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Exciting Events Happening in July 2025



Simfoni Budaya II

After the presentation of *keroncong* and *ghazal* genres last year, the *Simfoni Budaya* series returns this season; this time, the grandeur sounds of the MPO will intertwine with the beautiful *joget*, *asli* and Arabesque *zapin*, and *inang* tunes. With featured vocalists, join the MPO in an unforgettable night of yesteryears gems and experience a harmonious blend of tradition and music in a celebration at the crossroads of cultures.

Date : 5 July 2025
Price : RM 179 RM 229 RM 279 RM 329
Venue : Dewan Filharmonik Petronas



MPO Chamber Concert 1

Take a moment to step away from the bustle of everyday life and indulge in an evening of refined musical serenity. The Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra's chamber ensembles invite you to experience the elegance and intimacy of chamber music in its purest form. Set in a warm and inviting setting, this performance promises to showcase the individual brilliance and collective harmony of some of Malaysia's finest classical musicians.

Date : 8 July 2025
Price : RM 75
Venue : Dewan Filharmonik Petronas



Tapestry Through Time

Sandance Ballet Studio proudly presents *Tapestry Through Time*, a heartfelt celebration of movement, memory, and artistic growth. This special performance brings together a collection of standout dances from the past decade, reflecting the creativity, dedication, and evolution of the studio and its community.

Date : 12-13 July 2025
Price : RM 70 RM 80
Venue : Damansara Performing Arts Centre



29th Anniversary Symphony

To celebrate their loyal fans, renowned Indonesian band, Ungu is set to perform in Kuala Lumpur as part of their 29th Anniversary – Symphony of Ungu concert. Known for music that resonates deeply through its meaningful lyrics and emotional storytelling, Ungu has long inspired audiences across the region. As the milestone event approaches, the band shared their excitement and eagerness to reunite with their Malaysian fans on this special night.

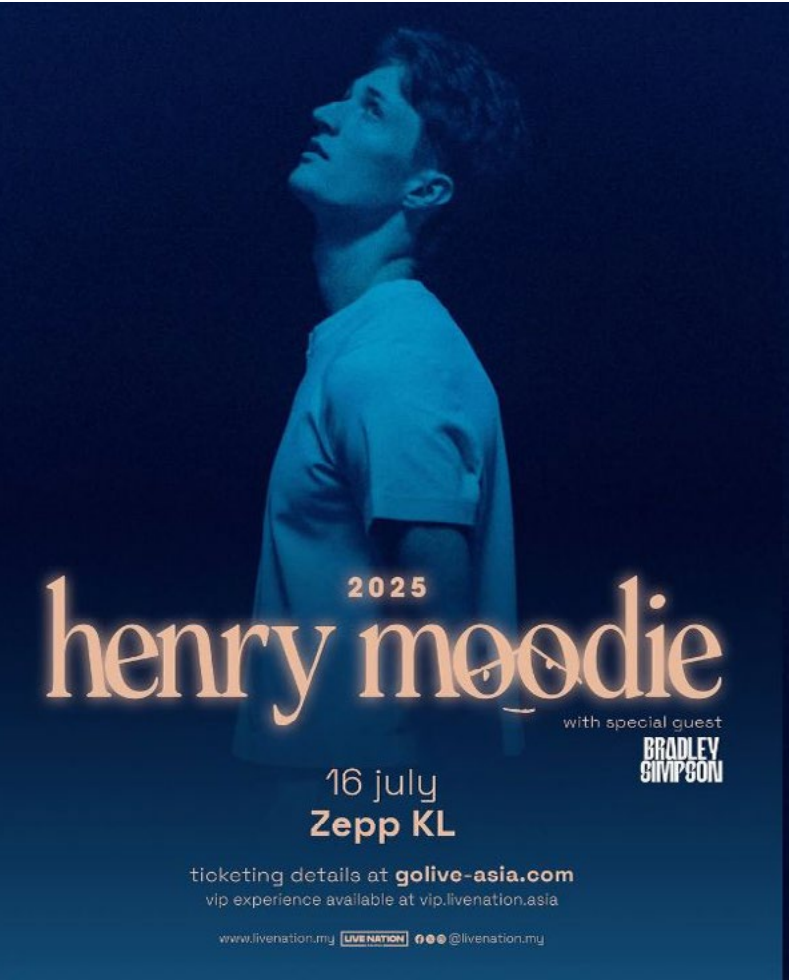
Date : 12 July 2025
Price : RM 288 RM 488 RM 588 RM 1588
Venue : Plenary Hall, KL Convention Centre



Insomniacks - Echoes Of A Dream

Celebrating a decade of music, INSOMNIACKS, Malaysia's beloved pop-rock band, will take the stage for their first ever concert in Malaysia! Known for chart topping hits like “Pulang”, “Sempurna”, and “Igauan Malam”, the band brings their signature sound which blends with emotional lyrics and infectious energy to fans in an unforgettable night of live music.

Date : 12 July 2025
Price : RM 138 RM 168 RM 228
Venue : Zepp Kuala Lumpur



Henry Moodie 2025

Henry Moodie has officially announced his first headline tour across Asia, with Malaysia proudly listed as the opening stop.

The English singer, best known for his breakout single “drunk text” along with viral hits like “you were there for me” and “beat up car,” will kick off the tour on 16 July in Kuala Lumpur at Zepp KL.

Joining him for the Kuala Lumpur show is special guest Bradley Simpson, frontman of the British pop band The Vamps, adding even more star power to the night.

Date : 16 July 2025
Price : RM 268 RM 328 RM 538 RM 2,888
Venue : Zepp Kuala Lumpur



G-DRAGON 2025 World Tour [Übermensch] In Kuala Lumpur

G-DRAGON 2025 WORLD TOUR [Übermensch] is officially coming to Malaysia. Following the exciting announcement of his return to the stage with a highly anticipated world tour, the legendary BIGBANG frontman and musical visionary G-DRAGON has sparked a global wave of excitement. His opening shows in Seoul drew over 60,000 fans, delivering a powerful mix of nostalgia and innovation that continues to captivate audiences around the world. Now, that energy is heading to Kuala Lumpur. The moment local FAMS, G-DRAGON's devoted fans, have been waiting for has finally arrived.

Date : 19–20 July 2025
Price : RM 459 RM 799 RM 999 RM 1,239
Venue : Axiata Arena, Kuala Lumpur



Latihan Pestapora Malaysia 2025

Latihan Pestapora Malaysia is a series of pre-festival events leading up to the renowned Pestapora music festival in Indonesia, now brought to Malaysia for the very first time. Designed to build excitement and unite music lovers, this event offers Malaysian audiences a chance to experience the unique spirit of the festival firsthand.

Featuring an exciting lineup of artists from both Indonesia and Malaysia, Latihan Pestapora Malaysia goes beyond just stage performances. It serves as a vibrant platform for cross-border collaboration, cultural exchange, and a lively celebration of music and community.

Date : 26 July 2025
Price : RM 299 RM 249
Venue : Bukit Jalil National Stadium

Big Screen Thrills

JULY MOVIE PREMIERES



JURASSIC WORLD: REBIRTH

JULY 2

Five years post-Jurassic World: Dominion (2022), an expedition braves isolated equatorial regions to extract DNA from three massive prehistoric creatures for a groundbreaking medical breakthrough.

Genre:

Action/Adventure

Cast:

Scarlett Johansson, Jonathan Bailey, Rupert Friend, Mahershala Ali, Ed Skrein, Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, Luna Blaise



GODAAN SETAN YANG TERKUTUK

JULY 3

An Ustadz found out that his wife and children were experiencing disturbances from dangerous and powerful and dangerous supernatural beings. With his faith and ruqyah knowledge, the Ustadz had to fight the terror that came from his own family.

Genre:

Horror

Cast:

Donny Alamsyah, Poppy Sovia, Azela Putri, Aline Fauziah, Claresta Taufan Kusumarina, Jefan Nathanio



GHOST TRAIN

JULY 10

Da Gyeong, a YouTuber with the lowest number of views, meets the station master of a mysterious subway station to find the source of a true horror story and encounters several strange ones.

Genre:

Horror/Mystery

Cast:

Joo Hyun-young, Jeon Bae-soo, Choi Bo-min, Kim Ji-in, Kim Woo-kyum



IMPAK MAKSIMA 2

JULY 17

Rudy, a rebellious young man who joins Abang Joe's motorsport center. He befriends Rio and meets Gia, but their friendship turns into rivalry when Rio challenges Rudy to a race. Meanwhile, Ray manipulates Rudy into competing in the D1 Drift Competition to exact revenge on Abang Joe.

Genre:

Action/Crime

Cast:

Eizlan Yusof, Zul Huzaimy, Nelissa Nizam, Arfie Shah, Fad Bocey, Muhsin Nadzli

*Fuji Anggara Perjuangan III, 2023 Acrylic on canvas 152 x 170 cm
Private Collection*



Tracing the Evolution of Malaysian Art

A JOURNEY THROUGH SOME ICONIC RARE AND IMPORTANT ARTWORKS THAT EMBODY NATIONHOOD

Since Malaysia's independence in 1957, the nation has undergone sweeping changes across its political, social, and economic spheres. Yet, some of the most profound and enduring transformations have taken place within its cultural and artistic landscapes. Over the decades, Malaysian art has evolved from a tool for articulating national identity into a dynamic platform for personal expression, political critique, and social dialogue. This post-Merdeka evolution tells a story far richer than mere aesthetics as it reveals the nation's growing pains, cultural tensions, dreams, and inner soul.



*Fuji Anggara Ombak Karunia (Perjuangan), 2024 Acrylic on canvas 182 x 304 cm
Private Collection*

In the years following independence, there was a collective urgency to define what it meant to be Malaysian. Art became a vital medium in that nation-building process, a way of expressing cultural pride, unity in diversity, and a shared vision for the future.

Artists began to shift from colonial modes of representation toward forms that reflected Malaysia's multicultural ethos and indigenous heritage.

Figures like Datuk Syed Ahmad Jamal, Latiff Mohidin, and Ibrahim Hussein emerged as pioneering voices in this new visual language.

Their works bridged modernist abstraction with local content, blending Western techniques with Southeast Asian philosophies, Islamic motifs, and vernacular aesthetics.

These artists did not merely reflect the times; they helped shape the ideological framework of post-colonial Malaysia, presenting visual blueprints for a confident and pluralistic society.

These early artworks were both visionary and idealistic. They spoke of hope, progress, and a collective identity yet to be fully realized.

The canvas became a stage for articulating independence, not only from colonial powers but from inherited ideologies, limited narratives, and imposed forms.



*Tajuddin Ismail, Dato' Synergy - Unity and Diversity, 2007 Acrylic on wood panel
Diameter 213 cm*



Awang Damit Ahmad “Malaysia Masa Kini dan Masa Depan, 1987/88”

Awang Damit Ahmad : A Voice from the Earth

During this period of artistic self-definition, a quiet yet powerful voice began to emerge from the eastern edges of the nation. Awang Damit Ahmad, born in Kuala Penyu in Sabah, brought a sensibility rooted in the earth, rich in memory, textured by emotion, and steeped in spirituality. Unlike the overt symbolism or political rhetoric of his contemporaries, Awang Damit's approach was deeply introspective. His canvases, often abstract and organic, speak to the land, the soul, and the quiet rhythms of rural life.

His early works drew heavily from his childhood in Sabah, capturing the textures of soil, the echoes of local myths, and the weight of memory. His unique visual language resonated with audiences who saw in his works a deep authenticity and emotional gravity.

A milestone in his career and in the trajectory of Malaysian art came in 1988 with his painting titled *Malaysia Masa Kini dan Masa Depan*. Created during a period of intense national transformation marked by industrial growth and urban change, the painting reflects a Malaysia in transition. Its layered abstract forms evoke a delicate balance between continuity and change, heritage and progress, rootedness, and fragmentation.

Rather than presenting a romantic or utopian vision, Awang Damit captured the complexities and contradictions of a nation evolving at high speed. His work explored the emotional costs of development, including the erosion of traditional values, the quiet disappearance of village life, and the disconnection from cultural foundations.

This work marked a turning point not only in his personal practice but in the wider Malaysian art scene. It demonstrated that emotional depth and philosophical insight could live within abstract forms, raising the standard and ambition of Malaysian fine art.

The Expanding Conversation: Identity, Conflict, and Self

By the 1990s, Malaysia's social and political climate was growing more complex. Issues of race, religion, inequality, and national identity were becoming central to policy and public discourse. Art began to reflect these challenges, and many artists adopted a more conceptual and critical approach. The canvas became more than a mirror of culture; it was now a site of inquiry, resistance, and alternative storytelling.

Artists such as Wong Hoy Cheong, Redza Piyadasa, and Zulkifli Yusoff brought a new energy and urgency to Malaysian art. They challenged accepted narratives, questioned historical memory, and examined how policies shaped the lives of ordinary citizens. Their works blurred the boundary between art and activism, inviting discussion, discomfort, and change.

While many artists embraced confrontation and critique, Awang Damit remained committed to quiet reflection and emotional truth. His series, such as *Essence of Culture* and *Payarama* continued to explore the themes of memory, spirituality, and rootedness. His works were not prescriptive but suggestive, offering space for contemplation rather than conclusion. He reminded viewers of the enduring value of silence, soil, and slow attention in an age of noise and speed.



Fuji Anggara *Perjuangan I*, 2023 Acrylic on canvas 168 x 244 cm
Private Collection

A New Millennium: Decentralization, Diversity, and Digital Frontiers

As Malaysia entered the twenty-first century, the art world expanded in reach and expression. Technological innovation, international mobility, and the rise of independent platforms gave rise to a vibrant new generation of artists, working in a wide range of media. Video art, photography, digital installations, performance pieces, and multidisciplinary collaborations became central to contemporary practice.

Artists such as Yee I Lann, Sharon Chin, and Ahmad Fuad Osman explored themes of environmental crisis, gender identity, indigenous rights, and the legacy of colonialism using contemporary tools and methods. Their works were intellectually agile, emotionally rich, and often deeply collaborative, reflecting a world where personal identity is constantly shaped by history, politics, and technology.

One of the most important shifts during this time was the growing recognition of voices from East Malaysia and the Orang Asli communities. The narrative that had once centered primarily on West Malaysia began to open up, embracing the stories and expressions of artists from Sabah, Sarawak, and other historically marginalized regions. This broadening of the national art conversation was made possible in part by trailblazers like Awang Damit, whose presence in the mainstream affirmed the cultural significance of the periphery.

His success helped redefine who could speak for the nation through art and ensured that the contributions of East Malaysian artists were no longer overlooked or underrepresented.

A Legacy of Truth and Imagination

The evolution of Malaysian art since independence is not just a story of technique and medium. It's a journey of imagination, struggle, memory, and truth. Through artists like Awang Damit Ahmad, we see how art can hold a nation's most intimate emotions, its fears, beauty, dreams, and transform them into something universal.

His work, and that of many others, teaches us that art is never static. It lives, breathes, and evolves alongside its people. It connects generations, challenges silence, and reflects the heartbeat of a changing Malaysia.

Art after independence is not merely a mirror of the nation's growth. It's the pulse of its soul, and it will continue to guide, question, and inspire long into the future.



Fuji Anggara *Perjuangan IV*, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
152 x 170 cm

Private Collection



Fuji Anggara
“Menjengah Lanskap, 2025”
Mix media on paper, 79 x 115.5 cm
RM 8,600

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There's a kind of struggle that does not unfold in the streets or on grand stages. It happens in silence, in thought, in the quiet confrontation between artist and canvas, or in this case, paper. In *Mindscape: Perjuangan Series*, Fuji Anggara takes us into this deeply personal realm, where national memory and inner reflection intersect through the medium of paper. This latest mini exhibition at KL Lifestyle Art Space represents a significant moment in Fuji's journey as an artist and individual.

The exhibition will run from 20th July to 8th August 2025 at KLAS @ 150, Jalan Maarof, Bukit Bandaraya, Kuala Lumpur.

Mindscape: Uprising is not a departure, but a continuation and evolution of Fuji's ongoing *Perjuangan series*, shaped by his lived experiences, emotional insights, and deep connection to history. The spark that ignited this series came unexpectedly, in the form of a sculpture. While visiting a public space, Fuji encountered the iconic bust of Tunku Abdul Rahman, sculpted by Felix De Weldon. It moved him profoundly, awakening a deep respect for the struggles of Malaysia's founding fathers and inspiring him to create a body of works that speaks to both national pride and personal conviction.



Tan Sri Felix De Weldon “Bust Of Tunku Abdul Rahman, 1962”
Patina painted plasterr 46 x 27 x 15 cm

The *Perjuangan series*, first expressed in two large-scale paintings filled with dynamic strokes and vivid colors of the national flag, celebrated Malaysia's journey to independence and the emotional weight carried by its people. With *Mindscape*, Fuji brings that same spirit inward. These works on paper are not declarations. They are meditations. Here, the act of drawing becomes a form of resistance, a channel for memory, and a space of transformation.

Working with KL Lifestyle Art Space over the years has placed Fuji close to some of Malaysia's most influential modern master artists, whose work is part of the very DNA of the gallery. Through his artistic practice and his exposure to these legends, Fuji has developed a unique voice, one that draws inspiration while carving its own path.

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 Monument,

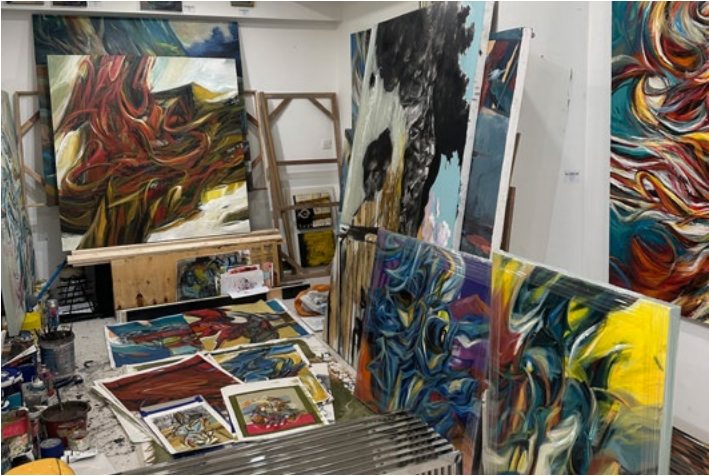


Fuji Anggara “Sejenak, 2025” Mix media on paper 39 x 27.5 cm
RM 3,600

He channels the emotive energy and motion of Yusof Ghani, whose expressive mark-making and raw physicality are felt in the movement of Fuji's lines. The structural rhythm and bold abstraction of Ibrahim Hussein echo in the way Fuji constructs his visual compositions. The philosophical undertones and spatial poetry of Latiff Mohidin find resonance in Fuji's approach to depth and silence, while Khalil Ibrahim's gentle, introspective handling of the figure is present in Fuji's more restrained and contemplative works.

Mindscape: Uprising also builds on the emotional core of Fuji's earlier solo exhibition *Margatulus*, where the artist explored ancestry, sincerity, and the meaning of belonging. From that foundation, a creative voice rooted in authenticity emerged. In *Lakaran Kertas*, a previous paper-based presentation at KLAS, Fuji began to experiment more freely with the expressive potential of the medium. This latest exhibition takes that exploration even further.

Here, paper is no longer simply a surface. It becomes a field of emotion, a site of resistance, and a mirror of the artist's mind. The works range from quick, charged gestures to slow, layered meditations. The materials are acrylic, minimal ink, graphite, and pigment but the intensity is palpable. These are not sketches. These are testaments.



In *Mindscape: Perjuangan Series*, Fuji shows us that struggle is not just a matter of history. It's a state of being. It's a conversation between self and society, between memory and imagination. This exhibition is not loud. It does not shout. It speaks powerfully, truthfully through line, texture, movement, and silence.



Fuji Anggara “Di antara dua tanah, 2025” Mix media on paper, 78.5 cm x 54 cm
RM 6,000



Fuji Anggara “Aurora, 2025” Acrylic on paper 54.5 cm x 79 cm
RM 6,000



The Future of Wellness in Asia

ANCIENT WISDOM, MODERN SCIENCE, AND THE RISE OF CONSCIOUS LIVING

Wellness is undergoing a profound evolution in Asia. What was once seen as a niche luxury, the domain of weekend spa-goers and silent retreat seekers, is now becoming a mainstream cultural movement. A shift is happening across the region, one where ancient rituals are being revived, advanced health innovations are entering the public space, and conscious living is no longer a trend but a necessity.

The future of wellness in Asia is not simply about clean eating, yoga mats, or massages. It is about rethinking the way we live, work, connect, and even heal. From traditional practices rooted in indigenous knowledge to modern clinics using artificial intelligence to monitor everything from sleep quality to emotional resilience, Asia is blending the wisdom of the past with the promise of the future in a way that feels deeply grounded and yet, remarkably revolutionary.

The Return to Roots

Across Asia, people are reconnecting with ancient practices not as novelties or cultural curiosities but as meaningful solutions to modern stress. In Indonesia, *jamu*, a herbal tonic made from turmeric, ginger, and tamarind, is making a comeback. Once prepared in village kitchens and passed down through generations, it is now being served in contemporary cafés in Bali and Jakarta, beautifully packaged and positioned as part of a modern wellness lifestyle.



In Malaysia, the traditional *urut Melayu*, a form of healing massage rooted in local heritage, is being incorporated into boutique wellness spaces that combine cultural rituals with calm, luxurious settings. Energy healing is also gaining visibility beyond temples and private homes, now practiced in urban studios and integrated into mainstream wellness programs. Traditional Chinese Medicine and Ayurveda are experiencing renewed interest as well, guided by a generation of healers who are comfortable with pulse reading and digital diagnostics.



This revival is not only about healing but also about reclaiming cultural identity. Young business owners and wellness advocates are building brands around the philosophies of balance, rhythm, and harmony passed down through their ancestors. For many, this is also an act of cultural preservation, a way to safeguard and celebrate traditional knowledge in a world that often prioritizes global trends over local heritage.

The High-Tech Turn

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Asia is rapidly embracing science and technology to enhance well-being. In places like Singapore, Seoul, and Tokyo, wellness now involves data tracking and smart analysis. People are using wearable devices to monitor their sleep cycles, gut health, hormone levels, and cognitive function. State-of-the-art wellness lounges offer oxygen therapy, cold treatments, red light therapy, and intravenous vitamin drips tailored to specific health goals like fatigue recovery or stress management.

Digital wellness is thriving. Meditation apps powered by artificial intelligence, guided visualizations, mindfulness platforms, and even virtual coaches are helping users integrate well-being into everyday life. In South Korea, cosmetic wellness has developed into a full ecosystem, where regenerative skincare blends seamlessly with preventive health strategies. Longevity centers and antiaging labs are no longer reserved for the elite. As accessibility increases, so does the vocabulary of wellness, with terms like metabolic flexibility, circadian rhythm regulation, and neuroplasticity now part of common conversations.



Mental and Emotional Fitness

One of the most significant transformations in Asia's wellness landscape is the growing openness around emotional and mental well-being. For many years, mental health was a subdued subject in Asian cultures.

Now, a new wave of awareness is breaking the silence. Therapy clinics, mental fitness apps, community support programs, and corporate coaching are emerging across the region.

Mindfulness and emotional healing practices are becoming mainstream. Breathwork sessions, guided journaling, somatic movement classes, and trauma healing retreats are now widely available in major cities.

Spiritual wellness is expanding beyond yoga to include inner child healing, intention-setting circles, and community-based wellness gatherings.

This shift is also cultural. There is a growing willingness to have honest conversations, to embrace vulnerability, and to heal together. Mental and emotional well-being is no longer seen as weakness or indulgence, it is recognized as essential.

The wellness journey is becoming less individual and more collective, where shared growth and connection are just as important as personal transformation.



Alpha International Sets New Global Benchmark In Workplace Wellbeing

Alpha International Training and Consultancy is leading a new approach to workplace wellbeing, setting global benchmarks and driving improvements in employee health and productivity both in Malaysia and internationally.

With the support of the United Nations, the Certified Fatigue and Fitness Accredited Programme, led by Professor Dr Louis Adaikalam, introduces Malaysia's first initiative that uses artificial intelligence to assess sleep, mental health, and stress.

The programme addresses critical challenges such as presenteeism, absenteeism, and rising healthcare costs. Professor Adaikalam believes that by using technology, organisations can predict potential health risks and prevent them before they escalate.

"What sets our approach apart is the use of advanced technologies to tackle challenges like fatigue and microsleep, which contribute to accidents at work and on the road," he said.

He explained that improving fitness and predicting risks like microsleep can significantly reduce accidents, especially among drivers. The programme offers early detection, targeted rehabilitation, and treatment to prevent such risks.

On June twenty fourth, Professor Adaikalam received the Malaysia Outstanding Entrepreneurs Award for twenty twenty five from the KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific, presented by YAM Tunku Dato Seri Utama Naquiyuddin ibni Almarhum Tuanku Jaafar, the Tunku Laksamana and Former Regent of Negeri Sembilan.

He highlighted that partnerships with government agencies, private companies, and NGOs are key to the success of Alpha International's initiatives.

Collaborations with organisations such as HRDCorp, the Malaysia Productivity Corporation, and MIROS help align their programmes with national goals, including reducing road accidents and supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



Professor Adaikalam also raised concerns about sleep deprivation, which affects nine out of ten Malaysians and has become a major workforce challenge. He stressed the need for education on how fatigue impacts cognitive function and job performance.

"Our solutions go beyond telling people to sleep more. We show how fatigue accumulates and how it affects focus, safety, and productivity," he added.



Empowering a Generation Through Sustainability and Purpose

FROM ROOTS TO RECORDS: KELAB BELIA PRIHATIN MALAYSIA'S BOLD VISION FOR THE FUTURE

In a time when the world feels increasingly uncertain, Malaysia's young people are stepping into their power with clarity and conviction. At the forefront of this youth-led movement is Kelab Belia Prihatin Malaysia, a dynamic organization that is building a future grounded in sustainability, community, and shared leadership. What began as a small initiative has grown into a national movement that continues to mobilize thousands of young Malaysians into action with compassion and courage.

From mangrove planting and river cleanups to climate education and youth empowerment, Belia Prihatin is not just talking about change. It's making it happen project by project, person by person, and community by community.



A Legacy in the Making: Malaysia Book of Records Milestone

This July, in conjunction with World Mangrove Day, Belia Prihatin is set to make history. The organization is preparing to plant and nurture the largest number of tree saplings in a nursery in Malaysia, aiming for official recognition by the Malaysia Book of Records. This ambitious effort is not just a record-breaking feat but also a symbol of generational commitment to environmental restoration and climate action.

The saplings, which include a variety of coastal and native mangrove species, will be grown in collaboration with local schools, indigenous communities, and university students. The project is designed not just to produce trees but to build climate resilience, biodiversity awareness, and a sense of shared responsibility for the planet.

This milestone reflects the heart of Belia Prihatin's mission: to create change that is measurable, inclusive, and enduring.



Creating a Culture of Sustainability

Environmental responsibility has always been central to Belia Prihatin's DNA. Its volunteers have carried out mangrove replanting efforts across Selangor, urban river cleanups, and climate literacy programs in underserved schools. The organization does more than respond to crises. It also builds ecosystems of care and action, especially in communities that are often left out of environmental conversations.

Through partnerships with both grassroots networks and international platforms, Belia Prihatin brings Malaysian youth voices into global forums on climate, resilience, and policy. These efforts not only give young people tools to act, but they also give them a space to lead.

A Space Where Young Leaders Grow

What sets Kelab Belia Prihatin apart is its decentralized model, based on trust. Instead of appointing top-down decision-makers, the organization cultivates a culture where young members launch their own campaigns, host public forums, design climate solutions, and collaborate across sectors. Everyone is seen as a changemaker in training.

With over 20,000 volunteers nationwide and expanding chapters in every state, the club provides a fertile ground for youth empowerment. Whether they are working on reforestation, sustainable food systems, or mental health awareness, every member is encouraged to lead with empathy, humility, and a sense of collective purpose.



Looking Ahead: Towards ASEAN 2025 and Beyond

As Malaysia chair ASEAN in 2025, Belia Prihatin is leading the charge in shaping meaningful youth participation at the regional level. Recognizing that the future of Southeast Asia depends on bold, inclusive action, the organization is laying the groundwork to ensure that young people are not only heard but equipped to lead.

Among its flagship initiatives is the ASEAN Youth Sustainability Forum a platform that will bring together young changemakers, policymakers, and grassroots leaders to exchange ideas, share solutions, and build lasting networks for climate action. Alongside this, Belia Prihatin will develop a dedicated digital hub to support grassroots climate initiatives, making knowledge, resources, and collaboration tools more accessible to youth across the region.

The organization is also committed to expanding leadership training programs, with a strong focus on empowering marginalized and indigenous youth who are often on the frontlines of environmental challenges. The goal is clear: to ensure that sustainability is not just a policy conversation confined to boardrooms and summits, but a lived reality shaped and driven by young people from all walks of life.

A Generation in Motion and Beyond

Kelab Belia Prihatin Malaysia is not built on prestige or power but on people. There are young people who believe deeply in their ability to make change; volunteers who listen more than they speak; communities who work together on their own initiative for the greater good.

In a world overwhelmed by crises, this movement is a steady pulse of hope. It shows us that sustainability is not just about planting trees. It's about planting a purpose. It's about sustaining dignity, uplifting voices, and ensuring that the future is shaped by those who will experience it.

With their record-setting nursery project and upcoming international leadership work, Belia Prihatin continues to prove that even the most ambitious change can start with a single seed planted by the hands of youth who believe in a better tomorrow.





Bakul Dim Sum at The Five

WHERE TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION IN EVERY STEAM AND SIZZLE

Tucked into the contemporary culinary hub of The Five, Bakul Dim Sum stands as a refined yet playful reinterpretation of the beloved dim sum experience. It's where the warmth of classic Cantonese comfort food meets the imagination of modern gastronomy. More than just a restaurant, Bakul is a journey into the heart of dim sum, where each bite is steeped in memory yet crafted with a modern twist. Whether you're a dim sum traditionalist or a curious diner with a taste for adventure, Bakul invites you to experience familiar flavors presented in bold new ways.



From the moment you're seated, there's a sense that this isn't your ordinary dim sum spot. The interiors strike a balance between minimalist sophistication and cozy charm, with muted tones, elegant tableware, and just the right touch of nostalgia. The menu is concise but meticulously curated, each item chosen to reflect heritage and originality.

The Taro Puff is a perfect example of Bakul's philosophy. On the surface, it looks like the classic dim sum staple, but with one bite reveals a carefully balanced filling of creamy taro with subtle sweetness, enclosed in a golden, crisp shell that shatters delicately in your mouth. It's comfort food elevated to an art form. From there, the Szechuan Dumpling boldly turns up the volume. Wrapped in silky skins and served in a pool of crimson chili oil, these dumplings are filled with juicy meat and awaken the palate with tingling heat, thanks to the numbing Szechuan peppercorns. Aromatic and intense, this dish offers a fiery kick that lingers in the most delicious way.



For something rich and earthy, the Black Garlic Dumpling brings a luxurious twist to the table. Infused with the deep umami of fermented garlic, each dumpling is silky and savory, offering a mellow complexity that contrasts beautifully with the brighter dishes on the menu. It's rich without being overpowering, a perfect example of Bakul's ability to create balance.

Then comes the Avocado Kataifi, perhaps the most modern dish on the menu. Delicate threads of *kataifi* pastry are wrapped around slices of creamy avocado, flash-fried to a golden crunch. The textures are unexpected but harmonious, the soft interior giving way to a satisfying crackle, while a drizzle of citrus dressing adds a zesty lift. This dish redefines what dim sum can be, drawing from Mediterranean techniques without losing its Asian soul.



Visually arresting and equally delicious, the Beetroot Bliss Buns bring a burst of color to the table. These vibrant magenta-hued buns are soft, warm, and filled with a lightly sweetened beetroot paste that is earthy and refined. The buns are steamed to perfection, offering pillowy softness that contrasts nicely with the vivid filling. It's a dish that delights the eyes and the taste buds, inviting diners to slow down and savor every bite.



No visit to Bakul is complete without the Ying Yung Prawn Noodle, a dish that offers a heartier option and ties the entire meal together. “*Ying yong*”, meaning duality or pairing, is beautifully expressed here as dry and soup noodles come together in one bowl. Juicy prawns float in a delicate yet flavorful broth, enhanced with pickled vegetables, scallions, and fresh herbs. The broth is light but layered, bringing warmth and satisfaction with every spoonful. It's a dish that comforts and surprises at once, a grounding finale to an otherwise whimsical dim sum journey.

Beyond the food, Bakul Dim Sum captures something rare: a sense of thoughtful creativity without losing the soul of its culinary roots. Every detail, from plating to pacing, reflects a respect for tradition and an excitement for what's possible when you allow it to evolve. The result is a dining experience that feels fresh and inviting, luxurious yet accessible.

In a city buzzing with gastronomic diversity, Bakul Dim Sum has managed to carve a niche that feels familiar and brand new. Whether you're catching up with friends over lunch or exploring a weekend brunch with family, it's a destination that offers more than just food; it offers a feast of textures, colors, memories, and discoveries. At Bakul, the bamboo steamer becomes a vessel not just for food, but for storytelling, reimagined.



A Taste of Thai Mastery

CHIM BY CHEF NOOM ELEVATES KL'S CULINARY SCENE

Kuala Lumpur, a city that pulses with a vibrant mix of culture, commerce, and cuisine, has always been a culinary melting pot. In June 2025, the city's fine dining scene experienced a remarkable transformation with the opening of Chim by Chef Noom. Housed within the glazed facade of Menara TS Law, Chim is not just another upscale restaurant. It's a meticulously curated experience that brings the soul of Thailand to the heart of Malaysia in an entirely new light.



Chef Thaninthorn "Noom" Chantrawan, one of Thailand's most celebrated culinary figures and the visionary behind Bangkok's Michelin-starred Chim by Siam Wisdom, has chosen Kuala Lumpur for his first international venture. Known for his ability to weave modern finesse into traditional Thai recipes, Chef Noom presents a menu that is rooted in heritage and revolutionary in form. The name *Chim*, which means "to taste" in Thai, reflects more than the act of eating. It represents a deep, sensory exploration of Thailand's culinary legacy.



From the moment guests step through the polished entrance, they are transported. The design philosophy of Chim KL mirrors the cuisine itself, minimalism filled with meaning. Muted earth tones, handcrafted wooden details, soft lighting, and a quiet reverence for space create an atmosphere where every element feels intentional. An open kitchen offers a cinematic view of the culinary artistry at play, inviting diners to become part of the process.

The tasting menu, which earned Chim its Michelin star only months after opening, is a revelation. Every dish on the multi-course journey is a carefully composed narrative. It's a reimagining of Thai street food and royal cuisine, elevated with global techniques and Chef Noom's unmistakable creative signature.



Standout dishes include a crispy turmeric prawn served atop a rice cracker with green mango and tamarind gel, and a smoked duck curry infused with lychee and torch ginger presented in custom porcelain bowls that amplify aroma and elegance. Another highlight is the redefined Tom Yum consommé, clarified and served as a crystal-clear broth, delicately poured tableside.



Each course is choreographed with intention, balancing lightness with depth, acidity with richness, and tradition with surprise. The menu adapts to the rhythm of the seasons using ingredients sourced from Thailand and local Malaysian farms. This connection to land and locality grounds the dining experience in regional authenticity while embracing global sophistication.

What sets Chim apart is not just its accolades or aesthetics. At its core, this restaurant is built on respect. Respect for ingredients, cultural roots, the artisans behind each component of the experience and most importantly, the guest. The team moves with quiet precision and hospitality is delivered with warmth and knowledge, elevating the entire evening into something unforgettable.

In a city known for its culinary diversity and innovation, Chim by Chef Noom brings a new level of sophistication and soul. It's not a restaurant one stumbles upon casually. It's a destination that invites intention, appreciation, and curiosity. Chim is now an essential part of Kuala Lumpur's fine dining fabric and a shining example of Southeast Asian excellence in the global culinary conversation.



A Hidden Rhythm in Ampang

GUMI GRIND, BIG BOB BYTES BAKE AND FUEL WITH A STYLISH TOUCH BY PEMPUAN.KL

Ampang is quietly reshaping its identity. Once known mainly as a calm residential suburb on the edge of Kuala Lumpur, it's now carving out a name as a destination for lifestyle design and food done right. Tucked within the modest walls of Ampang Point is a surprising trio that is slowly redefining how evenings are spent in the city—Gumi Grind, Big Bob Bytes, and Bake and Fuel. Together they form an all-in-one space where you can linger from late afternoon to nightfall. Now, with the presence of local womenswear label Pempuan.KL the experience comes with a distinct flair for fashion and form.

Gumi Grind: Coffee Calm and Golden Hour Glow

There is a special kind of magic to Gumi Grind. Opening only in the afternoon it's not the café for rushed breakfasts or frantic meetings, it's a place made for slowing down. The interiors are minimalist and soothing with pale tones, clean lines, and natural textures that create a calming atmosphere. The floor-to-ceiling windows let in the golden hour, light turning every visit into a warm visual experience.

The menu is centered around carefully brewed coffee from bold espressos to smooth homemade cold brews alongside comforting favorites like their now, widely known sugar cinnamon doughnuts. Everything is intentional, from the way your drink is served to the playlist in the background. Gumi Grind is for those who appreciate the little luxuries of an unhurried day.



Big Bob Bytes: Heartier Bites and Playful Energy

Step into the shared space, and you will find the tone shift into something livelier. Big Bob Bytes delivers the kind of food that speaks directly to your cravings. The menu is filled with flavor packed burgers, crispy fries, and sharing plates that do not hold back. It's bold, satisfying, and delightfully unpretentious.

This is where the mood lifts, people laugh a little louder, groups gather around tables, and conversations stretch into the night. Big Bob Bytes captures the joy of eating something indulgent, familiar, and made to share. It's casual and fun with food that does not take itself too seriously but still gets it right.

Bake and Fuel: Desserts That Deserve the Spotlight

Every good evening needs a proper ending, and Bake and Fuel ensures it's a sweet one. Known for its viral desserts and social media-worthy presentation this dessert bar turns indulgence into a nightly ritual. Their tiramisu is the main star, generously layered, creamy, and rich but the menu not only extends to cakes; the puddings and specialty treats also feel luxurious and made to be savored.

It's not just about the sugar rush it's about presentation mood and detail. The branding is polished, the space is curated and every bite feels crafted. Bake and Fuel understands that dessert is not just a after-meal affair, it can be the moment you have been waiting for all day.

Pempuan.KL: Fashion Woven into Lifestyle

What ties the entire experience together with subtle sophistication is Pempuan.KL. The local label known for its clean lines and modern reinterpretations of traditional Malaysian attire has found a home in this creative enclave. Whether through curated pop-up displays, intimate styling corners in Gumi Grind or fashion-friendly gatherings that blur the line between lifestyle and design, Pempuan.KL brings a sense of thoughtfulness and contemporary grace to the space.





sōfte

A GENTLE ESCAPE OF CALM, CREATIVITY AND COMFORT IN THE CITY

Amidst Kuala Lumpur's bustling dessert culture, sōfte offers something quietly distinctive. More than just a place for ice cream or cakes, it's an experience crafted with care in a calm intimate space that feels thoughtful and poetic. True to its name, sōfte embodies soft light, textures, and soft, lingering moments.

Tucked away in a serene corner of the heart of KL, this refined dessert and ice cream bar welcomes you with a sense of tranquility. The interiors are understated yet retro-futuristic. Muted pastels and soft lighting come together to create an atmosphere perfect for peaceful afternoons or serene evenings. The layout encourages easy conversation or quiet reflection, without distraction. Here, there's no rush only a gentle invitation to pause.

Balance is at the heart of sōfte: a harmony of simplicity and creativity, comfort and novelty, familiarity and element of surprise. This philosophy extends to the menu, where flavors are delicate yet memorable, and presentation is artful without being pretentious. At sōfte, dessert feels nostalgic yet surprising at the same time, and every dish offers a quiet sense of joy.



The Stack

The Stack begins with a decadent double chocolate cookie as its foundation. A swirl of creamy matcha soft serve brings a cool, earthy contrast. It's finished with a roasted house-made *houjicha* marshmallow that adds warmth and a nutty aroma. Every bite delivers rich flavors and satisfying textures.

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Madeleines

Golden madeleines scented with turmeric root and leaf arrive warm. Their crisp edges give way to a soft, fluffy center. Forty-eight-hour-infused banana milk soft serve has a light, delicate flavour. The unusual combination blends classic French pastries with local flavours to perfection.



Sunny Side Up Hot Chocolate

The Sunny Side Up Hot Chocolate brings a playful surprise to the table—styled to look like a sunny-side-up egg, but actually pumpkin foam surrounded by toasted vanilla marshmallow. Underneath lies velvety hot chocolate: rich, smooth, and deeply comforting. It's a charming, whimsical treat with every sip.

Everything Rice



Everything Rice, the crowd favorite, reimagines familiar flavors in bold, playful ways. Toasted rice ice cream, vanilla soft serve, and miso caramel form the base. Coconut mochi, puffed black rice, and black pepper add texture and spice. Sweet, savoury, and exciting all at once.

Strawberry Matcha with Float

This layered drink combines earthy matcha with sweet strawberry. It finishes with a scoop of matcha soft serve, adding smooth richness to every sip. The balance of bitter and sweet is quietly satisfying. It's visually striking and deliciously refreshing.

The Pink Cow



The Pink Cow is vibrant, refreshing, and playful. Pink guava sorbet and dragon fruit purée are made using fresh ingredients. Whipped milk and crushed meringue add texture and lightness. A drizzle of olive oil finishes it with warmth.



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A Morning Feast

DISCOVERING KL'S MUST-TRY MALAYSIAN BREAKFAST SPOTS

In Kuala Lumpur, breakfast is a celebration of culture, comfort, and community. Whether served from a humble roadside stall or a historic *kopitiam*, Malaysian-style breakfasts offer flavors that are familiar to the taste buds and warm the soul. These are the places where mornings begin with good food and quiet moments, where locals gather for a taste of home before the city stirs awake.

Village Park Restaurant



Damansara Uptown is a name that needs no introduction. Known citywide for its legendary *nasi lemak*, this busy eatery draws a crowd every morning. The rice is soft and fragrant with just the right amount of coconut richness. The crispy fried chicken, spiced to perfection, is the star of the plate. Together with a generous scoop of sweet and spicy *sambal*, crunchy anchovies and peanuts, it is a breakfast that satisfies every craving.



Yut Kee Kopitiam



Located in Chow Kit, this joint offers a nostalgic journey through KL's Hainanese heritage. Established in 1928, it remains one of the oldest and most beloved *kopitiam*s in the city. The classic combination of kaya toast, soft-boiled eggs, and a strong cup of kopi creates a timeless breakfast experience. Yut Kee is also known for its unique dishes like *roti babi* and marble butter cake, which are perfect for those looking to try something with a deeper story and history.



Mansion Tea Stall



Tucked in the heart of Masjid India, it's famous for its bold and hearty breakfast. It's signature *roti canai banjir* comes drenched in a mix of dhal, curry, and *sambal*, topped with two perfectly soft eggs. This flavorful and spicy dish is a messy delight, often paired with a cup of frothy *teh tarik*. Opens 24 hours a day, it's a go-to spot for early risers and late-night food lovers alike.



Ho Kow Hainam Kopitiam



Near Chinatown this kopitiam, offers a breakfast experience rooted in charm and tradition. Set in a beautifully restored heritage building, this café brings back the aesthetics of old KL. Diners come for the charcoal-grilled toast generously spread with kaya and butter, served with soft-boiled eggs and strong Hainanese coffee. The tiled floors, vintage décor and relaxed pace of service make it an ideal place to unwind and watch the morning unfold.



Nasi Lemak Wanjo, Kampung Baru



A true KL icon, Nasi Lemak Wanjo has been serving its legendary plates of Malaysia's national dish since 1963. Nestled in the heart of Kampung Baru, this bustling eatery is loved by locals and tourists alike for its authentic, no-frills nasi lemak experience.

Here, the coconut rice is fluffy and fragrant, the sambal strikes the perfect balance between sweet and spicy, and the crispy fried chicken is golden and irresistibly juicy.

The casual canteen-style setting adds to its charm, often buzzing with hungry patrons from breakfast through late lunch. Affordable, satisfying, and proudly Malaysian, Nasi Lemak Wanjo remains a must-visit for anyone craving a proper taste of KL's comfort food culture.



Urban Daybreak



Tucked away in the trendy streets of Bangsar, Urban Daybreak has become a favorite hangout spot for those craving a hearty, Western-style breakfast with a touch of Aussie café culture. With its warm, rustic interiors and relaxed atmosphere, this neighborhood gem invites you to slow down and savor your morning.



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Phase One of Selangor Aero Park @ KLIA Aeropolis Kicks Off

The recent launch of the Selangor Aero Park @ KLIA Aeropolis by Malaysia Airports and Menteri Besar Selangor Incorporated (MBI) marks a step closer towards Malaysia becoming a leading player in Asia Pacific's aerospace and advanced manufacturing landscape.

Spanning about 600 acres within the KLIA Aeropolis, this landmark development has a potential gross development value of RM2.3 billion.

To be developed over several phases, the Selangor Aero Park is expected to attract high-impact investments across the aerospace supply chain, including precision engineering and integrated logistics services.

It is anticipated to serve as a hub for innovation, talent development and technology transfer as well.

Covering 200 acres, phase one of the Selangor Aero Park is open for sale to potential investors, while the remaining 400-acre parcels of land will be progressively released beyond 2028, in accordance with infrastructure readiness and investor demand.

GE Aerospace secured 100 acres of land under phase one to develop an engine test cell as well as maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility to serve the Asia Pacific region.

Supported by a governance model led by Malaysia Airports and MBI to ensure seamless investment facilitation, the latter's presence as a strategic partner representing the Selangor state ensures that the tenant-operators and investors benefit from fast-track facilitation for business permits and development approvals, talent development programmes and incentives.

Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari, Menteri Besar of Selangor said, "By leveraging our strategic location, robust infrastructure and industrial strengths, we are building an enabling ecosystem where global aerospace players as well as local small and medium enterprises can thrive.

The Selangor Aero Park is envisioned to offer a complete ecosystem of aerospace activities encompassing MRO, aerospace parts manufacturing, avionics, propulsion and high-value electronics, as well as advanced supply chain facilities.

It will integrate smart security features such as closed-circuit television with facial and vehicle-plate number recognition, solar-powered street lighting on smart poles, smart billing and maintenance monitoring and green parks.

MBI will ensure a future-ready environment for the local aerospace industries that includes staff accommodations and commercial amenities apart from providing training and workforce development initiatives.

Malaysia Airports, on the other hand, is promoting renewable energy across Selangor Aero Park's facilities, including solar and rainwater harvesting.

Describing Selangor Aero Park as a catalyst in transforming the KLIA Aeropolis into a vibrant aviation and logistics hub, Malaysia Airports Chairman, Dr Nungsari Ahmad Radhi said, "This key milestone opens up multiple opportunities to enhance aviation-related infrastructure and services to meet the evolving needs of the industry and region."

Additionally, Selangor Aero Park's close proximity to the KL International Airport (KLIA) provides direct access to Asia Pacific's high-growth flight corridors and global markets, linking Malaysia's aerospace value chain to local and international demands.

Designed to offer built-to-suit and fully-serviced facilities to cater to original equipment manufacturers and Tier 1 aerospace players as well as high technology and high value supply chain operators, this synergistic aviation-linked development will enhance KLIA's core operations while attracting global investments.

With Selangor Aero Park's location easy access to Port Klang, this further strengthens its multi-modal logistics proposition.

As Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook put it at the ground breaking of the Selangor Aero Park, this development matters because it offers a seamless integration between air, land and sea - a multimodal hub designed for efficiency, precision and speed.

"It gives our exporters, manufacturers and innovators a new edge in a fast-changing region."

The Selangor Aero Park is a crucial element in the realisation of the vision of the Malaysian Aerospace Industry Blueprint 2030, to generate RM55.2 billion in annual aerospace revenue and create over 32,000 high-income jobs by 2030.

Enhancing Passengers' Experience with New Aero trains and More Connectivity

As Malaysia Airports continues to expand air connectivity into Malaysia with the entry of new foreign carriers and the launch of more new routes, its commitment to ensuring a smooth and seamless flow for its passengers remains top priority.

This is clearly demonstrated at its flagship KL International Airport (KLIA), which debuted its new Aero trains on 1 July 2025 following the successful completion of a major infrastructure upgrade planned three years ago.



With enhanced reliability, improved passenger flow and a stronger system resilience, KLIA is well-positioned to establish itself as a strong hub in Southeast Asia.

Dato' Mohd Izani Ghani, Managing Director of Malaysia Airports said, "We are grateful for the close and diligent oversight from the Land Public Transport Agency throughout the project and the strong support from the Ministry of Transport."

He explained, "The Aero train is a complex system that requires seamless integration across multiple components, all of which must meet stringent safety and performance standards set by the regulator.

This includes testing our emergency response plan to ensure we are ready for any eventuality."

The fault-free run involved a rigorous validation process in which the first train was required to complete 2,000 kilometres (km) of continuous fault-free operations, while the remaining two trains logged 1,000 km each, confirming the system's technical reliability and readiness.

"We also worked closely with our contractor, Alstom, and their consortium partners to deliver this project

Northern gateway's connectivity enhanced
Meanwhile, at Penang International Airport (PEN), which recently welcomed its 18th foreign airline, Cambodia Airways' (KR) twice-weekly service from Phnom Penh (PNH) using the Airbus A320 aircraft, this is KR's second international route to Malaysia, complementing its existing PNH-Kuala Lumpur (KUL) service.

On the country's second busiest airport's performance, he said Penang International Airport (PEN) recently welcomed its 18th foreign airline, Cambodia Airways' (KR) twice-weekly service from Phnom Penh (PNH) using the Airbus A320 aircraft.

This is KR's second international route to Malaysia, complementing its existing PNH-Kuala Lumpur (KUL) service.

Dato' Mohd Izani said, "As the second new airline to commence operations at PEN this year following Sichuan Airlines' (3U) start of its five weekly flights from Chengdu on 30 April 2025, KR's entry strengthens Penang's position as a key northern gateway and enhances our strategic role in advancing regional air connectivity.

"More importantly, this new direct link with PNH aligns with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Connectivity Master Plan 2025, reinforcing Malaysia's commitment to deeper regional integration.

"It opens new pathways for trade and cross-border collaboration, positioning Penang as a vital node in the ASEAN economic network."

Beyond Cambodia, PEN also offers direct flights to key members of the ASEAN bloc, including Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam and Myanmar, cementing its status as an emerging regional hub for commerce and tourism.

From January to May 2025, PEN recorded 3.4 million passengers, up 12% increase year-on-year. Of this, 53% were international passengers and the rest domestic passengers.



Direct Flights to and from Haikou and Kuala Lumpur by Hainan Airlines

Hainan Airlines' (HU) inaugural direct flight from Haikou (HAK) on 30 May 2025 is part of Malaysia Airports' strategic efforts to strengthen KL International Airport's network connectivity with China, one of its key target markets.

“ This route expansion reinforces our role as an airport operator driving growth through enhanced accessibility, which supports trade, tourism and economic development.

DATO' MOHD IZANI GHANI
Managing Director
of Malaysia Airports



This four-times-weekly service offers seamless smooth connections for passengers transiting through Haikou to over 50 cities across China as well as international destinations such as London, Bangkok, Tokyo, and Hong Kong.

Additionally, Haikou serves as a strategic gateway for flights from China to the Middle East, conveniently connecting destinations such as Dubai and Jeddah, making it an ideal transit point for travellers heading to the region.

According to OAG's latest June 2025 statistics, China's international airline capacity continued to recover strongly to Vietnam, Japan and Malaysia, increasing by 64%, 37% and 27% respectively compared to June 2024.

Among China's top 20 international markets that have recovered since 2019, Malaysia is ranked seventh with slightly over 400,000 seats as at June 2025.



Founded in 1993 and headquartered in Hainan Province, HU is one of China's leading full-service carriers, continuing to receive accolades in the first few months of this year.

In March 2025 HU was recognised as the Outstanding Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Innovative Enterprise of the Year at the second Victoria Harbour Overseas Excellence Awards, while in February, HU was awarded the Most Punctual Long-Haul Airline at Brussels Airport for 2024.

Earlier in January, HU won four awards in the Tianxuan 2024 Sky Choice Travel Awards of the Civil Aviation Administration of China's inflight magazine.

These awards were Innovation in Product or Service Airline of the Year, Crew of the Year, Airline Catering of the Year and Corporate, Social Responsibility (CSR) Brand of the Year.

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Historic Touchdown by Cambodia Airways from Phnom Penh to Penang

Cambodia Airways' (KR) inaugural direct flight connecting the two UNESCO listed cities of Phnom Penh (PNH) and Penang (PEN) launched on 26 June 2025 is expected to open doors for cultural tourism and heritage-based exchange.

Present to welcome its arrival were Dato' Yeoh Soon Hin, Deputy Chairman of Tourism Malaysia and two Directors from the Penang Convention and Exhibition Bureau (PCEB), Lee Boon Heng and Datin' Bharathi Suppiah.



The maiden flight KR785, celebrated with a traditional water salute, special welcome and cake cutting ceremony, was honoured by the presence of His Excellency Shaharuddin Onn, Ambassador of Malaysia to Cambodia, Tang Xiaojun, KR Vice President and Bai Guowei, KR Director of the Marketing Committee.

To ensure the route's success, PCEB will explore strategic collaborations with KR and other partners to enhance awareness among key target markets of the state as a leading destination for high-impact international business events.

Operating twice weekly, the new route opens up avenues for tourism, trade, and bilateral collaboration between Malaysia and Cambodia, while also enhancing accessibility and convenience for both leisure and business travellers.

With PNH connected to 14 destinations via 27 flights, this new route serves as a vital access for corporate and incentive groups from Cambodia and beyond, bringing KR's total weekly flights between PNH and Malaysia to five, covering both PNG and Kuala Lumpur (KUL).



Established in 2017, KR has been its country's only local airline offering business class seats and full-service flights. Currently, its fleet, comprising six Airbus A319 or A320 aircraft, flies to 22 domestic and international destinations. To date, KR has completed over 17,000 flights, safely transporting more than 1.7 million passengers and accumulating over 35,000 flight hours. The airline served over 620,000 passengers in 2024.

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Partnership between China Southern Airlines and Vietnam Airlines to Start in August

Following the approvals from the relevant authorities of both China Southern Airlines (CZ) and Vietnam Airlines (VN), the joint-venture (JV) between the two airlines will take effect on 1 August 2025, signaling a new phase in the civil aviation collaboration between China and Vietnam.

By combining their strength and resources, the JV aims to offer a stronger combined network and seamless connectivity for passengers flying between the two countries through schedule coordination and code-share arrangements.

To facilitate passenger transfers, both airlines have introduced the Inter-Airline Through Check-in (IATCI) process, enabling travelers to obtain boarding passes for up to three connecting flight segments at their initial point of departure.

Additionally, the members of both airlines' frequent flyer programme will enjoy benefits that include priority check-in, expedited baggage handling, increased baggage allowance and priority boarding.

Zhang Dongsheng, CZ Deputy Director General of the Commercial Steering Committee explained, "In recent years, we have actively tapped into the aviation markets in countries along China's Belt and Road Initiative through international bilateral cooperation, establishing

a global network of international partnerships."

Through this JV, which marks a significant step forward in its internationalisation strategy, he said, "We will build an air bridge between the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and Vietnam, boosting regional economic, trade and cultural exchanges."

With 2025 being the China-Vietnam Year of People-to-People Exchange, new opportunities abound for the aviation market and growth in tourism.

Currently, CZ operates direct flights from Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Changsha, Wuhan, and Shanghai Pudong in China to Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Nha Trang in Vietnam, with a peak weekly capacity of 111 flights.

Vietnam's flag carrier, on the other hand, provides direct services connecting Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City to Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing besides linking Nha Trang to Tianjin, Wuhan, Nanjing, Shanghai, Jinan, Changzhou, Wuxi.

During peak periods, VN operates over 50 weekly flights, providing extensive air connectivity between Vietnam and China.

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



New Codeshare Partnership between Scandinavian Airlines and Vietnam Airlines

Two SkyTeam members - Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) and Vietnam Airlines (VN) – have forged a new codeshare agreement that will enhance travel convenience, expand connectivity and enable passengers to earn and redeem SAS EuroBonus or LotusMiles points across both networks.

"This agreement is a testament to the value of the SkyTeam alliance in delivering global connectivity and shared benefits for frequent flyers."

PAUL VERHAGEN

Chief Commercial Officer
of Scandinavian Airlines (SAS)

SAS joined SkyTeam in September 2024. It serves more than 25 million passengers and transports 60,000 tonnes of cargo yearly to 135 destinations across Asia, Europe and the United States.

Its codeshare agreement with VN also allows passengers to book itineraries, including segments operated by either airline through a single reservation, making travel between Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City and the Scandinavian hubs of Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo more flexible.

Travellers can expect a reliable and seamless journey across continents with SAS ranked as the most punctual airline in both Europe and the world for the second month in a row this year according to Cirium's monthly reports for April and May.

The global aviation analytics company said the airline's flights arrived on time 88.32% and 89.72% of the time in April and May 2025 respectively while it was placed second globally in March 2025 at 91.92%.

Compared to the same period last year, this marks clear progress for SAS in setting the pace despite challenging seasonal conditions and increased traffic, Cirium added.

Mike Malik, Chief Marketing Officer at Cirium said, "SAS is clearly on a strong trajectory."

"These results speak to a consistent focus on operational performance and a clear commitment to the customer experience. It is great to see this kind of momentum in action."

SAS was awarded third place in Europe for On-Time Performance and ninth place globally in 2024.

Meanwhile, SAS and WestJet's newly signed interline agreement, marking the first phase of their collaboration, will significantly strengthen connectivity between Scandinavia and Canada.

Plans are afoot to launch a full codeshare later this summer.

Earlier in March 2025, SAS expanded its global reach through its partnership with Delta Air Lines, offering new trans-Atlantic options and more convenient travel experiences between Scandinavia and North America.

February 2025 saw the airline entered into a new codeshare agreement with Air France-KLM, widening its access to new destinations in Asia, Brazil and South Africa.

For more information, visit www.flysas.com



Batik Air Malaysia Reinforces Commitment to Safety

Batik Air Malaysia (OD) has successfully renewed its International Air Transport Association (IATA) Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) certification until 3 June 2027, reaffirming the airline's dedication to the highest standards of safety, reliability and operational excellence.

The IOSA certification, which must be renewed every two years, was awarded following a comprehensive audit conducted under the enhanced Risk-Based Audit framework by the global trade association representing over 300 airlines. The audit was carried out by independent IATA-accredited professionals.



First Codeshare Flight at Doha by Philippine Airlines

Philippine Airlines and Qatar Airways recently celebrated their new daily service between Manila and Doha with a ribbon cutting ceremony at Hamad International Airport (DOH), marking the start of a strong partnership between two carriers for both business and leisure travel.

These nonstop flights will be operated on PAL's long-range Airbus A330-300 aircraft in a dual-class configuration, featuring 18 flat-bed seats in its exclusive business class cabin and 341 seats in the main economy class cabin.

The new partnership between the two airlines allows PAL passengers flying from Manila to connect to QR's global network of over 170 destinations via DOH.

The certification sets global benchmarks for aviation safety and operational efficiency by assessing an airline's systems and procedures against a comprehensive set of harmonised standards and recommended practices.

The IOSA audit covers eight critical operational areas, namely from Organisation and Management Systems, Flight Operations, Operational Control and Dispatch, Aircraft Engineering and Maintenance, Cabin Operations, Ground Handling, Cargo Operations and Aviation Security.

OD's renewed IOSA certification stands as a testament to the discipline, accountability, and professionalism embedded throughout its organisation, supporting further its tagline, Unwavering Commitment to Safety.

Reaffirming this, OD Chief Executive Officer Datuk Chandran Rama Muthy remarked that safety is the foundation of its operations and the core of its identity.

"For our passengers, this certification offers not only assurance but also peace of mind."

He added, "Whether flying domestically or across borders, they can trust that every OD flight is supported by robust safety protocols, seamless coordination, and operational precision."

For more information, visit www.batikair.com

Commemorating the occasion were PAL President Richard Nutall, its Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Carlos Luis Fernandez, alongside executive delegates from the QR Group.

"We can focus clearly together on further developing the Philippines-Qatar air travel market while ensuring seamless connections across our respective networks."

RICHARD NUTALL
President
of Philippine Airlines (PAL)

Travellers from key markets such as Brazil, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States can enjoy greater choice and enhanced connectivity with QR, voted the Best Airport in the Middle East by Skytrax in 2025 when planning their trips to the Philippines.

PAL's fleet of Boeing, Airbus and De Havilland aircraft operate scheduled direct flights out of its hubs in Manila, Cebu, Clark and Davao to 31 destinations in the Philippines as well as 38 destinations in Asia, North America, Australia and the Middle East.

Philippines' flag carrier-cum-Asia's first commercial airline also offers air cargo and charter services.

For more information, visit www.philippineairlines.com



Ethiopian Airlines Bags Four Wins at Skytrax

Africa's flag carrier, Ethiopian Airlines (ET), clinched the coveted Best Airline in Africa title for the eighth consecutive year besides securing three other awards at the recent Skytrax's 2025 World Airline Awards.

Its other wins were for Best Economy Class, Best Business Class and Best Business Class Onboard Catering, all in Africa, underscoring ET's commitment to deliver world-class service across its expansive network of over 140 international destinations.

They also reflect the airline's consistent focus on enhancing the customer experience and operational excellence, as well as its investments in fleet modernisation, innovation and sustainability.

"These achievements are a testament to the hard work, dedication and passion of the entire ET family. It also reflects the trust and loyalty of our valued customers worldwide. We remain committed to exceeding expectations through world-class service and connectivity that bridges Africa with the rest of the world."

MESFIN TASEW
Group Chief Executive Officer
of Ethiopian Airlines (ET)

Mesfin, who was recently honoured with the prestigious Ato Girma Wake Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to route development and African aviation, remarked, "This award is more than an honour as it is named after Africa's father of aviation, ET's former CEO and my mentor.

"As a Pan-African airline, we strive to realise a well-connected Africa and such recognitions strengthen our commitment to do more."

Earlier this year, ET won the Outstanding Food Service by a Carrier – Africa at the 2025 PAX Readership Awards for the third time in recognition of its exceptional onboard catering services.



The airlines' state-of-the-art catering facility in Addis Ababa can produce up to 100,000 meals daily, offering catering services and onboard duty-free items for both scheduled and non-scheduled Ethiopian and customer airlines, VVIP and charter flights.

Its catering facility, comprising international kitchens staffed by chefs globally, includes a separate halal certified kitchen.

ET was also named the Bronze winner of the 'Cabin Concept of the Year' 2025 at the Onboard Hospitality Awards for its new Airbus A350-1000 cabin innovation. Both awards took place in Hamburg, Germany.

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



Bespoke Manchester United Livery on Malaysia Airlines Deployed

Malaysia Airlines (MH) welcomed Manchester United's (MU) First Team to Kuala Lumpur on 26 May 2025 via a specially chartered flight from Manchester in England in the latter's maiden Post-Season Tour in Asia, reinforcing the strength of their exclusive partnership.

Malaysia's national carrier also brought together thousands of the iconic MU Club fans and football enthusiasts from across the region, including Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and beyond for the match against the ASEAN All Stars held at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur.

Beyond the stadium, MH engaged the football fans through a lively activation zone, offering interactive games, photo opportunities and exclusive giveaways on social media, including the offer to fly from any part of the airline's network to either Kuala Lumpur or Hong Kong.

Additionally, MH hosted top agents, partners, employees and Enrich members with exclusive hospitality and ticket access.

As the Official Commercial Airline Partner, MH operated dedicated charter services showcasing the bespoke livery which merges the airline's national flag with MU's iconic red, symbolising the shared values of passion, pride and global unity throughout MU's Asian tour.

Following MU's match in Hong Kong on 30 May 2025, the team returned to Manchester onboard the airline's A350-900 aircraft, delivering the airline's signature Malaysian Hospitality.



MH's co-branded aircraft livery in partnership with MU on its flagship Airbus A330-300 aircraft was first unveiled at a consumer travel fair in Kuala Lumpur in April 2025, where MU legends - Dimitar Berbatov, Nemanja Vidić and Luís Nani - were brought in for the celebration.

"This marks a bold and exciting new chapter for MH as we unite the passion of sport, the spirit of innovation and the pride of our nation."

DATUK CAPTAIN IZHAM ISMAIL

Group Managing Director of Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG)

Concurring with him, Dersenish Aresandiran, MAG Chief Commercial Officer of Airlines said, "We look forward to creating more lasting memories through meaningful partnerships that bring people together."

For more information, visit www.malaysiaairlines.com



100 Global Destinations Reached in June by Cathay Group

The Cathay Group marked a milestone on 12 June 2025, celebrating Cathay Pacific (CX) and HK Express (UO) reaching 100 passenger destinations worldwide.

"In the past two years alone, we have added 30 new passenger destinations, including 18 new destinations this year alone and still counting."

"That rate of network expansion is at an unprecedented level and that has allowed us to reach this milestone of 100 destinations ahead of schedule."

"Our current investment programme of over HK\$100 billion across our entire offering of the fleet, cabin products, lounges and digital services is also the most ambitious and largest in the company's history."

PATRICK HEALY

Chairman of Cathay Pacific (CX)

During this summer peak period, CX and UO will operate passenger services totalling 23 destinations in the Chinese Mainland, providing more than 300 return flights per week.

Additionally, CX will operate more than 110 return flights weekly to eight destinations in North America and close to 100 return flights weekly to 12 European destinations.

CX Chief Customer and Commercial Officer Lavinia Lau said the Group's low-cost carrier (LCC) achieved a new milestone by sustaining its network expansion with the launch of new routes to Changzhou and Yiwu in China in May 2025.

UO recorded the highest monthly seat capacity in its history, carrying more than 640,000 passengers in May 2025, 35.7% up year on year while its available seat kilometres grew by 42.6%.

UO followed up with more new service launches to Cheongju and Daegu in South Korea as well as Miyako (Shimajiri) in Japan in June 2025.

The LCC announced it would be flying to Guiyang in China on 31 July 2025 and the following day to Subang (SZB), its second destination in Malaysia after Penang.

Meanwhile, at the 2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards, CX was voted as one of the world's top three best airlines, up two places from last year.



CX was also named World's Best Economy Class Airline for the second consecutive year, and World's Best Inflight Entertainment for the second time in three years.

For more information, visit www.cathaypacific.com



Surreal Experiences and Creative Approaches to Boost Arrivals into Malaysia

Malaysia has set the stage to put itself on the world map as Asia's most loved country by making long and earnest preparations for its Visit Malaysia 2026 (VM2026) campaign to capture the hearts and imaginations of visitors through various strategic moves and action plans.

Its theme song for VM2026 entitled Surreal Experiences embeds the essence of the country's many unique offerings to attract global attention and engage its visitors with many enchanting experiences.

This is followed up by the Surreal Experiences Await promotional video to be updated quarterly to reflect its latest attractions and packages nationwide.

A production house was engaged to compile 200 short videos with RM1.9 million allocated for the project, according to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture (MoTAC).

Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Dato Sri Tiong King Sing said from January to April 2025, Malaysia received 13.38 million visitor arrivals, representing a 12.1% year-on-year (YoY) increase.

Further data for the first four months of 2025 released by its promotion arm, Tourism Malaysia, in cooperation with the Immigration Department showed Singapore leading with 6.5 million visitor arrivals as the top source country, followed by Indonesia (1.47 million), China (1.44 million), Thailand (833,610), India (484,791) and Brunei (480,916).

With visa exemption allowing Chinese tourists to stay in

Malaysia for up to 90 days (from 30 days previously) extended until 31 December 2026, with further potential extension until 2036, the policy encourages longer visits and spending for this key market.

Average spending per visitor rose to RM4,300, with tourism receipts reaching RM27.5 billion for the first quarter of 2025, up 24% YoY, inclining towards higher value visitors.

PayNet recently partnered with Alipay and Weixin Pay, also known as WeChat Pay, to drive mainland Chinese and regional spending across Malaysia whereby visitors can scan DuitNow QR codes using their Alipay and Weixin Pay eWallets at over 2.5 million merchants here.

Malaysia, named Asia's most loved country for 2024 by United States-based financial website Insider Monkey, has not only overtaken Thailand, which ranked second with 9.55 million arrivals but also in terms of Chinese arrivals.

With Asia back on the radar due to the rising turmoil in the Middle East, Malaysia is experiencing a surge in visitor arrivals and is increasing its focus on high impact tourism and cultural events besides coming up with more innovative programmes.

Niche segment

Among them is birding tourism, said to contribute about 10% to 30% to the global tourism industry. Malaysia is ranked fourth in Asia for birding after China, India and Thailand.

Fraser's Hill, one of the country's top bird watching

destinations, is home to more than 250 species of birds. Migratory birds stop at this hill station from Siberia, Russia and the northern islands of the southern hemisphere between October and April.

This 'green jewel', bordering the states of Selangor and Pahang, recently held its 36 th Fraser's Hill International Bird Race jointly organised by Tourism Pahang, BirdLife International and the Malaysian Nature Society from 21 to 22 June 2025.

Marked a bumper year, the event recorded the highest participation from 127 teams, of which 50 teams were international. It also set a new record of 71 participants for the Bird Photography Contest.



The international participants came from Australia, Bhutan, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and the United States.

More than just a competition, the bird race is pivotal in promoting eco and niche tourism, while supporting the local community and its businesses, from accommodation providers, restaurant operators, tourist attractions to food vendors.

Stargazing adventures

Datin Rafidah Idris, Tourism Malaysia's Senior Director of Domestic and Events Division said, "As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability and responsible tourism, we have introduced experiences such as stargazing as a unique opportunity to reconnect with nature while raising awareness about environmental preservation.

"Stargazing also opens doors for local communities through guided experiences, homestays and eco-tourism packages."

She added that Tourism Malaysia collaborated with 16 tour operators to create 37 such stargazing packages nationwide for travel until December 2026.

During its recently concluded 'Star Healing Programme' in Kuala Selangor organised for the media and travel agents to create more awareness about such packages, cultural visits and sustainable activities such as the planting of durian seedlings at the Selangor Fruit Valley were included.

Workshops on astronomy photography and how to make your own telescope were also organised for the participants in collaboration with Canon Malaysia and Sahabat Langit Utara.

Meanwhile, as Malaysia ramps up preparations for the upcoming World Tourism Day (WTD) and the World Tourism Conference (WTC), it hopes to attract 1,000 high-profile global tourism leaders, policy makers, academicians and delegates to attend this event organised by United Nations World Tourism Organization.

To be held from 27 to 29 September 2025 in historic Melaka, both Melaka and Malaysia is expected to have a substantial impact on the hosting of WTD and WTC 2025.

The theme for WTD 2025, Tourism and Sustainable Tourism, emphasizes the vital role tourism plays in supporting the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, including inclusivity, responsibility and resilience.

As a prelude, Melaka held a pre-launch ceremony for WTD and WTC 2025 in conjunction with its 17th anniversary celebration of it being a UNESCO World Heritage Site from 2 to 6 July 2025, with international cultural dance performances and Melaka heritage highlighted.



An invitation card to both WTD and WTC 2025 and a miniature memento of the traditional 'konda kondi' folk bat and stick game, reflecting the spirit of teamwork and quick thinking, were presented to the ambassadors from other countries to Malaysia and tourism excos from several states of Malaysia.

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La Jung Clinic

A NEW CHAPTER OF LUXURY BEAUTY IN KUALA LUMPUR

La Jung Clinic brings a new level of sophistication to the beauty and aesthetics scene in Kuala Lumpur. Located at The Shoppes at Four Seasons Place, this premium clinic offers more than just treatments. It provides a complete experience where privacy, comfort, and advanced technology come together seamlessly.

At the core of La Jung is a highly qualified team led by Dr. Nicholas Lim, an internationally trained aesthetic doctor known for his expertise and precision. He works alongside Swiss medical advisor Professor Dr. Ben L. Pfeifer, a globally recognized name in antiaging research. Together, they ensure that every treatment is grounded in science and guided by global standards.

The clinic offers a wide range of advanced skin and body solutions tailored to individual needs. Signature treatments include the Sylfirm for melasma and skin rejuvenation, PicoPlus Laser for pigmentation correction, and non invasive facial harmonization for lifting and contouring. Clients can also benefit from Swiss-inspired antiaging programs, collagen-boosting therapies and specialized care for acne, sensitive skin, and body sculpting.

La Jung Clinic is designed to be more than just a medical facility. Private consultation rooms, plush lounges, and a calm, welcoming atmosphere create a space where clients feel relaxed and cared for from the moment they arrive. Whether for a subtle refresh or a complete transformation, each treatment is delivered with attention to detail and a commitment to *au naturel* results.

With its combination of expert care, state-of-the-art technology and a personalised approach, La Jung Clinic has quickly become a trusted destination for those seeking effective, high end aesthetic treatments. It's a space where beauty, science and luxury exist in perfect harmony.



New Arrivals Alert

FASHION MUST-HAVES



Tiffany & Co. and Daniel Arsham Unveil "The Bronze Eroded Penny Vessel"

The ongoing artistic dialogue between the legendary Tiffany & Co. and acclaimed contemporary artist, Daniel Arsham, enters an exciting new chapter with the debut of their latest collaboration: the Bronze Eroded Penny Vessel and a limited edition Tiffany & Arsham Studio HardWear Necklace. This unveiling represents more than a creative partnership; it reflects a continued exploration of the intersection between fine art and luxury craftsmanship.

Since the collaboration began in 2021, Tiffany and Arsham Studio have become known for blending innovation with tradition. Arsham's distinctive aesthetic, defined by themes of decay, transformation, and timelessness, finds a compelling counterpart in Tiffany's heritage of refined elegance.



Donald Glover Designs Gilga Farm x Moncler Collaborative Collection

Donald Glover has a remarkable ability to turn his boldest creative visions into reality, whether through his work as Childish Gambino, a groundbreaking episode of Atlanta, or now, for the first time, a collection with Moncler Genius.

Following the debut of his Moncler collaboration during the brand's "City of Genius" showcase in Shanghai last fall, Glover has officially unveiled his full Moncler Genius collection. As the driving force behind the design process, he reimagines some of Moncler's most iconic silhouettes through the lens of a Southern Californian summer.



Kith x Wilson Collab

Kith and Wilson have officially unveiled their full collaborative collection for the summer, blending elevated style with athletic performance. The collection features a range of apparel and gear, including the much-anticipated "Quiet Please" branded t-shirts and uniquely crafted tennis rackets. Designed to serve function and fashion, the lineup is tailored for those who move seamlessly between the court and everyday life.

After initial teasers offered a glimpse of the collaboration, Kith has now released a complete visual campaign that showcases the collection in greater detail. The range focuses on optimizing performance and includes a mix of on-court and off-court apparel, accessories, and equipment, all featuring the debut of co-branded Kith for Wilson logos and exclusive artwork.



Supreme x Zoo York Collaboration

Supreme has partnered with Zoo York, the influential New York City skateboard brand founded in 1993, for a Spring 2025 collection that celebrates a pivotal moment in skate culture. This collaboration pays homage to The Zoo York Mixtape, the brand's legendary 1997 skate video known for its raw street footage and iconic freestyles from hip-hop pioneers.

The collection features a curated lineup of apparel and skate gear, blending Supreme's streetwear sensibility with Zoo York's gritty East Coast heritage. Highlights include a soccer jersey, hooded sweatshirt, baggy jeans, soccer shorts, graphic T-shirts, a camp cap, and a beanie, alongside skate essentials like a co-branded skateboard deck and Spitfire® Classic Wheels.



Men's Must-Haves

THIS SEASON'S HOTPICKS



Versace

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Salomon

XT-6 Gore-Tex "Black/Silver" sneakers
RM 888



Burberry

Check collar cotton half-zip sweatshirt
RM 3,827



Dolce & Gabbana

Shell-print shirt
RM 8,695



TOM FORD

Short-sleeve polo shirt
RM 1,696



Versace

Graphic-print polo shirt
RM 2,921

Women's Essentials

THIS SEASON'S HOTPICKS



Versace

Theia Barocco Raffia mules 55 mm
RM 3,977



Versace

Underwater Barocco knotted crop silk shirt
RM 4,448



Versace

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Timeless Desire

THE ENDURING ALLURE OF VINTAGE LUXURY CARS

In an era increasingly dominated by electric drivetrains and self-driving technologies, a different breed of automobile continues to capture the imagination of collectors, connoisseurs, and discerning investors around the world. These are not vehicles built for efficiency or automation but for emotion, heritage, and the art of driving. Vintage luxury cars represent more than mechanical achievement. They are enduring expressions of craftsmanship, innovation, and elegance from a bygone era. With their gleaming chrome, hand-stitched interiors, and roaring engines, these classics evoke a sense of drama and distinction that modern cars often strive to replicate but rarely match.

At the heart of this enduring allure are legends such as the Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing, with its dramatic upward-opening doors and groundbreaking engineering; the Jaguar E-Type, once described by Enzo Ferrari as the most beautiful car ever made; and the Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud, an embodiment of mid-century opulence and grace. These automobiles did not just define their time. They transcended it. They offered a vision of luxury that was tactile, visceral, and deeply personal.

Today, these vehicles have become coveted cultural artifacts, appreciated as much for their design pedigree and historical significance as for their driving experience. They are, in many ways, kinetic sculptures, rolling pieces of art that age with character and wear their histories with pride. The presence of original coachwork, matching engine numbers, or a meticulously documented ownership lineage adds layers of value and intrigue, making each example utterly unique.



Jaguar E-Type



Rolls Royce Silver Cloud



One of the most in-demand models remains the Ferrari 250 GT Lusso, prized for its rarity, balanced proportions, and race-bred DNA. Meanwhile, the Porsche 911 from the 1960s and 1970s remains a timeless design icon, renowned for its unparalleled driving experience. It is a car that still feels relevant on modern roads. For collectors who seek old-world luxury with unmatched comfort, the Bentley S3 Continental Flying Spur or Aston Martin DB5 offer the kind of prestige few modern vehicles can replicate.



Porsche 911 1960s

Beyond their aesthetic and historical value, vintage luxury cars represent exclusivity in a way few modern vehicles can achieve. There is no mass production here, no digital dashboard updates. Nothing but handcrafted interiors, analog precision, and the raw authenticity of a machine built by artisans.

In an era defined by rapid change and disposable design, these vintage models remind us of a time when luxury was slower, deeper, and more deliberate. Whether parked in a collector's garage or cruising through a weekend rally, they continue to turn heads not just for how they look, but for what they represent: timeless desire, captured in steel, chrome, and leather.



Bentley S3 Continental Flying Spur



Aston Martin DB5



Turks and Caicos

WHERE LUXURY FINDS ITS SHORELINE

Floating serenely in the warm azure waters of the Atlantic Ocean, the Turks and Caicos Islands are a destination where luxury is not merely a feature but a way of life. This string of 40 coral islands, just southeast of the Bahamas, has quietly become one of the most exclusive and desirable escapes for discerning travelers in search of tranquility, privacy, and understated opulence. With its sugar-soft beaches, crystal clear lagoons, and curated experiences designed for indulgence, Turks and Caicos offers a retreat that is effortlessly elegant and deeply rejuvenating.



At the heart of its charm is Grace Bay Beach, a world-renowned stretch of shoreline on Providenciales that regularly tops global lists of the best beaches. Here, the sand is white and silky, the water is an impossible shade of turquoise, and the ambiance is one of serene perfection. Luxury resorts are carefully nestled into the landscape, never intrusive, always intimate.

Leading the charge are properties like Amanyara, a sanctuary of sleek tropical architecture surrounded by nature, and COMO Parrot Cay, an exclusive private island resort favored by celebrities and royals alike. Also, highly sought-after is The Shore Club, which combines Caribbean charm with stellar design, delivering suites and villas that feel like private sanctuaries.

Accommodations in Turks and Caicos go beyond the expected five-star comforts. Think of personal butlers, private chefs, and ocean view villas with infinity pools that melt into the horizon. The interiors feature handcrafted furnishings, cool limestone floors, and breezy outdoor spaces designed to blur the line between inside and out. Every detail is designed with relaxation and refinement in mind.



Luxury here is not confined to the confines of a suite. It lives in the experiences that are tailored to your whims. You can charter a private yacht for the day, complete with a crew and gourmet meals prepared onboard, as you sail to hidden cays and untouched beaches. Dive or snorkel into the third largest coral reef system in the world, where vibrant marine life and dramatic walls of coral await beneath the surface. For something truly spectacular, opt for a helicopter tour that offers aerial views of the glowing turquoise banks and uninhabited islands dotting the archipelago.

Dining in Turks and Caicos is a celebration of flavor and freshness. From waterfront fine dining restaurants to exclusive resort eateries, the island's culinary scene reflects both Caribbean roots and international sophistication. Enjoy grilled lobster by candlelight on the beach, or savor conch ceviche and imported wines under the starry skies where the ocean breeze becomes part of the ambiance.



The appeal of Turks and Caicos lies in its ability to offer the very best of tropical luxury without the need for excess. It is a place where privacy is sacred, nature remains pristine, and time seems to stretch and slow just enough for you to rediscover stillness. The beauty lies none other than in the unspoken moments: a morning walk along an untouched beach, a sunset seen from a villa terrace, or the rustle of palm leaves over a private pool.

Whether you are seeking a romantic escape, a private family retreat, or a wellness journey for the soul, Turks and Caicos offers a rare kind of luxury that is timeless, elemental, and utterly unforgettable.



Asia's Most Luxurious Retreats

WHERE SERENITY MEETS SPLENDOR

From the misty valleys of Bhutan to the volcanic cliffs of Bali, Asia is home to some of the world's most extraordinary luxury retreats, where nature, culture, and architecture intertwine in perfect harmony. These exclusive sanctuaries are not just destinations; they are journeys in themselves. Here, we spotlight four of Asia's most coveted escapes, each offering a different lens through which to experience indulgence, intimacy, and the art of refined living.



Gangtey Lodge, Bhutan

Nestled in the untouched Phobjikha Valley, Gangtey Lodge is a luxurious window into the heart of Bhutanese spirituality and landscape. With just 12 exquisitely designed suites, the lodge combines monastic simplicity with warm alpine elegance. Panoramic views stretch across misty forests and ancient monasteries, while every guest experience is infused with deep cultural respect, from guided temple visits and traditional hot stone baths to heartfelt Bhutanese hospitality. Gangtey is not just a stay; it is a soulful immersion into one of the world's last remaining Himalayan kingdoms.



Aman Kyoto, Japan

Hidden within a forest glade at the foot of Kyoto's sacred Mount Hidari Daimonji, Aman Kyoto is a masterclass in subtlety and serenity. Designed to dissolve into its natural surroundings, the resort's minimalist architecture pays homage to Japan's Zen aesthetic and refined craftsmanship. Spacious pavilions open onto lush moss gardens and meditative stone pathways, while private onsens and kaiseki dining offer quiet indulgence. Aman Kyoto is more than a luxury retreat, it is a poetic encounter with Japan's spiritual and cultural core.



Suján Jawai, Rajasthan, India

For those who dream of wild luxury, Suján Jawai delivers an extraordinary blend of wilderness and opulence in the heart of Rajasthan's leopard country. This eco-conscious camp offers just a handful of tented suites, each outfitted with plush furnishings, handwoven textiles, and private verandahs overlooking granite outcrops. Morning game drives bring intimate sightings of leopards in their natural habitat, while evenings unfold under starlit skies with lantern-lit dinners and fireside storytelling. Suján Jawai redefines the Indian safari as a sensual, soulful, and sustainable affair.



Bvlgari Resort Bali, Indonesia

Set dramatically on a cliffside in Uluwatu, Bvlgari Resort Bali marries Italian glamour with the raw beauty of the Balinese coast. Each villa features a private pool, cabana, and uninterrupted ocean views, while the interiors are adorned with hand carved teak, volcanic stone, and curated artworks. The resort's infinity edge spa, fine dining at Il Ristorante Luca Fantin, and the private beach club offer experiences as exquisite as the setting itself. This is tropical luxury at its most polished, sleek, seductive, and unapologetically indulgent.



The Leela Palace Jaipur

REGAL LUXURY IN THE PINK CITY

Amidst the timeless grandeur of Rajasthan, The Leela Palace Jaipur rises like a modern-day royal retreat. Surrounded by the Aravalli hills and set against the backdrop of Jaipur's rich heritage, this palatial escape blends contemporary elegance with centuries-old traditions. It is not just a hotel; it is an experience steeped in opulence, crafted for those who seek the majesty of India with the comforts of refined living.



Every aspect of The Leela Palace Jaipur has been thoughtfully crafted to immerse guests in an experience that feels timeless and exquisitely regal. From the very first step onto its intricately inlaid marble floors, guests are greeted not just with a welcoming gesture, but with a sense of occasion. A traditional *arti* ceremony sets the tone—graceful, reverent, and steeped in customary Indian traditions—inviting visitors into a sanctuary where luxury is imbued with cultural soul.

The palace's architecture is a poetic tribute to the opulence of Rajasthan's royal heritage. Towering sandstone façades frame majestic courtyards, where the play of sunlight on carved columns evokes the grandeur of bygone eras.

Ornate *jharokhas*, or overhanging balconies, punctuate the structure, offering glimpses of verdant gardens and distant Aravalli hills, while delicate hand-painted frescoes adorn the walls, echoing the artistry once reserved for royal residences.

Each corridor, alcove, and arch is a visual narrative—one that honors Jaipur's storied past while elevating it through contemporary refinement. The blend of Mughal and Rajput design traditions is seamlessly woven into the fabric of the palace, from the intricately detailed domes to the shimmering crystal chandeliers that cast a soft glow over the marble-clad interiors.



The hotel features 200 lavish rooms and suites, many with private plunge pools and uninterrupted views of the surrounding landscapes. The interiors are adorned with handcrafted furniture, jewel-toned silks, and Mughal-inspired motifs. Every space feels like a royal chamber, elevated by modern technology and bespoke services.



Dining at The Leela Palace Jaipur is a culinary celebration. The signature restaurant, Mohan Mahal, is a candlelit haven inspired by the Sheesh Mahal, where Rajasthani cuisine is served in an atmosphere of pure romance. Meanwhile, Sukh Mahal offers international flavors with a contemporary twist, and the elegant bar serves curated cocktails in a cozy, refined setting.



Wellness is an integral part of the experience, with the hotel's spa offering treatments rooted in ancient Ayurvedic wisdom. The serene spa, yoga pavilion, and lush landscaped gardens invite guests to unwind and reconnect.

Whether hosting a destination wedding, an exclusive retreat, or a majestic getaway, The Leela Palace Jaipur delivers a sense of occasion and intimacy. It is a celebration of Indian heritage through the lens of ultra luxury, where every moment is touched by grace, beauty, and quiet grandeur.

In a land known for its palaces and legends, The Leela Palace Jaipur stands as a modern icon of timeless Indian luxury.

Explore The Look

GET INSPIRED WITH FRESH, FASHION-FORWARD IDEAS



Sleek and sophisticated, this minimalist living area combines various shades of gray in a refreshing theme. The use of different materials not only enhances visual appeal but also ensures that each voluminous and plump design comes together seamlessly into a contemporary expression.



The Amsterdam corner sofa takes center stage in this cozy living room, effortlessly combining comfort and style. Upholstered in elegant dusty green fabric, the sectional adds a gentle pop of color that feels both calming and refined. Its timeless silhouette anchors the space, offering a sense of understated luxury while drawing the eye with its sublime presence.



Carmo 3-seater sofa



Loom rug



Nawabari footstool big



Expose side table



Amsterdam corner sofa with lounging unit



Santiago coffee table



Eden footstool



Scandinavia rug



Emphasizing comfort and functionality, this modern living room blends contemporary elements with natural materials and colors to create a cozy and inviting atmosphere. Create a focal point in your living room with the spacious, textured Indivi sofa, then add a complementary coffee table, and accessories to express your style.



Transform your living space into a serene retreat, grounded in the timeless elegance of the Bergamo sofa. Soft neutrals, rich textures and the understated sophistication of Danish design create a space that invites relaxation and refined style.

Indivi corner sofa right



Calgary storage with dropdown front



Santiago coffee table oval



Form rug



Bergamo sofa with round lounging unit right



Tivoli side table



Tivoli coffee table



Imola armchair with swivel function



Beat the Heat

SIMPLE WAYS TO KEEP YOUR HOME COOL DURING HOT DAYS

As temperatures rise and the sun beats down, keeping your home cool becomes more than a matter of comfort, it is essential for your well being. While blasting the air conditioning may seem like the easiest solution, there are plenty of practical, energy efficient ways to keep your living space cool without sending your electricity bill soaring.

Begin with the Basics: Block Out the Heat

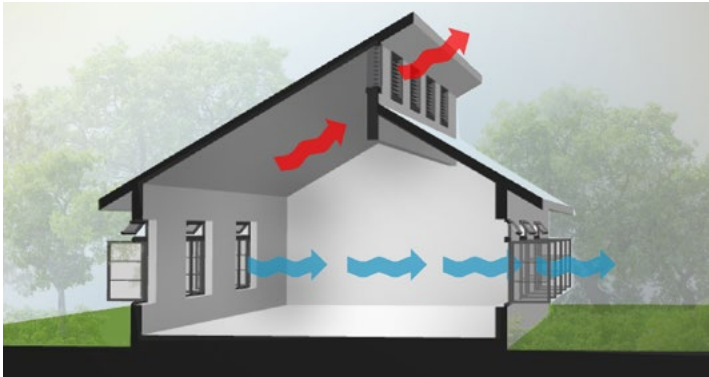
Windows are one of the biggest culprits when it comes to heat entering your home. Keep curtains, blinds, or shades drawn during the hottest parts of the day, especially on window facing the sun. Consider investing in blackout curtains or reflective window films to further reduce heat gain.

Switch to Light, Breathable Fabrics

One of the simplest yet most effective ways to create a cooler living environment is by switching out heavy upholstery, thick rugs, and dense bedding for lightweight, breathable alternatives. Natural fabrics like cotton and linen are ideal for this purpose. Unlike synthetic materials that tend to trap heat, these fabrics help regulate temperature by promoting airflow and wicking away moisture. Linen drapes, cotton slipcovers, and light, airy bed linens not only keep your space feeling fresh but also add a relaxed, summery aesthetic to your interiors.

Encourage Natural Ventilation

Take advantage of cooler early morning or late evening temperatures by opening windows and creating cross-ventilation. Position fans near windows to pull in fresh air or use ceiling fans to circulate air effectively. For an extra cooling boost, place a bowl of ice in front of a fan to create a chilled breeze.



Cool Down with Smart Design

If you are planning any home renovations, it is worth considering long-term solutions that can help keep your space cooler for years to come.

Adding proper roof insulation, opting for lighter exterior paint colors, or installing reflective roofing materials can significantly reduce the amount of heat your home absorbs.

These upgrades might seem subtle, but they can make a noticeable difference during the hottest times of the year by lowering indoor temperatures and easing the strain on cooling systems.

Keeping your home cool on hot days is not just about keeping the air conditioning on. It's about making smart and intentional choices that work with your space and the natural environment. Simple, practical adjustments like improving ventilation, using light colored fabrics and décor, and blocking out direct sunlight can go a long way in creating a cooler, more inviting home. By combining these small yet effective strategies, you can maintain a refreshing indoor atmosphere that allows you to stay comfortable even when temperatures outside soar, all while reducing your reliance and energy consumption on cooling systems.

Reduce Indoor Heat Sources

Be mindful of appliances that generate heat, such as ovens, stovetops, and even certain electronics. Opt to reheat meals using the microwave instead of the oven, and switch off devices when not in use. If possible, do laundry and ironing during cooler hours.

Green Up Your Surroundings

Plants not only beautify your space but also help to cool it down. Placing potted plants near windows can act as natural shade, while outdoor greenery like trees or vines can shield your home from direct sunlight, reducing overall indoor temperatures.



KLAS Art Auction

KLAS ART AUCTION REFLECTS RISING INTEREST IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN ART

The recent KLAS Art Auction, held on 14th June 2025 at 150, Jalan Maarof, once again reaffirmed Kuala Lumpur's position as a vibrant hub for fine art appreciation. Bringing together an impressive catalogue of works, the auction featured masterpieces by some of Malaysia's most celebrated artists, including Abdul Latiff Mohidin, Syed Ahmad Jamal, Yusof Ghani, and Awang Damit Ahmad. Adding to the international allure of the evening were works by renowned foreign artists such as Anthony Poon, Tan Choh Tee, and Choo Keng Kwang, offering collectors and enthusiasts a diverse glimpse into the region's rich artistic landscape.



ABDUL LATIFF MOHIDIN
Green Landscape II, 2019
Oil on canvas 122 x 153 cm
SOLD RM 672,000

Abdul Latiff Mohidin is widely regarded as one of Southeast Asia's most celebrated modernist artists, renowned for his *Pago Pago* series and his distinctive exploration of landscapes, nature, and abstraction. His work often reflects a deep connection to Southeast Asian forms, spiritual traditions, and natural environments, blended with modernist techniques.

Green Landscape II (2019) represents a later period in his career, where he continued to reinterpret natural forms using bold colors, organic shapes, and rich textural qualities.

As suggested by the title, the work likely features lush greens, dynamic compositions, and abstract elements inspired by tropical landscapes. Rather than offering a literal depiction of nature, it presents a more introspective or spiritual interpretation.

This artwork was part of an exhibition at The Edge Galerie, held from 28th November to 12th December, 2021, and was also featured in *The Options* pullout of *The Edge* publication.



ANTHONY POON
Aqueous Waves, 1984
Acrylic on canvas 182 x 182 cm
SOLD RM 392,000

Tan Choh Tee is regarded as one of Singapore's most prominent painters, known for his ability to preserve the spirit of the nation's past through his distinctive Impressionist style. Born in 1942 in Guangdong, China, Tan relocated to Singapore in 1953, a move that would shape his life and artistic journey.

His formal training began at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, where he studied under some of the leading figures of Singapore's art scene. It was here that he developed a strong foundation in Eastern and Western artistic traditions, a dual influence that continues to inform his work.

Over the decades, Tan Choh Tee has established himself as a key figure in documenting Singapore's rapidly evolving urban landscape. His *plein air*, or outdoor paintings are particularly celebrated for their ability to capture the fleeting charm of old Singapore.

Scenes of Chinatown's bustling markets, the historic Singapore River, and the rustic simplicity of kampong villages feature prominently in his work, serving as visual records of places and moments that have all but disappeared beneath the city's modern skyline.

Tan's works are distinguished by his mastery of color and brushwork. Employing a rich, vibrant palette, he brings life to familiar street scenes, architectural facades, and everyday moments. His expressive, confident brushstrokes evoke the atmosphere and character of each scene, whether it is the early morning bustle of a marketplace or the quiet, sunlit corner of a shophouse-lined street. The interplay of light and shadow in his paintings adds depth and mood, reflecting his keen observation and deep affection for his surroundings.



TAN CHOH TEE
Singapore River, 1979
Oil on canvas 76 x 56 cm
SOLD RM 99,680



YUSOF GHANI
Siri Wayang - Ketulan II, 1997/98
Oil on canvas 122 x 92 cm
SOLD RM 96,320



CHOO KENG KWANG
Singapore River, 1977
Oil on canvas 55 x 91 cm
SOLD RM 41,440

Choo Keng Kwang's 1977 painting, *Singapore River* stands as a significant example of his work that captures the spirit of Singapore's cultural heritage. Created using oil on canvas, the artwork measures approximately 55 by 91 centimeters and bears the artist's signature. This painting was part of a special calendar series produced in 1977, which featured six works depicting traditional trades and everyday scenes of Singapore.

Yusof Ghani's *Siri Wayang* series, produced between 1997 and 1999, explores themes of performance, identity, and the roles individuals play within society. Inspired by traditional shadow puppetry and theatrical traditions, this body of work reflects Ghani's ongoing interest in examining the human condition and offering social commentary through the language of abstract expressionism.

The *Siri Wayang* series is recognized for its energetic compositions and layered visual narratives. These works often invite reflection on the complexity of human behavior and the structures that shape society. *Ketulan II*, a piece from this series, continues this exploration by delving into the symbolic relationship between masks, performances, and the often concealed roles that individuals assume in public and private life.

Through bold forms, dynamic brushwork, and abstract symbolism, Ghani challenges viewers to consider the blurred line between appearance and reality, and the theatrical nature of human interaction.



SYED AHMAD JAMAL, DATUK
KMJSN, 2009
Acrylic on canvas 91 x 122 cm
SOLD RM 280,000

Syed Ahmad Jamal was one of Malaysia's most influential modern artists and a leading figure in art education. He is widely recognized for his role in shaping the development of modern art in Malaysia and was honored as a National Art Laureate, or Seniman Negara, in 1995. From 1983 to 1991, he served as the Director of the National Art Gallery, known today as Balai Seni Negara, where he played an important role in promoting modern and abstract art and worked tirelessly to strengthen public support for Malaysian artists and the arts.

Throughout his career, Syed Ahmad Jamal developed a distinctive style that combines modern abstraction with elements of Islamic, Malay, and broader Asian artistic traditions. His work often reflects a deep engagement with spiritual ideas, architectural forms, and geometric structures. Using bold color palettes and expressive compositions, his paintings evoke intellectual depth and emotional resonance. *KMJSN* is a striking example of this artistic approach, demonstrating his ability to merge cultural heritage with modern visual language.



ENG TAY
The Young Beauty, 1995
Oil on canvas 122 x 152 cm
SOLD RM 145,600



KHOO SUI HOE
4 Clouds Landscape, 1971
Oil on canvas 87 x 100 cm
SOLD RM 57,120

Khoo Sui Hoe, born in 1939 in Kedah, is one of Malaysia's leading fine artists. He studied at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts in Singapore and later at the Pratt Graphic Center in New York. Over the years, he has received several awards, including first prize in the Malaysian Art and Craft competition in 1965 and the John D. Rockefeller 3rd Fund Grant in 1974.

Khoo's *4 Clouds Landscape* (1971) is a striking oil on canvas measuring 87 by 100 centimeters with frame. Signed "Sui Hoe 71" in the lower right, the painting blends surrealism with expressive landscapes. Bold red hills and four stylized clouds create a dreamlike balance between land and sky, capturing Khoo's signature style.

Eng Tay is known for his ability to convey quiet emotion and poetic simplicity, and *The Young Beauty* reflects his lifelong interest in themes of intimacy, femininity, and tradition. Created in his signature style, the painting features soft contours and a warm, muted color palette. The young figure appears timeless and immediate, portrayed with a sense of serene stillness and quiet reflection.

Tay's early years in Malaysia, combined with his artistic education in New York, shaped his distinctive visual language. His work brings together Eastern storytelling traditions with Western techniques, creating compositions that feel personal and universal. *The Young Beauty* embodies this balance, offering viewers a contemplative space that feels untouched by time or place.

Widely collected throughout Asia, Europe, and North America, Eng Tay's work continues to resonate for its lyrical portrayal of human connection and the beauty found in everyday life. This particular piece, completed in 1995, reflects a mature period in his artistic journey, distinguished by greater emotional depth and refined composition.



AWANG DAMIT AHMAD
Arca Merah, 2024
Mixed media on canvas 91 x 91 cm
SOLD RM 67,200

Arca Merah stands as a compelling testament to Awang Damit Ahmad's enduring exploration of cultural identity through abstract expressionism. As a prominent figure in Malaysia's second wave of abstract artists, Awang Damit's works are deeply rooted in his personal experiences and the socio-cultural landscapes of his homeland. In this piece, the artist employs a rich tapestry of textures and forms, utilizing mixed media to evoke the essence of traditional Malay culture. The composition reflects his ongoing *Essence of Culture* series, where he translates memories of rural life and communal values into abstract visual narratives.

ART FEATURES

The KLAS Art Auction held on 14th June 2025 saw strong interest from collectors and art enthusiasts, with several important works finding new homes. The following are among the notable pieces that were successfully sold during the auction, reflecting both the growing demand for Southeast Asian art and the enduring appeal of works by established masters and emerging talents alike.



AHMAD ZAKII ANWAR
Purple Buddha, 2005
Mixed media on paper 168 x 133 cm
SOLD RM 17,920



SUZLEE IBRAHIM
Movement Series - Light Within Darkness, 1995
Acrylic and oil on canvas 92 x 116 cm
SOLD RM 8,960



YUSOF GHANI
Segerak Series, 2007
Mixed media on canvas 152 x 91 cm
SOLD RM 31,360



CHUAH THEAN TENG, DATO
Penang Malay Kampong Scene, 1970s
Batik 87 x 39 cm
SOLD RM 22,400

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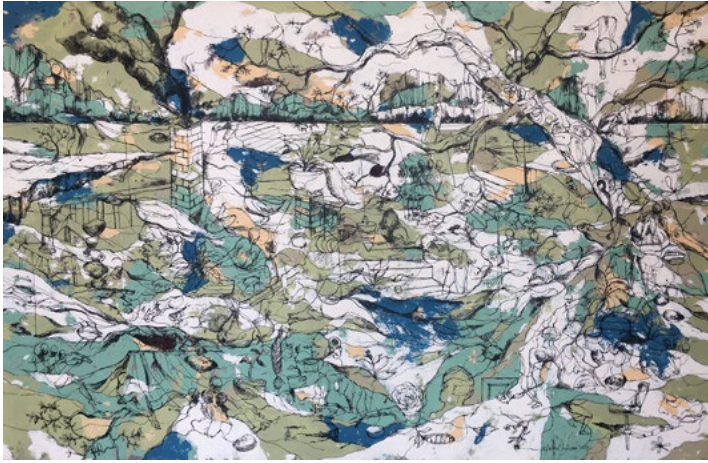
SHARIFAH FATIMAH, DATO'
Expression Series, late 90s
Acrylic on canvas 42 x 32 cm
SOLD RM 8,960



SHARIFAH FATIMAH, DATO'
Kenangan Series, late 90s
Acrylic on canvas 42 x 32 cm
SOLD RM 9,520



SHARIFAH FATIMAH, DATO'
Kenangan Series, late 90s
Acrylic on canvas 42 x 32 cm
SOLD RM 9,520



MOHD KHAIRUL IZHAM
Hujung Tanjung, 2017
Mixed media on canvas 122 x 182 cm
SOLD RM 7,840



NIZAR KAMAL ARIFFIN
Siri Dunia - Garis Lunak #6, 2016
Acrylic on canvas 120 x 240 cm (Dptych)
SOLD RM 14,560



CHUAH THEAN TENG, DATO
Eating Durian, 1980s
Batik 89 x 59 cm
SOLD RM 35,840



Scents of Serenity

AROMATHERAPY'S ROLE IN HEALING YOUR MOOD, SKIN, AND ENERGY

In a world filled with constant noise and stimulation, finding peace often starts with the senses. Among them, scent holds a powerful influence. Aromatherapy is gaining recognition not only as a beauty tool but as a way to support emotional wellness and balance.

Essential oils, extracted from flowers, herbs, and roots, have been used for centuries to soothe the mind and restore the body. Today, they are part of modern self-care routines, spa treatments, and even skincare. But they do more than just smell nice. They connect directly to the brain's emotional center, helping to regulate stress, lift mood, and promote a sense of calm.



Lavender, for example, is well-known for its relaxing effects. Citrus oils like orange and bergamot help boost focus and positivity. Frankincense and clary sage promote deep rest and emotional clarity. When inhaled with intention, these natural oils offer immediate comfort and grounding.

Beauty Beyond the Surface

Aromatherapy is also making waves in the world of beauty. Many essential oils carry natural antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties. Tea tree is popular for treating acne, rose oil is known for hydration, and geranium helps balance skin affected by hormonal changes.



These oils are often used in facial massages to support skin renewal while encouraging deep relaxation. The act of breathing in calming scents, while caring for the skin, turns an ordinary routine into a mindful beauty ritual.



Simple Daily Practices

Aromatherapy can easily be included in everyday life. Just a few drops can refresh your energy or prepare you for rest. In the morning, peppermint or eucalyptus oil helps awaken the senses. A lavender mist can soothe you through the stress of the afternoon. Before bed, diffusing cedarwood or chamomile creates a restful mood.



You can also create your own oil blend with a carrier oil and keep it in a small bottle for moments of calm throughout the day. Adding a few drops to a bath is another beautiful way to care for both the body and mind.

Choose With Care

As essential oils become more common, it is important to choose high-quality products. Look for pure, natural oils that are free from synthetic fragrance. Always dilute essential oils with a carrier oil before applying them to the skin, and test a small amount first if you have sensitive skin.



A Natural Path to Balance

Aromatherapy offers more than a temporary escape. It encourages you to pause, breathe, and reconnect with yourself. With just a few drops, you can create moments of peace, enhance your beauty routine, and support your overall well-being. Through the gentle language of scent, we are reminded that healing can be simple and powerful.



The Glow Within

HOW GUT HEALTH AFFECTS YOUR SKIN

We often turn to creams, serums, and facials in pursuit of glowing skin, believing that the secret lies on the surface. But increasingly, science and skincare experts are pointing to a less obvious source of radiance: the gut. This quiet organ, long associated with digestion alone, is now taking center stage in the world of beauty and wellness.

The gut is home to trillions of bacteria, fungi, and microbes collectively known as the gut microbiome. These tiny organisms do far more than help us digest food. They influence everything from immune function to hormone production and the condition of our skin. When the gut is out of balance, a state known as dysbiosis, it can trigger inflammation throughout the body, often showing up as breakouts, redness, dryness, or even chronic skin issues like eczema and acne.



More dermatologists and wellness practitioners are acknowledging this intimate link between digestion and skin health, often referred to as the "gut-skin axis". It explains why people with digestive issues may also struggle with skin concerns and why changes in diet often lead to visible differences in complexion.

What we feed our bodies matters. Diets high in sugar, refined carbohydrates, alcohol, and processed foods tend to fuel harmful bacteria and yeast in the gut. This imbalance may cause toxins to leak into the bloodstream, triggering inflammation that affects skin clarity and texture. On the other hand, a rich in fiber diet supports a healthy gut lining and feeds beneficial bacteria that help calm inflammation and support cellular renewal.



Fermented foods such as kefir, sauerkraut, miso, and kombucha are natural sources of probiotics that can help replenish good bacteria in the gut. These foods can be powerful allies in restoring microbial harmony and, as a result, improving the appearance of your skin. Meanwhile, prebiotic foods like garlic, onions, leeks, bananas, and asparagus act as fuel for these helpful microbes, enhancing their ability to thrive.



Supplements are also gaining popularity in this space. Probiotic capsules, collagen powders with added gut-friendly ingredients, and even beauty waters enriched with digestive enzymes have flooded the wellness market. However, experts still recommend getting as many nutrients as possible from whole foods and staying consistent with habits that support gut health.

Lifestyle choices play a huge role too. Chronic stress can throw off the balance of bacteria in the gut, and poor sleep habits can disrupt the body's natural rhythm, including skin regeneration cycles. Incorporating mindfulness, movement, and regular sleep can help reduce systemic stress and inflammation, indirectly supporting gut and skin health.

In this growing wave of holistic beauty, gut health is no longer a side note; it is a central player. More people are choosing to look inward, not just for better digestion, but for vibrant, lasting skin health. The path to glowing skin may very well begin with your plate and your gut.

Before you reach for another cream, consider what you had for lunch, how well you slept, and how your body feels overall. Glowing skin is not just about what you apply; it is about how you live and what you nourish from within.





Mind, Muscle, and Makeup

BEAUTY RITUALS FOR ATHLETES

For years, the world of sports and beauty were seen as separate arenas. One is built on sweat and grit, the other on gloss and glamour. Today those lines are blurring. From elite athletes to everyday fitness enthusiasts, more and more people are embracing the idea that peak performance isn't just about strength and endurance, it's about self care, confidence, and looking as good as you feel.

Welcome to the era of beauty rituals for athletes, where skincare routines, grooming habits, and wellness treatments are becoming as much a part of training as cardio and protein shakes.

Performance Meets Presentation

For professional athletes, appearances are no longer an afterthought. Media interviews, endorsement deals, and millions of social media followers mean that looking presentable even under pressure is part of the job. But it's not just about public image.

Sweat-Proof Skincare

Athletes face unique challenges when it comes to skincare. Constant sun exposure, sweat, dirt, and frequent showers can wreak havoc on the skin. That's why many are turning to high-performance skincare routines that work as hard as they do.

Sun protection is nonnegotiable. Whether it's tennis players under the scorching sun or cyclists racking up hours outdoors, SPF is part of the daily kit. Lightweight water-resistant sunscreens that won't clog pores are the gold standard.



The Rise of Athleisure Beauty



It's not just skincare that's evolving, athleisure beauty is reshaping how makeup fits into active lifestyles. Brands are now offering sweat-proof breathable cosmetics designed to survive even the most grueling workouts.

From tinted moisturizers with SPF to waterproof brow gels and lip tints, these products enhance natural features without feeling heavy.

For athletes in sports like gymnastics, figure skating or martial arts where presentation is part of performance, these beauty innovations are game-changing.

Self-Care as Recovery

Beyond the gym and the field, beauty rituals have also become part of recovery and mental health for many athletes. Ice baths and physiotherapy may heal muscles but facials, massages, and even spa days can help restore the mind.

Mental resilience is as vital as physical strength and small self-care practices, whether it's a relaxing skincare routine, a hair mask after training or a quiet moment of grooming, can be surprisingly grounding.

The Beauty of Balance



The rise of beauty rituals among athletes reflects a deeper cultural shift, one where strength and softness, discipline, and self-expression coexist. It's no longer unusual to see gym bags stocked with skincare essentials or competitors swapping product recommendations alongside training tips.

At its heart, this movement isn't about vanity. It's about feeling empowered inside and out. It's about recognizing that looking good and performing well aren't mutually exclusive but part of the same journey.

Whether you're chasing gold medals or personal bests, remember that confidence is a winning look and sometimes it starts with a little skincare, a touch of grooming, and a whole lot of self-care.

Be the First to Try

NEW BEAUTY PRODUCTS HAVE ARRIVED!



Rhode
Peptide Lip Tint - Lemontini
RM 90



Chanel
N°1 de Chanel Red Camellia Serum-in-Mist
RM 475



Chanel
Sublimage La Brume Ultimate Mist
RM 1,110



La Prairie
Skin Caviar Hydro Emulsion
RM 1,899



Chanel
N°1 de Chanel Revitalizing Body Serum-in-Mist
RM 430



Dior
Prestige Le Nectar Intégral
Ultra-Concentrated Serum
RM 2,150



La Mer
The Hydrating Infused Emulsion
RM 1,350



Clé de Peau Beauté
Radiant Fluid Foundation Matte
RM 690



Yves Saint Laurent
Rouge Pur Couture The Bold Lipstick
RM 630



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