong Profits

Qatar Airways Group reported yet another strong performance for the fiscal year 2022/23 with net profit of US\$1.21 billion on higher revenue of US\$21 billion, crediting it partly to its successful strategy as FIFA's Official Partner and Official Airline of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

The other contributing factors are its premium product offerings and robust recovery in passenger demand. The airline carried 31.7 million passengers, up 71% from last year.

Its global network has grown to more than 160 destinations following the recent launch of its inaugural direct four-weekly flights to the French city of Lyon using the Boeing 787-8 aircraft.

Continuing to focus on customer experience, loyalty, digitalisation and sustainability, Qatar Airways delivered a successful showcase at the recent Paris Air Show 2023 to solidify its ranking as Skytrax's World's Best Business Class for the 10th time with its revolutionary Qsuite's unmatched luxury, privacy and comfort.

It also bagged Skytax's World's Best Business Class Airline Lounge, World's Best Business Class Lounge Dining, and Best Airline in the Middle East for the 11th time.

The airline's iconic Al Mourjan Business Lounge witnessed earlier this year an extension - The Garden - at the northern part of the award-winning Hamad International Airport. This new lounge area is filled with natural light, exotic plants and elegant furnishings to captivate its premium passengers.



“At Qatar Airways, excellence is embedded in the core of our brand. As we continue to evolve our offerings, we choose to provide our passengers with the very best experiences in aviation and hospitality.

HIS EXCELLENCY AKBAR AL BAKER
Group Chief Executive
of Qatar Airways

Qatar Airways Cargo also maintained its position as the world's leading air cargo carrier for the 2022/23 financial year despite ongoing market challenges.

For more information, visit www.qatarairways.com

China Southern Airlines has started its codeshare partnership with Malaysia Airlines on its Guangzhou (CAN)-Kuala Lumpur (KUL) service on July 6, offering travellers seamless connections and enhanced travel options.

The airline currently operates 21 flights weekly using Airbus A320 and Boeing 787-9 for this sector. Its A320 aircraft is equipped with eight business class seats and 144 economy class seats while its B787-9 offers 28 advanced business class seats and the rest are economy seats.

Zhang Dongsheng, Deputy Director General of the Commercial Steering Committee and Senior Vice President of the Marketing Department of China Southern Airlines said, "Under the framework of the Belt and Road, the airline will continue to use its network advantages to explore new opportunities and deepen new cooperation."

It will also adhere to implementing customer-centric services and develop high-quality standards, adding that both airlines will further expand their cooperation to Beijing Daxing- KUL and other China-Malaysia routes.

"We will continue to bring more products



China Southern Airlines Codeshares with Malaysia Airlines

and better services to business travellers, Chinese visiting relatives as well as tourists and leisure guests in the Chinese and Malaysian markets," Zhang remarked.

Looking forward to grow Malaysia Airlines' presence in China by expanding its codeshare partnership with China Southern Airlines and extending its signature Malaysian Hospitality, Ahmad Luqman Mohd Azmi, Chief Executive Officer of Airlines at Malaysia Aviation Group said, "Since April, we have resumed all our services to China, including Xiamen, Beijing and Shanghai."

Malaysia Airlines operates thrice-weekly flights on the CAN-KUL route using the A330-200 with 19 business class seats, 42 economy class seats with extra legroom and 226 economy class seats.

For more information, visit www.csair.com or call +603-2163 9977

Fast-growing Ethiopian Airlines Group, which is leading in the African continent, has been crowned with five accolades at the recent Skytrax 2023 World Airline Awards held during the Paris Air Show. This is up from four accolades garnered at the previous year's award.

Winning the Best Airline in Africa 2023 for six consecutive years, Ethiopian Airlines also bagged the Best Business Class Airline in Africa 2023 and Best Economy Class Airline in Africa 2023, both for five years in a row.

It also won Best Business Class Onboard Catering in Africa 2023 for two years in a row and was named the Cleanest Airline in Africa 2023.

Ethiopian Airlines has been amassing a plethora of awards this year. They include Sustainable Cargo Airline of the Year - Africa at the 2023 Freight Week Sustainability Awards; Outstanding Food Services by a Carrier at the 2023 PAX International Readership Awards; and Best Overall in Africa Award at the 2023 APEX Passenger Choice Awards.

Having achieved its strategic plan (Vision 2025) ahead of time, the airline is



Ethiopian Airlines Returns as Africa's Leading Carrier with Five Skytrax 2023 Wins

currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan Vision 2035 that will see it become one of the world's top 20 most competitive and leading aviation groups.

For more information, call +603-2022 0168 or visit www.ethiopianairlines.com



TransNusa Converts to COMAC ARJ21 with Jakarta-Kuala Lumpur Increased Frequencies

As Indonesian-based PT TransNusa Aviation Mandiri (TransNusa) raised its Jakarta (CGK)-Kuala Lumpur (KUL) frequencies from twice daily to four times daily on July 24, it also switched to using its two Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd's (COMAC) ARJ21 aircraft with a 95-seat capacity.

Since TransNusa's inaugural flight on April 14, it had deployed the Airbus A320s with 168 to 174-seat configuration. The first three months saw a premium service airline carrying 33,000 passengers with an average load factor of 78% for its first international route.

TransNusa Aviation Group Chief Executive Officer Datuk Bernard Francis believes his strategy of having more frequencies on smaller aircraft works better than using bigger capacity aircraft and expects to see a 12% increase in capacity using the ARJ21s.

With TransNusa completing 312 flights from April 23 to June 23 and achieving an average on-time performance (OTP) of 94% with June's OTP at 98%, he deemed it a "big feat" considering most airports in Indonesia are very congested and have high traffic. "Our aim is to have 100% OTP."

Defining OTP as an aircraft's arrival at the gate under 15 minutes of the scheduled arrival time, Datuk Bernard explained that anything more than 30 minutes is considered a "real delay". Citing instances of TransNusa's inability to land within the stipulated time as "consequential and unavoidable", he attributed them to bad weather, airport disruptions or heavy traffic.

"We understand that OTP is one of the most important factors for passengers in deciding their choice of airline. Respecting passengers' time is high on our list of deliverables and to showcase our commitment towards them, we have specific aircraft dedicated to fly this route."

DATUK BERNARD FRANCIS
Chief Executive Officer
of TransNusa

As the sole foreign carrier using the China-made ARJ21s from July 24, the departure times of its two new roundtrip flights from CGK are at 11.00am and 4.10pm while from KUL, they leave at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, complementing its existing flights.

Datuk Bernard quipped, "We have a firm order for 30 ARJ21," adding that he expects to receive one more unit by end-2023.

Still assessing the commercial viability of the JKT-Johor route announced earlier this year, he said the airline is now exploring CGK-Melaka flights next year in view of the state's medical tourism and its tourist attractions such as Jonker's Street.

For more information, visit www.transnusa.co.id



Air China's New Chengdu-Kuala Lumpur Service

Air China has launched a new route between Chengdu (TFU) and Kuala Lumpur (KUL) departing four times weekly on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday using the Airbus A320neo aircraft that offers seven business class seats and 148 economy seats.

Inaugurated on July 19, its new service CA483 which arrived at KL International Airport (KLIA) Terminal 1, was given the ceremonial water cannon salute.

The flight was welcomed by Dato' Seri Tiong King Sing, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture and Ouyang Yujing, China's Ambassador to Malaysia. The Minister reportedly said this showed that Malaysia is receiving tremendous support from Chinese tourists.

Also present were Manoharan Periasamy, Tourism Malaysia Senior Director of International Promotion (Asia/Africa), who is also covering the Deputy Director General of Planning position, and Abdul Hasman Abdul Muhimim, General Manager, Operations KLIA.

As China's only flag-carrier aviation company with a network across six continents, Air China and its subsidiaries have a total of 898 aircraft of all types as of March 31.

They consist of mainly Boeing and Airbus with an average age of 8.9 years.

Operating 672 passenger routes to 151 cities in 25 countries and regions, its service extends to 1,300 destinations in 195 countries and regions through its cooperation with other airlines such as Star Alliance members as it is a member of the world's largest airline alliance.

Air China was the official aviation transportation partner of the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Paralympics as well as the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

It also takes the lead role among the country's domestic airlines in terms of passenger transportation and other related services.

According to World Brand Lab's assessment, Air China's brand value stood at RMB 213.659 billion, the highest among Chinese civil aviation companies in 2022.

For more information, visit www.airchina.com.my or call +603-2166 1999



Malaysia Airlines' Brand-New Boeing 737-8

Malaysia Airlines' first of its 25 Boeing 737-8 aircraft, scheduled for delivery in August, will showcase a wide range of exciting enhancements as part of the Malaysia Aviation Group's (MAG) fleet modernisation plan.

Embodying modernity and Malaysia's rich heritage via its striking livery design and inviting cabin interior, they are aimed at enhancing the passengers' experience.

Ahmad Luqman Mohd Azmi, Chief Executive Officer of Airlines from Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG), said, "The new aircraft sets a new standard in air travel, combining the best of Malaysian culture, advanced technology and sustainable practices to create an unparalleled flying experience."

Its iconic wau (crescent-shaped kite) logo, symbolising Malaysian pride, has been repositioned to reflect the airline's determination to move forward with optimism and energy.

Adorned with the songket (traditional handwoven fabric) motif in gold hues, the logo pays tribute to the country's vibrant cultural heritage.

Similar to the airline's refreshed B737-800 NG aircraft, the B737-8 will feature its wireless In-Flight Entertainment system, MHstudio, which provides access to over 500 on-demand entertainment options and personalised shopping experiences. The national carrier is expected to gradually grow its 737-8 fleet to 25 aircraft by 2026.

Meanwhile, its travel and lifestyle loyalty programme Enrich, has bagged seven awards at the recent Loyalty and Engagement Awards 2023, highlighting its commitment to excellence in rewarding its members and delivering exceptional travel and lifestyle experiences.

The win includes four Gold Awards for Best Membership Programme, Best Loyalty Strategy – Travel & Hospitality, Best Partnership in a Loyalty Programme and Best Engagement Strategy B2C.

The rest are two Silver Awards for Best Card-Based Loyalty Programme and Best Use of Rewards & Incentives while the last is a Bronze Award for Best Use of Direct Marketing.

Judged by an independent panel made up of senior, client-side marketers and loyalty experts, the Loyalty & Engagement Awards honours the best loyalty marketing strategies in South Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Celebrating the win, Enrich members were rewarded Double Enrich Points and Double Elite Points for every purchase of flight tickets to any destinations within Malaysia Airlines' network, thus allowing them to qualify, retain or fast-track their Elite tier status before July 31.

Enrich members making purchases on Enrich Hotels, Enrich Xperience or Temptations during the promotion period also received Triple Enrich Points. The offer was for travel until November 30.

For more information, visit www.malaysiaairlines.com



UPCLOSE WITH PAUL PAW

National President of Malaysian Chinese Tourism Association (MCTA)



A founder member since MCTA's formation on September 14 1992, Paul Paw remains optimistic about the tourism industry having gone through in its ups and downs over 50 years of his experience in both the inbound and outbound segments. Paul, who hails from Seremban, Negeri Sembilan, is happy that the association, celebrating its 31st anniversary soon, is unified under one team. The 70-year-old veteran is also the Managing Director of China Express Tours & Travel Sdn Bhd, the General Sales Agent of Sichuan Airlines. Enjoying what he is doing, he believes it is too early yet for him to retire from the industry.

Looking back, what made you join the travel industry?

I found the travel line quite interesting as you can see the world. The 'world' I saw first was Malaysia as I started out as a local tourist guide instead of a tour leader. I was among the first batch of local tourist guides churned out in the country and today, I am one of the examiners for Tourism Malaysia for the tourist guide course.

What are some of the memorable highlights of your over 30 years with MCTA?

Started by a small group of seven local Chinese travel agents in 1992, the association managed to have its own building at Pandan Jaya, Kuala Lumpur on November 23 2001, thanks to contributions and support from its members.

Another significant milestone was fighting for the association's rights to be endorsed in 2009 where we were recognised as one of travel associations that can renew the license on behalf of travel agencies who are our members. That truly made MCTA so strong that our membership grew. Lastly, the unification of our members from two teams into one in 2021 further strengthened the association.

How do you view the speed of our tourism industry recovery? Is it on track and what can be done?

We are on track up to 80% as we still have airfare issues, shortage of manpower and immigration woes to tackle alongside concerns such as the prolonged Russia-Ukraine war and weak Ringgit. We need the government's assistance in recovering our tourism industry after the global Covid-19 pandemic hit us and the industry came to a standstill with cross-border travels closed and subsequent lockdown measures and travel restrictions.

How has domestic tourism helped rejuvenate the travel industry after being impacted by the pandemic?

Domestic tourism can play a very important as can be seen during the pandemic as travel restrictions within Malaysia gradually eased. We could only go to nearby places such as Hulu Selangor and Kuala Langat initially. Working with Tourism Malaysia, local familiarisation tours were organised for our members and industry players to places like Sekinchan in Selangor and other states such as Perak, Pahang and East Malaysia for product updates.

How can travel agencies work together with the airlines to sustain the tourism industry post-pandemic?

Both parties have to support each other. The airlines are our principals and partners. We hope they can give us very good airfares. Travelling from Kuala Lumpur to China on a return trip during the pandemic could easily cost RM30,000 due to lower capacity and less flights. That is daylight robbery!

Besides increasing their flights and frequencies as well as advertising more, we also require the airlines to be punctual in their scheduled flights. Only then can we fulfill the seat capacity. This is a chicken and egg situation because when we achieve, the airlines can then add more flights.

What are the highlights of your Malaysian International Travel Mart (MITM) 2023 held at the Mid Valley Exhibition Centre in Kuala Lumpur?

We had the support of eight national

tourist organisations that included Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea and the Philippines besides the participation of state tourism organisations where Sabah and Penang are our preferred destinations this year.

This year's travel fair attracted 43 exhibitors who took up 292 booths. Our official airline partner Malaysia Airlines sponsored the lucky draw prizes for the buyers contest where the first prize is an air ticket from Kuala Lumpur to Sydney.

What is MCTA's current membership and who is it open to?

We have grown from seven members in 1992 to 1,409 members today. One of the main objectives in our association is to protect our members' interests and offer them benefits. They include organising activities such as dialogues with Tourism Malaysia and MITM at state levels. We also try to solve their problems with the NTOs overseas.

Designated as one of the associations since 2011 by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, we have been given the licensing rights to endorse members comprising Chinese firms related to the travel and hospitality industries that operate in the country.

What is MCTA doing to increase Chinese arrivals into Malaysia since China reopened in January?

The Chinese tourists are slowly returning after China's reopening but its government is still very strict on the issuance of passports. Our state chapters have been busy organising MITM in Penang (July 1-2), Johor (July 7-9), Perak (July 21-23) and Kuala Lumpur (July 28-30). We will continue with MITM Sabah (August 19-20) and Negeri Sembilan (October 21-22) to promote the destination.

With the KL International Airport being the main gateway into Malaysia, what are your suggestions to help raise its profile and improve its facilities?

Having ambassadors and translators who can speak in various languages

at the airport is a good initiative, especially when dealing with immigration matters. More helpers to assist passengers, especially senior citizens and those not so technology-savvy, at the self-check-in kiosks and the opening up of more auto-gate facilities to a broader base of foreign nationalities will not only help provide more conveniences but also project a friendly image at our flagship airport. Additionally, a strong maintenance culture of our infrastructural facilities is imperative.

How do you see the future of travel?

The prospects of this industry should be bright. It is still a good one to get into despite being beset with challenges arising from wars, weather conditions, natural disasters or acts of god such as earthquakes which cannot be controlled. People have to travel and indulging in leisure activities has become a lifestyle.

Is MCTA tapping into data driven insights to rethink about the travellers' needs?

This should apply to all of us involved in the travel industry as the travelling style has changed after the pandemic. We do not see so many people travelling in big groups unless they are company incentive trips. Organising tours for the individual traveller and smaller groups have raised our cost.

Instead of using a coach in the past for group travel, we are now using more vans to transport separate smaller groups and tailor make or customise the tour programmes to meet different needs. The younger travellers, for instance, prefer not to use the services of tour agencies and would book online and deal directly with the hotels and airlines.

What is your wishlist for MCTA?

I hope my successor will make MCTA, now armed with eight Chapters in Labuan Sabah, Sarawak, Penang, Perak, Johor, Selangor and Kuala Lumpur and 23 excos in total, better and stronger.

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ALL THE MUST-KNOWS AND MUST-HAVES OF THE MONTH



Say Goodbye To Sensitive Skin And Hello To Award-Winning Derma Care Brand, ILLIYOON

K-beauty has been all the rage on skincare as it imparts a glass skin look while delivering a healthy, nourished complexion. Now, South Korean derma care brand ILLIYOON launches in Malaysia. The award-winning, cult-favourite brand soothes and strengthens Asian sensitive skin with its low-irritant yet effective formulations, backed by 40 years of research on sensitive skin needs. Formulated with all-natural ingredients, the full collection is vegan and safe for the whole family to use from infants to adults! ILLIYOON's unscented, mild, and gentle formula works to replenish and strengthen the skin's barrier function while keeping skin moisturised and nourished.



Casio Digital Watch Collaboration Featuring Netflix Series, Stranger Things

Casio is stepping a few decades back with the latest collaboration model, A120WEST inspired by the Netflix megahit, Stranger Things. It is a mystery adventure series set in the 1980s in a small town in America, well known for its nostalgic references to 1980's pop culture, as well as its supernatural elements and thrilling storytelling. Based on a classic model A120 which Casio first released in the 1980s, the new A120WEST inherited the vintage classic square shape of its primitive model and the design pays homage to the "Upside Down", the mysterious alternate dimension that exists in parallel to the human world in the show. This model evokes fans' memories with plenty of references in the show. It captures the world of Stranger Things with its 1980s pop culture-inspired colourful front button, the supernatural elements like Demogorgon in the middle of the watch face as well as eerie tentacles stretching out at the case back and translucent band. This model is now available in Malaysia on Casio E-Commerce Website and Casio authorised dealer stores at RM 599.



Maurice Lacroix PONTOS S Diver

The new PONTOS S Diver subscribes to the same proven design language and perpetuates the brand's fondness for urban-inspired styling from the inaugural model launched in 2013. To enhance its performance with various product improvements, Maurice Lacroix sought input from their ML Crew member, Lidija Lijic, a world champion free diver, during the development of the latest PONTOS S Diver, effectively testing its full potential. The watch was carefully and thoughtfully crafted with optimised details to deliver peerless readability. Housed in a 42mm case, the watch is available in a choice of stainless steel or, for the first time, bronze which is limited to 500 pieces worldwide. All models in the collections come with interchangeable straps, offering different styles for diving and on dry land. The stainless steel models are priced at RM9,300 and the bronze model is priced at RM12,000.



Drunk Elephant's NEW A-Shaba Complex Eye Serum is an easy A!

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Speed is Our Game: New Super-Charged Chronograph is Unveiled

Roger Dubuis showcased the new Excalibur Spider Flyback Chronograph, a timepiece inspired by the cutting-edge technology of supercars at the recent Goodwood Festival of Speed, showcasing the fusion of fine watchmaking and supercar innovation. The Excalibur Spider Flyback Chronograph showcases the Maison’s expertise in chronograph construction, with a fully integrated movement and intricate details such as a visible column wheel and a vertical clutch. The watch’s exceptional craftsmanship, including a 120° Rotating Minute Counter, delivers precision and playfulness. With a focus on performance, the calibre offers a 72-hour power reserve, resistance to shock, gravity, and magnetism, and is backed by Poinçon de Genève certification.



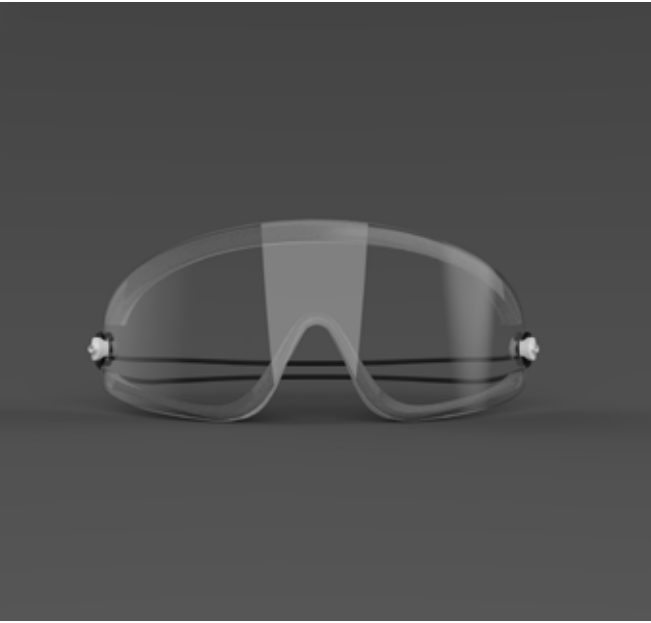
Longines Unveils its New FLAGSHIP HERITAGE Models with Moon-phase Functions

The elegance and simplicity of the FLAGSHIP models have made this Longines collection a timeless classic. This year, Longines is expanding its Flagship Heritage collection with three new versions equipped with a moon-phase complication. With an understated, timeless design, the steel case with screw-down back measures 38.5 mm in diameter. Its redesign features satin-brushed finished and shortened chamfered lugs, making it the perfect size watch for any wrist. These watches combine technical expertise, aesthetics and a tribute to the historic FLAGSHIP models.



COACH X OBSERVED BY US

Coach introduced Coach x Observed By Us, a collection designed in collaboration with Los Angeles-based illustrator and designer Jessica Herschko and actor Kirsten Dunst. A celebration of the spirit of imagination and wonder found in everyday things, the collection features the whimsical artwork of the duo, reimagined through the lens of the house’s American design language. The collection features ready-to-wear, bags, footwear and accessories that capture the collaborators’ appreciation for iconic American archetypes like t-shirts, hoodies, floral dresses and jeans, reimagined with hand-made touches. To create the collection, Coach Creative Director Stuart Vevers and the duo took inspiration from pieces found in Dunst’s closet, blending the playfulness and nostalgia that defines her personal style with the house’s heritage of craftsmanship and spirit of self-expression. The collaboration’s colour palette is inspired by Coach’s heritage colours explored in saturated hues that convey an offbeat, youthful naiveté.



Oakley and Tom Cruise Create Mission - Ready Eyewear for Ethan Hunt in MI7

Oakley and Tom Cruise have collaborated to create and unveil the ultimate eyewear for his iconic character Ethan Hunt in the MI7 film. The mission here was clear: Oakley and Cruise were to design and produce the perfect eyewear for his character, Ethan Hunt, ahead of one of the most dangerous stunts seen in the franchise. The result is the ECLP23 which features High Speed Protection, expanded field of view and Zero Gravity making sure the eyewear was custom fit for his face, leaving no room for chance in this historic moment in the Mission franchise. The one-of-a-kind prototype eyewear behind the logic defying stunt work in the film, ECLP23 will be available to see at the Oakley Headquarters at One Icon this summer.



When Cartier Scarves Tell the Story of the Panther

The Maison’s emblematic panther is a spectacular guest in Cartier’s latest scarf, wrap and headband collections. The panther embodies the revival of the Cartier silk squares, launched in 1979, which today inaugurate a series of paintings inspired by the Maison’s great creative territories. Crafted, woven and rolled in the great artisan tradition, these silk accessories are made in historic manufactures in the Italian Lake District or in Lyon. From engraving to printing, which takes place layer by layer, from the darkest to the lightest colour, and from the largest to the smallest motifs, the process is all the slower and more demanding the subtler the tones and the more sophisticated the designs. lace Vendôme, Japanese cherry blossoms, a jungle full of life: the panther inspired Cartier to create three prints where she is the magnetic and powerful heroine. Each of them pays tribute to the world of Cartier: to its birth on Rue de la Paix in the context of Place Vendôme, to its distant cultural influences and to flora and fauna, the Maison’s main stylistic trend.



Scent-sational Ways To Elevate Your Mood

Warm and sensuous, bright and uplifting – fragrances not only serve as olfactory expressions of our mood but have the power to elicit emotions and conjure up memories both tender and nostalgic as well. A whiff of a specific scent and you are transported back to a distant memory that triggers joy and happiness, instantly brightening up your day, while other scents may soothe the senses and have a calming effect. A scent inspired by and created with His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Penhaligon’s Highgrove Bouquet is a tribute to the magnificently fragrant summers at Highgrove Gardens, the home of HRH & Camilla. A fragrance that is as uplifting as it is sun-filled and radiant, this floral woody, gender-neutral fragrance features hyacinth in its top notes, a scent often associated with happiness and positive emotions. Known to uplift the mood and reenergise its surroundings, hyacinth promotes a sense of calm, renewal and vitality, making Highgrove Bouquet the perfect pick-me-up.

Paco Rabanne becomes Rabanne

On the eve of its 60th anniversary, Paco Rabanne becomes Rabanne. Simplified and more international in spirit, the name change to Rabanne represents a pivotal moment for The Maison as it celebrates a decade of remarkable growth and looks forward to shaping a new future uniting fashion and beauty as a unique signature and lifestyle. This name change is accompanied by a high-impact new visual identity and logo, which pay tribute to Monsieur Rabanne’s avant-garde legacy and respect the brand’s trailblazing heritage. The bold new typography looks to The Maison’s archives, drawing inspiration from its first fragrance, Calandre, launched in 1969. With this new visual identity, the brand embraces a more refined signature, with the smooth silhouette of the “R” monogram signalling a confident modern minimalism as the brand enters a new chapter. Equally, the logo is written in small letters for a disruptive and rule-breaking approach.

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Sol De Janeiro Brazilian Bum Bum Cream 240ml RM 236

Sweared by by celebrities all around the world like Selena Gomez and Hailey Bieber, Brazilian-Inspired beauty brand, Sol de Janeiro has landed in Malaysia. Embracing the Brazilian spirit of self-love and body positivity, Sol de Janeiro cult favourite products are vegan-friendly, sulphate and cruelty-free offering lush textures and delicious scents transporting you to a journey of Summer in Brazil. The famed Bum Bum Cream (pronounced as boom boom) is the ultimate body moisturiser that has reached cult-favourite status all around the world with its recognisable yellow tub! Dry skin is immediately quenched with a touch of Sol de Janeiro signature Cheirosa 62 scent that will take your mind to a beach getaway.



Rituals The Rituals of Ayurveda Gift Set RM 220

The Ritual of Ayurveda gift set is the perfect balancing present for a friend, family member or as a treat for yourself. The box contains a foaming shower gel 200ml, candle 140g, body scrub 125g and body cream 100ml. Achieve inner harmony with these soothing and aromatic products based on Indian rose and sweet almond oil. The origami design was inspired by the Japanese art of giving. In Japanese culture, gift wrapping can be just as important as the gift, where the present is viewed as a form of communication between the giver and receiver. In a complimentary, re-usable, luxury storage box, you can give the gift box a second lease of life by keeping photographs, letters, or other cherished items in it.



Drunk Elephant A-Shaba Complex Eye Serum RM 275

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Sulwhasoo Concentrated Ginseng Brightening Serum 30ml RM 490

Concentrated Ginseng Brightening Serum induces visible improvement in 7 signs of brightening, skin tone, skin texture, skin radiance, skin clarity, brightness of dark spot, number of dark spot and dark spot area. You can experience more luminous and more radiant skin than ever. This non-sticky and lightweight formula induces to absorb instantly and apply freshly.

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Ruffled tiered printed stretch-mesh mini dress
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RM13,425




Bottega Veneta
Gold-plated ring
RM2,616




By Pariah
The Curve recycled gold vermeil ring
RM2,133




LOOK 1




Faithful The Brand
Monikh Setúbal strapless striped linen top
RM484




Roxanne First
14-karat gold sapphire bracelet
RM9,030




St.Agni
Clea woven leather slides
RM1,014



Faithful The Brand
Monikh Dalicenca striped linen maxi skirt
RM1,014




Loewe
Leather-trimmed raffia tote
RM6,302




LOOK 2

SUMMER OUT OF OFFICE LOOKS


THERE'S A LAIDBACK, BOHEMIAN SPIRIT TO THIS SUMMER'S NEW MENSWEAR COLLECTION




Tom Ford
Lyocell Shirt
RM3,486




Tom Ford
Straight-Leg Pleated Lyocell Drawstring Shorts
RM1,480



LOOK 1



Tom Ford
Mesh Tank Top
RM4,805



Manolo Blahnik
Chiltern Leather-Trimmed Printed Calf Hair Slides
RM3,010



Frescobol Carioca
Angelo Camp-Collar Linen Shirt
RM1,020



Le Gramme
Le 3 Brushed Sterling Silver Ring
RM979



Mr.P
David Cross-Grain Leather and Suede Sandals
RM1,356



LOOK 2



Le Gramme
3g Cord and Gold Bracelet
RM5,297



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Gianvito Rossi

Vernice 85 patent-leather mules

RM5,103

Simple and graphic, these ‘Vernice’ mules perfectly encapsulate Gianvito Rossi’s timeless elegance. They’ve been crafted in Italy using time-honoured techniques to shape the glossy patent-leather into pointed toes and covered heels. The supportive straps fasten with signature ribbon buckles.



Manolo Blahnik

Aspro 30 patent-leather pumps

RM4,431

Quality and classic design are prioritised in the production of Manolo Blahnik’s footwear. These white patent leather ‘Aspro’ point-toe pumps feature elasticised slingback straps and adjustable 30mm block heels that are handcrafted in Italy. Wear yours at bridal events or even long after the wedding.



Valentino Garavani

Rockstud 60 leather mules

RM4,695

Each of Valentino Garavani’s famous “Rockstuds” is hand-applied and galvanised so they won’t lose their shine. They are modelled after the decorations seen on old Roman doors. These mules, which are made of flexible leather and come in scores of them, feature a caged shape that frames the foot. You can wear yours with anything, including cocktail dresses and denim.



Bottega Veneta

Jimbo rubber slingback sandals

RM3,993

The styles from Bottega Veneta are always anchored by strong, sculptural accessories. These rubber “Jimbo” sandals are made in Italy for Spring ‘23 and feature the brand’s iconic “Parakeet” colour, which is adored by both fashion journalists and influencers. To make sure they really stand out, pair yours with something dark.



Jimmy Choo

Elisa 45 embellished patent-trimmed leather Mary Jane pumps

RM3,696

Although Mary Janes are currently popular, did they ever truly fall out of style? The block-heeled ‘Elisa’ shoes from Jimmy Choo are composed of supple leather and have patent toes that match the straps. Finishing touches include beautiful imitation pearls bearing the gold initials ‘JC’.



Gucci

Horsebit-detailed leather pumps

RM4,521

Few embellishments in the world of fashion are as recognisable as the gold horsebit that crowns these heels from Gucci. They have a square toe and sculpted block heel and were manufactured in Italy from incredibly smooth black leather.

THE INVESTMENT BAG

HERE'S OUR PICK OF ETERNALLY CHIC ACCESSORIES TO CHERISH FOREVER



Alaïa

Le Coeur leather shoulder bag

RM6,020

Alaïa's shoulder bag is shaped to depict a heart, making it the perfect choice for date nights or gifting to a loved one. Crafted in Italy from smooth red leather, it has a compact interior sized to fit evening essentials and rests on an adjustable strap.

Loewe

Hammock mini leather shoulder bag

RM8,037

The 'Hammock' bag from Loewe is made from silky lavender leather and is named for its slouchy yet structured design. There are two strap options, and it includes the label's iconic "Anagram" insignia engraved on the side. Jewellery should match the gold-toned hardware.



Valentino Garavani

VLOGO small leather shoulder bag

RM17,713

The 'VLOGO' shoulder bag from Valentino Garavani is made in Italy from vivid pink leather and features the company's instantly recognisable gold-tone logo plaque in the centre. It has an inside compartment for your most-used cards and is designed to contain only the necessities. To wear it cross-body, simply adjust the strap.



Saint Laurent

Le 5 à 7 small leather shoulder bag

RM11,011

SAINT LAURENT gives its beloved 'Le 5 à 7' silhouette a spacious update with this version. Made from taupe leather, it has an elongated shape with plenty of room for essentials like your phone, cardholder and sunglasses. Match your jewellery to the gleaming gold-tone logo plaque.

Jacquemus

Le Bambino Long patent-leather shoulder bag

RM5,129

This version of Jacquemus' 'Le Bambino' bag is made from red patent-leather in a 'Long' yet compact silhouette with sharp angles. It's designed with gold hardware, including the logo plaque at the front, and has a canvas interior with a single card slot. The slim strap fits comfortably over the shoulder or in the crook of your arm.



Gucci

Jackie 1961 mini leather shoulder bag

RM10,772

Jackie Kennedy Onassis, a style icon who was seldom ever seen without the iconic accessory throughout the 1960s, inspired the naming of Gucci's "Jackie 1961" bag. This miniature version is made of smooth leather, is sized to store your minor necessities, and closes with the recognisable gold-tone piston clasp. Depending on your clothing, carry it by the handle or removable strap.

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Dolce & Gabbana

Pleated Printed Cotton-Poplin Maxi Dress

RM 13,195

With this stunning dress from Dolce & Gabbana, refresh your summer wardrobe. It is made of cotton-poplin, has a pleated skirt that moves nicely, and is a part of the best-selling ceramics collection that was inspired by Caltagirone Majolica pottery.



Zimmermann

Chintz Floral-Print Cotton-Voile Mini Wrap Dress

RM 3,530

Zimmermann’s ‘Chintz’ dress is perfect for tropical vacations or warm-weather events. The airy cotton-voile construction and whimsical floral print of ZIMMERMANN’s Chintz dress channel’s the label’s provincial, romantic spirit. It’s cut with billowy blouson sleeves and a self-tie belt to secure the wrap silhouette.



Gabriela Hearst

Ocon Crocheted Wool and Cashmere-Blend Midi Dress

RM 17,468

Gabriela Hearst’s ‘Ocon’ dress is an effortless addition to your summer wardrobe. Based on one of their best selling crochet dresses, the Ocon Dress is hand crocheted by artisans in a wool/cashmere blend. The stripes are curved, with each stripe in a different crochet pattern, creating a mosaic of colour and texture.



Loewe

Asymmetric Embroidered Belted Linen Midi Dress

RM 8,464

Loewe’s midi dress is designed with unconventional, asymmetric details, like an uneven hem, wingtip collar and off-set welt pockets. It’s made from lightweight, breathable linen and has a self-tie belt that cinches the regular fit. The signature anagram logo is embroidered at the nape.

Gucci

Leather-Trimmed Cotton-Blend Canvas-Jacquard Mini Dress

RM 15,188

Gucci’s dress has a shift silhouette and a ‘GG’ emblem that give it a 1960s-inspired appearance. It includes smooth leather trim along the neck and pockets and is made of canvas with a cotton-blend construction. To fully embrace the era, pair yours with kitten heels or slingback flats.

Tom Ford

Twisted One-Shoulder Merino Wool-Blend Midi Dress

RM 8,528

The designs by TOM FORD will never let you down when it comes to looking your best. This merino-wool blend dress is knitted for a form-fitting fit and is softened with silk. Use sculptural drop earrings to draw attention to the shoulder’s lovely twisting.

Jacquemus

Sierra Embellished Ribbed-Knit Midi Dress

RM 3,685

Jacquemus’ lingerie-inspired straps are a big hit thanks to how they instantly elevate modern wardrobe classics. Detailed with the French designer’s signature hardware, this ribbed-knit ‘Sierra’ dress comes in the signature cherry-red from the ‘Le Chouchou’ collection.

THE LUXE REPORT



Bar Trigona at Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur Scores Fifth Consecutive Win on Asia's 50 Best Bar List

Continuing its reign as Malaysia’s most exciting drinking destination, Bar Trigona at Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur once again took home the title of Best Bar in Malaysia, awarded by Asia’s 50 Best Bars 2023. Renowned for its exceptional mixology and commitment to sustainable practices, Bar Trigona was awarded an impressive #36 ranking on this year’s highly anticipated list, unveiled in Hong Kong on July 18, 2023. Bar Trigona’s innovative use of locally sourced ingredients, paired with its unwavering dedication to sustainability, has played an instrumental role in putting Kuala Lumpur on the global cocktail map. In previous years, the bar has also garnered the Ketel One Sustainable Bar Award and the Siete Misterios Best Cocktail Menu Award. Equal parts nostalgic and innovative, the recent Foraged Malaysia menu invites guests to sip their way through four distinct regions: Sabah, Sarawak, Peninsula and Islands.



Dubai's Jumeirah Mina A'Salam Unveils A New Look

Jumeirah Mina A'Salam, Madinat Jumeirah’s boutique beachfront retreat, has revealed the extensive refurbishment of its rooms, suites, ballrooms and Amal Club Lounge. The new look and enhanced ambience was created with discerning travellers in mind. Tasteful yet striking, the aesthetic has been skilfully crafted to ensure cohesiveness with the property’s traditional Arabesque exteriors. Large windows mean rooms are bathed in natural light and cooled by a fresh sea breeze, while a neutral colour palette and mesmerising views of the beach, combined with Jumeirah Hotels & Resorts’ signature amenities and bedding, create a sense of tranquillity. Occasional pops of colour enliven the soothing environment. The new Two-bedroom Ocean Terrace Suite features two lavish bedrooms with grand marble-clad bathrooms and waterfront living areas. Boasting multiple balconies including a spacious terrace with a built-in jacuzzi, shower area and sun loungers, the suite offers spectacular uninterrupted views of the Arabian Gulf and Burj Al Arab Jumeirah

Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur Unveils A New Sweet Chapter At The Lounge

Explore a new selection of sweet offerings at The Lounge at Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur. Led by the bold vision and innovative artistry of Executive Pastry Chef Yann Roumanille, the team presents all-new dessert experiences, including an elevated Afternoon Tea and a reimagined menu of pastries and cakes. With a career spanning traditional French patisseries, Michelin-starred restaurants and grand city hotels, Chef Yann now brings his famed “borderless” desserts to The Lounge. The newly crafted menu features a line-up of remarkable sweet treats, best enjoyed over a leisurely afternoon with family or friends. Savour the Mille-Feuille, an iconic French pastry reinvented with a mango-and-coconut twist, and the Frangipane Tart, a delectable composition of raspberry mouse and frangipani almond cream cake infused with pandan.



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ILIAD 53F to Debut at Sydney Show

ILIAD Catamarans is preparing to debut the 53F at the Sydney International Boat Show from August 3-6. The ILIAD 53F is the flybridge version of the 53S sedan-style model, which debuted at the Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show in late May. With twin 440hp engines, the 53F has a top speed of 21 knots (lightship) and a range well over 3,100nm at low speeds with a 3,500-litre fuel capacity. The CE A power catamaran has a beam of 25ft, a high freeboard and one of the highest bridgedeck clearances in its market segment, according to ILIAD. Options include a tender platform, while the aft cockpit features a bar area and dining setting for up to 10 guests. The flybridge features a C-shaped sofa and a dining table to port, a bench-seat helm station and companion seating forward, plus a long wet bar along the starboard side. The large interior living spaces include an expansive lounge forward, dining for up to eight people and optional lower helm. The galley includes an island bench, full-size refrigerator and freezer, well designed storage and European appliances.

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LAMBORGHINI DEBUTS SC63 LE MANS RACER

Lamborghini recently debuted the SC63, a hybrid endurance racing prototype built to participate in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The SC63 is a symbol of Lamborghini's dedication to electrification and hybridisation, which extends to its Motorsport branch. A new 3.8-litre twin-turbo V8 engine, bodywork developed in partnership between Lamborghini Centro Stile and the race design team, as well as other cutting-edge design and technology components make up the SC63's technical features, which Lamborghini describes as "a jewel to be proud of." The SC63 will race in the GTP class of the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship Endurance Cup in addition to the Hypercar class of the 2024 FIA World Endurance Championship, which includes the aforementioned 24 Hours of Le Mans. The Italian racing team Iron Lynx will be driving the vehicle in competitions throughout the world in cooperation with Lamborghini.



PORSCHE UNVEILS VISION 357 SPEEDSTER CONCEPT VEHICLE

Porsche has unveiled the new Vision 357 Speedster concept car, adding to its lineup of high-performance vehicles. The new car is the Porsche Vision 357's little sister. The Porsche 718 GT4 e-Performance, on which the all-electric Vision 357 is based, is the vehicle's main selling point. The Mission R provided the car's electric motors and battery technology, while the 718 GT4 Clubsport provided the chassis. A commemorative anniversary emblem and two-tone paint in the shades of marble grey and grivelo grey metallic are applied to the exterior of the car. The Porsche Vision 357 is a nod to the first Porsche model line, Ferry Porsche's dream sports car. And since the 356 has cemented itself into the collective brand memory as both a convertible and a coupé, the same logic applies to the concept car: there can only be two.



ASTON MARTIN VALOUR: A LIMITED EDITION V12 MANUAL SUPERCAR

The Aston Martin Valour, a limited edition V12 manual supercar created to commemorate the manufacturer's 110th anniversary and to restore what the road has lost, is very similar to the Aston Martin Victor, which was initially unveiled in 2020. The RHAM/1 'Muncher' Le Mans racer, which was the inspiration for the Valour, was built on a V8 Vantage platform. The Valour delivers a classic look and a thrilling, highly connected driving experience while still having ultra-modern specs. The vehicle's 5.2-litre twin-turbo twelve-cylinder engine, which has 714 horsepower and 555 lb-ft of torque, is mounted in a customised version of Aston's bonded aluminium platform.



THE ROLLS-ROYCE SPECTRE HAS BECOME THE NEW STANDARD FOR LUXURY

The name Rolls-Royce is synonymous with and represents luxury. It is known for its "magic carpet ride," "waftability," a 6.75-litre V12 so mild you can balance a coin on it, unmatched craftsmanship, and a singular interior experience. The result is a back catalogue fit for the Royal Family, diplomats, Mayfair socialites, business owners, and now a much younger, more dynamic, and aware audience that is eager to join the brand on its next era. This has been the case for more than 117 years. However, the Rolls-Royce Spectre is the vehicle that the brand has aspired to create since 1900. The Rolls-Royce Spectre is more than just the manufacturer's first all-electric production vehicle. If there's one word to describe the Spectre, it's imposing. From every angle, you feel its presence — all five-and-a-half by two meters of it. Its muscular, yet simultaneously soft lines, are defined by three elements — the shoulder, the waist, and the "waft line."

BEAUTIFUL HOTEL DESTINATIONS

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, HOTELS HAVE BECOME RIGHTFUL DESTINATIONS ON THEIR OWN. HERE ARE SOME LUXURY HOTELS SCATTERED ACROSS THE GLOBE, THAT SHOULD BE ON TOP OF YOUR BUCKET LIST.



Paraíso de los Pinos

Formentera, Spain

The family-friendly Paraíso de los Pinos blends in perfectly on the little, laid-back island of Formentera with its whitewashed buildings and sea-blue shutters. And it has everything you need for a family vacation: a pool with loungers, a restaurant with an easygoing atmosphere, chic apartments, and a sandy beach right outside your door.

www.paraísodelospinos.com/en



Passalacqua

Lake Como, Italy

Passalacqua, a mansion that rivals chez Clooney and was previously the residence of composer Bellini, is a place where there are no bad notes. It is located on the banks of Lake Como. Meals can be served anywhere you like, starting with a rose-garden breakfast, because staff members have eliminated the word “no” from their lexicon. There are tunnels located beneath the property that offer a covert escape route to the marina for anyone feeling particularly theatrical. Even the gym is located in an olive grove on the seven acres, which also contain century-old cedars and magnolias.

www.passalacqua.it/en



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www.huvafenfushi.com



Kisawa Sanctuary

Benguerra Island, Mozambique

Kisawa was created with hearts to be a sanctuary that brings nature, culture and service together. Today the property is run by a passionate team of 180 staff, with 90% of the operational team from Africa and the remainder of the team combining different expertise from around the world. They are young, optimistic and united. Kisawa is a combination of 11 one, two and three bungalow Residences, positioned within a 300 hectare stretch of forest, beach and sand dunes. Each Residence has its own private beach, an open-air deck, an infinity pool, an outdoor day area and kitchen.

<https://kisawasanctuary.com>

HAUTE HOMEWARE

THE BEST DANISH DESIGNS



Vekst Wall Lamp

Normann Copenhagen

Vekst is a decorative lamp collection characterised by its sculptural branch-like arms, which are made of powder-coated steel and equipped with a light bulb surrounded by a ball of opal glass. The Vekst collection has a unique design and expressive light and is available as dimmable pendant lamps in two different sizes as well as a decorative wall lamp variant.



OKU Round Dining Table

Norr11

Oku is an interpretation of the Japanese word for oak ‘Ōku’. Oku refers to the essence of the design — oak. “Through experiments with the balance between lightness and heaviness, making it paper-thin when seen from one angle and solid from others, we’ve emphasised the material in a simple design.” The Oku table top is produced in oak veneer with round edges, adding a refined detail to the large surface. The legs of turned oak timber sections are positioned sporadically to create the illusion of a floating tabletop while adding sculptural detail to the table. Oku comes in both rectangular and circular shapes. Available in several sizes, which makes it a well fit for every room.

BPS140 Chair

Bernh. Pedersen & Son

Chair No. 140, a light and elegant chair with beautiful clean lines and timeless expression. The chair’s characteristic backrest brings back nature and embraces today’s modern life. The curved seat, which is crafted from multiple layers of veneer, appears to float above the legs and is ideal for upholstering. On request, the seat can be upholstered in a variety of fabrics and leather and complements a variety of interiors and styles. The curved backrest is available in hand-woven Danish natural paper cord. Chair No. 140 was designed in 1956 and taps into the essence of Danish Modern with its clean lines, functional design and expert craftsmanship. Because of the many upholstering possibilities, the BPS140 chair will fit perfectly into both private homes and public spaces.



Rest Bench

Wendelbo

The design has a characterful persona with upholstered elements that bring a sense of softness to modern spaces, joined by the functionality of its curved back, allowing for the user to be seated at multiple positions, and the elegant side table.

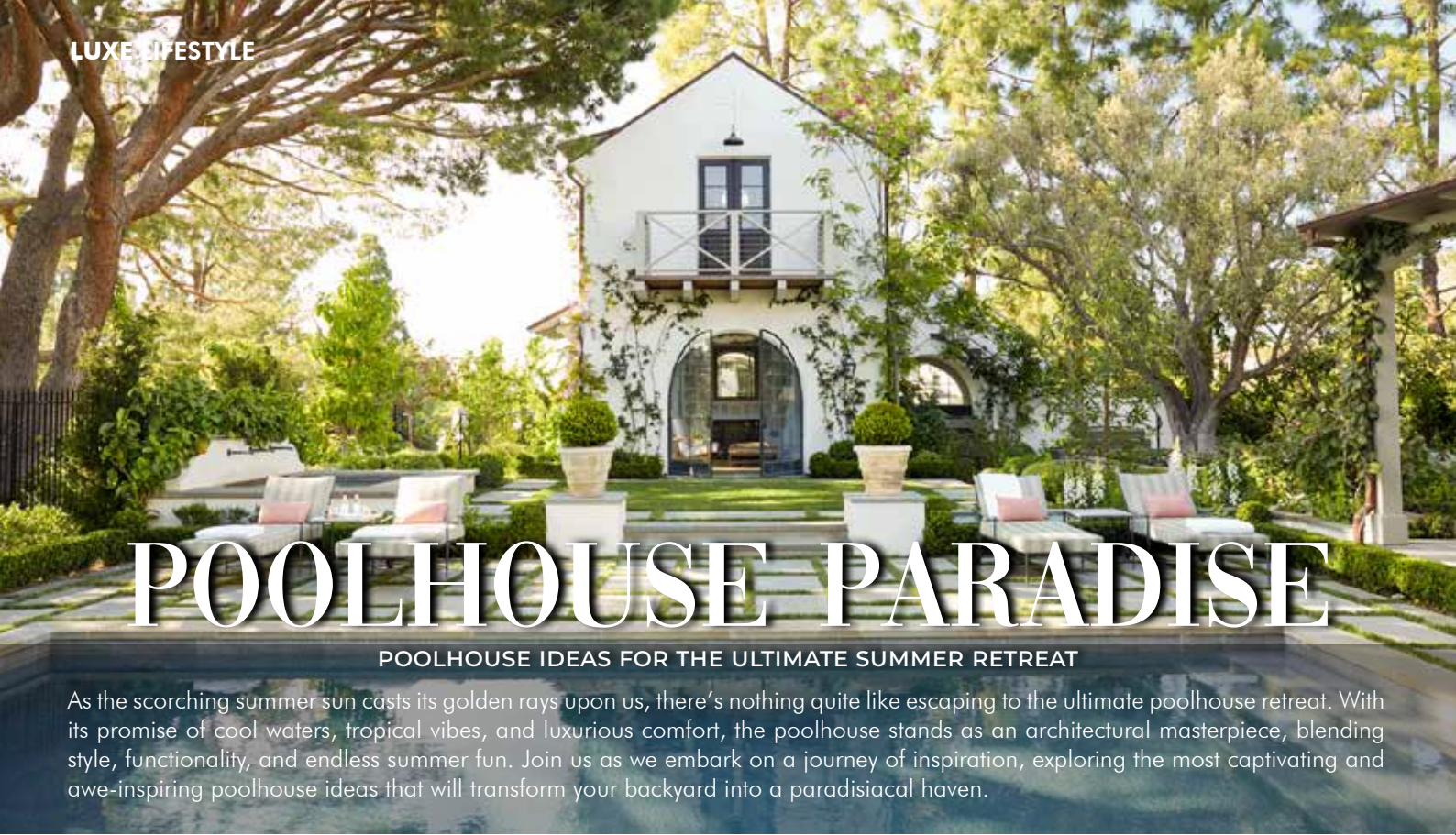


Sibast AV Egoist Chaise Lounge Chair

Sibast Furniture

One of Danish architect Arne Vodder’s favorite pieces of furniture was the AV Egoist chaise lounge he designed in the early 1950s, only a few of which were made. A rarity, timeless and unique, the AV Egoist chaise lounge was a personal favourite of Danish architect and designer Arne Vodder (1926-2009). Even so, only a few were manufactured after it was designed in the early 1950s. This is now being made up for. Danish manufacturer Sibast Furniture has delved into the archives – together with Michael Vodder, son of Arne Vodder – and, with the help of some old drawings, measurements and a few photos, their joint efforts have succeeded in recreating the chaise lounge, which Michael Vodder doesn’t hesitate to call his father’s signature piece of furniture.





POOLHOUSE PARADISE

POOLHOUSE IDEAS FOR THE ULTIMATE SUMMER RETREAT

As the scorching summer sun casts its golden rays upon us, there’s nothing quite like escaping to the ultimate poolhouse retreat. With its promise of cool waters, tropical vibes, and luxurious comfort, the poolhouse stands as an architectural masterpiece, blending style, functionality, and endless summer fun. Join us as we embark on a journey of inspiration, exploring the most captivating and awe-inspiring poolhouse ideas that will transform your backyard into a paradisiacal haven.

Mediterranean Escape

Transport yourself to the sun-kissed shores of the Mediterranean with a poolhouse inspired by the vibrant hues and rustic charm of the region. Opt for whitewashed walls adorned with colourful tiles, bringing a lively mosaic touch to your oasis. Incorporate arched windows and doorways, reminiscent of traditional villas, allowing a seamless connection between indoor and outdoor spaces. Complete the look with breezy drapes, plush daybeds, and a cascading water feature, creating an ambiance of pure relaxation.

Contemporary Chic

For those who appreciate sleek lines and modern design, a contemporary poolhouse offers a stunning contrast to the natural surroundings. Embrace minimalist aesthetics with floor-to-ceiling glass walls, blurring the boundaries between the interior and the poolside oasis. Complement the clean lines with polished concrete or porcelain tiles, while minimalist furniture in neutral tones enhances the overall sophistication. Don’t forget to add a touch of greenery with carefully curated planters to soften the space.



Tropical Paradise

Bring a taste of the tropics into your backyard with a poolhouse inspired by exotic destinations. Infuse the space with vibrant colours, lush foliage, and natural materials. Palm trees, bamboo accents, and rattan furniture create a relaxed and laid-back atmosphere. Install a thatched roof or a pergola with flowing curtains to provide shade while enjoying the poolside breeze. Don’t forget to add a tiki bar for mixing up refreshing cocktails.

Rustic Elegance

For those seeking a more rustic and natural ambiance, a poolhouse inspired by the charm of a country cottage or a farmhouse is the perfect choice. Utilise reclaimed wood for the walls, beams, and furniture, instilling a sense of warmth and authenticity. Opt for stone or brick flooring, enhancing the rustic appeal. Cozy seating with plump cushions and soft throws invites you to relax, while a fireplace or wood-burning stove ensures comfort even on cooler summer evenings.

Entertainment Extravaganza

Why limit your poolhouse to just a place for relaxation? Create an entertainment oasis that rivals the most luxurious resorts. Install a state-of-the-art media centre with a large screen and surround sound for outdoor movie nights. Add a pool table, a bar, and a game room to keep guests entertained. Stylish loungers, cabanas, and an outdoor kitchen complete the experience, allowing you to host unforgettable summer parties in style.



Romantic Retreat

Imagine a poolhouse straight out of a fairytale, where romance and charm abound. Embrace a romantic aesthetic with soft pastel hues, delicate fabrics, and vintage-inspired furniture. Incorporate elements like a cozy fireplace, elegant chandeliers, and decorative mirrors to create an enchanting atmosphere. Install a cozy seating area for intimate conversations and a sun-drenched patio for dining al fresco. It’s the perfect backdrop for a summer rendezvous under the stars.

Spa-Inspired Haven

Elevate your poolhouse experience by transforming it into a serene spa retreat. Select calming hues such as soft blues, soothing whites, and earthy tones for a tranquil atmosphere. Install a sauna, a steam room, or even a hot tub to provide a place for relaxation and rejuvenation. Natural materials like bamboo, teak, and marble add a touch of luxury, while soft lighting and scented candles create an indulgent ambiance, making your poolhouse the ultimate haven for self-care.



UNMASKING HYPERPIGMENTATION

YOUR GUIDE TO BANISHING PESKY PATCHES WITH A SMILE

Picture this: you're out enjoying the sunshine, basking in the warmth, when suddenly, you notice a few unwelcome guests—hyperpigmentation patches on your body. Fear not, for we have your back (or should we say, your body) covered! In this lighthearted guide, we'll delve into the world of hyperpigmentation, those pesky patches that sometimes show up uninvited, and explore some smile-inducing remedies to help you bid them farewell. So, put on your best confident grin, and let's get started on our journey to radiant skin.

Understanding Hyperpigmentation

Before we embark on our quest to tackle hyperpigmentation, let's understand what it actually is. Hyperpigmentation occurs when certain areas of the skin produce excess melanin, resulting in dark or discoloured patches. These patches can be caused by various factors, such as sun exposure, hormonal changes, acne scars or skin inflammation. But fear not, for there are ways to restore balance and bring back your skin's natural radiance.

Sunscreen: Your Superhero Shield

When it comes to battling hyperpigmentation, sunscreen is your trusty sidekick. Shielding your skin from harmful UV rays not only helps prevent new patches from forming but also aids in fading existing ones. Look for a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher, and generously apply it to all exposed areas of your body. Don't forget to reapply every two hours, especially when you're frolicking under the sun like a carefree beachcomber.

Exfoliation: Buff Away the Blues

Time to roll up your sleeves and give those patches a gentle nudge towards fading away. Regular exfoliation helps remove dead skin cells, allowing fresh and healthy skin to emerge. Opt for mild exfoliators such as sugar or oatmeal scrubs, and gently massage them onto the affected areas. Remember, be kind to your skin — don't scrub too vigorously, or you might end up looking like you had a wrestling match with a loofah.



Brightening Ingredients: Nature's Little Helpers

Nature has bestowed upon us some marvellous ingredients that can help brighten those dark patches and restore harmony to your skin tone. Look for skincare products containing ingredients like vitamin C, kojic acid, liquorice extract, or niacinamide. These superheroes of skincare work tirelessly to reduce melanin production and gradually fade hyperpigmentation patches. Incorporate them into your routine, and let the brightening magic begin.

DIY Delights: Kitchen Concoctions

Sometimes, the best solutions are found right in your pantry! Whip up some DIY masks using natural ingredients that are known for their skin-brightening properties. Lemon juice, a natural bleach, can be mixed with honey for a brightening mask. Turmeric, with its anti-inflammatory properties, can be mixed with yogurt for a soothing and brightening paste. Apply these concoctions to the affected areas, let them work their magic, and enjoy your mini-spa session.

Professional Treatments: Calling in the Reinforcements

If you find yourself locked in a battle with stubborn hyperpigmentation patches, it may be time to call in the professionals. Dermatologists offer a range of treatments such as chemical peels, microdermabrasion, laser therapy, or prescription creams that can help accelerate the fading process. Consult with a skincare expert to determine the best course of action for your unique situation and bid those patches farewell once and for all.

ENVELOP YOURSELF IN SCENTED LUXURY

DISCOVER THE BEST HAIR PERFUMES FOR AN ALL-DAY FRAGRANT EXPERIENCE

Imagine walking into a room, leaving a trail of enchanting fragrance in your wake—a fragrance that lingers, captivates, and adds a touch of luxury to your every move. Enter the world of hair perfumes, a glamorous way to infuse your locks with enticing scents that stay with you throughout the day. In this indulgent exploration, we unveil the crème de la crème of luxury hair perfumes, each carefully curated to offer a long-lasting aromatic experience that will leave you feeling effortlessly glamorous. So, sit back, relax, and let us guide you through the enchanting realm of scented luxury for your tresses.



Chanel Coco Mademoiselle Hair Mist

When it comes to timeless elegance and luxurious fragrance, Chanel reigns supreme. The Coco Mademoiselle Hair Mist captures the essence of sophistication with its blend of vibrant citrus notes, delicate rose, and warm patchouli. Its lightweight formula gently envelops your hair, leaving a tantalising trail that lasts all day. This refined hair perfume is a perfect choice for those seeking a classic scent that exudes elegance and charm.



Byredo Mojave Ghost Hair Perfume

Byredo is renowned for its exquisite fragrances, and the Mojave Ghost Hair Perfume is no exception. Inspired by the ethereal beauty of the Mojave Desert, this captivating scent features notes of ambrette, magnolia, and sandalwood. Its delicate mist delicately clings to your hair, infusing it with a captivating aroma that lingers from morning to night. Embrace the allure of the desert with this evocative and long-lasting hair perfume.



Maison Francis Kurkdjian À La Rose Hair Mist

Indulge in the delicate and romantic aura of roses with the Maison Francis Kurkdjian À La Rose Hair Mist. This luxurious fragrance envelops your tresses in a cloud of fresh and velvety rose petals, combined with hints of crisp Calabrian bergamot and sweet violet. The lightweight formula ensures a lingering scent that is both refined and captivating. Step into a world of timeless elegance with this enchanting hair perfume.

Guerlain Mon Guerlain Hair Mist

Guerlain’s Mon Guerlain Hair Mist is a true olfactory delight that captures the essence of modern femininity. The delicate mist showcases a harmonious blend of lavender, vanilla, and jasmine, creating a sensual and comforting aura. The long-lasting formula envelops your hair, allowing you to revel in the luxurious fragrance all day long. Indulge in the intoxicating charm of Mon Guerlain and elevate your everyday routine.



Tom Ford Black Orchid Hair Mist

For those seeking a luxurious and mysterious scent, Tom Ford’s Black Orchid Hair Mist is a true gem. This opulent fragrance combines notes of black truffle, ylang-ylang, and patchouli to create a captivating and sensuous experience. The hair mist provides a veil of sophisticated fragrance, infusing your locks with an aura of glamour that lingers throughout the day and into the night.



Diptyque Eau Rose Hair Mist

Diptyque is synonymous with exceptional fragrances, and their Eau Rose Hair Mist is a testament to their artistry. Infused with the intoxicating scents of Damask roses and blackcurrant leaves, this hair perfume offers a romantic and feminine aura that will enchant everyone around you. The gentle mist delicately coats your locks, releasing a veil of captivating fragrance that endures all day long.



DEBUNKING MISINFORMATION IN SKINCARE AND HAIRCARE

Unilever Beauty & Wellbeing introduced its immersive House of Beauty & Wellbeing: Science Edition to shine a spotlight on the problem of misinformation and pseudo-science within the skincare industry. The gathering was held in conjunction with the 25th World Congress of Dermatology at Capella Manors in Singapore. This project emphasises the value of equipping customers with scientific facts in skincare and haircare communications. It follows research by Unilever brand Simple (‘The Simple Truth Report’), which found that 73% of respondents believe social media may be a source of confusion and 80% think that misinformation is rampant in the industry. As a result, 87% of consumers want change.

Brands involved in debunking numerous myths about skincare and healthcare at the event included Dove, Vaseline, POND'S and CLEAR, through means of product presentation and technology, enlightening guests on beauty myths perceived as fact rather than fiction.



Dove

Myth: Shampoos and Conditioners only work on the surface level of hair

Dove’s patented technology – Fibre Repair Actives debunks this myth, touting penetration into the core of the hair, meaning damage from pollutants and chemical treatments are repaired from within. It progressively nourishes at the core, so consumers’ hair gets stronger, after every wash. Inspired by powerful skincare ingredients, the Dove Hair Therapy range features breakage remedy formula with Bio-Cellular Complex Technology, offering superior care at a cellular level, reversing damage for hair that is 10x* stronger, smoother, and more beautiful, with 99%* less breakage.

Myth: All bar soaps are harsh and strip the skin of essential nutrients

Opposing this is Dove’s Beauty Bar which has been cleansing the skin and replenishing up to 100 natural ceramides. For more than 60 years, the Dove Beauty Bar has been cleansing and moisturising the skin, and with the 1/4 moisturising cream, it leaves the face and body feeling smooth and more radiant as opposed to ordinary soap.



Vaseline

Myth: Glutathione is a popular ingredient that is effective in brightening when applied topically

However, Vaseline’s unique GlutaGlow technology is better than topically applying glutathione since it gives your skin three micro-amino acids that it may use as precursors to internally synthesise glutathione, giving you a radiance that has been clinically established. For glossy, bright skin, the breakthrough GlutaGlow technology is 10X* more potent than vitamin C. It has been successfully shown to reduce dark spots by 30% and increase skin brightness by 75% in just one week. Glutathione is the cell’s natural and most abundant anti-oxidant with the highest amount found in the skin.



POND'S Skin Institute

Myth: Skincare products only brighten the surface of the skin and only beauty treatments like laser therapy can remove stubborn dark spots

In contrast, POND’S SKIN INSTITUTE has released a new NIASORCINOL formula, a combination of niacinamide and e-resorcinol in its NEW Bright Miracle Serum, which not only lessens surface blemishes but also lessens the severity of underlying spots. The appearance of spots is diminished by 30%, dullness is decreased by 24%, and pores are reduced by 39% in just 3 days thanks to its 50x NIASORCINOL power.

Myth: Retinol is the only effective cosmetic solution for anti-ageing and fine lines

POND’S SKIN INSTITUTE has introduced a new Hexyl-Retinol formula – a blend of Hexyl-Resorcinol, Retinol-C and Niacinamide. It is the next generation of our ground-breaking ingredients, clinically proven to reduce the appearance of wrinkles by 58%, improve elasticity by 30% and reduce the appearance of spots by 36%. In the skin, collages provides strength and elasticity, binding epidermis and dermis tightly to prevent the formation of hidden wrinkle and spots. What causes collagen loss? External aggressors results in wrinkles, enlarged pores, loose skin.



CLEAR

Myth: Anti-dandruff products are only effective for removing dandruff

CLEAR, as the leading scalp expert brand is able to deliver beyond Anti Dandruff by offering superior scalp health benefits. The products are clinically designed and proven to strengthen the scalp barrier with functional level skin care ingredients, preventing dandruff from returning. Beyond removing dandruff, the brand’s new Anti Hair Fall range is also known to reduce hair fall from the scalp. The new CLEAR Scalp-Pro for Men and New Clear Scalpceuticals for Women is powered by Folliclock technology in the shampoo, clinically proven to reduce hair fall within 30 days by maintaining a healthy scalp environment. Both ranges also feature a new and innovative serum, powered by Dynoxidil technology, which balances the proteolytic activity in the follicle to help reduce excessive hair loss. The full range is clinically proven to reduce hair fall by more than 2,800 strands for women and more than 6,000 strands for men.



You’re in the midst of a stressful situation — deadlines looming, responsibilities piling up—and suddenly, your stomach starts to churn and twist, leaving you feeling uncomfortable and anxious. If this scenario sounds all too familiar, you’re not alone. Stress has a profound impact on our bodies, and one area that frequently bears the brunt of it is our digestive system. In this comprehensive article, we’ll explore the fascinating connection between stress and stomach issues, unravel the underlying mechanisms at play, and provide you with actionable strategies to effectively treat and manage these conditions. So, let’s step into the intricate world of the gut-brain connection.

The Gut-Brain Axis: A Complex Communication Network

To understand the link between stress and stomach issues, we must first acquaint ourselves with the gut-brain axis—a two-way communication system connecting the brain and the gastrointestinal tract. This intricate network involves an array of chemical messengers, including hormones and neurotransmitters, that regulate various bodily functions, including digestion and stress responses. When stress levels rise, the delicate balance within this axis can be disrupted, leading to a range of stomach-related problems.

Stress-Induced Stomach Issues: The Culprits Within

- A. Acid Reflux:** Stress can stimulate the production of stomach acid, leading to acid reflux, a condition characterised by the backward flow of acid into the oesophagus, causing heartburn, regurgitation, and a sour taste in the mouth.

C. Peptic Ulcers: While the bacteria *Helicobacter pylori* is a common cause of peptic ulcers, stress can contribute to their development or worsen existing ulcers by increasing stomach acid production.

- B. Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS):** Stress is known to trigger or exacerbate symptoms of IBS, a chronic disorder that affects the large intestine, resulting in abdominal pain, bloating, diarrhoea, and constipation.

D. Functional Dyspepsia: Also known as indigestion, functional dyspepsia manifests as persistent pain or discomfort in the upper abdomen, accompanied by symptoms such as bloating, nausea, and early satiety. Stress is considered a significant contributing factor.



Understanding the Stress-Stomach Connection

The interplay between stress and stomach issues is multifaceted and involves several key mechanisms:

- A. Altered Gut Motility:** Stress can disrupt the normal movement of the digestive system, leading to either accelerated or slowed down transit time, causing diarrhoea or constipation, respectively.

c. Gut Microbiota Imbalance: Stress can disrupt the delicate balance of beneficial bacteria in the gut, leading to an overgrowth of harmful microbes, causing gastrointestinal distress.
- B. Immune System Response:** Stress activates the body’s immune response, triggering inflammation within the gastrointestinal tract, which can result in a variety of digestive symptoms.

d. Hypersensitivity: Stress can heighten the sensitivity of the gastrointestinal tract, making it more reactive to normal digestive processes, leading to increased pain perception and discomfort.

Effective Treatment Approaches

- A. Stress Management Techniques:** Implement stress reduction strategies such as mindfulness meditation, deep breathing exercises, yoga, regular physical activity, and adequate sleep to help alleviate stress and its impact on the stomach.

C. Medications: Over-the-counter antacids, acid reducers, and antidiarrheal medications can provide temporary relief. However, it is essential to consult a healthcare professional for proper diagnosis and guidance on medication use.

E. Seeking Professional Guidance: If symptoms persist or worsen, it is crucial to consult a healthcare professional or gastroenterologist who can provide a comprehensive evaluation and develop an individualised treatment plan.
- B. Dietary Modifications:** Adopt a healthy and balanced diet that includes fibre-rich foods, probiotics, and prebiotics to promote a healthy gut microbiome. Avoid triggers such as spicy foods, caffeine, and alcohol that can exacerbate stomach issues.

D. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT): CBT can be beneficial for individuals with stress-induced stomach issues by helping them identify and modify negative thought patterns and behaviours, ultimately reducing stress levels and improving gastrointestinal symptoms.

The intricate interplay between stress and stomach issues is a testament to the remarkable connection between our minds and bodies. Understanding this relationship empowers us to take proactive steps towards managing and treating stress-induced gastrointestinal distress. By implementing stress management techniques, making dietary modifications, exploring therapeutic approaches, and seeking professional guidance, we can restore balance to the gut-brain axis and find relief from the discomfort that stress brings. Remember, a holistic approach that addresses both the mind and the body is key to achieving long-lasting gastrointestinal wellness.

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In the sun-kissed realm of Penang, where the azure waves caress the sandy shores and in the heart of UNESCO-listed George Town, stands a testament to refined luxury and unbridled indulgence — Courtyard by Marriott. This opulent haven, nestled amidst the confluence of heritage and modern landscape, offers a resplendent escape that is nothing short of a reverie.

A Serenade of Comfort

From the moment you set foot into the palatial lobby, a symphony of lavishness envelops your senses. The architecture, adorned with intricate embellishments and warm accents, transports you to quite literally, a home away from home. There's much to discover at Courtyard by Marriott, starting with its resplendent 299 spacious hotel rooms and suites. The rooms are beautifully-outfitted with a cool-toned palette blanketing the room, a plush king-sized bed to retire to at the end of the day and modern amenities are sure to evoke a sense of belonging for the worldly travellers. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame the arresting panorama of Penang city in all its glory and partial view of the sea, immediately evoking a sense of serenity.



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Exquisite Gastronomy at Penang Kitchen

The aptly-named Penang Kitchen on the lobby level of the hotel stands as a mighty contender, given Penang's synonymity as being a food paradise. While its menu is not as extensive, the esteemed chefs cater to most discerning palates, offering an ensemble of both local and international delights. The physical menu is a sight to behold, designed to shape a vintage Peranakan door that reveals a variety of la carte dishes such as the Wok Hei Kuey Teow, Salmon Laksa and Courtyard Chicken Chop to name a few, behind its doors. Ever the purveyor of gastronomic delights, guests can look forward to offerings such as Tea-Fin Afternoon Tea for two — a local twist on afternoon tea, presented in an old tiffin carrier revealing tiers of savoury and sweet treats, alongside tea of your choice, which includes masala tea. Besides that, a change of pace calls for the Sino Thai Dulang Lunch — a decadent platter of 10 small dishes including Som Thum, Keang Pkieuw Kai (green curry chicken with vegetable and holy basil) and Gong Bao Chicken. Every morsel unveils a journey of culture and unparalleled taste.



A Panoply of Leisure and Adventure

While Courtyard by Marriott epitomises leisure, it also caters to the adventurous souls who seek thrill and just moving their body. With this in mind, the fitness centre, equipped with treadmills, ellipticals, free weights and cable machines, as well as the swimming pool will keep you on your fitness track. Alternatively, those who seek to rid the toxins from their body can get their sweat on in the hotel's sauna.

Sweet Libations at Gin Library

Tucked on the 23rd floor of the hotel, geometric floor tiles, beautiful wallpaper of books neatly lines on bookcases, expansive windows and a generously-equipped bar makes up the Gin Library. It is the island's first and only distillery-themed bars, helmed by a talented mixologist named Alif Zambri, who has 6 years of experience under his belt. Choose from more than 50 varieties of gins, whiskeys, spirits and handcrafted cocktails to complement the exquisitely-crafted fare by Ostréa — an oyster and seafood bar. This collaboration has birthed familiar and creative dishes that push the creative boundaries.



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