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# Exciting Events Happening in August 2025



## Hael Husaini & Repertoire

“Hael Husaini & Repertoire,” a highly anticipated concert by Malaysian singer-songwriter Hael Husaini, set to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 8:00 PM at Zepp Kuala Lumpur.

Presented by Astro and Rocketfuel Entertainment, the concert promises an elegant and soulful showcase of Hael’s musical journey, likely featuring a carefully curated selection of his greatest hits and standout compositions. Also featured are several prominent female artists or collaborators, suggesting special guest appearances or a collaborative performance lineup.

Date : 8 August 2025

Price : RM 120 RM 148 RM 168 RM 258 RM 288

Venue : Zepp Kuala Lumpur



## “Me Again” Asia Tour

Indie-pop singer-songwriter Sasha Alex Sloan is bringing her heartfelt and introspective music to Asia with her “Me Again” Tour, and Malaysian fans are in for a treat. As part of the Asia leg of her tour, Sasha will be performing live on 16<sup>th</sup> August in Kuala Lumpur at the dynamic venue Zepp KL. Known for her raw lyrics and emotionally resonant performances, this concert promises an intimate and soul-stirring experience for her fans.

Date : 16 August 2025

Price : RM 238 RM 468 RM 748

Venue : Zepp Kuala Lumpur



## Konsert Gelombang Bahagiaku – Atilia Haron & Salamiah Hassan

Get ready for an enchanting night of music and nostalgia as Mujik Wand Production presents “Konsert Gelombang Bahagiaku”, featuring the captivating voices of Atilia Haron and the legendary Salamiah Hassan. Set against the elegant backdrop of the Plenary Theatre at KLCC, this special concert will take place on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 8:30 PM.

Date : 16 August 2025

Price : RM 150 RM 250 RM 350

Venue : Plenary Theatre KLCC



## Maher Zain Southeast Asia Tour (Kuala Lumpur)

Maher Zain is set to embark on his Southeast Asia Tour titled “The Journey to the Far East – The Live Experience”. This highly anticipated tour will feature live performances in three major cities across the region. The tour will kick off on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at the National Hockey Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, followed by a performance at The Star Theatre in Singapore on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025. The final stop will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 at Universiti Malaysia Sabah in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

Date : 16 August 2025

Price : RM 170 RM 213 RM 264 RM 316

Venue : National Hockey Stadium Kuala Lumpur



## Pinkfish Arena presents Nifra: 360 Madness Malaysia

Nifra is set to bring her electrifying “360 Madness” show to Malaysia for the first time, marking her debut 360 performance in Asia. Happening on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Vox Live in Kuala Lumpur, the event promises an immersive 360-degree stage experience where fans can surround the DJ booth for a fully engaging performance.

Date : 16 August 2025  
Price : RM 88 RM 98 RM 108 RM 148  
Venue : Vox Live, Kuala Lumpur



## Janji with Dayang (Penang)

Prepare for an unforgettable musical journey as Malaysia's powerhouse vocalist, Dayang Nurfaizah, takes center stage in “Janji with Dayang” a concert series that promises elegance, emotion, and intimacy. Presented by MASK Team and Usanita Entertainment, this exclusive showcase will unfold across two breathtaking venues. The first show is set for 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 at 5:00 PM, high above the city at Top View, KOMTAR, Penang, offering fans a magical sunset performance.

Date : 23 August 2025  
Price : RM 144 RM 197 RM 270 RM 1,239  
Venue : TOP View, KOMTAR, Penang



## Yung Kai: Flower, Moon and Star Tour

Yung Kai is a 22-year-old Chinese-Canadian indie musician who creates music inspired by artists like Laufey, Keshi, and Wave to Earth. Making music in his bedroom studio, he quickly gained attention when his track “blue” hit #2 on the Spotify Global Viral Chart and topped the viral charts in several other Asian countries. His relatable lyrical storytelling and traction on social media has helped position him as an artist on the rise.

Date : 27 August 2025  
Price : RM 248  
Venue : The Platform, Menara KEN, TTDI



## John Williams vs Hans Zimmer

The MPO celebrates cinematic grandeur with a magnificent concert featuring the unforgettable works of prolific movie composers, John Williams and Hans Zimmer. Revisit some of the most memorable movie scores of all time. Curated for movie buffs and music lovers, don't miss this chance to witness the MPO's mastery in bringing these timeless compositions to life.

Date : 26-27 August 2025  
Price : RM 228 RM 258 RM 308 RM 318  
Venue : Dewan Filharmonik Petronas

# Big Screen Thrills

AUGUST MOVIE PREMIERES



## INDERA

AUGUST 7

Set against the backdrop of the violent Memali Incident in 1985. This psychological thriller is about a visiting handyman and his young daughter who experience mysterious visions in a remote village amid the fatal police raid against fundamentalists.

Genre:

Horror/Thriller

Cast:

Shaheizy Sam, Azira Shafinaz, Samara Kenzo, Ruminah Sidek, Adlin Aman Ramlie, Mia Deen, Duerra Mitilda



## DEMON SLAYER: KIMETSU NO YAIBA INFINITY CASTLE

AUGUST 14

The Demon Slayer Corps are drawn into the Infinity Castle, where Tanjiro, Nezuko, and the Hashira face terrifying Upper Rank demons in a desperate fight as the final battle against Muzan Kibutsuji begins.

Genre:

Anime/Dark Fantasy

Cast:

Natsuki Hanae, Reina Ueda, Saori Hayami, Yoshitsugu Matsuoka, Hiro Shimono, Akari Kitô



## BU FENG ZHUI YING

AUGUST 16

Macau Police brings the tracking expert police officer out of retirement to help catch a dangerous group of professional thieves.

Genre:

Action/Crime

Cast:

Jackie Chan, Zifeng Zhang, Tony Ka Fai Leung, CiSha, Zhenwei Wang



## LEGASI: BOMBA THE MOVIE

AUGUST 17

Amir, a young firefighter, needs to rise and prove himself by dealing with past traumas when the tallest skyscraper in the capital city is engulfed in a raging fire threatening the lives of civilians and fellow firefighters.

Genre:

Action/Drama

Cast:

Ben Amir, Nas-t, Henley Hii, Hairie Othman, Ammar Alfian, Fad Anuar



# Malaysia National Day 2025

68 YEARS UNITED AND ADVANCING WITH PRIDE



*The Malayan Declaration of Independence was officially proclaimed on Saturday, 31 August 1957, by Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first Prime Minister of Malaysia.*

## The Morning That Sparked a Nation

On the morning of 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1957, a new day broke over the skyline of Kuala Lumpur, carrying with it the weight of history and the hope of a nation. Tens of thousands gathered at Stadium Merdeka, hearts pounding with anticipation.

As Tunku Abdul Rahman stood before the people, raised right his arm, and cried out “Merdeka!” seven times, each echo sent ripples through the crowd, through the nation, and through time. That singular moment marked the end of colonial rule and the beginning of a sovereign, independent Malaya.

It also marked the start of a shared dream: a multicultural, united country built on peace, dignity, and collective progress. Today, that dream continues to live and evolve.

In 2025, as Malaysia celebrates its 68<sup>th</sup> year of independence, the call of Merdeka continues to resonate, reminding citizens of the sacrifice, effort, and vision required to maintain the country’s unity and dignity.

This year’s theme, “*Malaysia Madani: Rakyat Disantuni*,” reflects a national shift toward compassion-driven governance, inclusivity, and people-first policies. It’s not just a theme, but a philosophy, a reminder that independence is more than a declaration of freedom; it’s an ongoing responsibility to protect, uplift, and unite every Malaysian.

## From Founding Moments to National Milestones

The road from 1957 to 2025 has been paved with challenges, triumphs, and transformation. After achieving independence, Malaya took its next bold step in 1963 with the formation of Malaysia, uniting Sabah, Sarawak, and the Peninsula.

Though Singapore would later separate, the foundation of the Malaysian Federation was laid, a foundation that would come to represent harmony in diversity.

Over the decades, Malaysia embraced industrialization, built world-class infrastructure, and positioned itself as a regional leader in trade, diplomacy, and development.

The journey was not without its trials. Political tensions, economic turbulence, and global crises tested the nation’s resilience.

Yet through every hardship, Malaysia remained rooted in its founding principles of mutual respect and shared prosperity. From the launch of Vision 2020 to navigating the complexities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Malaysia’s story has always been shaped by the strength of its people.

This year, that legacy continues as the country pushes forward in areas such as sustainability, digital innovation, and cultural empowerment.



A symbol of Malaysia’s gratitude to those who gave their lives for peace and freedom. The National Monument stands as a timeless tribute to heroism, unity, and sacrifice.

The National Monument (Tugu Negara) in Kuala Lumpur was completed and officially unveiled in 1966 and sculpted by Tan Sri Felix De Weldon

## Tugu Negara: Where Sacrifice Meets Memory

Amid the celebrations and progress, there remains a place that grounds the spirit of *Merdeka* in solemn reverence: Tugu Negara, the Malaysian National Monument. Towering over the tranquil Lake Gardens in Kuala Lumpur, this magnificent bronze sculpture honors the brave souls who gave their lives for Malaysia’s freedom. It’s a place of remembrance, a site of national pride, and a living symbol of what it means to sacrifice for a greater good.

Commissioned in 1966 and designed by Felix de Weldon, the same artist behind the Iwo Jima Memorial in the United States, Tugu Negara is more than a war monument. It’s an artistic embodiment of Malaysian values, courage, unity, leadership, vigilance, strength, suffering, and sacrifice represented by seven heroic soldiers immortalized in a moment of triumph and brotherhood. Every detail of the monument, from its towering scale to the expressions on each figure, invites visitors to pause, reflect, and remember.

Each year on *Merdeka* morning, Tugu Negara becomes the heart of the nation’s memory. The Prime Minister, cabinet ministers, military leaders, and citizens gather for a wreath-laying ceremony that is as moving as it is majestic. The air is quiet, filled with reverence, as the Jalur Gemilang is raised once again. Beneath the marble base and the bronze figures, names are remembered, stories are honored, and a promise is silently renewed: their sacrifice will not be forgotten, and the freedom they secured will be preserved.

## Merdeka 2025: A Celebration of Modern Progress

While the past is honored in monuments and memory, today’s *Merdeka* lives in action. In 2025, Malaysia continues to rise, shaped by new challenges and empowered by new voices. One of the year’s most notable achievements is the country’s leadership in environmental initiatives. Through national campaigns and grassroots movements, Malaysia has planted over five million mangrove saplings, reinforcing its commitment to biodiversity, climate resilience, and ecological restoration. This green momentum has been driven largely by youth, community leaders, and public-private partnerships determined to protect the nation’s natural legacy.

In the digital sphere, Malaysia has made remarkable progress in bridging the urban-rural divide. Expanded internet access has reached previously underserved areas, opening doors to education, entrepreneurship, and connectivity. Programs like the Madani Digital Innovation Grant have empowered young innovators to develop technology-based solutions that solve real-world problems, from agriculture apps for farmers to health platforms for remote communities. These initiatives reflect a progressive Malaysia that is smart, inclusive, and dynamic.

Culturally, Malaysia continues to shine. In 2025, Malaysian creatives have gained international recognition in film, design, literature, and fashion. Homegrown brands are proudly showcasing batik, songket, and local identity on global runways. Film festivals have screened stories rooted in Malaysian heritage while tackling contemporary themes.



## A Nation Still Evolving

As we reflect on 68 years of independence, we are reminded that Malaysia is not a finished story. It’s a nation still evolving, shaped by the dreams, determination, and diversity of its people. In classrooms, factories, start-ups, and homes, Malaysians continue to push boundaries and create change. *Merdeka* today is no longer just about remembering the past. It’s about building a future where every citizen has a voice, every community is valued, and every sacrifice is honored.

The theme “*Malaysia Madani: Rakyat Disantuni*” calls on us, not only to celebrate independence but to practise empathy, integrity, and collective care in our everyday lives. It asks us to see one another not as strangers, but as fellow builders of this nation. That’s the true meaning of a modern *Merdeka* one that is rooted in compassion, fueled by collaboration, and defined by shared progress.

Where We Stand, Together

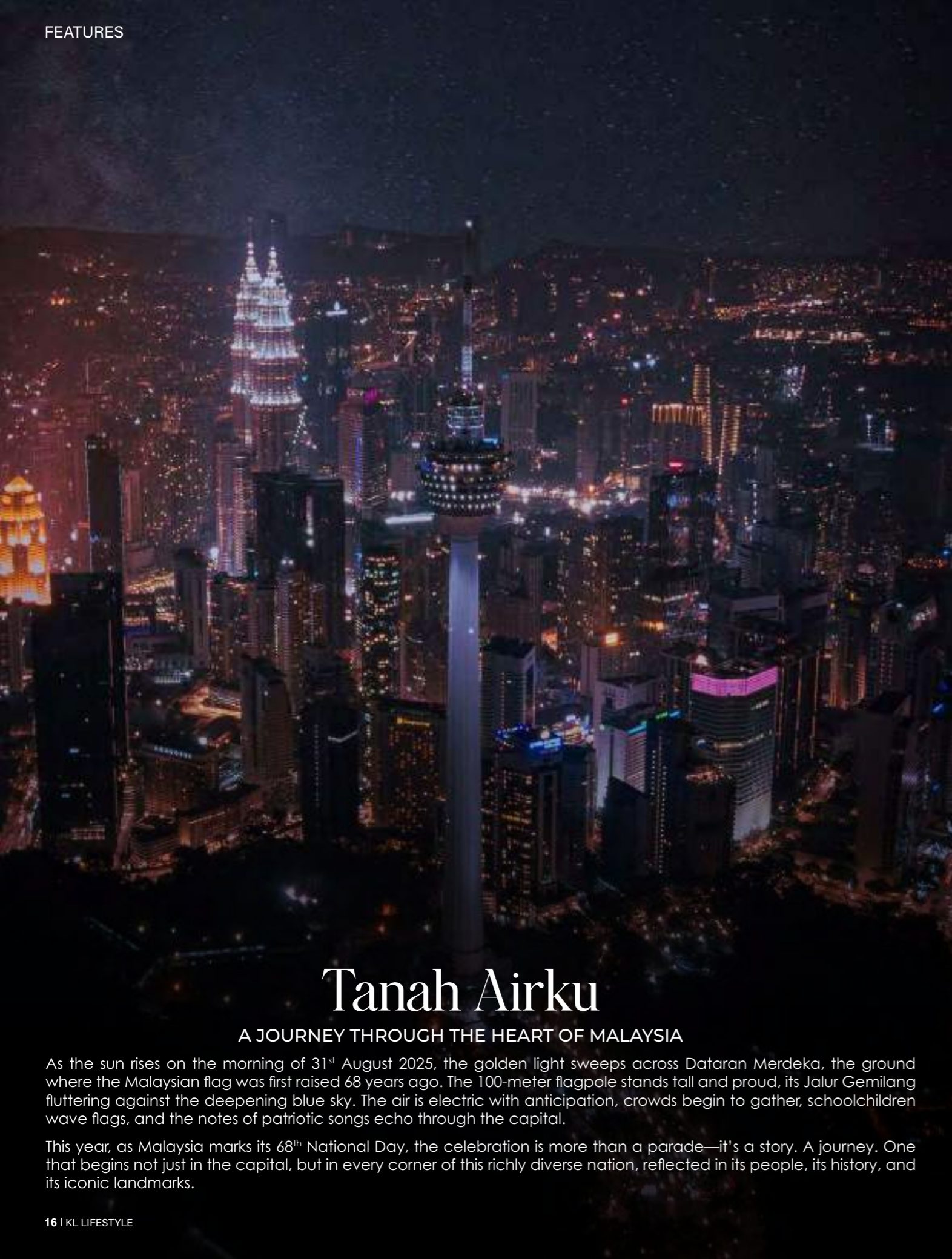
As the morning light touches the solemn bronze of Tugu Negara and the sound of the national anthem swells in the distance, Malaysians from all walks of life remember that independence is not just a page in a history book. It's alive in the pulse of the present, carried forward by each generation that dares to dream and act.

Tugu Negara will continue to stand tall in the capital, not only as a tribute to fallen heroes, but as a beacon for the living, reminding us that our freedom was earned, and our future must be built with the same courage and unity. The monument stands not in silence, but in quiet strength, challenging us to live lives worthy of those who came before.

As Malaysia celebrates sixty-eight years of nationhood, may we continue to honor the spirit of Merdeka in all that we do. From past to present, from memory to mission, may we carry the flame of unity, resilience, and hope for today, and for the generations to come.



*Selamat Hari Merdeka, Malaysia.*  
May we always remember, always celebrate, and always move forward—together.



# Tanah Airku

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE HEART OF MALAYSIA

As the sun rises on the morning of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, the golden light sweeps across Dataran Merdeka, the ground where the Malaysian flag was first raised 68 years ago. The 100-meter flagpole stands tall and proud, its Jalur Gemilang fluttering against the deepening blue sky. The air is electric with anticipation, crowds begin to gather, schoolchildren wave flags, and the notes of patriotic songs echo through the capital.

This year, as Malaysia marks its 68<sup>th</sup> National Day, the celebration is more than a parade—it's a story. A journey. One that begins not just in the capital, but in every corner of this richly diverse nation, reflected in its people, its history, and its iconic landmarks.



## The Beating Heart of Kuala Lumpur

No Malaysian celebration feels complete without mention of the Petronas Twin Towers, piercing the skyline of Kuala Lumpur like silver needles stitching together the nation's dreams. Once the tallest buildings in the world, they remain a proud symbol of Malaysia's rise in ambition, unity, and resilience. Below, at KLCC Park, families gather for evening fireworks, their faces lit by the glow of progress and hope.

Nearby, the KL Tower or Menara Kuala Lumpur, stands as both a telecommunications marvel and a cultural beacon. On National Day, it lights up in red, blue, yellow, and white, casting the colors of the Jalur Gemilang across the city like a blessing.

Just a few minutes away, Sultan Abdul Samad Building glows with spotlights that trace the curves of its Moorish arches and copper domes. Here, the echoes of colonial history meet the pulse of independence. Across the road, Dataran Merdeka comes alive as it did on that fateful morning in 1957, when the nation first breathed as one.



Sacred Heights and Ancient Roots

On the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, limestone cliffs tower over the city's horizon. At their heart lies Batu Caves, its 272 colorful steps watched over by the golden statue of Lord Murugan, one of the tallest of its kind in the world. As prayers rise, so too do the memories of Malaysia's spiritual diversity and deep-rooted traditions. During Thaipusam, pilgrims walk barefoot here, echoing the resilience of generations.

Closer to the city center, Thean Hou Temple, a Chinese temple open to all. Its red lanterns welcoming pilgrims and tourists alike. It's one of the largest temples in KL and features architectural elements of Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism.

Further south in Putrajaya, Malaysia's administrative capital, modernity wears a gentle face. The Putra Mosque, with its pink dome mirrored in the calm Putrajaya Lake, is a favorite backdrop for national ceremonies. Across the water, the Seri Wawasan Bridge arches like a ribbon of light, representing forward motion, the path Malaysia continues to forge, strong and sure.



Melaka and the Legacy of an Empire

Heading south, the red-washed buildings of Melaka's Dutch Square stand firm against the passage of time. Here, colonial echoes blend with the local colour of the Christ Church, Stadthuys, and the remaining gate of A Famosa fortress, telling stories of conquest and cultural exchange.

On National Day, Jonker Street becomes more than a market: it's a living museum, a tribute to generations of Peranakan families, Eurasian communities, and Malay settlers who together shaped the identity of Melaka. Flags hang from shophouses' windows, and the smell of satay and cendol wafts through the air.

This is where the world met Malaysia and where Malaysia learned to meet the world on her own terms.



The Island of Heritage and Imagination

Towards the north, in Penang, the celebrations are no less vibrant. The streets of George Town, with their murals, colonial architecture, and bustling kopitiams, hum with life. Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion, the Blue Mansion, stands regal amid the festive colors, while children pose beside Ernest Zacharevic's famous street art, waving little flags.

Overlooking the island is Kek Lok Si, Southeast Asia's largest Buddhist temple. Its terraces, pagodas, and towering statue of Kuan Yin are lit beautifully at night, a gesture of peace and interfaith harmony.

On National Day, prayers rise from all faiths and all corners of Malaysia, for prosperity, for peace, and for unity.

## Rising Peaks and Ancient Forests

In the East, Mount Kinabalu pierces the clouds above Sabah like a titan of Borneo. At 4,095 meters, it stands not just as the highest peak in Malaysia, but as a sacred place for the Kadazan-Dusun people. On National Day, climbers raise the Malaysian flag at the summit, their breaths ragged, their eyes misty not just from the wind, but from the pride in their hearts.



Back on the peninsula, the rainforests of Taman Negara stretch across Pahang, Kelantan, and Terengganu, are some of the oldest in the world. Here, the songs of hornbills, the rustle of leaves, and the rhythm of the river speak of a Malaysia untouched by time. Indigenous Orang Asli communities welcome visitors, showcasing traditions older than Merdeka itself, yet equally part of Malaysia's soul.

## Islands of Wonder and Bridges of Tomorrow

Off the coast of Kedah, Langkawi sparkles under the National Day sun. Its legends, beaches, and geoparks attract travelers year-round, but today, the Langkawi Sky Bridge becomes a walkway to the heavens, as fireworks bloom in the sky above Gunung Mat Cincang. From this height, the Andaman Sea reflects the golden hour, while the people below rejoice in song and celebration.

Meanwhile, on the ground in Istana Negara, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong presides over official National Day ceremonies. Though not open to the public, its regal gates are crowded with well-wishers. The changing of the royal guards is met with cheers. It's a moment where monarchy and *rakyat* meet in shared pride.



## A Nation United in Spirit

From the northern rice fields of Kedah to the palm oil plantations of Johor, from the longhouses of Sarawak to the business towers of Cyberjaya, the spirit of Malaysia burns bright.

Each landmark, whether man-made or carved by nature, represents a chapter in the national narrative. They're more than tourist attractions; they're milestones of memory, markers of progress, and monuments to the nation's unity in diversity.

As the clock strikes midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August, fireworks burst over cities, towns, and villages. In Kuala Lumpur, the sky around the Petronas Twin Towers becomes a canvas of light. The crowd at Dataran Merdeka erupts in applause, the Jalur Gemilang waves proudly, and the national anthem swells in a thousand voices, united as one.



## 68 Years of Merdeka, and the Road Ahead

Sixty eight years since Tunku Abdul Rahman declared “Merdeka!” beneath the Malaysian sky, the journey continues. Through adversity and triumph, through rain and sun, Malaysia has walked forward, stronger, bolder, more united.

These landmarks, majestic, spiritual, and historical, natural, stand not only as reminders of what has been, but as beacons for what is to come.

In every stone and steel beam, in every forest path and temple stairway, lies the soul of a nation proud of its past and ready for its future.



## Malaysia's AI Future Begins

NVIDIA AND YTL POWER LEAD RM10 BILLION PUSH FOR SUSTAINABLE, HOMEGROWN INNOVATION

Malaysia is making headlines once again as it sets its sights on becoming the leading artificial intelligence hub in Southeast Asia. In a powerful collaboration, global technology leader NVIDIA has partnered with YTL Power International Berhad to develop an artificial intelligence infrastructure project valued at RM10 billion.

This visionary alliance aims to establish next generation data centres powered by renewable energy, alongside the development of Malaysia's own sovereign large language model. The goal is to enable the country to not only adopt artificial intelligence but to shape it on its own terms.

The announcement, made in July 2025, follows a series of high level engagements led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. His meeting with NVIDIA Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang and YTL Power Managing Director Datuk Yeoh Seok Hong in San Jose last year laid the foundation for this monumental initiative. The collaboration is more than just a technological advancement. It represents Malaysia's commitment to sustainability, innovation and economic transformation.

By combining green energy with advanced artificial intelligence capabilities, Malaysia is embracing a future where digital growth and environmental responsibility go hand in hand.



From Left : Mr. Jensen Huang and Datuk Sri Tengku Zafrul

At the core of this project is the creation of an artificial intelligence ecosystem that empowers local talent and supports regional innovation. YTL Power will play a leading role in bringing together technology providers, industry players and academic institutions to cultivate a strong and self-sustaining artificial intelligence community.



This effort aligns with Malaysia's broader vision to nurture skilled professionals in data science, machine learning and digital ethics while also attracting global investment and research opportunities.

The development of a sovereign large language model will also enable Malaysia to preserve and promote its linguistic and cultural heritage within digital platforms. It is a step towards ensuring that artificial intelligence systems understand and reflect local values, languages and nuances. This has wide-ranging implications for governance, education, public services and business innovation.

As Malaysia moves forward with confidence, this NVIDIA-YTL Power partnership sends a strong message to the world. The country is not just keeping pace with technological change, it is actively shaping the future. With a clear roadmap, committed leadership and strategic alliances in place, Malaysia is poised to become a centre of excellence in artificial intelligence, bringing long-term benefits to its economy, society and global standing.



From Left : Datuk Shahrom Mohamed, Datuk Sri Anwar Ibrahim, Datuk Yeoh Seok Hong and Mr. Jensen Huang



Located at The Intermark in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, Jwala is a bold new entrant redefining Indian fine dining with intensity, elegance, and a sense of theatrical fire. The name “Jwala,” derived from the Sanskrit word for flame, speaks not only to its elemental cooking style but also to its fiery passion for reimagining tradition.



Upon arrival, guests are greeted by a lavish interior that balances grandeur with warmth. Arched corridors, intricate carvings, soft amber lighting, and glimmers of open fire from the kitchen form a seductive atmosphere that feels luxurious and intimate. The design draws on India's rich heritage without being overly ornamental, allowing the vibrant culinary experience to take center stage.

At Jwala, the kitchen is a stage and fire is the star. Every dish is carefully conceived around age-old methods of grilling, smoking and roasting. The menu is an ode to Northern India's tandoori culture, elevated for the modern epicure. Each bite reveals layers of spice, technique, and creativity. The signature Tandoori Tiger Prawns, marinated with saffron, mustard oil, and crushed spices, arrive delicately charred and perfectly tender. The Chargrilled Lamb Chops, marinated in Kashmiri chili and hung yogurt, are robust, smoky, and fall-off-the-bone succulent.

Vegetarian offerings are just as carefully crafted. The Smoked Aubergine Bharta, made tableside and laced with ghee and cumin, delivers depth and soulfulness. The Multani Paneer Tikka, grilled to a golden crust, is delicately spiced and melt-in-the-mouth soft. Breads like the Laccha Paratha and Garlic Naan, fired fresh in the clay oven, provide the perfect textural contrast and make for ideal companions to the rich gravies and smoky dips.



Jwala's culinary team, led by chefs with extensive experience in luxury kitchens across India and the Middle East, approaches each dish with discipline and daring. There's a meticulous attention to detail, from sourcing premium ingredients to harmonizing traditional spice blends with modern plating techniques.

Beyond the food, Jwala also takes pride in its bar program. The drinks menu celebrates Indian botanicals, fruits, and spices through inventive cocktails and handcrafted infusions. Signature cocktails incorporate ingredients like tamarind, cardamom, betel leaf, and green mango, offering vibrant pairings that complement the bold flavors on the plate. A curated wine list leans into the art of contrast, offering varietals that cool and balance the spice-driven menu with finesse.

Service at Jwala is polished yet personal. The staff are well-versed in the story behind each dish and the culinary philosophy of the restaurant, adding a layer of storytelling that enhances the overall experience. Whether you are a seasoned connoisseur of Indian cuisine or discovering its depths for the first time, Jwala invites you to experience something familiar and entirely new.

More than just a fine dining destination, Jwala is a sensory celebration of India's timeless relationship with fire and flavor. It's a place where culinary heritage is honored through innovation, and where every meal is transformed into a journey of taste, texture, and temperature. A visit to Jwala is not simply about dining; it's about immersion, discovery, and indulgence.





## Sunset Terrace

A CELEBRATION OF MALAYSIA'S CULINARY ICON, *THE NASI LEMAK*

This patriotic Merdeka and Malaysia Day season, Sunset Terrace at Sunway Resort Hotel invites guests to embark on a deeply nostalgic culinary journey that pays homage to Malaysia's most cherished national dish, *the nasi lemak*. From 22<sup>nd</sup> August to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025, guests can indulge in a vibrant and flavoursome Nasi Lemak Buffet, a specially curated experience designed by the talented Junior Sous Chef Amir Roslie. This buffet is not just a meal but a heartfelt celebration of flavors, memories, and national pride that brings people together through the familiar and comforting aroma of *nasi lemak*.

The spotlight of this culinary showcase is, of course, the fragrant coconut rice. Believed to date back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century in the historic state of Melaka, this humble yet iconic dish has evolved over generations, becoming a symbol of Malaysian identity and unity. One of the most charming legends behind the name *nasi lemak* speaks of a daughter who accidentally spilled coconut milk into a pot of cooking rice. When her mother returned home and was greeted by the delicious aroma, she asked her daughter what it was. The daughter responded, "Nasi le, Mak!" This simple reply, filled with affection and spontaneity, is said to have inspired the name that has since become a household staple. Chef Amir breathes new life into this tale through his imaginative and colorful interpretations of the dish. Diners can look forward to variations such as Nasi Lemak Hijau Pandan, delicately infused with the essence of pandan leaves; Nasi Lemak Kuning Royal, featuring a rich blend of turmeric; Nasi Lemak Bunga Telang, tinted a brilliant blue with butterfly pea flower; and the timeless Nasi Lemak Putih, made using fragrant coconut milk and served in its classic form.



Every plate of rice is accompanied by an indulgent selection of sambals, each carefully crafted using premium local chilies and traditional techniques. Highlights include the robust Sambal Bawang, which offers a punchy oniony heat, and the delicately layered Sambal Nyonya, which draws on the Peranakan tradition of slow-cooked spices.

Elevating the dish further, a showcase of premium *ikan bilis* varieties is on offer, including the rare Ikan Bilis Mata Biru from Pangkor and the refined Ikan Bilis Jepun.

These crispy anchovies, each with their own texture and flavor profile, offer a satisfying contrast to the rich-flavored rice. Alongside these, a colorful spread of traditional condiments and sides completes the dish, including a variety of *keropok* and a trio of savory Chicken, Beef and Fish Serunding, each slow-cooked to perfection and bursting with spices.

The buffet also features a rotating menu of traditional hot dishes that span the many influences that make Malaysian cuisine so distinctive. Guests can savor classic favorites such as the golden and aromatic Ayam Goreng Berempah, tender and spicy Cockles Rendang, fiery and rich Chili Fried Beef Paru and the intensely flavorful Sambal Sotong.

Also on offer are Daging Dendeng, a sweet and spicy dry beef preparation, as well as hearty *rendang* options featuring lamb and chicken. Vegetarian diners are not forgotten, with comforting options such as Tempeh and Tauhu Goreng Kicap, and Stir-Fried Kangkung with Belacan adding even more variety and color to the meal.

For those looking to indulge even further, Sunset Terrace offers the option to add on a Premium Durian Buffet. Featuring a carefully selected variety of durians known for their creamy texture and bold flavor, this decadent experience can be enjoyed as an add-on to the buffet or as a standalone treat. It's the perfect conclusion to a meal that celebrates Malaysia's cultural richness and culinary heritage.

More than just a buffet, this Nasi Lemak celebration at Sunset Terrace is a tribute to Malaysia's diversity and unity. It brings together cherished traditions, regional ingredients, and generations of culinary wisdom in one unforgettable dining experience that's comforting and inspiring. Whether you are a local revisiting childhood memories or a visitor discovering the soul of Malaysian food for the first time, this celebration promises to leave a lasting impression.

# The Brasserie at The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur

ELEVATING SUNDAYS WITH CHAMPAGNE, CAVIAR, AND CULINARY EXCELLENCE

In the heart of Kuala Lumpur, nestled within the refined elegance of The St. Regis, lies a Sunday brunch experience that reimagines indulgence. At The Brasserie, weekends are no longer just about leisure. They become an ode to timeless sophistication, inspired by the grandeur of New York's Gilded Age and the legendary soirées of the Astor family.

More than just a meal, The Brasserie's brunch is an event. It's a celebration of flavors, finesse, and fine living. Set against a backdrop of tasteful interiors and the soulful notes of live entertainment, guests are invited to unwind and savor the moment. Each detail is thoughtfully curated to reflect the signature St. Regis flair, offering understated luxury with impeccable attention to detail.

At the heart of the experience is an impressive culinary showcase that marries classic European traditions with global influences. Highlights include tableside carved premium roasts, an opulent spread of gourmet selections, fresh seafood, handcrafted pastries, and a medley of international dishes, all presented with refined elegance.

But it's the "Exquisite and Elevate" offering that truly sets this brunch apart. This ultra-luxurious four-course dining experience is a curated gastronomic journey designed for discerning palates. Guests can choose between two indulgent themes, Caviar or Seasonal Truffle, each paired with the finest champagne to heighten the culinary experience.



The Caviar Experience pays homage to the rich, briny delicacy once reserved for royalty. Delicate yet bold, each course is thoughtfully composed to bring out the nuanced flavors and textures of premium caviar selections, offering a celebration of oceanic luxury. Meanwhile, the Truffle Experience explores the enchanting world of one of nature's rarest ingredients. Earthy, aromatic, and deeply satisfying, the dishes are a harmonious blend of rustic elegance and haute cuisine.



Whether you are seeking a vibrant brunch with free-flowing beverages or an elevated tasting menu of unparalleled distinction, The Brasserie's Sunday offering caters to both indulgent diners and refined epicureans alike.

In true St. Regis fashion, this is more than a meal. It's a ritual of celebration, decadence, and exceptional hospitality.

*Location: The Brasserie, Level 2, The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur*

*Dining Hours: Every Sunday | 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM*

*MYR 328 nett per adult*

*MYR 428 nett per adult with alcohol pairing*

*Exquisite and Elevate Experience:*

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## ATAS at The RuMa

CELEBRATES THE FLAVORS OF MALAYSIA WITH A REFINED CULINARY JOURNEY

ATAS at The RuMa Hotel and Residences unveils a captivating new tasting menu that pays homage to Malaysia's rich culinary heritage. More than just a dining experience, this new offering is a celebration of the nation's vibrant cultural identity expressed through flavor, storytelling, and refined presentation.

Led by the talented Executive Chef Suhalmi Tasir, the culinary team at ATAS has meticulously crafted a journey that brings together the diverse traditions of Malay, Chinese, Indian, Peranakan, and other local communities. Each course on the menu is a reflection of Malaysia's multiethnic soul, elevated with contemporary techniques while staying true to the essence of the original recipes.



Diners can look forward to standout creations that balance nostalgia with innovation. The bold and aromatic Rendang Tok evokes the deep heritage of Malay cuisine, while the refreshing and inventive Pani Puri offers a playful nod to Indian street food culture. The delicate Teochew Soup warms the soul with its subtle flavors, representing the elegance of Chinese culinary traditions.

These signature highlights are accompanied by beautifully presented dishes such as Kerabu Kacang Botol, a vibrant winged bean salad bursting with tang and texture, and the smokey Ayam Bakar Percik, which showcases the complexity of local spices. The experience concludes with a sweet and satisfying Bubur Cha Cha Parfait, a dessert that blends familiar comfort with creative flair.



Guests may choose between a four-course or five-course menu, thoughtfully portioned and presented to allow diners to savor and reflect upon each element. More than just a meal, this curated menu invites guests to rediscover Malaysian cuisine through a new lens, where every bite is a tribute to culture, memory, and modern artistry.

This new menu is now available nightly and is perfect for those who appreciate the richness of tradition and the beauty of reinvention. Whether you are celebrating a special occasion or simply indulging in a gourmet escape, ATAS promises an unforgettable evening steeped in heritage and heart.



True to The RuMa Hotel's philosophy of luxury, the Malaysian way, the experience at ATAS is not only about exceptional food but also about the warmth of service and the attention to detail that defines the hotel's overall hospitality. The restaurant's elegant and intimate setting further enhances the immersive experience, making it an ideal destination for locals and travellers seeking a meaningful connection to Malaysia's culinary roots.



Location: ATAS, Level M, The RuMa Hotel and Residences, Kuala Lumpur

Dining Hours: 6:00 PM to 10:30 PM

Four Course Menu: MYR 208 per person (for a minimum of two persons)

Five Course Menu: MYR 238 per person (for a minimum of two persons)

# KL's New "Brekkie" Spots

DISCOVER THE LATEST CAFÉS REDEFINING BRUNCH CULTURE IN THE CITY

Brunch in Kuala Lumpur has evolved far beyond eggs on toast. A new wave of cafés is turning the city's late mornings into curated culinary rituals, blending creative flavors, modern aesthetics, and artisanal charm. Whether it is homemade sourdough, espresso with a twist, or sunlit interiors filled with plants, these spots offer more than just food—they offer atmosphere, intention, and personality.

## Kefi Kohi



In the heart of Petaling Jaya, Kefi Kohi brings calm minimalism to your morning. Whitewashed walls, soft wooden textures, and a clean layout create a serene setting for thoughtful sipping. Its drink menu is refreshingly inventive, with options like banoffee cold brew and aerocano lemonade offering layers of flavor and subtle complexity. The pastries and light brunch fare complement the drinks perfectly, making it an ideal destination for quiet mornings or afternoon resets.



## No Coffee No Brain



Located in the stylish neighborhood of Ampang Hilir, No Coffee No Brain lives up to its name by delivering caffeine with a creative punch. The drinks are theatrical and playful—try the espresso with cheese foam or a matcha coconut cooler called Zen on the Beach.

Their sourdough toast with pesto, tiger prawns, and the truffle chicken sandwich are must-haves for those who want a brunch that's comforting and edgy.



## Ben's Brew Buddies



Ben's Brew Buddies is a café that feels like a secret. Tucked away among the leafy corners of Mont Kiara, it serves soul-soothing coffee and pastries in a warm, unpretentious space. Think of cappuccinos with crispy croissants and golden sun streaming through large windows. It's a place where time slows down and conversations stretch long into noon. Perfect for relaxed weekends and spontaneous catch-ups.



## Sourdou M



For the carb lover with standards, Sourdou M in Sunwaymas is a bakery café dedicated to the art of fermentation. Here, you will find pillowy focaccia, flaky cardamom knots, and a juicy Wagyu burger nestled between tangy sourdough buns.

The coffee is rich and balanced, making it the perfect pairing for any of the oven-fresh treats. It's a destination for the flavor curious and the fermentation faithful.



# Surreal



Surreal offers a menu that reads like a chef's travel diary. From seared tilapia and avocado tartare to rich *char siew* tagliatelle, the dishes are globally inspired yet comfortably grounded. It's bold but familiar, modern but soulful.

Their desserts are a standout. The earl grey cake and signature tiramisu give your brunch a sweet, memorable finish.



# The Lemon Tree



The Lemon Tree is as cheerful as its name suggests. Located in Tropicana and Bukit Bintang, it blends modern simplicity with soft natural light and zesty charm. The menu includes buttery croissants, fruit tarts, quiches, and a range of specialty coffees. Whether you are in for a long brunch or just a pastry run, the environment is uplifting and the flavors are fresh and balanced.



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### RM30 Million Upgrade for KL International Airport

Underpinned by a strategic focus to transform KL International Airport (KLIA) to provide more enhanced services to drive its growth and capacity, Malaysia Airports has implemented various improvements to deliver more tangible benefits to its passengers and stakeholders alike.

The refreshed transformation is part of the newly privatised airport operator's efforts to realise its long-term ambition to position KLIA as a world-class hub supported by strong connectivity, operational excellence and commitment to passenger-centric service.

Abd Hasman Abd Muhimim, General Manager of Operations at KLIA Terminal 1, told the media that since the first half of 2025 (1H2025), the terminal has undergone a RM30 million upgrade. He unveiled 14 initiatives during a walkabout to provide for a smarter, faster and friendlier experience at the flagship airport.

These improvements are timely with Malaysia chairing the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and travel intensifying ahead of Visit Malaysia 2026.

With KLIA's passenger traffic for the 1H2025 growing by 9.9% to 30.1 million compared to the same period last year, Abd Hasman said, "We aim to ensure the best possible service for travellers at every touchpoint."

A total of 36 family-friendly parking bays have been converted from 54 standard bays and sited at the basement and Level five of the short-term car park's blocks B and C. These bays are wider and located closer to the entrances, providing convenience for loading or unloading children, strollers and luggage.

Abd Hasman explained this move came due to the increasing trend of families travelling at KLIA. There is also a Help button where they can request for assistance.

For travellers' convenience, he said that 2,000 outdated baggage trolleys at Level 5 of the Departure Hall have been replaced with newly designed lightweight trolleys featuring strap-free handles and built-in brakes for easier manoeuvring and enhanced safety.



Another 3,000 of these new and more stable trolleys are available at Level 3 of the Arrival Hall.

He added that 50 more robust wheelchairs, built according to the industry specifications for airport use, are now available free of charge at key locations throughout the terminal, with another 50 to be added later.

They are located near Door 4 of the Main Terminal Building (MTB) at Level 5 and at the airside area where the Aerotrain station is located at Gate H. In the Satellite Building, these flexible wheelchairs that designed to go up ramps are available at the Aerotrain station at Gate C.

Wayfinding at the Aerotrain stations has also been improved to help passengers navigate more easily at the MTB, Airside and Satellite Building.



To improve the overall passenger flow at the airport, he said seating areas at Level 5 have been relocated closer to the food and beverage outlets for added convenience and to ease congestion in the high traffic zones.

Abd Hasman said 80 washrooms have also been upgraded into fully integrated accessible facilities for the use of families and passengers with reduced mobility.



These washrooms have wider entrances with wheelchair-friendly layouts, accessible sinks with sensor taps, as well as grab bars and handrails. Additionally, emergency call buttons are reachable from the floor level.

Meanwhile, the nappy change room upgrade initiative will see five nappy change rooms refurbished with three unique themes, 'Fun/Playful, Luxury/Hotel, and Safari/Jungle' to create a more welcoming and family-friendly environment.



Each room is equipped with a feeding area, adult and child toilets, a baby cot, and a hot or warm water dispenser. So far, two of the nappy change rooms have been refurbished with the rest targeted for completion by August 2025.

Strengthening KLIA's reputation as a family-friendly international airport, two of the 'Fun/Playful' themed nappy change rooms will be located at the MTB, while one Luxury/Hotel theme room will be at the MTB Airside.

The Satellite Building, on the other hand, will feature two of the 'Safari/Jungle' themed nappy change rooms.

"We will continuously assess current needs and expand the facilities wherever necessary," Abd Hasman reiterated while showcasing some of the heritage walls or revamped public spaces to celebrate Malaysia's local culture, identity and heritage and turn them into insta-worthy moments for passengers at KLIA.





## Saudia's Codeshare with Vietnam Airlines to Enhance Connectivity

Saudi Arabia's national flag carrier, Saudia (SV), has signed a codeshare agreement with Vietnam Airlines (VN) to offer guests expanded travel options for a more seamless journey on flights connecting Jeddah and Riyadh with Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

Looking forward to deepening its relationship with VN, Arved von zur Muehlen, SV Chief Commercial Officer said, "We continue to expand our global network, aligning with our strategic objectives to foster economic growth and cultural exchange."

Nguyen Quang Trung, VN Director of Corporate Planning and Development remarked, "As members of the SkyTeam alliance, this partnership allows us to offer our passengers the benefits of a broader global network and enhanced frequent flyer programme options, along with an opportunity to experience the rich culture, heritage, and unique cuisine of Vietnam."

Saudia, named Best Airline Staff Service in the Middle East at the recent 2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards, also climbed to 17th place in the global ranking, reflecting excellence across its guests' journey.



His Excellency Engineer Ibrahim Al-Omar, Director General of Saudia Group said, "Rising from 82nd in 2017 to 20th in 2024 and now to 17th in the Skytrax World Airline Rankings is a proud milestone."

This trajectory aligns with SV's recognition as the World's Most Improved Airline for four consecutive years by Skytrax.

Edward Plaisted, Chief Executive Officer of Skytrax praised Saudia's cabin and ground staff for maintaining a service style that is both composed and welcoming.

"This is delivered consistently by a multi-national team that brings a range of cultural strengths to the customer experience.

"It is this blend of professionalism and warmth that continues to leave a lasting impression on passengers."

SV is undertaking the most significant investment programme in its history to elevate the guest experience as part of its long-term vision.

Key initiatives include modernising and expanding its fleet.

Earlier this year, the Saudia Group announced a new aircraft deal with Airbus to add up to 20 new wide-body A330neo aircraft, 10 of which are firm orders for its low-cost carrier, flyadeal.

The deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2027, with the final aircraft arriving in 2029.

This builds on last year's historic deal with Airbus for 105 aircraft.

For more information, visit [www.saudia.com](http://www.saudia.com)



## Malaysia Airports' Licence to Win 2025 Brings Back Luxury Car and More

Licence to Win, Malaysia Airports' flagship shopping campaign begins this year from 21 July to 31 December with the theme, Own the Dream, turning every boarding pass into a golden ticket to win the ultimate grand prize, a striking carmine red Porsche 911 Carrera.



Shoppers also stand a chance to win a sleek BMW R1300GS motorbike and dream holidays.

Featuring a lower entry threshold with a minimum spend of RM100, a larger prize pool and new partner rewards tailored to diverse traveller preferences, the campaign this year makes it easier for passengers to shop, dine and pursue their dreams at over 500 retail and dining outlets across Malaysia Airports' international airports in Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Langkawi, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu.

In this year's Licence to Win, the airport operator partnered with its premier duty-free retailer, Eraman, and Southeast Asia's top travel platform, Traveloka, to seamlessly blend premium retail with the thrill of exciting rewards.

Traveloka, with over 140 million app downloads and more than 40 million monthly active users, will enhance the experience with exclusive travel vouchers covering flights, hotels and travel activities, enabling passengers to enjoy dream holidays in Switzerland, Australia and Japan.



Senior General Manager for Commercial Services of Malaysia Airports, Hani Ezra Hussin said, "Our goal is to create experiences that go beyond routine. We are making this campaign more engaging, more inclusive and more rewarding."

Aligned with the airport operator's Commercial Reset strategy, she said Licence to Win "reflects how we are reshaping the airport retail experience, making every transaction a touchpoint and every moment an opportunity to connect".

Held at the Sepang International Circuit, the exclusive campaign launch was attended by Dato' Mohd Izani Ghani, Malaysia Airports Managing Director, Zulhikam Ahmad, General Manager of Commercial Business and Zeid Abdul Razak, Chief Financial Officer.

Also present were Hendry Saputra, Vice President of Partnership of Traveloka, and Mathialagan Maniam, Senior Manager of Merchandising of Malaysia Airports (Niaga), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Malaysia Airports involved in retail as well as food and beverage operations, alongside local celebrities such as Awal Ashaari, Scha Alyahya, Daiyan Trisha, Amelia Henderson, and Uyaina Arshad.

For more information, visit [www.malaysiaairports.com.my](http://www.malaysiaairports.com.my)



## Firefly Moves Jet Operations to KL International Airport from 19 August 2025

Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) will relocate Firefly's (FY) jet operations from Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport (SZB) to KL International Airport (KUL) Terminal 1 effective 19 August 2025 while the airline's turboprop services will remain at SZB to ensure ongoing connectivity to key domestic and regional destinations.

FY first launched its jet operations deploying the Boeing B737-800 aircraft out of SZB on 29 August 2024. Operating from SZB and KUL, FY has a fleet size of five B737-800 and nine ATR 72-500 turboprop aircraft.

*The move to KUL allows FY to scale its jet operations more efficiently, improve passenger connectivity and better leverage MAG's shared capabilities in engineering, ground handling and catering.*

*This decision reinforces our commitment to strengthening KUL as the main aviation hub while continuing to offer accessible air travel options across the country.*

### DATUK CAPTAIN IZHAM ISMAIL

Group Managing Director of Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG)

Additionally, this strategic move is part of MAG's long-term network optimisation plan to enhance operational efficiency and ensure sustainable operations for FY's jet services using the Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

Starting 19 August 2025, FY will take off with over 260 weekly flights to more than 15 destinations.

Its first flight from KUL will be to Tawau (TWU) on that day, followed by a phased rollout to Kuching (KCH) and Kota Kinabalu (BKI) on 21 August, Singapore (SIN) on 22 August, Johor Bahru (JHB) on 23 August, Kota Bharu (KBR)

and Terengganu (TGG) on 30 August and Sibul (SBW) on 3 September.

FY will also increase its existing KUL to PEN services from twice weekly to six times weekly starting 23 August 2025 and subsequently raise them to 10 times weekly in November 2025.

Passengers flying with FY enjoy complimentary 10 kg checked baggage, a 7 kg carry-on allowance, and inflight refreshments.



Meanwhile, MAG also announced the appointment of Dato' Azizulhasni Awang, the national track cycling icon as its official ambassador for MHsports, which provides tailored travel solutions for sports travellers.

MHsports also offer exclusive discounts on fares, additional baggage allowance for sporting equipment and flexible booking options to ensure a seamless and rewarding travel experience for the sporting community.

The national carrier will be supporting Dato' Azizulhasni, known as the 'Pocket Rocketman' in his ongoing training and participation in international competitions.

For more information, visit [www.fireflyz.com.my](http://www.fireflyz.com.my) and [www.malaysiaairlines.com](http://www.malaysiaairlines.com)



## Loong Air's New Xi'an to Kuala Lumpur Route to Further Strengthen Bilateral Ties

Malaysia's welcome of Loong Air's (GJ) inaugural flight from Xi'an (XIY) at KL International Airport (KLIA) Terminal 2 on 6 July 2025 further strengthens its tourism and economic cooperation established with China following the low-cost carrier's (LCC) debut of its twice-weekly XIY to Penang service on 30 December 2024.



Greeting GJ8721's maiden arrival to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) were Tourism Malaysia Deputy Chairman Dato' Yeoh Soon Hin and its Deputy Director General (Promotion II) Samuel Lee Thai Hung alongside senior representatives from Malaysia Airports.

Leading the delegation from GJ was Li Dong, Vice President (Overseas Business), signifying the airline's growing commitment to Malaysia as a key Southeast Asian hub with its new thrice weekly flights operated by a 174-seat Airbus A320 aircraft.

Dato' Yeoh said, "With Kuala Lumpur now directly connected to Xi'an, we are opening more doors for tourism, business and cultural exchange. This enhanced connectivity reaffirms Malaysia's position as a gateway to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations region and a must-visit destination for international travellers.

This timely expansion supports Malaysia's strategic goals for Visit Malaysia 2026, which aims to welcome more Chinese travellers, the third largest source market for international visitors to the country after Singapore and Indonesia.

Malaysia's visa free entry policy for Chinese nationals, extended until 31 December 2026, provides seamless access and encourages longer stays.

Meanwhile, Xi'an, a cultural hub known for its terracotta warriors, reported over 135,000 foreign visitors in the first half of this year, up 124% year-on-year with the majority of the arrivals under visa exemption policies.

Under the new mutual visa free policy agreement between Malaysia and China effective 17 July 2025, citizens of both countries may visit each other visa free for leisure travel, visiting relatives or friends, and for business activities.

The permitted stay is up to 30 days per entry and a maximum cumulative stay of 90 days within a 180-day period.

For more information, visit [www.loongair.cn](http://www.loongair.cn)



### Juneyao Air Expands Connectivity to Kuala Lumpur

Juneyao Air's (HO) recent debut of its direct flight from Shanghai (PVG) to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) has enhanced the convenience for both business and leisure travellers with its four flights weekly using the 162-seat Airbus A320neo aircraft.

The airline's inaugural flight HO 1353 also reinforced KUL's position as a key regional gateway.

Dato' Mohd Izani Ghani, Managing Director of Malaysia Airports said, "Southeast Asia continues to be Malaysia's strongest aviation market, accounting for over 8.1 million passenger movements or 45.1% of total international traffic at KL International Airport (KLIA) for the year-to-date period ending May 2025.

"This new service will stimulate network growth and strengthen regional connectivity, particularly in high-potential markets such as China."

As the fifth carrier to operate direct flights on the PVG to KUL route, HO's latest arrival marked the airline's second destination in Malaysia following its entry into Penang (PEN) on 31 May 2024.

The airline's inaugural flight at KLIA was welcomed by Samuel Lee Thai Hung, Deputy Director General (Promotion II) of Tourism Malaysia, Abd Hasman Abd Muhimim, General Manager of Operations for KLIA Terminal 1, Martin Lee, General Manager of HO Malaysia branch and Saravanan Ramasamy, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Pos Aviation.

Lee said, "Tourism Malaysia remains committed to working closely with Chinese airlines and trade partners to ensure sustained growth and mutual benefit. This initiative aligns with national strategies to expand market outreach ahead of Visit Malaysia 2026, which will focus on promoting cultural and sustainable tourism in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

"The enhanced air connectivity with PVG also supports regional integration under the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle framework, further reinforcing Malaysia's role as a key player in regional tourism development."

For more information, visit [www.global.juneyaoair.com](http://www.global.juneyaoair.com)



### More New Routes for Batik Air Malaysia

Batik Air Malaysia's (OD) two new direct services from Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport (SZB) in Subang, Selangor to Bangkok's Don Mueang International Airport (DMK) in Thailand and Kuching International Airport (KCH) in Sarawak respectively on 28 July 2025 mark a significant milestone for the airline, expanding both its regional and domestic connectivity.

Using the 162-seater Boeing 737-800 aircraft, OD operates four times weekly flights to DMK, its first international service from SZB, also popularly known as Subang Airport. Daily services are scheduled to commence in November.

Welcoming the maiden arrival of DMK to SZB, with 80% load factor, were the OD Head of Government Business Development, Mohd Fauzi Rajab, as well as representatives from Tourism Malaysia and Tourism Selangor.

Malaysia emerged as the top source market for Thailand from January to 8 June 2025, contributing 2.04 million visitors out of its total of 15.01 million foreign arrivals, according to Thailand's Ministry of Tourism and Sports.

Meanwhile, KCH, OD's second East Malaysia daily service from SZB, also enhances the airline's footprint at SZB with its existing flights to Penang (PEN), Kota Bharu (KBR) in Kelantan, Kota Kinabalu (BKI) and Tawau (TWU) via BKI in Sabah, offering passengers an alternative to the flights from KL International Airport (KLIA).

As part of OD's network expansion into Indonesia, the airline will commence flights from Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Palembang on 12 September 2025, further enhancing KLIA's role as a key gateway for Umrah and international travel.

Palembang, one of the oldest cities in Southeast Asia, is renowned for its historic Ampera Bridge, charming floating markets, traditional songket weaving, and culinary specialities such as pempek, a beloved South Sumatran fish cake.

For more information, visit [www.batikair.com](http://www.batikair.com)



### AirAsia Malaysia Resumes Flights from Kuala Lumpur to Palembang

AirAsia Malaysia's (AK) resumption of its daily service to Palembang (PLM) with its inaugural flight from Kuala Lumpur (KUL) on 18 July 2025 marked the return of international status to Indonesia's Sultan Mahmud Badaruddin II Airport.

The reinstatement represents a valuable opportunity to revitalise local tourism, attract more international visitors, especially from Malaysia and spur growth across supporting sectors such as transport, hospitality, and food and beverages.

Dato' Captain Fareh Mazputra, AK Chief Executive Officer (CEO) said, "Resuming our PLM route has been a long-standing priority since the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are proud to serve underserved and emerging destinations like PLM, unlocking greater access and opportunity for communities that have long awaited international connectivity."

H. Herman Deru, Governor of South Sumatera said, "The activation of this international flight is expected to give positive impacts towards tourism and economic aspects in South Sumatera."

AK operates direct flights from KUL to Jakarta (CGK), Bali (DPS), Medan (KNO), Yogyakarta (YIA), Banda Aceh (BTJ), Makassar (UPG), Padang (PDG), Pekanbaru (PKU), Balikpapan (BPN), Labuan Bajo (LBJ) and Lombok (LOP).

The low-cost carrier (LCC) also has services from Penang (PEN) to CGK and KNO.

Reaffirming its position as the airline with the largest network between Malaysia and Indonesia, AK will commence the KUL to Semarang (SRG) service on 5 September 2025 and resume its direct routes connecting KUL and Kuching (KCH) to Pontianak (PNK) on 12 September 2025, bringing a total of 223 weekly flights between the two countries.

AK's enhanced regional access will be vital in supporting Malaysia's target of 4.3 million Indonesian arrivals in 2025

Meanwhile, AK's parent company Capital A Berhad announced earlier in July 2025 that its wholly-owned subsidiary entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Airbus to purchase 50 A321XLRs with rights for another 20 such longer-range aircraft valued at USD12.25 billion.

The A321XLRs claim to offer up to 20% lower fuel burn per seat than the A321neo aircraft, significantly improving emissions performance and operating efficiency.

Scheduled for delivery starting 2028 through 2032, this landmark aircraft deal will support the LCC's network expansion, positioning KUL and Bangkok (BKK) as its key aviation hubs besides catering to underserved routes more efficiently, including into Central Asia, Europe and the Middle East.



Witnessed by Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook, the MoU was signed in Paris between Tony Fernandes, Capital A CEO and Christian Scherer, Airbus Commercial Aircraft CEO.

For more information, visit [www.capitala.com](http://www.capitala.com)



## Upgraded Airport FastTrack Service at KL International Airport

Malaysia Airports' recent launch of its upgraded Airport FastTrack (AFT) service at KL International Airport (KLIA) reinforces its commitment to delivering seamless, efficient and premium services to travellers.

The evolution of AFT represents part of the airport operator's broader strategy to position KLIA as a leading global aviation hub with world-class facilities and services.

*"In line with our digitalisation efforts, we have launched a new website, [www.myairportfasttrack.com](http://www.myairportfasttrack.com), to provide detailed information on our services and enable easy bookings.*

*This platform reflects our drive to leverage technology to enhance service delivery and passenger convenience, supported by an integrated payment gateway for a smooth and secure user experience.*

### DATO' MOHD IZANI GHANI

Managing Director  
of Malaysia Airports

Offering a holistic meet-and-greet experience, this premium service ensures passengers receive personalised assistance from the airport curbside to expedite immigration clearance and baggage assistance.

It is complemented by a dedicated AFT lounge located at the KLIA Terminal 1's Departure Hall on Level 5, integrating comfort and convenience for a more connected travel ecosystem for passengers.



Dato' Mohd Izani applauded the AFT team, headed by Sundra Kulendra, General Manager of Sama Sama Hotels Group, in managing major airport logistics, premium airside transfers and high-profile movements, including the recent delegations from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA).

He also introduced Sofia Zara Mustaffa Kamal, 15, Malaysia's youngest female race car driver and rising star in the 2025 F1 Academy circuit, as the AFT brand ambassador, reflecting the essence of fast.

The AFT service at KLIA Terminals 1 and 2 is operated by KL Airport Hotels Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Malaysia Airports.

For more information, visit  
[www.myairportfasttrack.com.my](http://www.myairportfasttrack.com.my)



## All Nippon Airways Signs Strategic Partnership to Boost EduTourism

Japan's largest airline group, All Nippon Airways (ANA) and Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in promoting educational mobility and tourism between Malaysia and Japan, with a primary focus on international students studying in Malaysia.

The partnership aims to support EMGS's mission to position Malaysia as a premier global education hub, while offering international students seamless travel experiences through ANA.

Highlighting the growing interest among Japanese students to pursue higher education in Malaysia, EMGS Chief Executive Officer, Novie Tajuddin said, "We are seeing a steady increase in applications from Japan, with mobility programme participation rising by 24%, which is the highest to date.

"This collaboration opens new doors for edutourism and international engagement, making it easier for students to explore academic and cultural experiences in both countries, benefiting not only Japanese students but all international students in Malaysia."

ANA's newly appointed General Manager in Malaysia, Akira Tamura echoed this sentiment, emphasising ANA's commitment to connecting the next generation.

"This MoU is not just about air travel, it is about bridging

people, knowledge, and cultures."

He added "We are honoured to support the Ministry of Higher Education's vision through this meaningful partnership with EMGS."

ANA offers convenient routes to over 50 domestic destinations across Japan and premium onboard services, including halal meal options and student friendly benefits.

The airline has twice-daily flights from Kuala Lumpur to Tokyo Haneda and Narita airports on its Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft.

The collaboration with EMGS followed after several successful engagements, including the first Higher Education Mobility Carnival held during Malaysia Fair in Tokyo last year and recent initiatives such as the Graduate Pass, a post-study visa allowing international students to stay in Malaysia for up to a year.

Notably, the first Graduate Pass recipient was a Japanese alumna of Monash University Malaysia.

This MoU between ANA and EMGS is expected to pave the way for further collaborative efforts, driving edutourism and reinforcing the long-standing ties between Malaysia and Japan.

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**D**escribed as a ‘market disruptor’ driving ADE through data and technological advances, Mahesh Kumar helms Capital A Berhad’s wholly-owned subsidiary, ADE, which was established in September 2020 to deliver a full spectrum of aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services.

This includes line maintenance, base maintenance, workshop capabilities, component and warehouse services as well as engineering support.

Mahesh, who hails from Klang in Selangor, holds a Bachelor’s degree in Aeronautical Engineering (2004 to 2008) from the Nehru College of Aeronautics in India. Having joined AirAsia’s Engineering Department in 2009, the 39-year-old was involved in various engineering projects, including setting up AirAsia India Engineering and transforming Zest Airways into AirAsia Philippines.

He was appointed in 2015 as the pioneering Senior Vice President, Technical of AirAsia’s new aircraft leasing arm, Asia Aviation Capital Limited. Prior to his current appointment, the man was the Head of Fleet and Technical Asset Management at AirAsia. Backed by his extensive experience, his aim is to make ADE a trusted partner for airlines globally.

**Since your appointment as CEO, what are some of the achievements accomplished thus far?**

With ADE born during the pandemic as a ‘COVID baby’ out of a need for survival, we have come a long way and are proud today to be one of the largest MRO players in the Asia Pacific. Within a few short years, ADE completed over 180 heavy maintenance checks (C-checks) and managed an average of 16,000 transit checks per month across more than 20 airports through our line maintenance operations.

Additionally, we expanded into component workshop capabilities and digital MRO solutions. Our base maintenance footprint grew rapidly with a total of 16 lines, including our flagship 14-line facility, which became operational in August 2024.

ADE also achieved regulatory milestones, having received the Approved Maintenance Organisation certifications in 10 countries. Most recently, we secured approvals from both the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), a significant step in enabling us to serve a wider range of customers.

Given our strong foundation built on over 20 years of engineering excellence from AirAsia’s Engineering Department, we are confident ADE will continue to grow as a key player in the global MRO landscape, especially through strategic partnerships with players such as GMF Aero Asia in Indonesia to grow a regional landing gear business.



**Upclose with Mahesh Kumar**  
Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Asia Digital Engineering (ADE)

**What is the latest development at your 14-line MRO hangar?**

As the largest facility of its kind in Malaysia, it can handle up to 14 aircraft simultaneously. We carry out base maintenance for both Airbus A320, A330 and Boeing 737 aircraft for a range of customers here and are proud to share that this hangar in Selangor is fully booked for the next 12 months.

**How has the MRO landscape in Asia Pacific changed in recent years following the recovery of air travel?**

The MRO landscape in this region has evolved significantly following the recovery of air travel with airlines ramping up capacity to meet growing demand, and that is driving a surge in maintenance needs. At the same time, there are increasing pressures to optimise turnaround times, reduce costs as well as adopt smarter and more sustainable operations. We are seeing a greater focus on digitalisation, predictive maintenance and regional self-sufficiency as airlines and lessors look to reduce reliance on traditional hubs.

**What are the opportunities and challenges like for Malaysia, which aims to become a preferred global aerospace outsourcing centre, including for MRO services?**

Malaysia has strong potential to be a global aerospace hub, especially for MRO, thanks to our strategic location, cost advantage and skilled workforce. There is a growing opportunity to attract regional carriers, expand

component capabilities and lead in digital MRO. The key challenges are staying ahead of regional competition, scaling up talent and upgrading infrastructure.

**After setting up ADE’s MRO operations outside of Malaysia in Cambodia, what is next?**

We are especially proud that ADE Cambodia was the first entity outside Malaysia to receive full business approvals.

Since then, we have established a presence in the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand, strengthening our presence across the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). This reflects our broader commitment to delivering reliable, world-class maintenance solutions throughout ASEAN.

**How is your plan going to expand ADE Cambodia’s MRO operations to other airports in the country?**

With ADE Cambodia’s operations headquartered at Phnom Penh International Airport, the country’s busiest airport and main international gateway, its strategic location enables us to efficiently support the growing aviation needs of the region. Discussions are still underway regarding our plan to expand to other key airports in Cambodia. Our focus is to build a strong foundation in Phnom Penh while progressively extending our services across the country.

**To what extent has smarter data usage helped ADE scale productivity and ensure ADE’s profitability?**

As a market disruptor, we have built ADE around a digital-first foundation, and smarter data utilisation has played a crucial role in scaling our productivity and ensuring profitability. Our proprietary digital platforms, AEROTRADE® and ELEVADE™, are at the core of this strategy. AEROTRADE® is Asia’s first aviation marketplace, simplifying procurement with over USD244 million worth of inventory for Airbus and Boeing aircraft. It is trusted by over 150 global airlines, MROs and original equipment manufacturers, including AirAsia, TransNusa and Setna IO.

Meanwhile, ELEVADE™ is our all-in-one digital MRO platform, integrating real-time aircraft health monitoring, fleet management and workforce optimisation. ELEVADE FLEET, monitoring over 200 aircraft and 3,000 personnel, leverages two decades of data to deliver predictive maintenance and enhanced operational visibility. These platforms allow us to improve turnaround times, reduce costs and scale efficiently, positioning ADE not only as a service provider but also as a digital innovator in the MRO space.

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**How has ADE benefited from its focus on third party markets?**

While AirAsia Group remains our anchor client, we serve a growing number of airlines worldwide. Our deep expertise in maintaining the A320 and A330 aircraft

alongside Boeing 737s enables us to support a wide range of fleet requirement not only for airlines across ASEAN but also in the Middle East, Europe and Australia.

**How have your MRO operations contributed to ADE’s sustainability efforts?**

ADE is committed to sustainability across all areas of our operations. Our hangars are certified green and designed to use clean energy, with ongoing efforts to further reduce our carbon footprint. Through our digital marketplace AEROTRADE®, we help minimise waste by enabling airlines to sell surplus inventory, extending the life of parts and avoiding unnecessary disposal. We also prioritise repairs over replacements to reduce scrap rates and extend component lifecycles. These initiatives reflect our belief that sustainability and operational excellence must go hand in hand in shaping the future of aviation.



**How big is your ADE team?**

Our total workforce currently stands at 1,805, with 10% of our technicians and engineers being women — a growing number we continue to support through inclusive hiring and development initiatives.

**Overall, how do you see the future of MRO in Asia Pacific?**

The future of MRO in the region is exceptionally promising, driven by sustained fleet growth, digitalisation and infrastructure investment. As demand continues to rise, the need for efficient, tech-enabled maintenance solutions will only grow. With our specialised skills and competitive pricing, we are well positioned to meet the evolving needs of airlines across Asia Pacific and play a key role in shaping its MRO landscape.

**How do you maintain a work-life balance?**

I try to find pockets of time to unwind. Sometimes that means travelling, other times just going for a quick run or switching off for a bit. It really depends on the week.

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## Integrated Hospitality at the Heart of KL International Airport

Sama-Sama Hotels is an award-winning, distinguished airport hotel brand strategically positioned to serve the needs of modern travellers. With a portfolio of 592 rooms across three properties, the brand offers a seamless blend of comfort, efficiency, and hospitality excellence.

Its flagship property, the five-star Sama-Sama Hotel KL International Airport, provides full-service accommodations and amenities tailored for business and leisure travellers alike. Complementing this are two airside transit hotels, Sama-Sama Express Hotel at KL International Airport Terminal 1 and Terminal 2, designed to offer convenient, restful stays without the need to clear immigration.

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## Refined Aesthetics, Redefined Confidence

ASTUTE CLINIC IS WHERE MODERN BEAUTY MEETS MEDICAL PRECISION AND PERSONALIZED CARE

In the vibrant heart of Kuala Lumpur, nestled within the sophisticated setting of Damansara City Mall, Astute Clinic offers more than just aesthetic treatments. It's a private and polished sanctuary where the science of beauty meets the art of confidence.

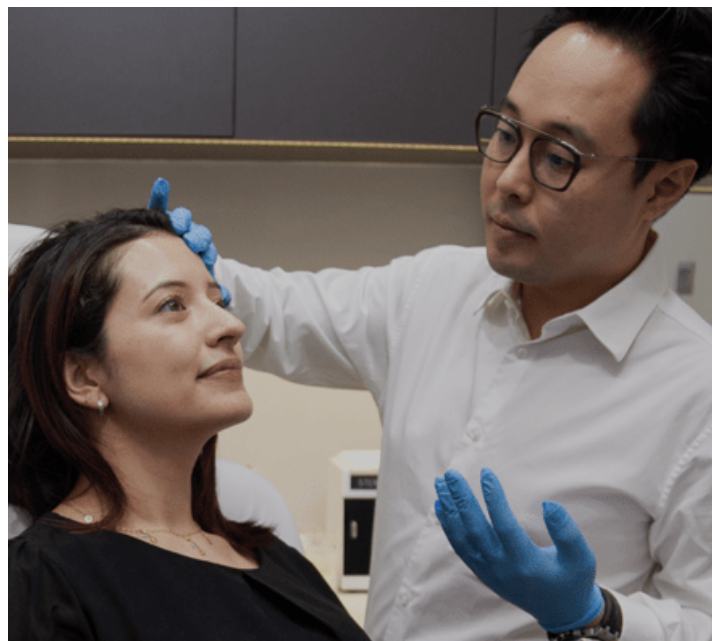
Created to serve those who seek excellence, subtlety, and safety in aesthetic care, Astute Clinic has quickly become a trusted retreat for individuals who value precision and personal attention.

The clinic is led by the highly respected Dr. Jason Yip, a name synonymous with ethical aesthetic practice in Malaysia. With a background in clinical dermatology and aesthetic medicine, Dr. Jason brings a deep understanding of facial anatomy, skin health, and treatment customization to every consultation. His philosophy is simple yet powerful. Beauty should never be forced. It should be guided, enhanced, and celebrated in its natural form.

Astute Clinic focuses on advanced medical aesthetic services that are noninvasive or minimally invasive, designed for clients who prefer results that are natural and gradual yet remarkably effective.

These include a wide array of treatments such as antiaging injectables, laser skin rejuvenation, medical facials, and facial sculpting using the latest medical technologies approved by international standards. Every procedure is carefully planned and performed with the utmost attention to detail, ensuring not just aesthetic improvement but long-term skin health.

What truly distinguishes Astute Clinic is its seamless fusion of clinical excellence and boutique luxury. The interior reflects a clean contemporary design with soft lighting and a calming color palette that immediately puts clients at ease. The experience is elevated further by a team of attentive professionals who make every visit feel like a private wellness retreat.



Clients of Astute Clinic range from high-profile personalities and business leaders to modern professionals who value self-care and skin confidence.

Many return not only for the results but for the trust they have in the clinic's transparent approach and dedication to safety. Here, there is no one-size-fits-all solution. Every face is treated as unique, and every treatment plan is tailored accordingly.

Astute Clinic represents a new standard in aesthetic care. It is a place where beauty is not defined by trends or filters, but by balance, authenticity and well-being.

Whether you are addressing specific skin concerns or simply investing in your personal glow, Astute Clinic offers a holistic approach to feeling and looking your best.

# New Arrivals Alert

FASHION MUST-HAVES



## Meta and Oakley Unveil All-New AI-Powered "Oakley Meta HSTN" Glasses

Meta and Oakley have announced a new partnership, marking the beginning of a collaboration that blends advanced technology with sports-focused design. The first product to emerge from this alliance is the Oakley Meta HSTN, a pair of AI-powered smart glasses tailored for athletic and active lifestyles. This limited edition debut model will be available for pre-order starting 11<sup>th</sup> July. After teasing a mysterious new Instagram account – (@oakleymeta) – earlier this week, Meta and Oakley finally unveiled the Oakley Meta HSTN, the first product from a new long-term partnership that introduces what they call “a new category of Performance AI glasses.”



## Porsche and Almond Surfboards Drop Second Limited Edition Collection

Porsche has reunited with California-based Almond Surfboards for a second limited edition collection, this time drawing inspiration from the iconic 1972 Porsche 911 Carrera RS 2.7. The drop includes a custom 6-foot winged swallow tail surfboard, handmade in California and finished in Grand Prix White with a choice of blue, red, or green racing accents—mirroring the original RS colorways. Only 72 boards will be produced, each retailing for USD 3,000 USD.



## Born X Raised Collaboration with Mitchell & Ness

Born X Raised has launched a collaborative collection with Mitchell & Ness, celebrating two of New York's most iconic baseball teams—the Yankees and the Mets. The collection features apparel that merges classic MLB logos with Born X Raised's distinctive Old English branding, creating a bold and culturally resonant aesthetic. Shot across various locations in New York, the campaign captures the city's dynamic energy and features local creatives such as Va\$htie, The Kid Mero, and CJ Wallace.



## Levi's x sacai Denim Collaboration

Levi's and sacai reunite for a Spring/Summer 2025 denim collaboration inspired by James Dean's iconic style. The Craig McDean-shot campaign features Chase Sui Wonders and Chandler Frye modeling sculptural pieces with dual branding and custom details. Standouts include reversible blousons, seven-pocket baggy jeans, and an A-line jacket with architectural flair.



# Men's Must-Haves

THIS SEASON'S HOTPICKS



**Jil Sander**  
*Logo T-shirt*  
**RM 1,856**

Stiff lightweight jersey t-shirt with printed Jil Sander logo oversized fit and boxy shape, dropped shoulders, short sleeves, ribbed crew neck, and made in Italy.



**Thom Browne**  
*Gingham Check Poplin Armband Shirt*  
**RM 4,102**

Thom Browne shirt is made from 100% cotton features a light blue and white vertical gingham stripe pattern that offers a clean, refined look. It is designed with a button-down collar and front button closure, embodying classic tailoring with a modern twist.



**Marni**  
*Light Blue Striped Poplin Bowling Shirt*  
**RM 4,371**

Artful and unconventional, this short-sleeved shirt by Marni makes a bold visual statement. Crafted from 100% cotton, the fabric offers lightweight comfort with a crisp, breathable feel, ideal for warm days or layered styling.



**Jacquemus**  
*The Boulanger Shirt*  
**RM 3,019**

This Jacquemus shirt made from 100% cotton in a light blue denim finish, offering a relaxed yet refined aesthetic. It features a classic collar and a front button closure with white metal snap buttons, enhancing its utilitarian vibe.



**MM6 Maison Margiela**  
*Star Sweatshirt*  
**RM 2,297**

Effortlessly cool and subtly expressive, this 100% cotton hoodie brings a refined edge to everyday comfort. Designed in a washed charcoal-toned finish, the piece features a bold embroidered star motif at the chest, tonal yet tactile, creating visual interest without overpowering the silhouette.



**Versace**  
*Medusa Varsity T-Shirt*  
**RM 1,706**

Black Versace T-shirt made from 100% cotton, offering a soft and breathable feel with a premium finish. The short-sleeved tee features a classic crew neckline and with bold varsity font on the front.



**Chloé**  
*Maxi Gathered Lavallière Blouse*  
**RM 6,453**

Luxurious, 100% silk blouse by Chloé, featuring a bold and elegant floral print. The design showcases large, blooming flowers in shades of soft peach, blush pink, lavender, and golden yellow, with rich green foliage on a light beige or cream background, giving it a fresh, romantic, and nature-inspired look.



**Versace**  
*Organza Tweed Vest*  
**RM 6,407**

This sleeveless vest from Versace is crafted from a soft pastel multicolor tweed, offering a fresh and feminine take on classic tailoring. It features a round neckline, front button closure with tonal buttons engraved with the Versace emblem, and two front flap pockets that add both functionality and style.



**Valentino Garavani**  
*The Boulanger Shirt*  
**RM 8,638**

This is a charming 100% cotton cardigan-style shirt by Valentino, crafted in a vibrant cherry red hue. The design is youthful and playful, featuring a standout crocheted cherry embellishment at the neckline that adds a whimsical touch.



**Miu Miu**  
*Striped Poplin Shirt*  
**RM 3,019**

This is a chic and modern 100% cotton cropped shirt by Miu Miu, blending classic tailoring with contemporary styling. The shirt features a crisp blue and white vertical stripe pattern that gives it a timeless, clean aesthetic.



**Saint Laurent**  
*Cassandre Lavallière Shirt*  
**RM 3,988**

long-sleeve blouse is crafted from 100% cotton and features a classic plaid pattern in beige, navy blue, gray, and mustard yellow tones. It has a traditional collar accented with a self-tie bow at the neckline, adding a feminine and vintage-inspired touch to the design.



**Marni**  
*White Poplin Shirt*  
**RM 4,230**

00% cotton shirt features a white base with bold, artistic prints including a tulip, birds, and abstract motifs in vibrant colors. It has a classic button-down front, pointed collar, and chest pocket, blending contemporary art with a modern silhouette.

# Indulge in Elegance

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## Polo Ralph Lauren

Corduroy baseball cap

**RM 344**

Navy blue corduroy cap featuring a classic six-panel design with stitched eyelets and a curved brim. Made from soft, textured corduroy fabric, it offers a vintage-inspired yet timeless look. The front is embroidered with the iconic Polo Ralph Lauren logo, depicting a polo player in action, adding a signature touch of style.



## Thom Browne

Double card holder

**RM 2,183**

Brown leather cardholder by Thom Browne features six card slots, a central compartment, and the brand's signature grosgrain tab. Finished with a gold-stamped logo, it offers a sleek and refined look.



## Versace

La Medusa leather belt

**RM 2,051**

Black leather belt by Versace features a bold glossy finish and is highlighted by a striking gold Medusa head buckle, the brand's iconic symbol.



## Cartier Eyewear

Rectangle-frame sunglasses

**RM 5,861**

Cartier sunglasses feature a sleek rectangular design with blue-tinted lenses and a slim golden metal frame. The arms are accented with subtle sculpted details, adding a touch of luxury and elegance to the modern silhouette.



## Cartier

2010 pre-owned Tank Française 25mm

**RM 20,872**

Cartier Tank Française watch featuring a rectangular stainless steel case and matching bracelet. It has a silvered dial with bold black Roman numeral hour markers and blued steel hands.

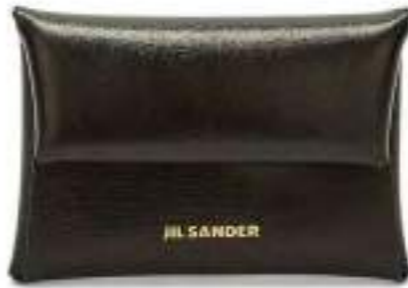


## Chloé

Small Heritage shoulder bag

**RM 7,402**

Luxurious and elegant accessory crafted from 100% leather, featuring a rich, deep plum (burgundy) velvet-like finish with a quilted texture.



## Jil Sander

Folded Coin Purse Mini

**RM 1,294**

Sleek and minimalist coin purse from Jil Sander exemplifies the brand's refined, understated aesthetic. Crafted from 100% lambskin leather, it features a smooth, lightly textured finish in classic black, giving it a luxurious and polished appearance.



## Gucci

GG Jumbo Bi-Fold Wallet

**RM 2,343**

Gucci wallet made from 100% grained leather, offering durability and a refined textured finish. It features a bold tonal GG motif, an iconic emblem of the house, embossed across the surface in an oversized scale.



## Swarovski

Millenia 23mm

**RM 2,462**

A striking blend of elegance and innovation, this Swarovski watch is designed to resemble fine jewelry. It features a rectangular case with beveled edges crafted from golden metal, complemented by a fully faceted crystal bracelet that mimics the look of cut gemstones.



## Versace Eyewear

Medusa geometric sunglasses

**RM 1,842**

Perfect for making a high-fashion statement, ideal for both street-style and luxury resort wear. The shield silhouette and bold branding align with Versace's maximalist ethos.



## Jacquemus

Le Bambino leather tote bag

**RM 2,942**

Jacquemus bag is crafted from 100% leather and showcases the brand's signature minimalist aesthetic. Structured and compact, it features a sleek rectangular silhouette with a curved top handle and a long shoulder strap for versatile styling.



## Alexander McQueen

Twin Skull Double ring

**RM 895**

Designed by Alexander McQueen this striking ring features the brand's signature blend of edgy luxury and sculptural design. Crafted in a polished golden metal, the double-band structure is connected vertically by a slim bridge, creating a bold architectural silhouette.

# The Arrival of Excellence

FOUR LUXURY CARS REDEFINING THE ROAD IN AUGUST 2025



## Mercedes-Benz S 580 4MATIC Maybach

The 2025 Mercedes-Benz S 580 4MATIC Maybach is not just a car, it is a rolling sanctuary. Designed for dignitaries, decision-makers, and those who expect the extraordinary, this plug-in hybrid sedan marries tradition with forward-thinking technology. Its sleek two-tone exterior, refined silhouette, and illuminated front grille exude subtle authority, while the interior offers reclining executive seats, Nappa leather upholstery, and an AI-driven MBUX Hyperscreen that learns your preferences as you drive.



## Porsche Panamera Turbo E-Hybrid Executive

For those who believe driving should still make your heart race, the Porsche Panamera Turbo E-Hybrid Executive is a bold reminder of what the brand stands for. Launching this August, this next-gen Panamera blends ferocious performance with a mature, executive design. The E-Hybrid powertrain produces over 700 horsepower while offering a cleaner, more efficient drive ideal for those who want speed and sustainability without compromise.



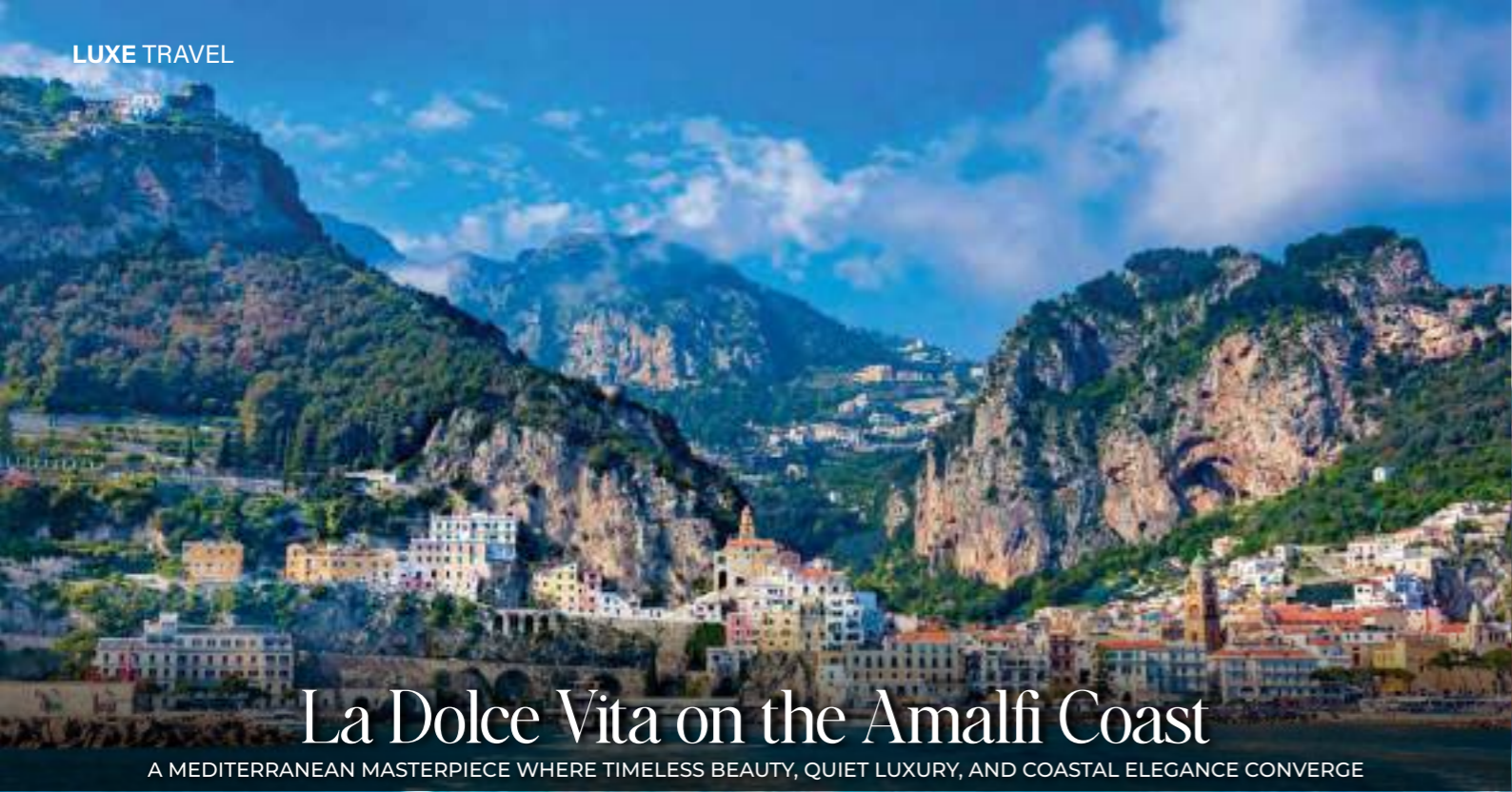
## Rolls-Royce Black Badge Spectre

With the arrival of the Rolls-Royce Black Badge Spectrel, silence becomes the ultimate luxury. The brand's first fully electric super coupé is more than n ultra-luxurious ride, it is a vision brought to life. Featuring near-silent propulsion, hand-polished finishes, and a floating roofline, the Spectre is a masterclass in presence without noise. The Black Badge edition further amplifies the experience with starlight doors, hand-embroidered constellations on the ceiling, and a crystal dashboard that can be customized with your initials, a quote, or even a family crest.



## BMW i7 M70 xDrive

With the BMW i7 M70 xDrive, luxury and performance fuse in a fully electric package that is anything but conventional. The most powerful electric BMW to date, the i7 M70 delivers over 650 horsepower, all-wheel drive, and precise M handling, wrapped in a form that oozes futuristic elegance. But it's inside where the real magic happens.



# La Dolce Vita on the Amalfi Coast

A MEDITERRANEAN MASTERPIECE WHERE TIMELESS BEAUTY, QUIET LUXURY, AND COASTAL ELEGANCE CONVERGE

There are places in the world where luxury feels effortless, where beauty is so deeply woven into the landscape that every moment becomes cinematic. The Amalfi Coast is one such place. A string of pastel-colored villages clinging to dramatic cliffs, kissed by Mediterranean sun and scented with lemon blossoms. This stretch of southern Italy is not just a gateway. It is la dolce vita made real. Stretching from Sorrento to Vietri sul Mare, the Amalfi Coast seduces with its sheer cliffs, terraced vineyards, and aquamarine waters. But beyond the postcard views lies a world of quiet indulgence, with private boat charters, cliffside villas, intimate dining, and handcrafted Italian elegance that invites you to slow down and savor every detail.

No town captures the essence of the Amalfi dream quite like Positano, Vibrant houses ascending to a small pebble beach, it is a place where every corner is a photograph and every sunset feels personal. Luxury here lives in the details, such as breakfast on a private balcony at Le Sirenuse, a champagne cruise aboard a vintage wooden boat, or a sunset aperitivo on the terrace of Il San Pietro di Positano where the sea glows gold beneath your feet. Spend afternoons wandering through boutiques, sipping espresso on shaded patios, or cruising to hidden coves only reachable by water.

Further up the coast sits Ravello, a village that floats above the sea and offers a completely different kind of luxury. Known for its classical music festivals and sweeping views, Ravello is where elegance becomes ethereal. The Belmond Hotel Caruso, a former palace from the 11<sup>th</sup> century, invites guests to swim in an infinity pool suspended between sky and sea. Villa Cimbrone offers romantic gardens ending in the famous Terrace of Infinity, where the entire coast stretches out in silence. Ravello is for those who prefer quiet over crowds, where private concerts, wine tastings, and chef-led cooking classes unfold with slow sophistication.



Amalfi town itself tells a deeper story, one of heritage and authentic charm. Once a great maritime republic, today it's a town of sunlit piazzas, Moorish-influenced cathedrals, and winding alleyways filled with handmade paper and local limoncello. Stay at Borgo Santandrea, a modernist cliffside retreat where clean design meets dramatic scenery. From here, you can explore lesser-known coastal gems by private car or boat. Visit Furore, a dramatic gorge with a hidden beach; stop in Cetara, a fishing village known for its ancient anchovy traditions; or spend golden hours in Praiano, a quiet escape with fewer crowds and unforgettable sunsets.

Travel across the Amalfi Coast is best done at your own rhythm. Charter a boat to Capri, swim in the Blue Grotto, and dine barefoot at La Fontelina beneath white umbrellas. Cruise the coast in a vintage convertible, stopping wherever the view demands attention. Visit a terraced lemon orchard in Minori or take part in a hand-painted ceramic workshop in Vietri. At every turn, the land offers something timeless and beautiful.



Dining is central to the experience. From elegant tasting menus at Don Alfonso near Sorrento to rustic seafood risotto under lemon trees in Positano, every meal celebrates flavor, family, and the generosity of the land. Meals are long, conversations are cherished, and the rhythm of the coast guides every bite. What makes the Amalfi Coast so extraordinary is not just its cliffs or its clear blue waters. It's how life feels there: sun-warmed, beautifully unhurried, and filled with grace. It's the luxury of silk against the skin and saltwater in the hair, of espresso at sunrise and wine at dusk. In Amalfi, the most precious gift is not what you can buy but how fully you can live. Here, luxury is not a display. It's a way of being. And that, more than anything, is the true meaning of la dolce vita.



# High Altitude Hideaways

LUXURY ABOVE THE CLOUDS WHERE ELEVATION MEETS ELEGANCE

When the world below becomes overwhelming, there's something deeply therapeutic about retreating into the clouds. Mountains have always been places of reflection where clean air, open skies, and timeless beauty offer peace, far from the noise of daily life. Today's alpine escapes are no longer just rustic cabins. They're elevated sanctuaries of refined comfort where privacy, personalized service, and natural wonder come together in harmony.



## Aman Le Mélézin Courchevel, France

Nestled above the alpine village of Courchevel, Aman Le Mélézin is a masterpiece of balance where traditional chalet charm meets sleek Asian minimalism. Located directly on the Bellecôte piste, this refined retreat offers ski access in winter and breathtaking alpine greenery in summer. Rooms feature timber walls, stone fireplaces, and deep soaking tubs that invite moments of reflection. As the snow melts in August, the resort transforms into a haven for nature lovers. Guests can explore forest trails, indulge in open-air yoga, or unwind in the Aman Spa with personalized wellness programs. Dining here is a refined affair where French and Japanese culinary traditions come together in candlelit elegance.



## The Chedi Andermatt, Switzerland

Set in the picturesque town of Andermatt The Chedi is where Asian-inspired tranquility meets bold alpine design. The hotel is known for its soaring ceilings, handcrafted details, and impeccable service. Every suite offers mountain views, a stone fireplace and a deep sense of calm. The spa stretches across 2,000 square meters with indoor pools, Finnish saunas, and rejuvenating treatments designed to match the rhythm of nature. In August, the snow gives way to green slopes and wildflower trails perfect for hiking, cycling, and high-altitude picnics. After a day in nature ,guests return for gourmet dinners, fine wine, and live music under the stars.



## Shinta Mani Mustang (A Bensley Collection), Nepal

Located in the remote Upper Mustang region near the Tibetan border, Shinta Mani Mustang offers one of the most dramatic mountain settings on Earth. The lodge, created by visionary designer Bill Bensley, combines bold style with cultural authenticity. Each suite is adorned with local textiles, custom artwork, and panoramic windows that frame the rugged beauty of the Himalayas. Adventures begin with private helicopter transfers and continue with guided treks to ancient villages, sacred caves, and breathtaking highland ridges. Wellness takes a spiritual form here, through Tibetan healing therapies, meditation, and a sense of deep stillness that settles over the landscape.



## Explora Sacred Valley, Peru

High in the Andes between Cusco and Machu Picchu, lies the Sacred Valley, a region where history and altitude meet. Explora Sacred Valley blends seamlessly into its surroundings, offering modern architecture surrounded by Incan terraces and distant peaks. Each room is a cocoon of wood, stone, and glass with no televisions or distractions, only the vastness of the mountains. Guests can explore ancient ruins by day and return to Peruvian-fusion tasting menus at night. Excursions include guided hikes to rarely seen villages, horseback rides along ridgelines, and photography journeys led by local experts. This is luxury designed for explorers who seek depth and comfort.



# Amanoï

A SANCTUARY OF STILLNESS AND SEA ON VIETNAM'S UNTOUCHED COAST

Tucked between the turquoise crescent of Vinh Hy Bay and the rolling granite hills of Nui Chua National Park, Amanoï is not just a resort. It's an invitation to retreat from the world and return to the self. Perched on Vietnam's untouched southern coast, where jungle meets sea and silence meets sophistication, Amanoï is a rare place where luxury reveals itself through stillness, space, and subtlety. From the moment guests arrive at its secluded hillside pavilion, the sense of time begins to blur. The air is perfumed with wild flora and sea breeze, the only soundtrack is the hush of leaves and distant waves, and each view offers a window into something infinite: the sea, the sky, and soul.

Designed with gentle reverence to its natural surroundings, Amanoï's pavilions and villas reflect Vietnamese tradition with modern restraint. Crafted with clean lines, warm wood, and stone, each space is meant to breathe with the landscape. The villas, some nestled among forested cliffs and others facing the open ocean, offer complete privacy and immersive views. Many feature private infinity pools that appear to float above the bay, while the exclusive Aman Residences include multi-bedroom sanctuaries with butler and chef services, perfect for families or those who seek long, undisturbed stays. The architecture does not impose, it listens, allowing guests to feel held by the land, not separated from it.

Wellness is the heartbeat of Amanoï. Rather than a standalone spa, it's a philosophy that flows throughout the property. These dedicated Wellness Villas and floating spa pavilions offer transformative journeys, not just treatments.



Amanoï is also a place of adventure, should you seek it. The surrounding Nui Chua National Park is a living museum of rare biodiversity, and guests are invited to explore its trails with private naturalists. Snorkeling in Vinh Hy Bay reveals coral gardens and vibrant marine life, while sunrise hikes lead to hilltop pagodas with sweeping ocean views. Every activity is curated with care and stillness in mind. Even the adventure here is meditative. Dining at Amanoï reflects the same philosophy. The culinary team crafts modern Vietnamese cuisine with finesse, using ingredients sourced from nearby farms and local fishermen. From seafood laksa with locally caught lobster to garden-fresh salads, each dish is a quiet celebration of season and place, served on an open-air terrace where sunsets unfold in complete silence.



Amanoï is not for those who chase trends or hashtags. It's for those who crave presence, peace, and perspective. It's a sanctuary of soft luxury where each detail, from the fragrance of the air to the angle of a chair, has been considered with intention. In a world that demands speed, Amanoï offers the radical luxury of slowing down. It's a place not just to escape, but to return to stillness, to nature, and to one's self. In this hidden corner of Vietnam, far from the crowds and closer to the nature, time becomes your most precious companion. And in every moment, Amanoï invites you to simply be.

# Explore The Look

GET INSPIRED WITH FRESH, FASHION-FORWARD IDEAS



Featuring a sleek silhouette and minimalist design, the Osaka sofa blends seamlessly into any interior. Its tufted seats and subtly angled armrests offer a refined softness, adding a timeless elegance to your living space.



Osaka sofa, tufted seat

Madrid coffee table



Bolzano chair with swivel base



Add a touch of effortless sophistication to your home with the sleek design of the Modena sofa. Defined by its boxy silhouette, elevated legs, and exceptional comfort, it transforms everyday living into a more luxurious experience.



Modena 2.5-seater

Expose side table



Madrid coffee table



Charlotte armchair



Designed to captivate, this modern accent chair artfully fuses graceful, organic curves with a quiet elegance that complements any space. Upholstered in a deep red bouclé-effect Avellino fabric, its rich texture and bold hue create a striking focal point, effortlessly infusing the space with warmth, personality, and refined style.



Bolzano 2.5-seater

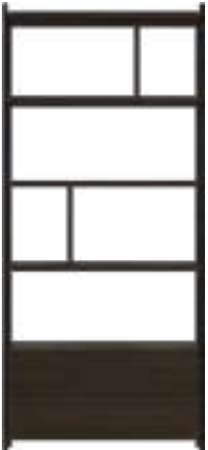


Bolzano chair with swivel base



Madrid coffee table

Calgary storage with drawer



Discover the Bellagio sofa, a captivating statement piece that instantly draws the eye with its gracefully bold contours. Its generously padded curves and sculptural silhouette create a sense of refined drama, turning ordinary living space into one of extraordinary style and sophistication.



Bellagio 3-seater sofa



Calgary storage with drawer



Santiago coffee table



Serge rug



Color does more than catch the eye. It sets the mood, shapes perception, and can even influence how warm or cool a space feels. In interior design, colors are a powerful and often underestimated tool in shaping the temperature of a room. Not just in terms of style, but in how the space is experienced day-to-day.



Warm tones such as terracotta, mustard, burnt sienna, and soft coral tend to create a sense of intimacy. They make large spaces feel more inviting, add a lived-in comfort to sterile rooms, and work beautifully in areas meant for gathering, like dining rooms or lounges. Paired with natural textures like wood or rattan, these colors evoke familiarity and warmth.



On the other end of the spectrum, cool colors like sage green, misty blue, slate grey, or crisp white bring a sense of airiness and calm. These tones are ideal for Malaysian homes where heat and humidity are constants. Cool palettes reflect light more efficiently, giving the illusion of space while promoting a refreshing atmosphere.



Then there are neutral shades, the quiet mediators of design. Cream, taupe, warm beige, or soft greys adapt easily to surrounding colors, allowing you to subtly push the room's mood in either direction. They're timeless, adaptable, and create a sense of balance that is never overwhelming.



By being intentional with color, you're not just decorating. You're sculpting atmosphere. Whether you're looking to energize a space or create a serene escape, let your palette do the heavy lifting. After all, color is not just a backdrop. It's the temperature of the room, the tone of your story, and the quiet language your home speaks.

# KLAS Art Auction

A CELEBRATED SHOWCASE OF MALAYSIAN MASTERS AND INTERNATIONAL ICONS THIS AUGUST IN BANGSAR.  
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**KHALIL IBRAHIM**  
*Abstract*, 1999  
Oil on canvas 106 x 94 cm  
**RM 75,000 - 110,000**

Rafiee Ghani is widely regarded as one of the most prominent and influential contemporary artists in Malaysia, often seen as a leading figure of his generation. Born in 1962 in Kulim, Kedah, he comes from a diverse background. His father was an Englishman who worked as a travelling geologist, while his mother is of Thai and Malay descent. The lush landscapes of padi fields in his hometown played a significant role in shaping his early artistic vision and color sensibility.

*Shalimar* is a rich and vibrant composition that reflects Rafiee Ghani's distinct visual language, filled with emotion, memory, and sensory detail. Painted in 2010, this large-scale work bursts with color and narrative, inviting viewers into a layered domestic and dreamlike world. The canvas is divided into contrasting segments, with the left side radiating cooler tones of blue, purple, and teal, evoking depth and mystery, while the right side is filled with warm shades of orange, red, yellow, and green, creating a sunlit and almost celebratory atmosphere.



**RAFIEE GHANI**  
*Shalimar*, 2010  
Oil on canvas 145 x 233 cm  
**RM 45,000 - 70,000**

This August, the Kuala Lumpur art scene turns its gaze to KLAS Art Auction, returning on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025 150, Jalan Maarof, Bangsar. Known for curating some of the most compelling art auctions in the region, KLAS once again brings together an impressive roster of modern and contemporary masters.

This edition features iconic names such as Yusof Ghani, Khalil Ibrahim, Chuah Thean Teng, Dato' Sharifah Fatimah, and Dato' Abdul Latiff Mohidin, artists whose works have defined and elevated the narrative of Malaysian art. Adding an international flair, the auction also includes notable pieces by acclaimed foreign artists, including Bui Huu Hung and Chen Wen Hsi.

Khalil Ibrahim is widely regarded as a legendary figure in the Malaysian art scene. Born in 1934 in Kubang Krian, Kelantan, he was one of the few Malaysians awarded a state scholarship to pursue art studies at the esteemed Central St. Martins School of Art and Design in London. Renowned for his exceptional talent in drawing, watercolour and acrylic, his artistic style ranges from the highly realistic to the edge of abstraction.

In this dynamic work, Khalil Ibrahim masterfully explores the emotional and expressive potential of abstraction. The canvas bursts with bold, interlocking shapes and sweeping strokes rendered in vibrant hues of red, blue, orange, green, and yellow. These colors do not merely fill the space; they seem to collide, dance, and pulse with energy, evoking a powerful sense of movement and rhythm.



In *Royal Lady*, Bui Huu Hung presents a serene and dignified portrait of a noblewoman, rendered with elegance and subtle symbolism through the ancient Vietnamese technique of lacquer painting. The composition is dominated by radiant tones of gold and ochre, bathing the figure in a warm, ethereal light that evokes historical richness and quiet majesty.

The lady stands gracefully in traditional royal attire, her form partially blending into the richly decorated background. Behind her, a golden textile patterned with dragons, phoenixes, and traditional motifs suggests imperial grandeur and cultural heritage.

Hung's use of lacquer on wood panel adds depth, texture, and a unique sheen to the surface, giving the work a timeless and refined finish. The delicate layering and polishing techniques allow for a soft interplay between foreground and background, creating a visual harmony that is striking and contemplative.

*Royal Lady* is a tribute to the grace and cultural identity of Vietnamese women from the imperial past. It captures not only the beauty of the figure but also the spirit of an era preserved in gold, symbol, and silence.

**BUI HUU HUNG**  
*Royal Lady*, 1990s  
Lacquer on wood panel 160 x 122 cm  
**RM 50,000 - 120,000**



*Lilac Landscape* (1982) by Jolly Koh is a mesmerizing oil on canvas that embodies the artist's signature fusion of romantic abstraction and color-driven emotion.

This painting presents a dreamlike, undulating terrain where soft, sweeping strokes of lilac and violet rise and fall across a warm ochre ground, beneath a hazy, luminous sky rendered in pastel tones of pale yellow, cream, and blue.

Koh's painterly technique is fluid and expressive, blending colors seamlessly to create the illusion of movement and atmosphere. The forms evoke a landscape in flux, as though viewed through a memory or a mirage.

The lilac forms suggest hills, waves, or wind-swept fields, yet resist literal interpretation. Instead, they invite emotional resonance, transporting the viewer into a serene and introspective state.

Jolly Koh was born in Singapore in 1941. His family moved to what was then Malaya during the Japanese occupation, when he was still an infant. They eventually settled in Melaka. He came from an affluent Straits Baba family. In one of his published books, *Artistic Imperatives: Selected Writings and Paintings*, he credits his grandfather as a major influence on his development during his teenage years. By the age of 13, he had already won the prestigious Milo Art competition, and by 16, he was awarded his first solo exhibition.

**JOLLY KOH**  
*Lilac Landscape*, 1982  
Oil on canvas 68 x 118 cm  
**RM 18,000 - 40,000**

Rooted in lyrical abstraction, the work reflects Koh's fascination with light, color, and the metaphysical qualities of nature.

*Lilac Landscape* is not just a place but a sensation, a visual meditation where the natural world meets inner reflection.

ART FEATURES

These are the highlights of the artworks that will be featured in the upcoming auction on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Carefully curated to reflect artistic significance and collector appeal, this selection offers a glimpse into the breadth of creativity and expression represented in the full catalogue. From modern masterpieces to contemporary icons, each work tells its own story, rich in technique, emotion, and cultural value. Whether you are a seasoned collector or a first -ime bidder, these highlights provide an exciting preview of what's to come.



**THOMAS YEO**  
*Upright Composition*, 1978  
Mixed media collage on canvas laid on board 120 x 91 cm  
**RM 18,000 - 35,000**



**AHMAD ZAKII ANWAR**  
*Rangda#3*  
Acrylic on canvas 120 x 180 cm (Diptych)  
**RM 25,000 - 50,000**



**NIZAR KAMAL ARIFFIN**  
*Sejambak Aman No.5*, 2017  
Acrylic on canvas 122 x 122 cm  
**RM 12,000 - 20,000**



**TAY BAK KOI**  
*Farmers at Work*, 1982  
Watercolour and gouache on paper 62 x 62 cm  
**RM 10,000 - 15,000**



**LEE WENG FATT**  
*Kampong House series – Bagan Serai II*, 2003  
Acrylic on canvas 54 x 79 cm  
**RM 5,000 - 9,000**



**CHOO KENG SENG**  
*Mother & Child*, 1984  
Watercolour on paper 27 x 37 cm  
**RM 2,500 - 3,500**



**KHALIL IBRAHIM**  
*East Coast Fishermen Series*, 2006  
Watercolour on paper 50 x 71 cm  
**RM 6,000 - 12,000**



**YUSOF GHANI**  
*Topeng 61*, 1996  
Mixed media on paper 76 x 50 cm  
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**CHUAH THEAN TENG, DATO**  
*Mother and Child*, 1970's  
Batik 43 x 43 cm  
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# Beauty Sleep Reimagined

UNLOCKING THE POWER OF NIGHTTIME SKINCARE AND THE SCIENCE BEHIND SKIN RENEWAL WHILE YOU SLEEP

There's a reason it's called "beauty sleep". During the hours when the body surrenders to stillness, the skin comes alive in ways we are only beginning to fully understand. As we drift into slumber, our cells regenerate, our hormones recalibrate, and our skin works to repair the damage of the day. In the quiet of the night, the skin is not resting. It's restored. With the right rituals in place, those precious sleeping hours can become the most transformative part of any skincare routine.

Nighttime skincare is no longer just a rinse and a rich cream. It's now a carefully considered process guided by science and supported by products designed to work in harmony with the skin's natural circadian rhythm. Dermatologists have confirmed what ancient beauty wisdom has always suggested; the skin is more permeable at night, more responsive to active ingredients, and more capable of deep repair when it's not competing with environmental stress or makeup.

The skin goes through a natural regeneration cycle between 10:00 PM in the evening and 2:00 AM in the morning, when cell turnover reaches its peak and collagen production increases. This makes night the perfect time to use products that support renewal, hydration, and skin barrier repair. Serums with retinol, peptides, hyaluronic acid, and niacinamide are now at the heart of many nighttime routines. These ingredients work deeply to reduce fine lines, even out skin tone, stimulate collagen, and maintain plumpness. However, beyond ingredients, timing and layering are equally important.



Cleansing becomes the first essential step, not only to remove makeup or sunscreen but also to clear away pollutants, sebum, and impurities that accumulate throughout the day.

A double cleanse, starting with a gentle oil or balm followed by a water-based formula, prepares the skin for better absorption. After that, a hydrating mist or essence, followed by targeted serums and moisturizers, creates a restorative foundation for overnight repair. Rich creams, sleep masks, and nourishing oils help to seal in moisture while the skin rests and renews.

Beauty sleep is not only about skincare. It's also about how you sleep and where you sleep. A peaceful environment supports the body's repair system.

Soft lighting, clean sheets, calming scents such as lavender or chamomile, and a consistent sleep schedule all contribute to better skin health. Switching off from screens before bed, drinking calming teas, or practising meditation can ease the mind and allow the body to slip into deep rest.

High quality sleep leads to better skin hydration, reduced inflammation, and improved elasticity. True beauty is deeply connected to true rest.

Technology is also making its way into the nighttime ritual. Home-use devices like red light therapy panels, cooling facial tools, and smart humidifiers are designed to complement the healing that happens overnight.

Some beauty brands now offer sleep supplements with collagen peptides, ceramides, antioxidants, and calming herbs that nourish the skin from the inside out.

In Malaysia's tropical climate, lighter skincare textures are often preferred for nighttime. Sleeping in humid conditions can make thick layers uncomfortable. Hydrating gels, airy essences, and breathable night treatments are ideal choices.

Local brands are embracing native ingredients such as lotus extract, rice ferment, and tropical fruit enzymes to support hydration and skin clarity while honoring traditional practices.

In a world that constantly demands energy and attention, sleep is becoming the ultimate luxury. When you use that time to care for your skin, the results speak for themselves.

A glowing complexion in the morning is not just the result of what you apply. It's the reward of treating your night as sacred. With thoughtful routines and restful sleep, beauty becomes effortless.

The most powerful transformation often happens in silence, under the moonlight, while you simply dream.

# The Designer Diet

INSIDE THE WORLD OF PERSONALIZED NUTRITION AND WHAT THE ELITE ARE REALLY EATING IN 2025

In the age of wellness as a status symbol, food has become more than fuel. It's now data-driven, DNA matched, and tailored to the cell. Welcome to the world of the designer diet, where eating well is not just a health goal but a lifestyle curated with the same precision as high fashion. From celebrity nutritionists to technology-powered meal plans, the way the rich and influential eat has evolved into something deeply personal, obsessively specific, and endlessly fascinating.



Gone are the days of one-size-fits-all meal plans. In 2025, those in the know are turning to advanced diagnostics, wearable biosensors, and genetic analysis to determine exactly what their bodies need.

Blood work is no longer just for doctors. Nowadays, it informs what you eat for breakfast. Microbiome testing guides snack choices.

Hormonal data shapes your eating windows. Whether it's a Hollywood actress preparing for a film or a technology entrepreneur optimizing cognitive performance, their meals are not built around calorie counts. They are based on precision.



DNA-based diets are one of the fastest-growing areas in luxury wellness.

Specialized clinics now offer full genome sequencing to uncover food sensitivities, nutrient absorption patterns, and metabolic tendencies.

If your body responds poorly to gluten, dairy, or even specific vegetables, you will know it down to the enzyme.

These insights are used to create personalized nutrition blueprints, complete with custom supplements, private chef meal delivery, and coaching that aligns with your lifestyle.



There's also the growing trend of continuous glucose monitoring. Once designed for diabetics, these wearable devices are now popular with wellness lovers who want to see how every bite affects their blood sugar and levels energy. This real-time data helps them make smarter food choices, combining the right ingredients at the right time for better mood, clearer skin, and lasting focus. Paired with nutrition apps and artificial intelligence-based tracking, their diet becomes a system that responds to their body's changing needs throughout the day.

On the surface, it may sound excessive but for high performers, celebrities, and wellness advocates leading this trend, food is the most powerful form of self-care. When your body functions at its peak, every area of your life benefits. Better skin, better sleep, more mental clarity, and a stronger immune system. This is not about following fad diets. It's about following data, and trusting science to guide everyday decisions.



Luxury wellness resorts are embracing this shift too. In selected retreats across Europe and Asia, guests now begin their stay with blood tests, medical assessments, and consultations. Every meal is then crafted to meet their unique biological needs, often paired with functional therapies, guided movement, and rest rituals. The result is a holistic reset that is deeply tailored and often transformational.

While the designer diet remains largely within the realm of premium wellness, elements of it are becoming more accessible. Home test kits, meal delivery services, and functional nutrition coaching are beginning to bring personalized eating into mainstream culture. The price points may vary, but the mindset is spreading.

At its core, this movement is about awareness. It challenges us to go beyond trends and discover what truly works for our own bodies. The designer diet is not just a luxury. It's a mindset shift. One that replaces restriction with strategy and replaces guilt with knowledge. In a world overwhelmed by health advice, it quietly asks a better question; not what should I eat, but what do I need to feel my best.

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