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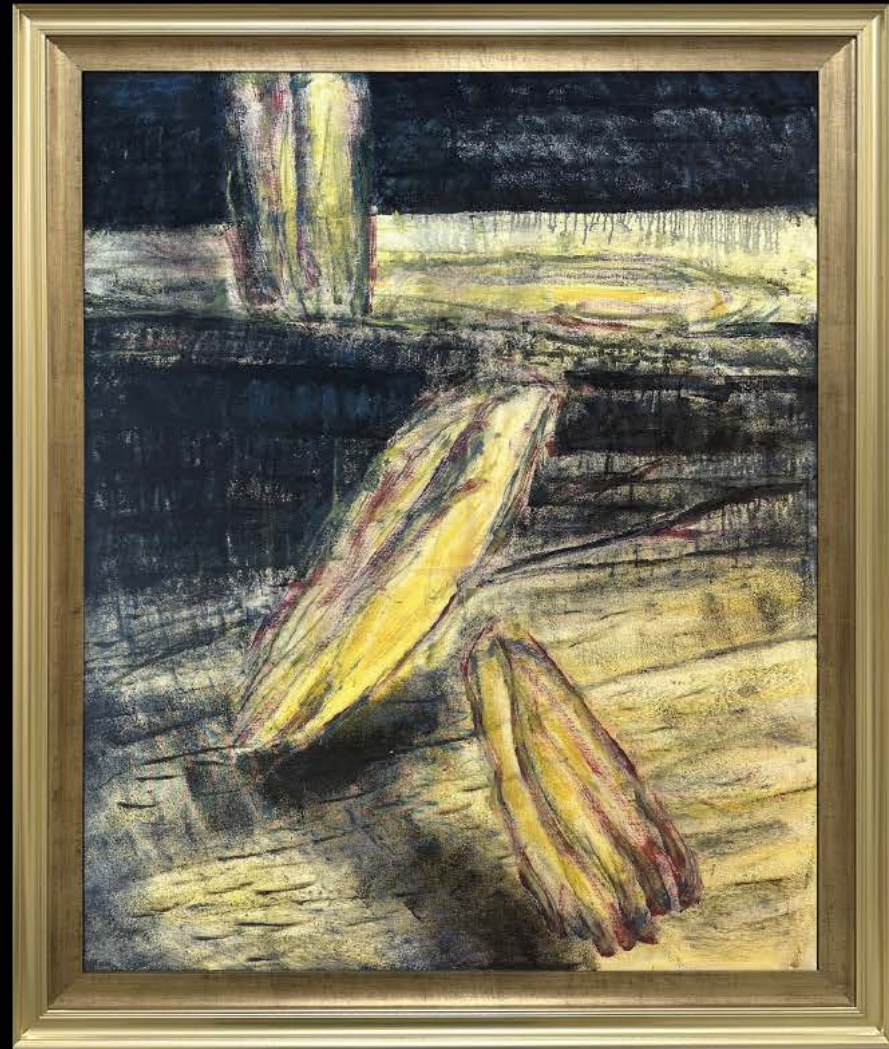
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The Malaysian flag standing tall under a
clear sky

What's On in August 2026

YOUR GUIDE TO THE HOTTEST HAPPENINGS IN AUGUST 2026

Concerts



HONNE 10 Year Anniversary Tour Kuala Lumpur

British electronic pop duo HONNE return to Kuala Lumpur with their signature blend of soulful vocals, smooth synths, and heartfelt songwriting. Renowned for their intimate love songs and atmospheric sound, the pair have built a devoted global following through emotionally resonant performances.

Date : 8 August 2026

Venue : REXKL

Price : RM 308



Ikon Fourever World Tour In Malaysia

K-pop group iKON return to Malaysia with their FOUVER World Tour, bringing their dynamic performances and chart topping hits to local fans. Known for combining powerful choreography with infectious pop and hip hop influences, the group continue to captivate audiences around the world.

Date : 22 August 2026

Venue : Idea Live Arena

Price : RM798, RM698, RM658, RM538, RM458, RM188



Hindia – Doves, ‘25 Experience

Indonesian singer songwriter Hindia brings his acclaimed DOVES, ‘25 EXPERIENCE tour to Kuala Lumpur. Celebrated for his introspective lyrics and distinctive alternative pop sound, he has become one of Southeast Asia’s most influential contemporary artists.

Date : 22 August 2026

Venue : Mega Star Arena KL

Price : RM 758, RM 698, RM 258, RM 248, RM 178



FLO: Therapy At The Club Tour Live in Kuala Lumpur

British R&B trio FLO make their Malaysian debut with the Therapy At The Club Tour. Acclaimed for blending the timeless sound of classic R&B with a fresh contemporary style, the group have quickly established themselves as one of the genre’s most exciting new acts. Audiences can look forward to powerful harmonies, confident stage presence, and an energetic performance showcasing their biggest hits.

Date : 27 August 2026

Venue : Zepp Kuala Lumpur

Price : RM 428, RM 388, RM 288, RM 258



Grasshopper – Three In Love Concert 2026

Legendary Cantopop trio Grasshopper return to Malaysia with their Three In Love Concert 2026. Celebrated for their enduring catalogue of hits and energetic stage performances, the iconic group continue to entertain audiences across Asia decades after their debut. This concert will feature a nostalgic collection of their greatest classics, complemented by vibrant live production and timeless appeal.

Date : 29 & 30 August 2026

Venue : Unifi Arena, Kuala Lumpur

Price : RM 888, RM 788, RM 688, RM 588, RM 488, RM 388, RM 288



The Click Five – For Lovers Tour

American pop rock band The Click Five reunite with fans in Kuala Lumpur as part of their For Lovers Tour. Best known for the infectious hits that defined the mid 2000s pop rock era, the band continue to delight audiences with their energetic performances and nostalgic charm. Fans can expect an evening filled with classic favourites, memorable sing along moments, and an engaging live show.

Date: 30 August 2026

Venue : Zepp Kuala Lumpur

Price : RM 432, RM 312, RM 272



Kodaline – Farewell Tour

Irish indie rock band Kodaline return to Malaysia for their Farewell Tour, giving fans one final opportunity to experience their heartfelt anthems live. Known for their soaring melodies and emotionally driven songwriting, the band have earned an international following with songs that resonate across generations. The concert promises an unforgettable celebration of their greatest hits and lasting musical legacy.

Date : 26 August 2026

Venue : Idea Live Arena

Price : RM 1,089, RM 599, RM 499, RM 399, RM 299



JANNABI 1st Asia Tour : Sweat & Stardust in Kuala Lumpur

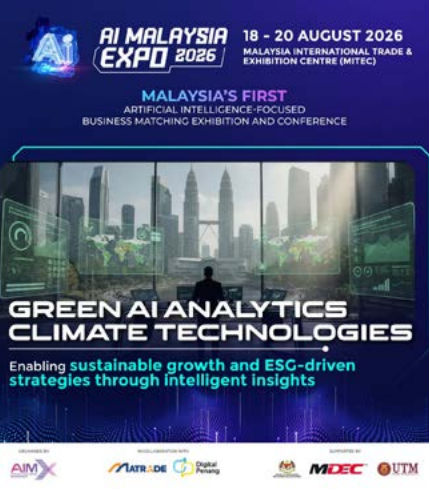
South Korean indie rock band JANNABI make their long awaited return to Malaysia with their Sweat & Stardust Asia Tour. Celebrated for their nostalgic sound, poetic songwriting, and distinctive blend of classic rock and modern indie influences, the band have earned a devoted following across Asia. This concert will feature a captivating selection of their most beloved songs alongside newer material, promising an atmospheric and emotionally uplifting live experience.

Date : 21 August 2026

Venue : Zepp Kuala Lumpur

Price : RM 688, RM 568, RM 468, RM 368

Festivals & Expo



AI Malaysia Expo 2026

AI Malaysia Expo 2026 brings together technology companies, innovators and industry leaders to showcase the latest advancements in artificial intelligence, automation and smart digital solutions. The exhibition showcases cutting edge AI technologies, expert led conferences and networking opportunities, highlighting innovation across key industries.

Date : 18 – 20 August 2026
Venue : Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC)
Time : 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM



IPMEX Malaysia 2026

IPMEX Malaysia 2026 is one of the region’s leading exhibitions dedicated to printing, packaging, signage and graphic communications. Bringing together industry professionals, manufacturers and suppliers from around the world, the event showcases the latest printing technologies, digital solutions, finishing equipment and creative innovations.

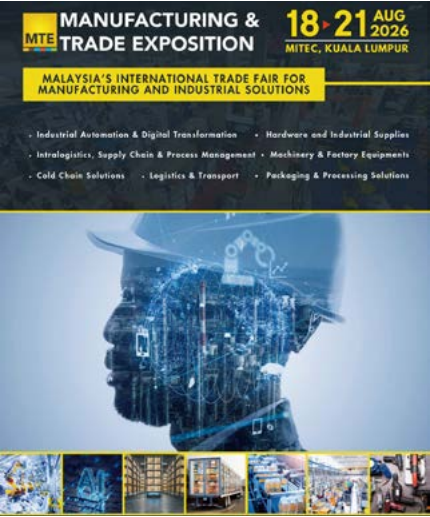
Date : 12 – 15 August 2026
Venue : Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC)
Time : 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM



Pet Expo Penang 2026

Pet Expo Penang 2026 celebrates everything related to pets, bringing together leading brands, pet owners and animal enthusiasts under one roof. The exhibition showcases a wide range of pet products, nutrition, grooming services, accessories and educational activities, complemented by interactive demonstrations and expert talks.

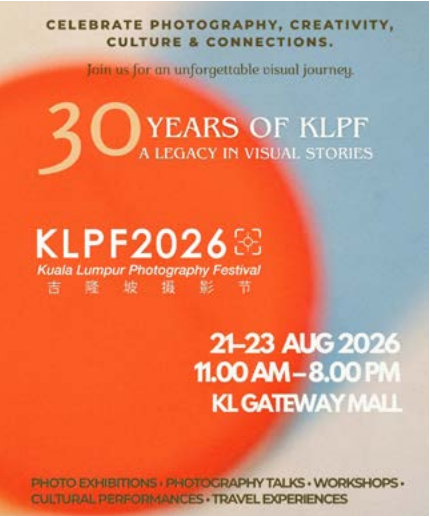
Date : 31 July - 2 August 2026
Venue : Spice Arena, Pulau Pinang
Time : 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM



Manufacturing and Trade Exposition 2026

This business focused exhibition showcases the latest advancements in manufacturing technologies, industrial automation, supply chain solutions and international trade opportunities. Bringing together manufacturers, suppliers, buyers and industry professionals, the event highlights innovations that are shaping the future of industrial development and operational efficiency.

Date : 18 – 21 August 2026
Venue : Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC)
Time : 18 - 20 August (10:00 AM – 5:00 PM) , 21 August (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM)



Kuala Lumpur Photography Festival (KLPF) 2026

The Kuala Lumpur Photography Festival is a popular annual event that brings together photography enthusiasts, creative professionals and leading imaging brands from across the region. Showcasing the latest cameras, lenses, drones and imaging technology, the festival also features hands on workshops, live demonstrations, exhibitions and inspiring talks by renowned photographers.

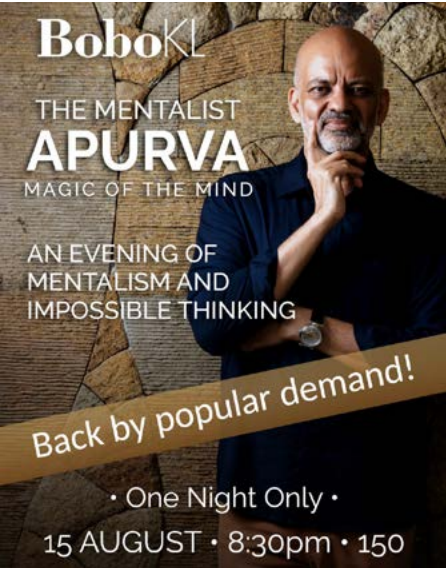
Date : 21 - 23 August 2026
Venue : KL Gateway Mall, Kuala Lumpur
Time : 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM



E Mobility Asia 2026

E Mobility Asia 2026 brings together global industry leaders, technology innovators and mobility experts to showcase the latest developments in electric vehicles, battery technologies, charging infrastructure and smart mobility solutions. Featuring cutting edge products, expert conferences and networking opportunities, the exhibition explores innovations in sustainable transportation.

Date : 26 – 28 August 2026
Venue : Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC)
Time : 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM



The Mentalist - APURVA SANGHI: Magic of the Mind

Step into an evening where psychology meets illusion with The Mentalist – APURVA SANGHI: Magic of the Mind. Blending behavioural science, intuition and audience participation, Apurva Sanghi delivers a captivating performance that challenges perception and blurs the line between logic and the impossible. Presented in the intimate setting of BoboKL, this thought provoking show offers an engaging experience filled with mystery, humour and astonishing moments, leaving audiences questioning the true potential of the human mind long after the curtain falls.

Date : 15 August 2026
Venue : BoboKL
Time : 8:30 PM



Sustainability Environment Asia 2026

Sustainability Environment Asia 2026 is a leading regional exhibition dedicated to environmental innovation and sustainable development. Bringing together businesses, policymakers and industry experts, the event showcases the latest green technologies, renewable energy solutions, waste management systems and environmental initiatives. Through exhibitions, conferences and technical seminars, it offers valuable insights into sustainable practices while encouraging collaboration, knowledge sharing and the adoption of solutions that support a greener and more resilient future.

Date : 26 – 28 August 2026
Venue : Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC)
Time : 26 - 27 August (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM) , 28 August (10:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Big Screen Thrills

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KUNG FU SOCCER

AUGUST 13

A fast paced blend of action, comedy and sport, Kung Fu Soccer follows an unlikely team brought together to compete in a high stakes football tournament using extraordinary martial arts skills. As they face increasingly formidable opponents, the players must learn to work together, overcome personal challenges and prove that determination and teamwork are just as powerful as strength. Packed with spectacular action sequences, humorous moments and exhilarating matches, the film delivers an entertaining adventure that combines the excitement of football with the energy and flair of kung fu.

Genre: Action / Comedy / Sport

Cast: Xiaofei Zhang, Dilraba Dilmurat, Yixing Zhang, Mi Ai, Jin Au-Yeung, Louis Cheung, Sisley Choi, Carina Lau



SİCCİN 9

AUGUST 6

The latest instalment in the acclaimed Siccın horror franchise returns with another terrifying tale of supernatural evil and ancient curses. As a series of disturbing events begins to unravel, a family finds themselves haunted by sinister forces beyond their understanding. Dark rituals, malevolent spirits and long buried secrets soon blur the line between reality and nightmare, leaving them trapped in a relentless battle for survival. Filled with chilling suspense, unsettling atmosphere and shocking supernatural encounters, Siccın 9 continues the series' tradition of delivering intense horror that will keep audiences on edge until the final moment.

Genre: Horror

Cast: Burcu Almeman, Fahrettin Avcı, Buse Kayalı, Erkan Kirk, Adnan Koc, Serdar Kulmac, Oguz Okul

PAW PATROL: THE DINO MOVIE

AUGUST 20

When a mysterious island teeming with dinosaurs is discovered, the PAW Patrol is called into action to protect both the prehistoric creatures and the people exploring their habitat. Led by Ryder, the heroic pups embark on an exciting rescue mission filled with daring adventures, unexpected dangers and thrilling discoveries. As a new threat puts the island at risk, the team must rely on courage, teamwork and their unique rescue skills to save the dinosaurs and restore peace. Packed with action, humour and heartwarming moments, this family adventure celebrates friendship and bravery on an unforgettable prehistoric journey.

Genre: Animation / Action / Adventure / Comedy / Family / Sci-Fi

Cast: Mckenna Grace, Terry Crews, Fortune Feimster, Jameela Jamil, Paris Hilton, Snoop Dogg, Jennifer Hudson



COYOTE VS. ACME

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After years of failed attempts to capture the elusive Road Runner, Wile E. Coyote finally decides to take legal action against the Acme Corporation, blaming its faulty products for his endless string of misfortunes. With the help of an ambitious lawyer, the unlikely pair faces a powerful corporate team in a courtroom battle that soon spirals into a hilarious adventure. As long buried secrets come to light, Wile E. Coyote discovers that perseverance, friendship and determination may be the key to finally turning his luck around in this witty blend of live action and animation.

Genre: Animation / Adventure / Comedy / Family / Fantasy

Cast: John Cena, Lana Condor, Will Forte, P.J. Byrne, Nancy Linehan Charles, Aimee McGuire, Doug Montoya



INSIDIOUS: OUT OF THE FURTHER

AUGUST 20

A chilling new chapter in the Insidious saga follows a group of strangers drawn into the terrifying realm known as the Further after a series of unexplained supernatural events. As malevolent spirits begin crossing into the living world, they must uncover the dark connection that binds them before an ancient evil claims their souls. With time running out, they confront haunting visions, sinister entities and long hidden secrets in a desperate fight for survival. Blending psychological suspense with supernatural horror, the film delivers unsettling scares and relentless tension from beginning to end.

Genre: Horror / Mystery / Thriller

Cast: Lin Shaye, Sam Spruell, Brandon Perea, Amelia Eve, Laura Gordon, Joseph Lopez, Island Austin

Merdeka 2026

A NATION UNITED BY HISTORY, INSPIRED BY PROGRESS AND DRIVEN BY HOPE

Every year on 31 August, Malaysians proudly celebrate one of the most important milestones in the nation's history. Merdeka is far more than a public holiday marked by colourful parades, patriotic songs and the waving of the Jalur Gemilang. It is a celebration of freedom, resilience and national identity. It is a day that reminds every Malaysian of the sacrifices that secured independence and the collective responsibility of preserving the peace, harmony and prosperity that generations have worked tirelessly to build.

In 2026, the celebration of Merdeka continues to resonate with renewed significance. The world is changing at an extraordinary pace. Technology is reshaping industries, economies are evolving and societies are becoming increasingly interconnected. Amid these transformations, Malaysia remains firmly rooted in the values that have defined the nation since independence.



From the vibrant streets of Kuala Lumpur to the peaceful villages of Perlis, from the rainforests of Sarawak to the coastal communities of Sabah, the spirit of Merdeka can be felt throughout the country. Homes, businesses and schools proudly display the national flag. Patriotic music fills shopping centres and public spaces, while communities gather to participate in activities that celebrate the nation's remarkable journey. Across every generation, Merdeka serves as a powerful reminder that Malaysia's greatest strength has always been its people.

For many Malaysians, National Day begins long before the official celebrations. Weeks in advance, neighbourhoods become decorated with rows of fluttering Jalur Gemilang. Government buildings, private offices and local businesses proudly display national colours as a visible expression of patriotism. Schools organise competitions, cultural performances and educational programmes that encourage students to appreciate the nation's history and the significance of independence. Families begin making plans to attend the National Day Parade, one of the country's most anticipated annual events.

The atmosphere surrounding Merdeka is unlike any other celebration in Malaysia. It brings together people from every walk of life regardless of race, religion or background. It reminds citizens that despite their differences, they share a common identity and a common future. It is this unity that has allowed Malaysia to grow into one of Southeast Asia's most dynamic and culturally rich nations.

Yet Merdeka is not only about looking back. It is equally about looking forward. Every generation inherits the responsibility of strengthening the nation and ensuring that the freedoms gained through independence continue to flourish. Whether through education, innovation, entrepreneurship, public service or community engagement, every Malaysian contributes to the ongoing story of the country. As new opportunities and challenges emerge, the spirit of unity, resilience and mutual respect remains essential in shaping a stronger and more inclusive future for all.

As Malaysia celebrates Merdeka in 2026, the nation reflects upon its remarkable journey while embracing the promise of tomorrow with confidence, optimism and determination. Guided by the values of harmony, perseverance and shared responsibility, Malaysians continue to build on the achievements of previous generations while inspiring those yet to come. Together, these collective efforts ensure that the meaning of Merdeka remains as relevant today as it was in 1957, serving as a lasting symbol of hope, progress and national pride. Beyond the celebrations, Merdeka serves as a reminder of the importance of unity and the collective role each citizen plays in shaping the nation's future. It represents not only the achievements of the past, but also the continuous pursuit of a more prosperous, inclusive and resilient Malaysia.



The Historic Journey Towards Independence

The story of Merdeka is one of perseverance, diplomacy and unwavering determination. It represents the culmination of years of effort by visionary leaders who believed that the people of Malaya deserved the opportunity to govern their own future. Through careful negotiations, political cooperation and a shared commitment to peace, independence was achieved without armed conflict, making Malaysia's path to nationhood unique in many parts of the world.

On the morning of 31 August 1957, thousands gathered at Stadium Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur to witness a moment that would forever change the nation's history. As the Union Jack was lowered and the new national flag was raised, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al Haj proclaimed the word Merdeka seven times before an emotional crowd.

For those who witnessed that historic morning, the memories remain vivid decades later. It was a moment filled with excitement, anticipation and immense pride. Families celebrated together, communities embraced one another and the nation embarked upon a journey that would transform every aspect of Malaysian society.

Following independence, Malaysia faced numerous challenges. Building a young nation required strong institutions, effective leadership and the cooperation of citizens from diverse backgrounds. Infrastructure needed to be developed, education expanded and economic opportunities created. Progress did not happen overnight, but through resilience and shared purpose, Malaysia steadily advanced.

The formation of Malaysia in 1963 marked another significant chapter in the nation's history, bringing together Malaya, Sabah and Sarawak to create the country known today. This expanded national identity reflected the strength found in diversity and reinforced the belief that unity could overcome differences in geography, language and culture.

Today, nearly seven decades after independence, Malaysia continues to honour the vision of those early leaders. Their commitment to peaceful cooperation and national unity remains deeply embedded within the country's identity, reminding every generation that freedom must always be accompanied by responsibility. This enduring legacy continues to inspire Malaysians to protect the values of harmony, respect and togetherness that have shaped the nation's progress.





The younger generation continues redefining what patriotism looks like in modern Malaysia. Many contribute through volunteer work, environmental initiatives, community outreach and technological innovation. Others promote Malaysian culture through art, music, fashion, entrepreneurship and digital content, introducing local creativity to audiences around the world.

Social media has also transformed how Malaysians celebrate Merdeka. Stories of national pride, historical reflections and community initiatives are shared widely across digital platforms, allowing younger audiences to engage with the nation's history in new and meaningful ways. While technology has changed the methods of communication, the underlying message remains unchanged. Merdeka belongs to every Malaysian regardless of age.

Perhaps the greatest lesson of Merdeka is that freedom should never be taken for granted. It is something to be protected, appreciated and continuously strengthened through unity and mutual respect. By carrying these values forward, Malaysians can honour the past while building a brighter future for generations to come.



The Meaning of Merdeka Today

For younger Malaysians, independence may seem like a chapter found within history books rather than a lived experience. Most have grown up enjoying opportunities that earlier generations could only dream of, including access to education, healthcare, technology and global connectivity. Yet the true meaning of Merdeka extends beyond historical events.

Freedom today includes the ability to pursue education, build careers, express creativity and contribute meaningfully to society. It is reflected in the opportunity to dream without limitation and to shape one's own future through hard work and determination.

Merdeka also represents responsibility. Independence requires citizens to contribute positively towards society by respecting one another, protecting public institutions and working together for the common good. Patriotism is not measured solely through celebrations or ceremonies but through everyday actions that strengthen communities and improve the lives of others. From supporting local initiatives to embracing diversity and encouraging positive change, every contribution plays a role in shaping the nation's future.

A Nation Defined by Diversity

Few countries in the world possess the remarkable cultural diversity found in Malaysia. It is a nation where multiple languages are spoken daily, where different faiths are practised freely and where centuries old traditions continue to exist alongside modern lifestyles.

This diversity is visible everywhere. It can be seen within bustling markets, traditional villages, contemporary cities and family homes across the nation. It is reflected in the country's architecture, cuisine, festivals, performing arts and daily customs. Rather than dividing society, these differences have become one of Malaysia's defining strengths. Throughout the year, Malaysians celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Chinese New Year, Deepavali, Christmas, Gawai, Kaamatan and numerous cultural festivals together.



The celebration of Merdeka provides an opportunity to appreciate these unique qualities. Rather than focusing upon differences, National Day highlights the values that unite Malaysians. Respect, kindness, compassion and cooperation remain the foundations upon which the nation's success continues to be built. Across communities, people of different cultures, languages and beliefs continue living, working and celebrating together, demonstrating the strength of mutual understanding and shared purpose. This spirit of unity has helped Malaysia overcome challenges while fostering a society that values harmony and collective progress.

One of Malaysia's greatest achievements has been its ability to create a national identity that embraces diversity while encouraging unity. It is this balance that continues distinguishing Malaysia on the international stage. As the nation continues to grow, these values remain essential in strengthening social harmony while preserving the multicultural identity that makes Malaysia truly unique. Merdeka reminds us the nation's strength lies in its unity.



Food perhaps best represents Malaysia's multicultural identity. Nasi lemak, satay, laksa, char kway teow, rendang, roti canai, banana leaf rice and countless regional delicacies showcase generations of cultural exchange. Every meal tells a story of shared traditions, migration and the blending of culinary influences that have shaped Malaysian identity.

The country's artistic heritage reflects this same diversity. Malaysian artists, musicians, dancers, filmmakers and writers continue drawing inspiration from the country's multicultural landscape. Traditional art forms exist alongside contemporary creativity, demonstrating that heritage and innovation can flourish together. Together, they continue enriching Malaysia's cultural identity both locally and internationally.



Malaysia’s Remarkable Transformation

Malaysia has experienced extraordinary progress since achieving independence in 1957. From its early foundations as a nation largely supported by agriculture and natural resources, Malaysia has steadily transformed into a modern and dynamic country recognised for its achievements in manufacturing, finance, tourism, technology and innovation. This remarkable journey reflects decades of determination, strategic development and the collective efforts of generations who have contributed to shaping the nation’s future.

The country’s transformation has been driven by continuous investment in infrastructure, connectivity and economic development. Modern highways now connect major cities across Peninsular Malaysia, while impressive bridges, rail networks and transport systems have improved accessibility throughout the country. These developments have strengthened connections between communities, supported business growth and created greater opportunities for trade, investment and mobility.

International airports welcome millions of visitors every year, serving as important gateways that introduce travellers to Malaysia’s renowned hospitality, cultural diversity and natural beauty. These connections have helped position Malaysia as an attractive destination for tourism, business and international collaboration, strengthening its presence on the global stage.

Cities such as Kuala Lumpur have become symbols of the nation’s ambition and confidence. The capital city showcases Malaysia’s ability to embrace modern progress while remaining connected to its heritage. Towering skyscrapers, advanced business districts and contemporary developments stand alongside historic buildings, traditional neighbourhoods and cultural landmarks, creating a unique blend of old and new.

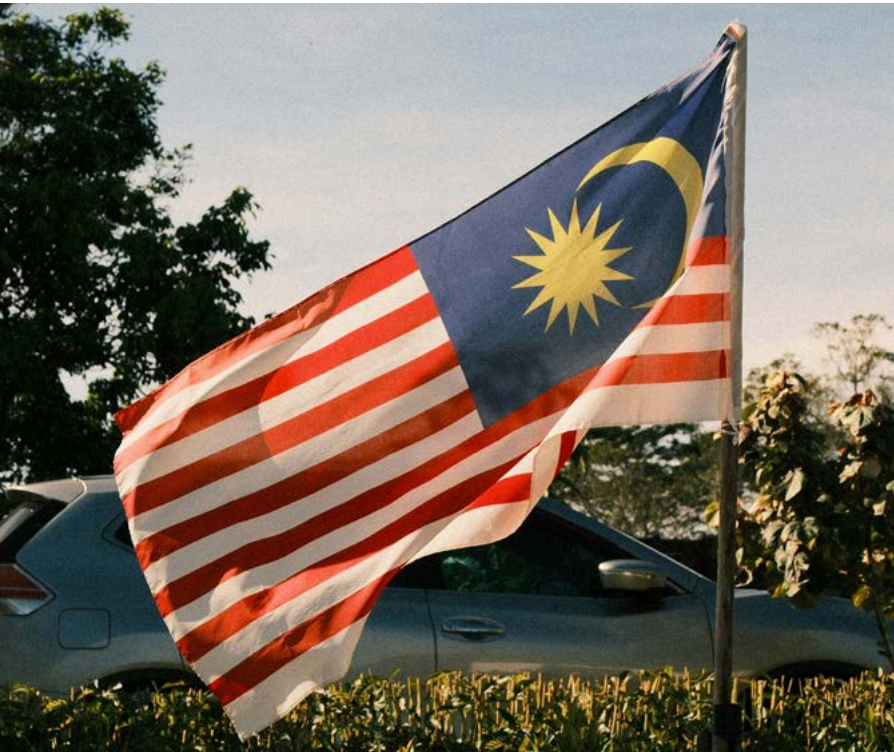
Urban development continues creating opportunities for businesses, entrepreneurs and creative industries, encouraging economic growth and innovation. At the same time, Malaysia remains committed to preserving important cultural landmarks that reflect its history and identity. This balance between development and preservation shows that progress is measured not only by modern achievements but also by protecting the traditions that define the nation.



Beyond major cities, smaller towns and local communities continue contributing to Malaysia’s growth through regional industries, family businesses and cultural initiatives. These communities represent an important connection between economic advancement and heritage preservation, ensuring that progress reaches different parts of the country while maintaining the unique identities of each region.

Education has played a central role in Malaysia’s transformation. Universities, colleges and vocational institutions continue preparing future generations with the knowledge, skills and practical experience needed to compete within an increasingly global economy. By investing in education and human development, Malaysia has created a skilled workforce capable of contributing across diverse industries.

Malaysian graduates now make meaningful contributions in fields ranging from medicine and engineering to creative media, finance and scientific research. Their achievements reflect the country’s growing capabilities and demonstrate the importance of education in shaping future leaders, innovators and professionals. Their contributions continue driving innovation and strengthening Malaysia’s economy.



Innovation has also become an important pillar of national development. Local entrepreneurs continue launching successful businesses that reach international markets, while technology companies drive digital transformation across multiple sectors. Artificial intelligence, digital commerce and advanced manufacturing are creating new opportunities for economic growth while encouraging younger Malaysians to explore careers within emerging industries.

The growth of digital technology has further transformed the way Malaysians live, work and connect. Businesses are adopting new solutions to improve efficiency, while creative industries are using digital platforms to showcase Malaysian talent to a wider audience. This progress reflects the nation’s ability to adapt to changing global trends while continuing to pursue innovation and growth. Malaysia’s tourism industry remains another source of national pride. Visitors are drawn to Malaysia’s beautiful islands, rainforests, mountains and warm hospitality.

As Malaysia continues to evolve, its greatest strength remains the ability to embrace change while staying true to the values that have shaped the nation since independence. From economic progress and technological innovation to cultural diversity and community spirit, the country’s achievements reflect the resilience, determination and unity of its people. Together, these qualities will continue guiding Malaysia towards a future defined by sustainable growth, shared prosperity and lasting national pride.

Looking ahead, Malaysia is well positioned to build upon the foundations established over the past decades. Continued investment in infrastructure, education, sustainability and innovation will create new opportunities for businesses, communities and future generations. By embracing progress while preserving its cultural heritage and shared values, Malaysia continues to strengthen its position as a resilient, competitive and forward looking nation on the global stage.



Malaysia's Historic Buildings

TEN ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES THAT TELL THE NATION'S STORY

Malaysia’s history is reflected not only in its people and traditions but also in the remarkable buildings that have stood the test of time. Across the country, magnificent palaces, colonial landmarks, religious monuments and heritage institutions continue to preserve stories of trade, governance, culture and independence. These architectural treasures serve as enduring reminders of the nation’s rich past while contributing to the vibrant identity of modern Malaysia.

From bustling cities to UNESCO recognised heritage towns, each historic building represents a different chapter in the country’s development. Their unique designs showcase a fascinating blend of Malay, Chinese, Indian, Islamic and European influences, illustrating how centuries of cultural exchange have shaped Malaysia into the diverse nation it is today.



Sultan Abdul Samad Building

Completed in 1897, the Sultan Abdul Samad Building remains one of Kuala Lumpur’s most recognisable landmarks. Originally serving as the administrative headquarters of the British colonial government, the building features elegant arches, copper domes and an iconic clock tower that dominates the city’s historic district. Its Indo Saracenic architecture combines Islamic, Indian and European influences, creating one of Malaysia’s most distinctive architectural masterpieces.

Over the decades, the building has witnessed many of the nation’s most significant historical moments, evolving from a symbol of colonial administration into an enduring icon of Malaysia’s independence and national identity. Standing proudly along Dataran Merdeka, it occupies a place where history and modern Malaysia converge, attracting both locals and international visitors who admire its architectural beauty and cultural significance.

Today, the Sultan Abdul Samad Building continues to provide the backdrop for National Day celebrations, official ceremonies and cultural events, reinforcing its importance within the nation’s heritage. Beautifully illuminated at night, its timeless façade reflects Malaysia’s journey from colonial rule to independence.

Stadium Merdeka

Stadium Merdeka occupies a special place in Malaysian history as the site where Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al Haj proclaimed the nation’s independence on 31 August 1957. Purpose built for this historic occasion, the stadium became a powerful symbol of freedom, hope and national unity. Before thousands of Malaysians gathered in celebration, the historic cry of “Merdeka” echoed throughout the stadium seven times, marking the birth of an independent nation and one of the most defining moments in the country’s history. That unforgettable occasion continues to represent the courage, determination and shared aspirations that laid the foundation for modern Malaysia.

Beyond its historical significance, Stadium Merdeka has remained an important venue for sporting competitions, cultural performances, national celebrations and public gatherings over the decades. While its role has evolved, the stadium continues to hold immense sentimental value for Malaysians as a place where history was made. Its carefully preserved structure serves as a reminder of the nation’s remarkable journey from colonial rule to independence and the sacrifices made to secure its freedom.

Today, Stadium Merdeka stands not only as a historic landmark but also as a lasting symbol of national identity and pride. Visitors come to experience where Malaysia’s independence began, while Malaysians continue to cherish its significance.



A Famosa

Located in Melaka, A Famosa is among the oldest surviving European structures in Southeast Asia. Built by the Portuguese in 1511 following their conquest of Melaka, the fortress once protected one of the world’s busiest trading ports. Originally constructed as a defensive stronghold, it played a vital role in safeguarding trade routes and establishing Melaka as a key centre of commerce during the colonial era. Over the centuries, the fortress witnessed the rule of the Portuguese, Dutch and British, reflecting the city’s rich and complex history.

Today, only the famous Porta de Santiago gateway remains, yet it continues to attract visitors from around the globe. The weathered stone structure stands as a lasting reminder of Melaka’s strategic importance and centuries of colonial influence. As one of the city’s most recognisable landmarks, it offers visitors an opportunity to explore the rich history that shaped Melaka into one of Southeast Asia’s most influential trading ports. Standing within the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage city, the gateway is surrounded by museums, historic churches, colonial buildings and vibrant cultural streets that further enrich the visitor experience.

Together, these landmarks tell the story of Melaka’s role as a meeting point for traders, explorers and civilisations from around the world. More than five centuries after it was first built, Porta de Santiago continues to symbolise the resilience of Melaka’s remarkable heritage. Its carefully preserved stone walls provide a tangible connection to the past, allowing visitors to reflect on the many historical events that shaped both the city and the nation.

Kellie’s Castle

Situated in Batu Gajah, Perak, Kellie’s Castle remains one of Malaysia’s most fascinating historical landmarks. Construction began in 1915 for Scottish planter William Kellie Smith, who envisioned an impressive residence combining Scottish, Indian and Moorish architectural styles. Designed as an ambitious family home, the mansion reflected both the wealth and aspirations of its owner while showcasing architectural influences from different parts of the world. The project employed skilled craftsmen from India, whose intricate workmanship can still be admired throughout the building today.

Although the mansion was never completed following William Kellie Smith’s untimely death, its grand halls, elegant arches, hidden passages and unfinished rooms continue to captivate visitors. Over the decades, the castle has become surrounded by mystery and folklore, with stories of secret tunnels and unexplained occurrences adding to its enduring appeal. Beyond these legends, the building stands as a remarkable example of early twentieth century architecture, offering a fascinating glimpse into Malaysia’s colonial past.

Today, Kellie’s Castle welcomes visitors from around the world who come to admire its unique architecture, rich history and picturesque surroundings. Carefully preserved as one of Perak’s most recognisable heritage attractions, the mansion provides insight into the lives of early colonial settlers while reflecting the diverse cultural influences that shaped its design. Standing proudly amid lush landscapes, Kellie’s Castle remains an enduring symbol of architectural ambition, historical significance and the timeless stories that continue to make it one of Malaysia’s most intriguing landmarks. Its enduring charm continues to captivate history enthusiasts and travellers alike.





Blue Mansion

The Blue Mansion in George Town, Penang, is celebrated as one of the finest examples of traditional Chinese courtyard architecture in Southeast Asia. Built during the late nineteenth century by merchant Cheong Fatt Tze, the mansion combines Chinese design with European decorative elements and local craftsmanship, reflecting the rich cultural influences that shaped Penang during its trading era. Its striking indigo blue façade, intricate timber carvings, decorative stained glass and elegant courtyards continue to captivate visitors, making it one of the city's most recognisable heritage landmarks.

Following an award winning restoration, the beautifully preserved residence continues welcoming visitors while showcasing Penang's multicultural history and architectural excellence. Today, it operates as both a heritage attraction and boutique hotel, allowing guests to experience its remarkable interiors and historic ambience firsthand. As one of George Town's treasured landmarks, The Blue Mansion reflects Malaysia's rich cultural heritage and the importance of preserving historic architecture.

Kuala Lumpur Railway Station

Completed in 1910, the Kuala Lumpur Railway Station remains one of the city's most elegant heritage buildings. Designed by British architect Arthur Benison Hubback, the station features graceful domes, sweeping arches and intricate decorative details inspired by Mughal architecture, creating one of Malaysia's most distinctive railway landmarks. For decades, the station served as the country's primary railway hub, connecting communities across Malaya and supporting the nation's economic growth. It played an important role in facilitating trade, travel and communication, becoming a vital gateway for both passengers and commerce during Malaysia's early development. As the railway network expanded, the station became closely associated with the country's progress and modernisation.



Before the construction of the National Mosque, Masjid Jamek Sultan Abdul Samad served as Kuala Lumpur's principal mosque and played an important role in the religious and social life of the growing city. Generations of worshippers gathered here for daily prayers, Friday congregations and significant Islamic celebrations, making it an enduring symbol of faith and unity.

Today, the mosque remains one of Kuala Lumpur's most treasured heritage landmarks, welcoming both worshippers and visitors from around the world. Set against the backdrop of the modern city skyline, its graceful domes and peaceful riverside setting create a striking contrast between history and contemporary development. Masjid Jamek Sultan Abdul Samad remains a symbol of Malaysia's Islamic heritage.



Masjid Jamek Sultan Abdul Samad

Located at the meeting point of the Klang and Gombak rivers, Masjid Jamek Sultan Abdul Samad is among Kuala Lumpur's oldest and most historically significant mosques. Completed in 1909, it was designed by British architect Arthur Benison Hubback, whose vision combined elegant Islamic architectural elements with influences from Mughal design. Its location holds special historical significance, as the confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers is widely regarded as the birthplace of Kuala Lumpur. Surrounded by the natural meeting point of these waterways, the mosque has witnessed the city's transformation from a modest mining settlement into Malaysia's vibrant capital. For more than a century, it has remained central to the city's cultural life.

Cheng Hoon Teng Temple

Established in 1645, Cheng Hoon Teng Temple in Melaka is Malaysia's oldest functioning Chinese temple and one of the country's most treasured heritage landmarks. Built by the early Chinese community, the temple reflects centuries of religious devotion, cultural tradition and community spirit.

For centuries, Cheng Hoon Teng Temple has remained an important place of worship, welcoming devotees and visitors alike. Beyond its religious significance, it stands as a symbol of Melaka's multicultural heritage and the enduring contributions of the Chinese community to the city's history. Carefully preserved, the temple continues to celebrate Malaysia's rich cultural heritage and traditions.



Istana Kenangan

Located in Kuala Kangsar, Perak, Istana Kenangan is one of Malaysia’s most distinctive royal buildings. Constructed entirely from timber without the use of nails, the palace demonstrates remarkable traditional Malay craftsmanship.

Originally serving as the royal residence of the Sultan of Perak, the building now functions as the Royal Museum, allowing visitors to explore the history of the Perak royal family while appreciating one of the country’s finest examples of traditional Malay architecture.



St George’s Church

Completed in 1818 in George Town, Penang, St George’s Church is the oldest Anglican church in Southeast Asia and one of the city’s most significant heritage landmarks. Built during the British colonial period, the elegant white building features classical Georgian architecture with symmetrical columns, refined proportions and a graceful design that reflects the architectural influences of the era.

For more than two centuries, St George’s Church has continued serving its congregation while remaining an important symbol of Penang’s colonial heritage and multicultural history. Surrounded by other historic landmarks within George Town’s heritage district, the church represents the diverse communities that have contributed to the city’s development.



As modern developments continue transforming Malaysia’s cities and towns, preserving these architectural treasures has become increasingly important. Careful conservation efforts ensure that historic landmarks continue standing alongside contemporary developments, creating a harmonious balance between progress and tradition. This commitment reflects Malaysia’s belief that growth should always respect the cultural foundations upon which the nation has been built. By safeguarding these historic sites, the nation ensures that future generations remain connected to the stories and traditions that have shaped its identity.

Whether admired for their architectural beauty, historical significance or cultural importance, these treasured landmarks stand proudly as enduring symbols of Malaysia’s resilience, diversity and national identity. They continue attracting visitors from around the world while inspiring Malaysians to appreciate the richness of their shared heritage. More than impressive structures, they represent the achievements, beliefs and experiences of the communities that contributed to the nation’s development over many generations.

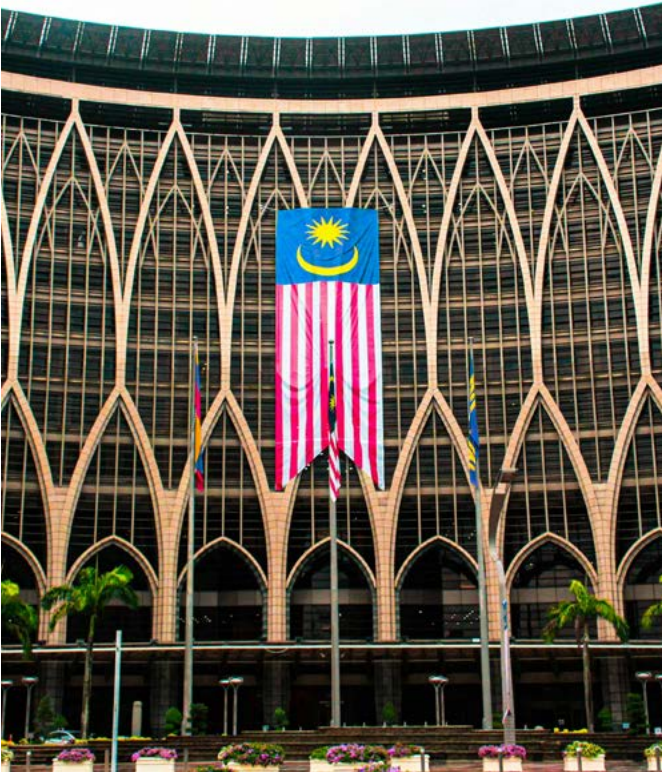
These remarkable buildings remind every generation that the nation’s heritage is not only found in history books, but also in the places that continue shaping its cities and communities. As Malaysia continues moving towards the future, these landmarks remain enduring links between the past and the present, preserving stories that deserve to be remembered. By protecting and celebrating this architectural legacy, Malaysia ensures its rich history will continue inspiring future generations while strengthening the nation’s cultural identity. Together, they stand as lasting reminders of the nation’s enduring spirit, unity and remarkable journey through history.

The Legacy of Malaysia’s Historic Landmarks

Malaysia’s historic buildings are far more than architectural achievements. They are living monuments that preserve the stories of independence, trade, faith, royalty and cultural exchange that have shaped the nation for centuries. Every carefully restored façade and preserved interior reflects the country’s commitment to safeguarding its heritage while embracing the future. Together, these landmarks offer valuable insights into the people, traditions and events that have contributed to Malaysia’s unique identity.

Across the country, each heritage building tells a different chapter of Malaysia’s history. From grand colonial structures and royal palaces to centuries old places of worship and traditional shophouses, these landmarks reflect the nation’s rich cultural diversity and evolving architectural landscape. Their continued preservation allows future generations to appreciate the craftsmanship, artistry and historical significance that define each site.

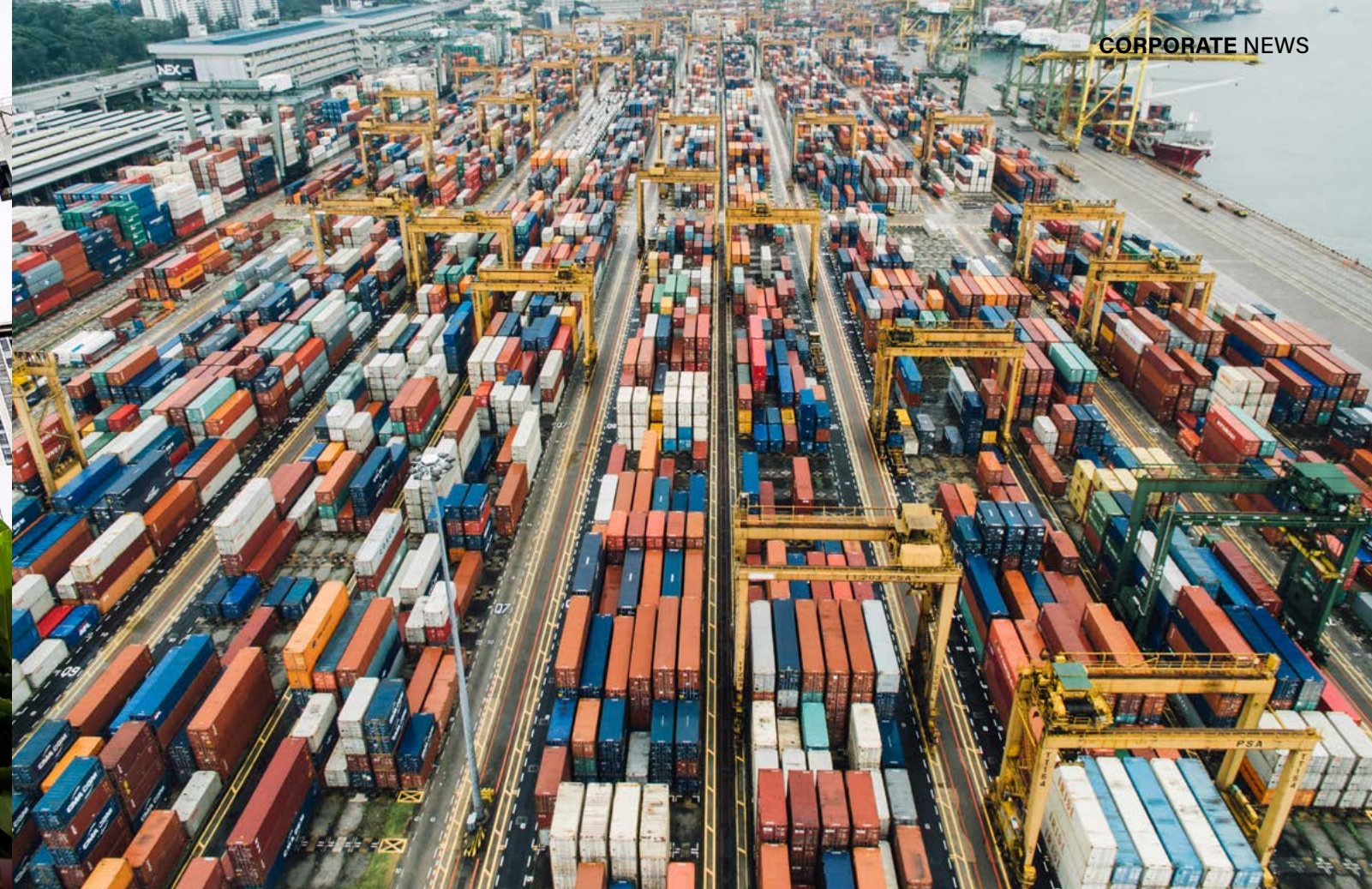
Beyond their historical importance, these buildings remain vibrant parts of everyday life. Many continue serving as places of worship, museums, cultural institutions, government buildings and community spaces, ensuring that their stories remain relevant rather than confined to the past. Rather than existing solely as preserved monuments, they continue welcoming worshippers, visitors, students and local communities who interact with these spaces in meaningful ways. Through exhibitions, educational programmes, cultural events and religious celebrations, these landmarks remain active centres of learning, tradition and community life. They provide meaningful connections between history and modern society, allowing visitors and local communities alike to experience Malaysia’s heritage firsthand while gaining a deeper appreciation of the nation’s rich cultural legacy.





MBSB Bank

FUELS NORTHERN GROWTH



MBSB Bank has taken a significant step towards strengthening Malaysia's regional economy through a strategic partnership with the Northern Corridor Economic Region, introducing a RM1 billion financing initiative designed to support businesses, investors and development projects across the country's northern states. Formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding, the collaboration reflects a shared commitment to creating greater economic opportunities while reinforcing the Northern Corridor's position as one of Malaysia's most dynamic growth regions.

Covering Perlis, Kedah, Penang and Perak, the Northern Corridor Economic Region has emerged as a key investment destination, attracting substantial domestic and international interest in sectors including electrical and electronics, advanced manufacturing, logistics, agrifood, the digital economy and green technology. Backed by modern infrastructure, specialised industrial parks and government driven initiatives, the region continues to play an increasingly important role in Malaysia's long term economic transformation. Its strategic location further enhances its investment appeal.

Through this collaboration, MBSB Bank will provide a comprehensive suite of Islamic banking and financial solutions tailored to the needs of businesses operating within the corridor. These include project and business financing, trade finance, treasury services, payroll solutions, cash management, escrow facilities and digital banking capabilities.



Rafe Haneef, Group Chief Executive Officer of MBSB Berhad

A key focus of the financing programme is the growth of small and medium enterprises, which remain the backbone of Malaysia's economy. Contributing significantly to employment, innovation and domestic economic activity, SMEs play a vital role in strengthening supply chains and supporting the country's long term competitiveness. Recognising their importance, the RM1 billion financing commitment has been structured to provide businesses with greater access to capital, enabling them to invest confidently in expansion, modernisation and long term growth.

The funding is expected to help SMEs increase production capacity, adopt advanced technologies and improve operational efficiency in response to evolving market demands. Businesses will also be better positioned to expand into larger industrial supply chains while strengthening their presence within the Northern Corridor Economic Region. By easing access to financing, the initiative aims to encourage companies to pursue new opportunities that contribute to sustainable economic development. This support is expected to strengthen long term business resilience.

Export oriented businesses are also expected to benefit from the programme, particularly as MBSB Bank continues expanding its international banking network to support Malaysian companies entering global markets. Improved access to trade financing and banking solutions will enable businesses to strengthen cross border operations, diversify their customer base and enhance their international competitiveness. This growing global connectivity is expected to create new opportunities for enterprises seeking long term expansion beyond Malaysia.

The partnership also complements the Northern Corridor Implementation Authority's ongoing efforts to develop flagship industrial ecosystems such as the Chuping Valley Industrial Area in Perlis, Kedah Rubber City and the Kedah Science and Technology Park. These strategic developments have been identified as important catalysts for attracting investments and accelerating industrial growth throughout the northern region. Designed to support high value industries, these industrial ecosystems attract domestic and international investors while encouraging industry collaboration.

The availability of dedicated financing is expected to further accelerate the growth of these ambitious projects while encouraging greater private sector participation. By providing businesses with the necessary financial support, the initiative creates opportunities for companies to scale their operations, invest in new capabilities and respond more effectively to evolving industry demands. Greater access to funding also gives enterprises the confidence to pursue expansion plans while contributing to the development of stronger industrial ecosystems within the Northern Corridor Economic Region.

With improved financial support, businesses can undertake larger investments, expand production capabilities and participate more actively in regional development initiatives. The ability to access suitable financing solutions allows companies to strengthen their competitiveness, adopt innovative technologies and create new employment opportunities. Together, these efforts are expected to support sustainable industrial growth, encourage private sector collaboration and enhance the Northern Corridor's position as an important driver of Malaysia's economic transformation.

Beyond financing, the collaboration reflects a broader vision of sustainable economic development. By combining MBSB Bank's financial capabilities with NCER's regional development strategy, both organisations aim to foster stronger business resilience, encourage innovation and support investments that deliver long term value for communities and industries alike. The partnership demonstrates how financial institutions and regional development agencies can work together to create meaningful economic opportunities.

The initiative also aligns with the national aspirations outlined under the 13th Malaysia Plan, which places emphasis on balanced regional development, sustainable investment and inclusive economic growth. By supporting strategic industries and empowering local businesses, the collaboration contributes towards strengthening regional economies while ensuring that development opportunities are shared more widely across the country. This integrated approach reflects Malaysia's continued commitment to building a resilient and future ready economy.

YTL Power Unlocks New Growth Potential

EXPANDING MALAYSIA'S DATA CENTRE FOOTPRINT

As demand for digital infrastructure continues to accelerate across Southeast Asia, YTL Power International is exploring the potential listing of its data centre business, a strategic move that could unlock significant shareholder value while supporting the company's next phase of expansion. If realised, the listing would represent one of Malaysia's most significant digital infrastructure transactions, further strengthening the nation's position as an emerging technology hub within the region.

The proposed exercise reflects the growing importance of data centres in today's digital economy. As businesses increasingly embrace cloud computing, artificial intelligence, digital banking, e-commerce and advanced enterprise applications, the need for reliable, high capacity digital infrastructure has risen sharply. This sustained demand has transformed data centres into one of the fastest growing infrastructure sectors worldwide, attracting substantial investment from governments, institutional investors and leading technology companies. The rapid expansion of digital services has also encouraged organisations to prioritise secure, scalable and energy efficient infrastructure capable of supporting long term business growth. As a result, data centres are increasingly recognised as strategic infrastructure that drives innovation and economic growth.

According to analysts, YTL Power's non artificial intelligence data centre business could be valued at approximately RM28 billion should it be listed separately. A dedicated listing would allow investors to better assess the true value of the company's expanding digital infrastructure portfolio, while providing greater financial flexibility to support future developments. The move could also enable YTL Power to accelerate investment into new facilities and strengthen its competitive position within an increasingly dynamic regional market.



Tan Sri Francis Yeoh, Executive Chairman of YTL Corp

Unlike conventional infrastructure assets, modern data centres have become critical foundations of the digital economy. They provide the computing capacity required to support cloud platforms, financial institutions, telecommunications providers, healthcare systems, manufacturing operations and government digital services. As digital transformation continues to reshape industries, demand for secure, energy efficient and highly connected facilities is expected to remain strong over the coming decade.

YTL Power has steadily expanded its digital infrastructure footprint through the YTL Green Data Center Park in Kulai, Johor, which has attracted considerable interest from global technology companies and enterprise customers. Hundreds of megawatts of capacity have already been contracted, reflecting growing confidence in Malaysia's ability to support large scale digital operations. In response to this strong demand, the company has increased its long term development target from an initial 600MW to approximately 1.2GW, positioning the project among the region's most ambitious data centre developments. The expansion is expected to enhance Malaysia's capacity to support future digital investment while strengthening its competitiveness within the rapidly growing regional data centre market.

The company's expansion strategy extends well beyond Johor. YTL Power is also exploring opportunities across the Klang Valley, other ASEAN markets and the United Kingdom, demonstrating its ambition to establish an international digital infrastructure portfolio capable of supporting customers across multiple regions. By diversifying geographically, the company aims to strengthen its long term growth prospects while meeting the increasing demand for high quality data centre capacity in key strategic markets.

The proposed listing comes at a time when Malaysia is attracting growing international interest as a destination for digital investment. The country's strategic location, improving connectivity, stable power infrastructure and supportive government initiatives have enhanced its appeal among global technology firms seeking to expand their presence in Southeast Asia. Johor in particular has emerged as one of the region's fastest growing data centre clusters, benefiting from its close proximity to Singapore while offering additional capacity for future expansion.

Industry observers believe Malaysia is well positioned to capitalise on the continued growth of cloud computing, enterprise digitalisation and emerging technologies.

For YTL Power, the proposed listing represents more than a financial restructuring exercise. It reflects the company's broader strategy of evolving alongside changing market opportunities while building on its established strengths in utilities, energy and infrastructure. By creating a dedicated platform for its fast growing digital infrastructure business, YTL Power could provide greater transparency for investors while positioning itself to capture future growth within one of the world's most dynamic industries.

The strategy also highlights the changing nature of infrastructure investment. Traditional sectors such as electricity, water and transportation remain essential, but digital infrastructure has rapidly become another critical pillar supporting economic competitiveness. Reliable data centres now underpin everything from financial transactions and healthcare services to manufacturing, education and artificial intelligence, making them an indispensable component of modern economies. As digital adoption continues to accelerate, businesses are placing greater emphasis on infrastructure that delivers reliability, scalability and long term operational resilience. This dependence will drive investment in data centres, supporting growth and innovation.

As Malaysia continues advancing its digital transformation agenda, investment in next generation infrastructure will remain central to attracting foreign direct investment, supporting innovation and strengthening national competitiveness. YTL Power's continued expansion demonstrates how Malaysian companies are increasingly participating in this global transformation, not only by building physical infrastructure but also by creating platforms capable of supporting future technologies and digital services.

Should the proposed listing proceed, it would mark another significant milestone in YTL Power's corporate evolution while reinforcing Malaysia's growing reputation as a regional leader in digital infrastructure. More importantly, it would reflect the country's ambition to become an integral part of the global digital economy, where strategic investment, technological innovation and sustainable growth continue to shape the future of business and industry. The move would also demonstrate how Malaysian companies are adapting to emerging opportunities by combining established infrastructure expertise with future focused digital capabilities. As technology reshapes industries, investment in digital infrastructure will remain key to competitiveness and economic growth.



Semiconductor Growth in Malaysia

STRENGTHENING THE NATION'S TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM



Malaysia is entering a new phase of semiconductor growth as global companies continue diversifying their supply chains and seeking reliable locations for advanced manufacturing. With its established electronics ecosystem, skilled workforce and strategic position within Southeast Asia, the country is increasingly emerging as a key destination for semiconductor investment and high value technology activities.

For decades, Malaysia has played an important role in the global semiconductor supply chain, particularly in areas such as assembly, testing and packaging. However, the industry is now undergoing a significant transformation as demand rises for advanced chips driven by artificial intelligence, electric vehicles, cloud computing, telecommunications and smart manufacturing. This shift has created opportunities for Malaysia to move beyond traditional manufacturing roles and develop stronger capabilities across the semiconductor value chain. The transition towards higher value semiconductor activities is expected to attract greater investment in research, innovation and advanced manufacturing facilities.

The government has placed the semiconductor industry at the centre of Malaysia's economic development strategy, recognising its importance in strengthening technological resilience and attracting high quality foreign investment. Through initiatives under the National Semiconductor Strategy, Malaysia aims to develop local expertise, encourage research and development, and enhance the country's ability to participate in more advanced areas of semiconductor production.



The growing global competition for semiconductor capabilities has intensified as nations seek greater supply chain security. Recent disruptions have highlighted the importance of having diversified manufacturing networks, prompting companies to expand operations across multiple regions rather than relying heavily on a single market. Malaysia's long history in electronics manufacturing, combined with its strong industrial infrastructure, has positioned it as a preferred partner for companies looking to build more resilient supply chains.

International interest in Malaysia's semiconductor sector continues to strengthen, with major technology companies increasing investments in manufacturing facilities, research capabilities and specialised operations. These developments reflect growing confidence in the country's ability to support advanced industries while providing access to regional markets and a skilled technical workforce. The continued expansion of the sector is also expected to encourage greater collaboration between multinational corporations and local industry players.

One of Malaysia's key advantages lies in its established semiconductor ecosystem. The country has developed extensive capabilities in areas including semiconductor assembly, testing, automation, precision engineering and electrical components. This foundation provides a strong platform for future expansion into higher value segments such as chip design, advanced packaging and semiconductor equipment development. It also strengthens Malaysia's appeal as a strategic technology investment destination. The northern region of Malaysia, particularly Penang and Kedah, remains a major hub for the electronics and semiconductor industry. With decades of experience and a concentration of global technology companies, the region continues to attract new investments while supporting the growth of local suppliers and specialised manufacturing partners. At the same time, other states are also developing technology focused industrial zones to capture opportunities arising from the semiconductor boom. These developments are helping to expand Malaysia's technology ecosystem beyond traditional manufacturing centres while creating new opportunities for businesses and skilled professionals.

Beyond economic growth, the expansion of the semiconductor industry is expected to create wider benefits for Malaysia's workforce and innovation ecosystem. As companies invest in advanced manufacturing capabilities, demand for engineers, researchers and technical specialists is expected to increase. This will encourage greater collaboration between industry players, universities and research institutions to develop the expertise required for the next generation of technologies.



The semiconductor industry's growth also aligns with Malaysia's broader digital transformation ambitions. As industries increasingly adopt artificial intelligence, automation and connected technologies, access to reliable semiconductor supply chains will become essential. From smart factories and electric mobility to healthcare technology and telecommunications, semiconductors will continue to serve as the foundation of modern innovation.

For businesses, Malaysia's semiconductor expansion represents more than an investment opportunity. It reflects a broader shift towards building a more competitive, technology driven economy capable of supporting future industries. Companies that establish deeper connections within the country's semiconductor ecosystem will be well positioned to benefit from rising regional demand and evolving global supply chain strategies. As the global technology landscape continues to change, Malaysia's semiconductor ambitions demonstrate the country's commitment to moving higher up the value chain. These efforts are positioning Malaysia as a key player in the global technology landscape.



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Smith and Wollensky Kuala Lumpur has firmly established itself as one of the city's leading dining destinations, bringing the celebrated legacy of the iconic American steakhouse to the heart of Malaysia's capital. Located at The Shoppes at Four Seasons Place Kuala Lumpur, with commanding views of the Petronas Twin Towers, the restaurant offers an experience that seamlessly combines refined surroundings, exceptional cuisine, and attentive hospitality. Whether welcoming business professionals, families, or travellers seeking an unforgettable meal, Smith and Wollensky continues to uphold the standards that have earned the brand worldwide recognition for exceptional dining and refined hospitality.

Since opening its first restaurant in New York in 1977, Smith and Wollensky has become synonymous with premium steakhouse dining. Its reputation has been built upon an unwavering commitment to quality, sourcing only the finest ingredients and preparing every dish with precision and care. The Kuala Lumpur restaurant proudly carries forward this tradition, presenting guests with an authentic American steakhouse experience while embracing the warmth and sophistication of Malaysian hospitality. At the heart of the menu are the restaurant's renowned USDA Prime steaks, selected for their exceptional marbling, tenderness, and depth of flavour. Signature cuts including the Rib Eye, New York Strip, Filet Mignon, and Porterhouse are expertly grilled to perfection, allowing the natural character of the beef to take centre stage.



Complementing the cuisine is an extensive wine collection featuring respected labels from renowned wine producing regions around the world. Carefully curated to pair beautifully with the restaurant's premium steaks and seafood, the wine programme offers something for every palate, whether guests prefer a bold red or a crisp white. The elegant bar further elevates the experience with expertly crafted cocktails, premium spirits, and a welcoming ambience that makes it an ideal destination for pre dinner drinks or a leisurely evening overlooking the city.



Equally impressive is the standard of service that defines every visit. From the warm welcome at the entrance to the knowledgeable recommendations offered throughout the meal, the team demonstrates genuine professionalism and attention to detail. This dedication to hospitality ensures that every guest enjoys a seamless and memorable dining experience.

More than simply a place to enjoy an exceptional steak, Smith and Wollensky Kuala Lumpur represents the enduring appeal of classic dining executed with consistency and care. Every visit reflects the restaurant's commitment to premium ingredients, meticulous preparation, and attentive service, creating an experience that extends well beyond the meal itself. By combining world renowned culinary traditions with an elegant setting and impeccable hospitality, it continues to set the benchmark for premium steakhouse dining in the city.

For those seeking an experience where outstanding food, refined hospitality, and breathtaking views come together, Smith and Wollensky Kuala Lumpur remains an address well worth returning to. Whether celebrating a special occasion or enjoying a leisurely evening, guests can expect an atmosphere that is both sophisticated and welcoming. Its dedication to quality and timeless dining makes it one of Kuala Lumpur's leading culinary destinations.



Ruyi & Lyn

REINVENTING CHINESE DINING WITH CONTEMPORARY FLAIR

Ruyi & Lyn

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Hidden within Bangsar Shopping Centre, Ruyi & Lyn has established itself as one of Kuala Lumpur's most distinctive dining destinations, where traditional Chinese cuisine is reimagined through contemporary creativity and sophisticated presentation. Blending culinary heritage with modern innovation, the restaurant offers an experience that goes beyond the conventional expectations of Chinese dining, delivering bold flavours, elegant interiors and exceptional hospitality in equal measure. More than simply a restaurant, Ruyi & Lyn has become a destination where food, design and social experiences come together in effortless harmony.

Upon entering the expansive dining space, guests are greeted by a striking interior that seamlessly combines modern luxury with subtle oriental influences. Rich timber finishes and dramatic lighting create an intimate, vibrant setting.



Braised abalone with deep-fried wonton



Braised sea cucumber with prawn ball

At the heart of Ruyi & Lyn is a philosophy that respects Chinese culinary traditions while embracing contemporary influences from across Asia. Rather than adhering strictly to convention, the kitchen introduces inventive techniques, modern presentation and unexpected flavour combinations that elevate familiar classics into memorable creations. This forward thinking approach has earned the restaurant numerous culinary accolades while establishing its reputation as one of Kuala Lumpur's most innovative Chinese dining destinations.

The menu showcases an impressive selection of signature dishes that celebrate both craftsmanship and creativity. Fresh seafood, premium meats and carefully sourced seasonal ingredients are transformed into beautifully presented plates that balance authenticity with imagination. From delicately prepared dim sum and refined Cantonese favourites to contemporary specialities featuring bold sauces, aromatic spices and inventive garnishes, every dish demonstrates remarkable attention to detail while remaining deeply rooted in Chinese culinary traditions. Each creation reflects the restaurant's commitment to exceptional quality, flavour and culinary excellence.

Presentation plays an essential role in the dining experience. Many of the restaurant's signature creations arrive with theatrical flair, incorporating dramatic serving techniques and artistic plating that delight the senses before the first bite is taken. Yet beneath the visual spectacle lies a genuine commitment to flavour, ensuring that every dish offers substance as well as style. This harmonious balance between aesthetics and taste has become one of Ruyi & Lyn's defining characteristics, attracting diners seeking both culinary excellence and memorable moments.



Claypot King Prawn

Complementing the cuisine is an extensive beverage programme featuring premium wines, handcrafted cocktails and carefully selected spirits designed to pair beautifully with the restaurant's diverse menu. Whether accompanying a leisurely lunch or an elegant evening dinner, the drinks selection enhances the overall experience while reflecting the restaurant's contemporary character.

Equally impressive is the attentive service that accompanies every visit. The knowledgeable team guides guests through the menu with confidence and genuine warmth, offering thoughtful recommendations tailored to individual preferences. This personalised approach creates an atmosphere that feels polished yet welcoming, allowing diners to enjoy every course at a relaxed and comfortable pace.

Beyond its exceptional cuisine, Ruyi & Lyn has evolved into one of Kuala Lumpur's premier lifestyle destinations. Its spacious setting regularly hosts private celebrations, corporate functions, weddings and exclusive events, reflecting the versatility of a venue designed to bring people together through outstanding food and hospitality in an elegant setting.



Cod Fish & Enoki Mushroom



Koi Fish 'Nian Gao' with Brown Sugar

Ultimately, Ruyi & Lyn offers a refreshing interpretation of contemporary Chinese dining, combining heritage, innovation and refined hospitality within one remarkable destination. Every visit is an invitation to rediscover familiar flavours through a modern lens, where creativity enhances tradition without overshadowing its origins. For diners seeking an elegant culinary experience that blends Chinese gastronomy with contemporary sophistication, Ruyi & Lyn remains one of Kuala Lumpur's leading dining destinations.



Potager

WHERE NATURE INSPIRES EVERY PLATE

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Abalone Caviar



Lamb

Tucked away in Kuala Lumpur, Potager offers a refreshing interpretation of contemporary fine dining by placing nature firmly at the centre of the culinary experience. Guided by a philosophy that celebrates seasonality, sustainability and the purity of exceptional ingredients, the restaurant presents a thoughtfully curated tasting menu where every dish reflects a genuine respect for the land and the people who cultivate it. Rather than relying on extravagance, Potager embraces understated sophistication, allowing the quality of its produce and the creativity of its kitchen to speak for themselves.

The restaurant's name, derived from the French word for a kitchen garden, perfectly encapsulates its identity. Fresh vegetables, herbs and fruits take on equal importance to premium seafood and carefully sourced meats, creating balanced compositions that highlight the natural flavours of every ingredient. This produce driven approach encourages diners to appreciate ingredients at their seasonal peak, with menus evolving to reflect the changing harvest.



Miyazaki Zabuton Beef



Fresh South African abalone

Inside, Potager presents an intimate and welcoming atmosphere where contemporary design meets natural warmth. Soft lighting, elegant furnishings and earthy textures create a calm, inviting space that allows guests to focus entirely on the culinary journey. The minimalist interior reflects the restaurant's philosophy of simplicity and refinement, offering a relaxed yet sophisticated setting for an immersive dining experience.

Every course is carefully composed to showcase harmony between flavour, texture and presentation. Delicate starters introduce vibrant seasonal ingredients through light, refreshing combinations before progressing towards richer creations that demonstrate remarkable technical precision. Whether highlighting freshly harvested vegetables, sustainably sourced seafood or premium cuts of meat, each dish is thoughtfully balanced to preserve the integrity of its ingredients while introducing unexpected layers of flavour. Presentation is equally considered, with every plate reflecting the beauty of nature through elegant composition and restrained artistry.



Morel Risotto

A carefully curated beverage programme complements the tasting menu, featuring an impressive selection of international wines alongside inventive non alcoholic pairings designed to enhance each course. Every pairing has been thoughtfully selected to elevate the evolving flavours of the menu, creating a seamless progression from one dish to the next while adding depth and complexity to the overall experience.



Turbot

Beyond delivering exceptional cuisine, Potager champions a more conscious approach to luxury dining. By working closely with local farmers, artisan producers and responsible suppliers, the restaurant demonstrates that sustainability and fine dining can exist in perfect harmony. Every menu reflects a commitment to reducing waste, supporting local agriculture and celebrating the remarkable diversity of seasonal produce available throughout Malaysia. Ultimately, Potager offers far more than an elegant meal. It presents a thoughtful exploration of nature, craftsmanship and contemporary gastronomy, where every course is guided by respect for ingredients and an appreciation for simplicity.



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MALAYSIA'S CULINARY IDENTITY ELEVATED



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In a city celebrated for its remarkable culinary diversity, Dewakan stands apart as a restaurant that has fundamentally redefined the narrative of Malaysian fine dining. Rather than looking abroad for inspiration, it turns inward, drawing from the country's extraordinary biodiversity, indigenous traditions, and regional heritage to create a dining experience that is unmistakably Malaysian. Widely recognised as one of Southeast Asia's most influential restaurants, Dewakan has earned international acclaim through its unwavering commitment to originality, sustainability, and culinary innovation, culminating in the distinction of becoming Malaysia's first restaurant to receive two Michelin stars. Its thoughtful approach continues to showcase the richness of Malaysia's culinary heritage through a globally respected perspective.



Belinjau Cracker

Located within Naza Tower in Platinum Park, Kuala Lumpur, the restaurant presents a refined setting where understated elegance allows the cuisine to take centre stage. Warm timber finishes, natural textures, and thoughtfully designed interiors create an atmosphere of quiet sophistication, reflecting the restaurant's philosophy of authenticity and restraint.

At the heart of Dewakan is Chef Darren Teoh, whose vision has transformed the restaurant into a platform for exploring the richness of Malaysia's natural landscape. Rather than replicating familiar local dishes, he reinterprets the nation's culinary identity through modern techniques and meticulous craftsmanship. His approach showcases native herbs and sustainable seafood.



Ensabi

Each menu is guided by the seasons and the availability of exceptional produce, ensuring that every visit offers a distinctive experience. This close relationship with local farmers, fishermen, foragers, and artisan producers enables the kitchen to showcase ingredients at their finest while supporting communities that preserve traditional agricultural knowledge. Sustainability is not a trend but a guiding principle, shaping everything from responsible sourcing to minimising waste and celebrating every ingredient.



Charcoal Roasted Pigeon

Presentation plays an equally important role in the experience. Every dish is thoughtfully arranged to reflect the beauty of nature, often drawing inspiration from forests, coastlines, and the diverse ecosystems that define Malaysia's geography. Rather than relying on elaborate decoration, the kitchen embraces refinement through simplicity, allowing colour, texture, and composition to speak for themselves. The result is a visual experience that complements the flavours without overshadowing them, creating a harmonious balance.



Tatus Hitam Slipper Lobster

An expertly curated beverage programme further enriches the journey, with carefully selected wines and thoughtfully paired non alcoholic creations designed to complement each course. These pairings enhance the evolving flavours of the menu while introducing guests to new dimensions of aroma and balance. Guided by knowledgeable service professionals, each pairing becomes an integral part of the overall experience rather than a simple accompaniment. Together, they elevate the dining journey from the first course to the last.

Nasi Lemak Favourites

DISCOVER SIX LEGENDARY SPOTS ACROSS MALAYSIA

There are few dishes that capture the heart of Malaysia quite like nasi lemak. More than a simple breakfast, it is a culinary tradition that reflects the country's rich cultural heritage and shared love for comforting flavours. Built around fragrant coconut rice served with sambal, crispy anchovies, roasted peanuts, cucumber and a perfectly cooked egg, the humble dish has evolved into countless interpretations while remaining deeply rooted in Malaysian identity. Across the country, food lovers rise early and travel far in search of the perfect plate. From heritage stalls to celebrated restaurants, these six destinations continue to define nasi lemak as one of the nation's greatest culinary treasures.



Village Park Restaurant, Petaling Jaya

A visit to Village Park has become something of a rite of passage for anyone exploring Malaysia's food scene. The restaurant has earned a devoted following for its aromatic coconut rice and exceptionally crisp fried chicken, which is marinated with fragrant spices before being fried to golden perfection. Every component is carefully prepared, from the balanced sambal that delivers gentle sweetness with a satisfying kick to the fluffy rice that forms the foundation of every plate.

Address: 5, Jalan SS 21/37, Damansara Utama, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor



Nasi Lemak Wanjo, Kampung Baru

Located in the historic neighbourhood of Kampung Baru, Nasi Lemak Wanjo has become an institution that continues to attract generations of loyal customers. The restaurant offers an impressive selection of accompaniments including beef rendang, fried chicken, sambal squid and beef lung, allowing diners to create a meal that suits every appetite. Rich flavours, generous portions and warm hospitality have ensured that Wanjo remains a favourite among both locals and international visitors seeking an authentic taste of Kuala Lumpur.

Address: 8, Jalan Raja Muda Musa, Kampung Baru, 50300 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur



Nasi Lemak Tanglin, Kuala Lumpur

For those who appreciate culinary heritage, Nasi Lemak Tanglin represents one of Malaysia's enduring food traditions. Serving customers for decades, this modest establishment has remained faithful to its original recipe while preserving the flavours that first earned its reputation. The coconut rice is delicately fragrant, the sambal offers remarkable depth, and the fried chicken provides a satisfying accompaniment that perfectly complements the simplicity of the dish.

Address: Kompleks Makan Tanglin, Gerai, No. 6, Jalan Cenderasari, Wilayah Persekutuan, 50480 Kuala Lumpur, Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur



Nasi Lemak Burung Hantu, Taman Tun Dr Ismail

As evening falls, Nasi Lemak Burung Hantu comes to life with diners gathering for one of the city's favourite late night meals. While maintaining the essence of traditional nasi lemak, the restaurant introduces a contemporary approach through a wide variety of premium toppings and generous portions. Whether paired with crispy fried chicken, rich beef rendang or sambal squid, every serving is brought together by fragrant rice and a bold sambal that leaves a lasting impression.

Address: 19, Lorong Rahim Kajai 13, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur





Nasi Lemak Bumbung, Petaling Jaya

Long recognised as one of the Klang Valley's legendary roadside dining spots, Nasi Lemak Bumbung continues to draw crowds well into the night. Diners gather beneath the open sky to enjoy fragrant coconut rice accompanied by crispy fried chicken and a sambal that is both fiery and deeply satisfying. The casual atmosphere, affordable prices and unmistakable flavours have secured its place among Malaysia's most beloved supper destinations, proving that great food is often found in the simplest of settings.

Address: 6, Jalan 21 / 11b, Sea Park, 46300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor



Nasi Lemak Peel Road, Kuala Lumpur

Nasi Lemak Peel Road offers a distinctive interpretation of the national favourite while remaining true to its essential character. The establishment has earned widespread praise for its flavourful fried chicken, aromatic rice and sambal that delivers a memorable balance of sweetness and spice. Its enduring popularity reflects the diversity of Malaysia's food culture, where different communities contribute their own traditions while celebrating a shared national dish.

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Beyond the movement and momentum of Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) lies a quieter way to travel, one defined by ease, discretion, and unhurried elegance.

At KLIA, this refined experience is brought to life by Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB) and the KL Airport Hotels (KLAH) Group, redefining what an airport gateway can be. Here, efficiency is seamless, comfort is intuitive, and every transition is thoughtfully orchestrated.

For those who prefer to move effortlessly through the world, Airport FastTrack (AFT) offers a private passage through the airport's formalities. From a discreet curbside welcome to expedited immigration clearance, personalised baggage assistance, and access to exclusive lounges, the journey unfolds smoothly—shielded from queues, crowds, and haste. It is travel as it should be: calm, composed, and impeccably managed.

Just moments away, Sama-Sama Hotel, KLIA continues this sense of tranquillity. Directly connected to Terminal 1 via a covered sky bridge and supported by a 24-hour complimentary buggy service, the five-star hotel offers comfort and convenience just steps from the terminal. Guests enjoy round-the-clock international dining, an outdoor swimming pool, a fully equipped gym, spa, jacuzzi, sauna, and steam room, complemented by thoughtful services including room service, laundry, private parking, and complimentary Wi-Fi—ensuring a seamless and relaxing stay at any hour.

Together, Airport FastTrack and Sama-Sama Hotel transform KLIA into more than a point of arrival or departure. They create a seamless, sophisticated passage—where the airport becomes a place of calm, and the journey itself becomes part of the luxury.



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New MRO Logistics Complex in Subang Aerotech Park to Enhance Malaysia's Competitive Edge

Subang Aerotech Park (SAP), envisioned as the gold standard for the development and management of industrial parks in Malaysia, marked a new milestone with the recent groundbreaking ceremony of the RM80 million Subang MRO Logistics Complex project.

Strategically located within the perimeter of the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport (SZB) in Subang, Selangor, the 4.42-acre MRO Logistic Complex aligns with the Subang Airport Regeneration Plan to capture the global tier one aviation and aerospace-related operators to the SAP.

Developed by MFMA Industrial Sdn Bhd, a joint venture (JV) between Malaysia Airports (Subang) Sdn Bhd and Mitsui Fudosan (Asia) Malaysia Sdn Bhd, this new industrial development will offer ready-built industrial space designed to support a diverse range of aviation, aerospace and logistics operators.

Offering approximately 254,420 sq ft of gross floor area and multiple tenancy options to accommodate diverse operational requirements, the Subang MRO Complex is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2027 and begin operations in the next quarter.

Its flexible configuration will cater to both growing enterprises and established industry players requiring rapid market entry as well as small and medium enterprises seeking competitive market rates, Dato' Mohd Izani Ghani, Managing Director of Malaysia Airports said at the ground breaking ceremony.

"The Subang MRO Logistics Complex project broadens our real estate proposition within the SAP."

Apart from the land sublease and build-to-suit offerings, Dato Mohd Izani added, "We are introducing a ready-built, multi-tenant facility that provides greater flexibility for aviation, aerospace and logistics operators seeking efficient and scalable space solutions.

"Together with our partner Mitsui Fudosan, we are widening the range of options available within the park to create an environment that supports long-term industry growth, attract quality investment and further strengthen Subang's position as a centre for aerospace, business aviation and aviation support services."

The Subang MRO Logistics Complex is Malaysia Airports' second JV with Mitsui Fudosan following the successful collaboration of the Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA in Sepang, Selangor. The project also builds on Mitsui Fudosan's first commercial operation outside Japan.



Masayoshi Saito, Managing Director of Mitsui Fudosan (Asia) Malaysia said, "In addition to the dry warehouse facilities, we have expanded our portfolio to include cold storage facilities, factories and data centres in response to evolving market needs.

"Leveraging our extensive development experience both in Japan and overseas, we will develop and build a high-quality facility that can meet the diverse needs of our tenants, including the maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) industry at this attractive location."

Saito observed that Malaysia possesses a strong geographical advantage as a potential logistics hub within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

As of August 2025, the Mitsui Fudosan Group has developed a total of 68 logistics operations in Japan and 10 overseas, with cumulative investment of 1.3 trillion Yen.

Daisuke Nihei, Minister at the Embassy of Japan said Malaysia's position as a leading aerospace hub in Asia Pacific is well established, ranking third in the region and fourth globally for business aviation MRO activities.

The Subang MRO Logistics Complex is expected to further reinforce Malaysia's standing in the aerospace industry.

Nihei added that this project also symbolises the deep and steadfast friendship between Japan and Malaysia, with next year marking the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relationship between the two countries.

Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook remarked, "The collaboration between Malaysia Airports and Mitsui Fudosan demonstrates how international partnerships can support Malaysia's aerospace ambitions by combining local expertise with global experience.

"Beyond delivering modern infrastructure, this partnership strengthens our aerospace ecosystem, encourages knowledge exchange and positions Malaysia to capture greater opportunities in the rapidly growing regional MRO market," he added.

Loke hopes to see be more JV projects between the two parties considering that the airport operator has ample land for development.

With Malaysia's strategic location in Southeast Asia (SEA), capable workforce and well-established aviation ecosystem, he envisioned the country's continued growth will be enabled by strong strategic partnerships between governments, industry players, investors and infrastructure providers.

SAP is also home to other aerospace and aviation companies, including RTX's newly launched Collins Aerospace facility, which is located near the Subang eMRO Logistics Complex along Jalan AeroAngkasa U33.



In the vicinity of SZB are BHIC AeroServices Sdn Bhd (BHICAS) and Zenix Aerospace UPECA, where BHICAS, a member of the Boustead Group, specialises in MRO services for rotary- and fixed-wing aircraft, primarily supporting government and defence agencies.



Zenix Aerospace UPECA, on the other hand, manufactures and assembles build-to-print aerostructures for the civil aerospace industry, specialising in the hard and soft-metal machining components and assemblies.



Senior Aerospace, now part of Zenix Aerospace UPECA, is into the production of precision aerospace components and aerostructures for global aviation giants.

Dassault Aviation, a major French aerospace company, also operates a purpose-built MRO facility at SZB through its wholly owned subsidiary, ExecuJet MRO Services Malaysia Sdn Bhd, which serves as a regional hub for business aviation in Southeast Asia (SEA).

ExecuJet MRO Services Malaysia's apprenticeship programme, which aims to develop the next generation of aircraft maintenance professionals to address the industry's challenges in attracting and retaining skilled aviation talent, recently produced its first batch of full-time staff.

The company's ecosystem was highlighted as part of Malaysia's broader national aerospace capabilities under the Malaysia Pavilion in the Farnborough International Airshow 2026 held from 20 to 24 July.

As highlighted by Dato' Mohd Izani, the continued growth of SZB's aerospace ecosystem depends on having the right supporting infrastructure and skilled talent in place.



MH Enhances Connectivity with China and France's Rail Network

Malaysia Airlines' (MH) recently launched two new direct services from Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Shenzhen (SZX) and Changsha (CSX), reflecting the growing demand for travel between Malaysia and China, strengthening economic ties and increasing demand for both leisure and business travel.

MH commenced the inaugural flight to SZX and CSX on 1 and 8 July 2026, respectively, with both routes operating seven weekly flights using the Boeing 737-8 aircraft.



Bryan Foong, Chief Executive Officer of Airline Business from Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG), said, "By connecting KUL to these high-growth regional hubs, we are offering travellers greater convenience and flexibility while supporting stronger business, tourism and people-to-people ties between our two countries."

"As we welcome more visitors under the Visit Malaysia 2026 banner, this expansion also brings us closer to our vision of positioning KUL as a premier gateway to Asia and beyond."

With the addition of SZX and CSX, MH now serves nine gateways across China, its second largest international market by number of destinations.

The airline's other destinations in Greater China include Beijing (PKX), Shanghai (PVG), Guangzhou (CAN), Xiamen (XMN), Hong Kong (HKG), Taipei (TPE), and Chengdu (TFU), offering up to 74 weekly flights.

As the official Airline Partner of ITB China 2026, recently held in Shanghai, MH further strengthened its presence in the Chinese market and deepened its engagement with the travel trade, corporate and business event partners.

Meanwhile, the airline recently signed a new codeshare partnership with SNCF Voyageurs, France's national rail operator, integrating seamless rail and air connectivity between Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) and 28 railway destinations across France via its high-speed rail network.

Under the partnership, MH places its marketing code on SNCF-operated rail services through AccesRail's IATA code (9B), enabling customers to book rail segments as part of their onward journeys via CDG on the airline's official website.

All travel is covered under a single booking, offering coordinated connections and simplified transfers.

This latest collaboration reinforces the airline's commitment to expand its MHrail initiative across key global gateways, including strategic hubs such as Seoul (ICN) and London Heathrow (LHR) as part of its broader network and customer experience strategy.

For more information, visit www.malaysiaairlines.com



Celebrating 28 Years of Timeless Hospitality at Sama-Sama Hotel KL International Airport

Sama-Sama Hotel KL International Airport (KLIA) is celebrating its 28th anniversary with the launch of its special "Forever Young at 28" campaign, paying tribute to nearly three decades of warm Malaysian hospitality, personalised service and memorable guest experiences.

As part of the celebration, guests can enjoy exclusive anniversary privileges, including room rates from RM628+ and 28% savings on food and beverage purchases at participating dining outlets.

They can also indulge in a specially curated In-Room Dining menu featuring signature favourites from just RM28+ per item.

Adding to the celebration, guests born in 1998, the year the hotel welcomed its first guests, will receive a special surprise gift during their stay, subject to terms and conditions.



Sundralingam Kulendra, General Manager of Sama-Sama Hotel KLIA said, "Our 28th anniversary is not only a celebration of the hotel's journey but also a celebration of gratitude and appreciation towards our guests, partners, clients and associates, who have been part of our success story over the years."

Strategically located adjacent to KLIA's Main Terminal, the hotel remains a preferred choice for both business and leisure travellers seeking comfort, convenience and world-class service.

Over the years, the hotel has received numerous accolades, including being named "World's Best Airport Hotel" by Haute Grandeur Global Awards from 2016 to 2026. The hotel was also recognised with awards such as "Best Sustainable Hotel Apartments in Asia" and "Best Culinary Experience in Malaysia."

Earlier this year, Sama-Sama Hotel KLIA became the first hotel in Selangor to receive the Green Hotel certification from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture.

The hotel's Continents Restaurant also received recognition in the All Day Dining category at the Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards 2026 Series.



Owned by KL Airport Hotel Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Malaysia Airports, the hotel's "Forever Young at 28" campaign is now available for booking, with stays valid until 31 December 2026.

For more information, visit www.samasamahotels.com

Leadership Competencies & Development Award



Award-Winning ADE Secures USD 100 Million Financing from QNB Group

Capital A Berhad's maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) subsidiary, Asia Digital Engineering (ADE), has received two accolades at the recent Malaysia Aerospace Industry Association (MAIA) President's Award 2026.

In the corporate category, ADE was recognised for its commitment to talent development and workforce empowerment, among other things.

ADE Head of Digital & Innovation Services, Adnan Mansur, received this Leadership Competencies and Development Award from Sim Tze Tzin, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry and Naguib Mohd Nor, MAIA President.

In the individual category, Mahesh Kumar, ADE Chief Executive Officer (CEO), received the Aerospace Premiership Award for his leadership and innovation contributions in shaping the aerospace industry.



Naguib said, "We are confident ADE will continue to lead the industry, raise the benchmark for excellence and fly the Malaysian flag proudly on the global aerospace stage."

ADE recently secured a USD100 million financing facility from QNB Group, a leading financial institution in the Middle East and Africa, accelerating its growth trajectory and long-term expansion potential.

The financing will support its expansion and capacity growth as one of the fastest growing MRO providers in Asia.



ADE offers end-to-end engineering and maintenance solutions across the region. Its line maintenance network spans 20 airports across the Association of Southeast Asia Nations, supported by base maintenance capability of up to 16 lines alongside its specialised workshops in Kuala Lumpur.

Mahesh commented, "It reflects our financial track record, disciplined execution and clear growth strategy. In just five years, ADE has completed more than 300 C-checks, demonstrating the scale and consistency of our capabilities."

Tony Fernandes, Capital A CEO remarked, "What started as an internal engineering capability serving AirAsia has evolved into a fast-rising aviation services business supporting multiple global airlines and attracting serious institutional support."

At its core, ADE continues to drive digital and innovation-led transformation through its proprietary platforms, AEROTRADE and ELEVADE, which are reshaping aircraft parts procurement and enabling comprehensive aircraft health management across Asia.

Besides being recognised as an Approved Maintenance Organisation in 18 countries, ADE also holds the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Part 145 certification and the United States' Federal Aviation Administration certification.

For more information, visit www.ade.aero



Batik Air Malaysia's New Routes to Sydney and Shanghai

The launch of Batik Air Malaysia's (OD) new direct daily services from Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Sydney (SYD), Australia, and Shanghai (PVG), China, operated using the Airbus A330-300 aircraft, marks a significant milestone in the airline's long-haul network expansion.

OD's inaugural daily flight from KUL received a ceremonial water salute upon its arrival at SYD on 1 July 2026.

Celebrating its return journey, a send-off ceremony was held in SYD with passengers presented with commemorative goodie bags by Jamilah Abdul Halim, Director of Tourism Malaysia Sydney and other representatives.

Upon its arrival in Kuala Lumpur, the flight was welcomed with a festive reception featuring the Visit Malaysia 2026 campaign mascots, Wira and Manja.



Among those in attendance were Datuk Musa Yusof, Deputy Director General (Promotions) of Tourism Malaysia, and representatives from Malaysia Airports.

This new direct service complements OD's existing KUL to SYD operations via Bali, providing travellers with more choices, additional capacity and enhanced schedule flexibility onboard its widebody aircraft.

Australia, a key source market for Malaysia, welcomed 213,378 Australian visitors as of May 2026, up 7.2% year-on-year.

The sustained growth reflects strong demand across leisure, education, business as well as visiting friends and relatives travel.

As a strategic regional hub, KUL also offers seamless onward connections to OD's extensive domestic and regional network.

On the domestic front, the airline increased its flight frequency to twice daily from KUL to Bintulu (BTU) in Sarawak on 20 July 2026.

Meanwhile, OD's earlier launch of its KUL-PVG service on 23 June 2026 further expanded its presence in China, complementing its existing network to Guangzhou (CAN) and Chengdu (CTU).

Operating more than 1,400 weekly flights to over 60 destinations across 21 countries, OD has a fleet of seven Airbus A330-300 aircraft, 47 Boeing 737-8 aircraft and Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

The airline carried more than 8.4 million passengers in 2025 compared with 6.6 million in 2024.

For more information, visit www.batikair.com



Eraman Unveils Reimagined Flagship Retail Destination at KLIA Terminal 2

Malaysia Airports' duty-free and travel retail arm, Eraman, has unveiled its upgraded its Duty Free Emporium, located near Gates P and Q of the International Departure Hall of KL International Terminal 2 (KLIA Terminal 2).

Spanning over 1,194 square metres, the flagship store operates 24 hours daily.

The refreshed retail space features an expanded portfolio of international and homegrown brands across key product categories, including perfumes and cosmetics, premium chocolates, confectionery, liquor, and tobacco.



The beauty and fragrance zone showcases world-renowned brands such as Chanel, Lancôme, Gucci, Versace, BOSS, Calvin Klein, Carolina Herrera, Burberry, Orchid and Coach.

The store's premium beauty portfolio will be further enhanced with the upcoming addition of Charlotte Tilbury and NARS.

Its confectionery section features a wide selection of fine chocolates from renowned international brands, including Lindt, Hershey's, Toblerone, Ferrero Rocher, and Ritter Sport.

It also showcases popular local brands such as Beryl's, Sunshine Kingdom, Malsa, Scentful, Danson, Choc O Time, and Fidani, offering travellers a taste of Malaysia.

Eraman's Duty Free Emporium also offers a curated selection of premium spirits that cater to diverse tastes and preferences.

Beyond its retail offerings, the store features a dedicated experiential zone designed to enrich the traveller's journey.

The CHOYA Experience showcases the world's top producer of the Japanese beverage, umeshu, besides highlighting the rich heritage and craftsmanship behind the premium Nanko ume plum liqueur.

The transformation of Eraman's redesigned Duty Free Emporium at KLIA Terminal 2 reflects its commitment to elevating the airport retail experience through strategic brand curation and immersive customer engagement.

The initiative aims to encourage travellers to arrive earlier and explore the store's diverse offerings, while supporting efforts to strengthen KLIA's position as a leading regional travel retail hub.

In conjunction with Eraman's Duty Free Emporium's grand reopening at KLIA Terminal 2, travellers who spend a minimum of RM250 in a single receipt can redeem a RM20 shopping voucher.

For more information, visit www.eraman.com.my



AirBorneo to Enhance ASEAN Connectivity

AirBorneo's (MY) recent launch of its inaugural flight from Kuching (KCH) to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) marks the beginning of its domestic network expansion, followed by the next phase of its international growth with the inaugural KCH to Singapore (SIN) flight two days later on 22 July 2026, coinciding with Sarawak Day.

As MY Chairman Datuk Amar Mohamad Abu Bakar Marzuki pointed out, "It reflects our commitment to strengthening connectivity, expanding opportunities and supporting Sarawak's long-term economic aspirations. Aviation connectivity is central to Sarawak's future."

Sarawak Premier, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Abdul Rahman Zohari Tun Datuk Abang Openg reiterated that MY's objective is to provide travellers, especially those from Sabah and Sarawak with more options and reasonable fares.

As such, fares for MY's twice-daily Kuching–Kuala Lumpur service are fixed at RM375 one-way in Economy Class throughout the year, while one-way fares for its daily Kuching–Singapore service start from RM399 in Economy Class and RM871 in Business Class.

MY operates both services using wet-leased Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

The inaugural flight was also attended by the Sarawak Premier, who was on board MY5005 from KCH to KUL, accompanied by other Sarawak Ministers such as Transport Minister, Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin and Minister of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts, Dato Sri Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah.

The flight was welcomed by Deputy Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Datuk Amar Fadillah Yusof; Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Tiong King Sing; Malaysia Airports Chairman, Tan Sri Dr Azmil Khalid and key representatives from the Ministry of Transport.



The Sarawak Premier said MY's next move is to strengthen its ASEAN connectivity, revealing that the airline will launch flights to Jakarta (CGK), Indonesia, within two months.

“Our priority remains to deliver safe, reliable and high-quality service while continuously enhancing the travel experience for our passengers.”

MEGAT ARDIAN MOHD AMINUDDIN

Chief Executive Officer at Airborneo

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Turkish Airlines' Codeshare Deal with South African Airways

Turkish Airlines (TK) and South African Airways (SAA) have officially launched their new codeshare partnership, effective 15 July 2026, following the signing of the agreement in Geneva, Switzerland, on 4 December 2025.

Through this strategic collaboration, customers will benefit from seamless travel options between Türkiye and Africa, improved connectivity across both airlines' networks and enhanced access to major destinations worldwide.

Ahmet Olmüştür, TK Chief Executive Officer (CEO) said, "We are glad to bring together our complementary networks, thus offering our guests more convenient travel options."

He added that the airline was recently recognised by the Airline Passenger Experience Association (APEX) as Europe's Best Food & Beverage airline for the fifth time.

"This award speaks to the passion and craftsmanship our teams pour into every meal we serve above the clouds, starting from menu design

to the moment it reaches our guests."

APEX Group CEO Dr Joe Leader remarked, "Its food and beverage experience does not simply satisfy passengers, it tells a story of place, care, generosity, and aviation leadership."

Through TK's Flying Chef programme, diverse onboard menu offerings and continuously evolving catering concepts, the flag carrier brings a distinctive gastronomic experience across its global network that spans over 130 countries in six continents.

From January to May 2026, the airline carried 36.4 million passengers, a 7.3% increase compared to the same period in 2025.

In May 2026, Turkish Airlines recorded its highest-ever monthly passenger volume, carrying 7.9 million passengers, while maintaining strong international and domestic load factors of 84.0% and 84.4%, respectively.

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At the same time, globally renowned attractions in Lombok—including Mandalika, the Gili Islands (Gili Trawangan, Gili Meno, and Gili Air), Mount Rinjani, UNESCO Global Geopark sites, charming tourism villages, and the rich cultural heritage of the Sasak people—are now more accessible to international travellers.

Within Malaysia, JT's network includes Kota Bharu (KBR), Tawau (TWU), Miri (MYI), Sibul (SBW) and Bintulu (BTU).

In addition, passengers can conveniently connect via Lion Air to Medan (KNO), Padang (PDG), Pekanbaru (PKU), Batam (BTH), and many other destinations across Indonesia.

Earlier on 29 June 2026, the airline commenced its maiden twice weekly flights from Banjarmasin (BDJ) on the island of Kalimantan to KUL as part of its international network expansion.

The airline deploys the Boeing 737-800NG and B737-900ER aircraft for its regional and international operations.

Earlier, on 29 June 2026, the airline launched its inaugural twice-weekly service from Banjarmasin (BDJ) in Kalimantan to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) as part of its ongoing international network expansion.

Lion Air operates Boeing 737-800NG and Boeing 737-900ER aircraft on its regional and international routes.

For more information, visit **www.lionair.co.id**



Lion Air Launches More Direct Flights to Kuala Lumpur

Indonesia's privately owned low-cost carrier, Lion Air (JT), continues to expand its international network with the launch of several new direct services to Kuala Lumpur (KUL). The latest addition is a daily service from Lombok (LOP), West Nusa Tenggara, which commenced on 1 July 2026.

Through this new route, travellers can access not only Malaysia's capital city but also onward connections to more than 40 destinations across Asia, Australia and the Middle East.

For Umrah pilgrims, this new route provides a comfortable travel option via KUL with onward connections to Jeddah (JED) in Saudi Arabia and beyond.



VietJet Air Earns Dual Recognition at HR Asia Awards 2026

Vietjet Air (VJ) has been named one of the Best Companies to Work for in Asia at the HR Asia Awards 2026 for the sixth consecutive year.

The airline also received its first HR Asia Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award, honouring its commitment to building an inclusive, people-centric workplace.

Organised annually by HR Asia, the awards recognise organisations with outstanding human resource practices, high employee engagement and strong workplace culture across the region.

As Vietnam's largest private carrier, VJ currently employs nearly 10,000 people from more than 68.

Nearly 30% of VJ's workforce comprises young professionals aged between 20 and 30, bringing innovation, creativity and fresh perspectives to the airline's continued growth.

The airline continues to invest in employee development through its international aviation training centre, Victoria Aviation Academy.

The dual recognition from HR Asia comes as VJ continues to strengthen its presence in Malaysia, one of its key regional markets.

The airline increased its Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Ho Chi Minh City (SGN) service to twice daily from July 3, 2026, expanding its capacity to meet growing demand for leisure and business travel within the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) region.

VJ is offering a 20% discount on its Deluxe and SkyBoss fares, excluding taxes and fees, for its KUL to SGN and KUL to Hanoi (HAN) services until 31 August 2026.

As part of its network growth strategy, the airline also increased its domestic flight capacity across Vietnam.

During the peak travel season, VJ expects to operate more than 500 flights daily and offer over 8.8 million seats across its network.



As the Official Airline Partner of the four ASEAN United Football Confederation events - ASEAN Hyundai Cup, ASEAN Club Championship Shopee Cup, ASEAN Women's MSIG Cup and ASEAN U-23 Championship - VJ will be connecting fans and destinations across this region.

To Viet Thang, VJ Standing Vice President said, "Through aviation and sports, we aim to foster regional connectivity, showcase Southeast Asia to the world and create greater opportunities for sustainable development."

For more information, visit **www.vietjetair.com**



Malaysia's Tourism Momentum Surpasses Pre-Pandemic Milestones

Stronger promotions, a wider range of tourism products and events supporting the Visit Malaysia 2026 (VM2026) campaign, coupled with improved regional air connectivity, have helped Malaysia to record 21.12 million international visitor arrivals in the first half of 2026 (1H2026)

The figure represents 2.5% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) increase and is 17.7% higher than the pre-COVID-19 pandemic level in 2019.

According to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture (MoTAC), the growth was driven mainly by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations market, which contributed 72.8% of the total arrivals.

Neighbouring Singapore led regional growth with a sustained increase of 4.4%, while emerging markets such as Cambodia, Myanmar and Laos posted strong increases of 52.3%, 45.9% and 25.4% respectively.

East Asia recorded a 12.7% growth, with China maintaining strong double-digit Y-o-Y growth, supported by visa-free policies and robust flight connectivity.

Additionally, the Central Asia market grew by 23.3%, while Oceania increased by 7.4%, driven by Australia's double-digit YoY growth of 11.4%.

The Americas also recorded a 4.9% increase, while Europe achieved significant milestones, reaching historic highs in the early months of 1H2026.

Contributing to Malaysia's improved 1H2026 performance were major events such as the inaugural Rain Rave Water Music Festival held in Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur (KL).

Co-organised by Tourism Malaysia, the event generated RM392.23 million nationwide in economic returns over its three-day duration and attracted 100,000 foreign tourists to Malaysia's capital city.

In the second half of 2026, Tourism Malaysia brought back Citrawarna, held from 24 to 26 July at Dataran Merdeka in KL, as one of its flagship events under the VM2026 campaign.

Themed 'The Rhythm, The Soul, The Nation, this event is built around four signature experiences: Colours of Parade, Colours of Flavour, Colours of Culture, and Colours of Art.

The Colours of Parade featured 3,500 performers, representing Malaysia's 13 states, three Federal Territories, while showcasing the traditions, stories and identities of its multicultural communities.



The launch of Citrawarna 2026 was attended by the Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Dato Sri Tiong King Sing, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, as well as key members from his ministry and Tourism Malaysia.



Citrawarna 2026 also invited visitors to experience Malaysia's rich cultural heritage through hands-on activities such as batik painting, ketupat weaving and traditional culinary experiences, in line with the immersive offerings promoted under the VM2026 campaign, which has now been extended to 2027.

The event attracted over 700 international visitors through specially curated travel packages, with participants coming from markets such as China, India, Mauritius, Japan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore, Kazakhstan, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and France.

Tourism Malaysia also hosted 55 international media and trade delegates from Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Under its five-day mega familiarisation programme, the delegates witnessed the colourful launch of Citrawarna 2026, visited key attractions in the Klang Valley and participated in a cultural tour to Kuala Selangor.

Tourism Malaysia's Calendar of Events (CoE) also features a range of sports and lifestyle events, including the 2026 China GT Championship season finale, which will be held at the Sepang International Circuit (SIC) in Selangor from 6 to 8 November.

Recently added to the CoE is the Formula 1 (F1) Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix (GP), organised by the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), which will take place at the SIC from 2 to 4 October, following after the relocation of the Bahrain race due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia, which created geopolitical unrest and safety concerns.



Under the current intergovernmental agreement for the October afternoon races, Bahrain will cover the costs of hosting the event, while Malaysia will oversee operational duties.

Dato' Seri Anwar said that Malaysia was chosen to host the event because it was recognised as a peaceful country with a stable economy and strong diplomatic ties with many countries.

Since the announcement of this one-off race on 26 July 2026, hotel reservations and international flight bookings to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) have surged, according to online booking platforms such as Trip.com Malaysia and Booking.com.

Previous F1 events held in Malaysia have been instrumental in drawing visitors and creating spillover benefits for hotels, restaurants, transport operators, retailers and local businesses.

Also taking place in October 2026 from 3 to 4 is the annual KL Standard Chartered Marathon while the 30th edition of the Petronas Le Tour de Langkawi 2026 will wrap up its race across Peninsular Malaysia on 4 October 4 in Putrajaya, Malaysia's administrative capital city.

Additionally, The Petronas GP of Malaysia will be held at SIC from 30 October to 1 November 2026, further supporting Malaysia's position as a motorsports, lifestyle and experiential tourism hub.

Tourism Malaysia expects to sustain its momentum in attracting more visitor arrivals through an expanded event calendar and continuous promotional efforts with strategic partners under its VM2026-2027 campaign.





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Aevum Clinic

WHERE ADVANCED AESTHETIC CARE MEETS PERSONALISED WELLNESS

In today's world of aesthetic medicine, achieving natural looking results is no longer simply about enhancing appearance. It is about restoring confidence, promoting healthy skin and embracing a personalised approach to wellness. At Aevum Clinic, every treatment is guided by the belief that beauty begins with understanding each individual's unique needs, combining advanced medical expertise with carefully tailored solutions that deliver refined and lasting results.

Designed as a modern destination for aesthetic and regenerative care, Aevum Clinic offers a comprehensive range of treatments that address both cosmetic concerns and overall skin health. From non surgical facial rejuvenation and anti ageing therapies to body contouring and skin restoration, every procedure is performed using advanced technology and evidence based techniques. The clinic's experienced medical professionals take the time to understand each client's goals before creating customised treatment plans that enhance natural features rather than alter them.

A defining characteristic of Aevum Clinic is its commitment to subtlety and balance. Rather than pursuing dramatic transformations, the clinic focuses on achieving refreshed, youthful and harmonious results that complement each individual's facial structure and lifestyle. Whether addressing fine lines, uneven skin tone, acne scars or volume loss, every treatment prioritises precision, care and patient safety.

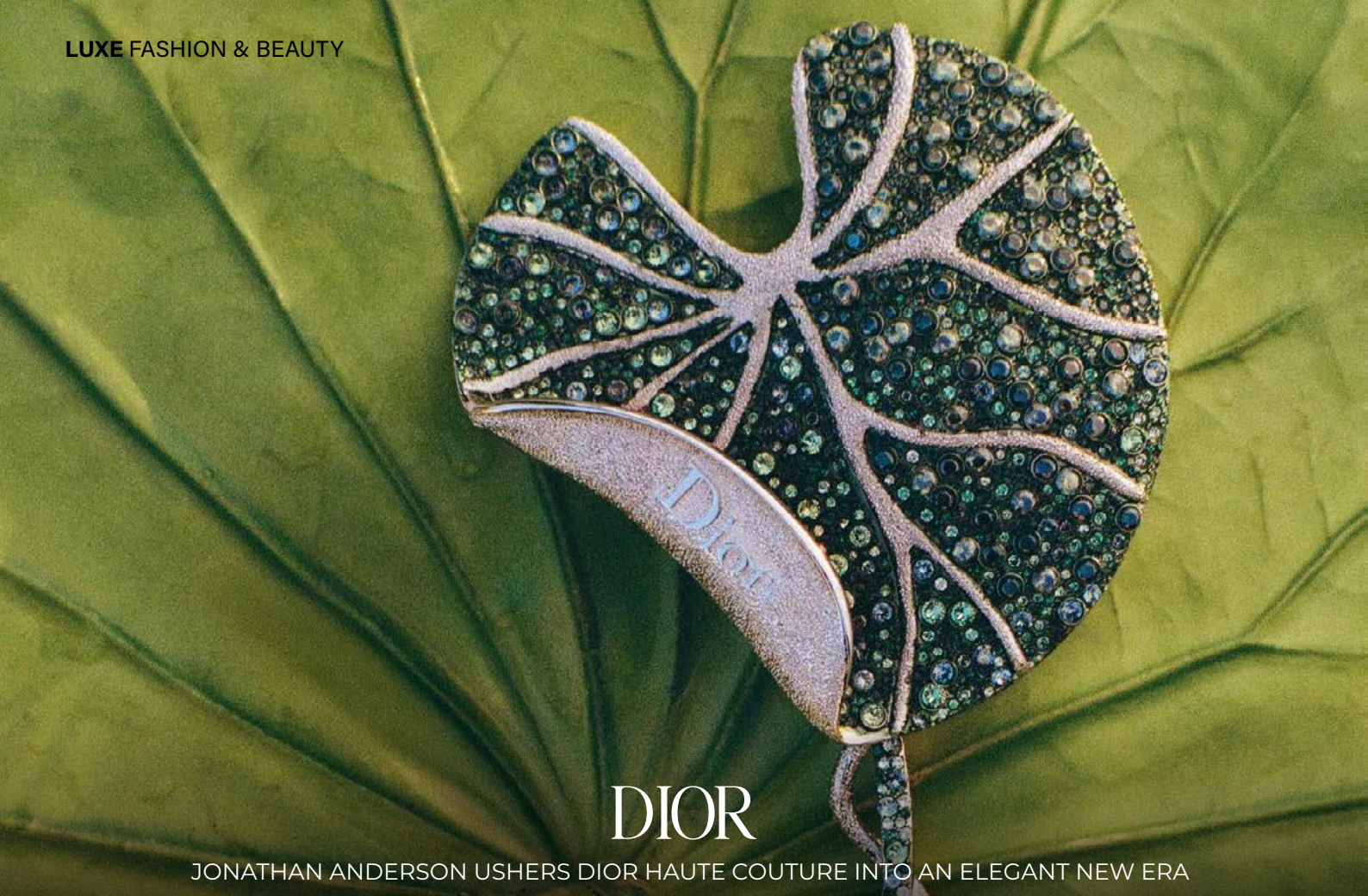
Beyond aesthetics, Aevum Clinic embraces a holistic philosophy that recognises the close relationship between skin health, confidence and overall wellbeing. Clients are encouraged to view their treatments as part of a long term investment in self care, supported by professional guidance and ongoing education. This patient centred approach has earned the clinic a reputation for building lasting relationships founded on trust, transparency and exceptional standards of care.

Complementing its medical expertise is an elegant and welcoming environment designed to provide comfort from the moment clients arrive. Every consultation is conducted with professionalism and discretion, allowing individuals to discuss their concerns openly while receiving honest recommendations tailored to their needs.

As the aesthetic industry continues to evolve, Aevum Clinic remains dedicated to delivering innovative treatments that combine science, artistry and compassionate care. By embracing the latest advancements in aesthetic medicine, the clinic continues to provide personalised solutions tailored to each individual's unique goals and needs.

By placing equal importance on medical excellence and natural beauty, Aevum Clinic continues to redefine modern aesthetic medicine, empowering clients to look refreshed, feel confident and present the very best version of themselves. Every treatment is guided by a philosophy of subtle enhancement, ensuring results that complement each client's natural features. Through innovation, patient safety and personalised care, the clinic continues to redefine aesthetic medicine.





DIOR

JONATHAN ANDERSON USHERS DIOR HAUTE COUTURE INTO AN ELEGANT NEW ERA

The opening day of Paris Haute Couture Week Autumn Winter 2026 belonged unmistakably to Dior. With anticipation building for months, Jonathan Anderson unveiled his first haute couture collection for the historic French maison, presenting a debut that honoured Christian Dior's enduring legacy while confidently introducing his own creative voice. Rather than relying on spectacle or nostalgia, Anderson delivered a thoughtful collection rooted in exceptional craftsmanship, refined silhouettes and contemporary sophistication, signalling the beginning of a remarkable new chapter for one of fashion's most influential houses.

Set within a dreamlike environment inspired by nature, the collection reflected Christian Dior's lifelong fascination with flowers and gardens. Lush greenery, delicate blooms and soft organic textures provided a tranquil backdrop for garments that appeared both sculptural and fluid. Every look embodied an effortless elegance, allowing the extraordinary artistry of haute couture to take centre stage. Intricate embroidery, exquisite embellishments and masterful tailoring highlighted the exceptional craftsmanship behind every creation. The collection fused couture with modern elegance.



Anderson's approach balanced precision tailoring with graceful femininity. Sharp jackets, elongated coats and structured bodices were softened by flowing skirts, delicate drapery and airy fabrics that moved beautifully with every step. Intricate floral embroidery, hand sewn embellishments and subtle beading demonstrated the remarkable expertise of the Dior ateliers, reinforcing the importance of traditional craftsmanship within modern couture.

The collection also embraced a restrained colour palette that allowed construction and silhouette to shine. Soft ivory, muted blush, delicate greys and rich black created an atmosphere of quiet luxury, while occasional touches of metallic embroidery added depth without overwhelming the garments.



Among the collection's highlights were evening gowns that combined sculptural volume with remarkable lightness. Layers of silk, organza and tulle created movement without sacrificing structure, while fitted tailoring offered a contemporary interpretation of Dior's iconic New Look silhouette. Anderson also introduced modern separates, demonstrating that haute couture continues to evolve alongside the lifestyles of today's clients. Every ensemble reflected a seamless balance between technical precision and understated elegance.



Perhaps the most talked about moment arrived with the finale. Instead of presenting a conventional bridal gown, Anderson offered an ethereal interpretation of modern bridal couture. Delicate fabrics, understated embellishment and fluid silhouettes replaced traditional extravagance, reflecting a contemporary vision of romance that felt effortless yet deeply luxurious. Fashion critics widely praised Anderson's debut for respecting Dior's heritage without becoming constrained by it. Rather than recreating the past, he carefully distilled the maison's defining values of elegance, femininity and craftsmanship before presenting them through a fresh, contemporary perspective.

As fashion continues to evolve, Anderson's first couture collection suggests an exciting future for Dior. It reaffirmed that true luxury is found not in excess, but in impeccable craftsmanship, thoughtful design and timeless beauty. With a confident yet considered debut, he has successfully established a new creative identity that honours the past while embracing the future. The collection demonstrated a thoughtful balance between heritage and innovation, offering a fresh perspective on the enduring values of haute couture. It marks the beginning of a promising new chapter for the House, one defined by creativity and modern elegance.





Balenciaga
THE RETURN OF ELEGANCE

Another defining moment of Paris Haute Couture Week Autumn Winter 2026 arrived with Pierpaolo Piccioli's highly anticipated debut for Balenciaga. Taking the creative helm of one of fashion's most revered couture houses, Piccioli introduced a collection that celebrated the architectural brilliance of founder Cristóbal Balenciaga while infusing it with his own unmistakable sense of romance, emotion and modern sophistication.



For decades, Balenciaga has been recognised as a master of sculptural couture, renowned for silhouettes that transformed the relationship between fabric and the body. Rather than attempting to reinvent these historic foundations, Piccioli chose to reinterpret them through a softer and more human perspective, creating garments that felt simultaneously powerful and graceful.

The collection showcased dramatic proportions, voluminous coats, sweeping evening gowns and precisely tailored dresses that highlighted the technical excellence synonymous with Balenciaga. Every silhouette was carefully engineered, with invisible internal structures allowing garments to maintain their sculptural forms while appearing remarkably light and effortless. The result was a collection that celebrated the extraordinary possibilities of haute couture construction.

Luxurious textiles played an equally important role. Rich silk gazar, flowing satin, velvet and delicate lace were expertly manipulated to create depth, movement and dimension. Hand finished embroidery and subtle embellishments enhanced each garment without distracting from its impeccable craftsmanship, allowing the purity of design to remain the central focus.

Piccioli's restrained use of colour further reinforced the collection's refined aesthetic. Monochromatic looks in black, ivory, crimson and deep jewel tones created striking visual impact, while carefully layered textures added richness and complexity. Proportion, silhouette and construction defined the collection's beauty.



Among the standout pieces were sweeping opera coats paired with elegant gowns, sculptural capes that floated effortlessly across the runway and sharply tailored evening ensembles that balanced strength with softness. Each look reflected Piccioli's signature appreciation for elegance without sacrificing modern relevance, proving that couture can remain emotionally engaging while embracing contemporary lifestyles. Intricate embroidery, delicate embellishments and impeccable craftsmanship elevated every silhouette with remarkable refinement. The collection reaffirmed Piccioli's timeless couture vision.



The debut was widely regarded as a respectful tribute to Cristóbal Balenciaga's original philosophy. The founder famously believed that true couture should be defined by perfect construction rather than ornamentation, a principle that Piccioli embraced throughout the collection. By focusing on silhouette, craftsmanship and proportion, he reintroduced many of the values that established Balenciaga as one of the most influential couture houses in fashion history. The result was a collection that honoured Balenciaga's heritage while presenting a refined vision for the future of couture.



Industry response was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising Piccioli's ability to preserve the maison's heritage while offering a distinct creative identity of his own. His collection demonstrated that innovation does not always require dramatic reinvention. Sometimes, the most compelling evolution comes from rediscovering the essence of a house and presenting it with renewed clarity and confidence. As Paris Haute Couture Week concluded, Piccioli's debut stood as one of its defining highlights. It reaffirmed Balenciaga's couture legacy through craftsmanship and timeless elegance.

The Evolution of Men's Style

THIS SEASON'S HOTPICKS



Maison Margiela
Panelled raglan-sleeve jacket
RM 8,466
Maison Margiela's panelled raglan sleeve jacket exemplifies the brand's understated yet progressive design philosophy. Cut with a relaxed silhouette, the distinctive panelled construction adds depth and subtle structure, while the raglan sleeves enhance comfort and ease of movement. The jacket pairs minimalist style with versatile contemporary tailoring.



Zegna
Blue polo top
RM 10,126
Zegna's blue polo top embodies the brand's commitment to refined craftsmanship and understated elegance. Tailored with a clean, contemporary silhouette, it offers a polished interpretation of a timeless wardrobe essential. The rich blue hue adds versatility, making it ideal for both smart casual and elevated everyday styling.



Dolce & Gabbana
Woven T-shirt
RM 35,782
Dolce & Gabbana's woven T-shirt reimagines a casual essential through the House's unmistakable sense of luxury. Expertly crafted with an intricate woven construction, it introduces rich texture and depth while maintaining a clean, contemporary silhouette. Blending exceptional craftsmanship with modern sophistication, the design elevates everyday dressing with effortless refinement.



Enfants Riches Déprimés
Lenin's Nap Time Assemblage patchwork distressed hoodie
RM 10,500
Enfants Riches Déprimés' Lenin's Nap Time Assemblage patchwork distressed hoodie showcases the label's rebellious aesthetic and artisanal craftsmanship. Featuring intricate patchwork and distressed detailing, it delivers a bold, lived in character that sets it apart from conventional streetwear.



Brunello Cucinelli
Chalk stripe chevron outerwear jacket
RM 15,521
Brunello Cucinelli's chalk stripe chevron outerwear jacket exemplifies the brand's signature blend of understated luxury and impeccable craftsmanship. Defined by its refined chalk stripe pattern and subtle chevron detailing, it offers a sophisticated interpretation of contemporary outerwear. The tailored silhouette suits both smart and casual occasions.



TOM FORD
Zip-up leather jacket
RM 21,685
TOM FORD's zip up leather jacket embodies the brand's signature blend of confidence, sophistication, and contemporary luxury. Expertly crafted with a sleek silhouette, it delivers a refined take on a timeless wardrobe essential. The clean lines and minimalist design enhance its versatility, making it ideal for both casual and elevated styling. The jacket reflects TOM FORD's bold, modern elegance.

Where Elegance Meets Modernity

THIS SEASON'S HOTPICKS



Versace
Wool jacket
RM 14,487
Versace's wool jacket embodies the House's signature blend of bold sophistication and refined tailoring. Expertly crafted with a structured silhouette, it offers a contemporary interpretation of a timeless wardrobe staple. The luxurious wool construction provides both warmth and elegance, making it ideal for effortless day to evening styling.



Brunello Cucinelli
Short-sleeves shirt
RM 39,037
Brunello Cucinelli's short sleeve shirt embodies the brand's signature understated elegance and exceptional craftsmanship. Tailored with a clean, contemporary silhouette, it offers a refined interpretation of a warm weather wardrobe essential. Its timeless design allows for effortless versatility, making it suitable for both relaxed daytime looks and elevated occasions.



Miu Miu
Wool and suede sweater
RM 21,363
Miu Miu's wool and suede sweater showcases the brand's distinctive balance of playful sophistication and contemporary elegance. Expertly crafted from luxurious wool with refined suede detailing, it offers rich texture while maintaining a clean, modern silhouette.



Marina yee
wool shirt
RM 42,397
Marina Yee's wool shirt reflects the designer's thoughtful approach to contemporary fashion through refined craftsmanship and timeless design. Expertly tailored with a clean, relaxed silhouette, it elevates a classic wardrobe staple with understated sophistication.



Dolce & Gabbana
Crochet bustier dress
RM 22,763
Dolce & Gabbana's crochet bustier dress captures the House's signature blend of romantic femininity and Italian glamour. Expertly crafted with intricate crochet detailing, it highlights exceptional craftsmanship while creating rich texture and visual depth. The structured bustier silhouette offers a flattering, elegant shape, making it ideal for both special occasions and refined evening wear.



Oscar de la Renta
Mosaic-pattern embroidered gown
RM 48,504
Oscar de la Renta's mosaic pattern embroidered gown epitomises the House's renowned craftsmanship and timeless elegance. Intricately adorned with mosaic inspired embroidery, the design creates striking texture and exquisite visual detail while enhancing its graceful silhouette. Refined artistry meets contemporary sophistication in this elegant gown.

The New Age of Coachbuilt Luxury

HOW ROLLS-ROYCE IS REDEFINING BESPOKE CRAFTSMANSHIP

For more than a century, Rolls-Royce has represented the pinnacle of automotive luxury, combining refined engineering with uncompromising craftsmanship. In recent years, however, the marque has elevated this philosophy even further through the revival of coachbuilding, creating automobiles that transcend conventional notions of luxury. Rather than producing limited edition models, Rolls-Royce now crafts highly exclusive commissions designed around the individual vision of each client, reaffirming that true luxury lies in individuality rather than exclusivity alone.

The tradition of coachbuilding dates back to the earliest days of motoring, when affluent patrons commissioned bespoke bodies from master craftsmen to be mounted on premium chassis. As the automotive industry embraced mass production, this artisanal practice gradually disappeared. Rolls-Royce has revived this heritage through its modern Coachbuild programme, where every commission is conceived as a unique work of art, meticulously designed to reflect the personality, lifestyle, and aspirations of its owner. Among the finest examples of this philosophy is the Rolls-Royce Boat Tail, one of the most exclusive automobiles ever created. Inspired by the elegant lines of classic J Class yachts, the Boat Tail blends timeless design with contemporary engineering.



Rolls-Royce continued this vision with the Droptail, a new family of coachbuilt roadsters that pushes personalisation to even greater heights. Each commission is individually developed over several years in close collaboration with its owner, ensuring that no two examples are alike. Bespoke paint finishes, hand selected timber veneers, precision crafted metalwork, and individually tailored interiors demonstrate the extraordinary level of craftsmanship invested in every vehicle. Rather than following a standard specification, each Droptail is designed as a singular expression of its owner's taste and character. The creation process extends far beyond conventional automotive design, with clients invited to participate in every stage of development, from material selection to the smallest decorative details. Inspiration may be drawn from architecture, fine art, personal collections, travel experiences, or treasured memories, allowing each vehicle to tell a deeply personal story.



The process behind every Coachbuild commission is as remarkable as the finished automobile itself. Designers, engineers, and artisans work together to transform a client's ideas into reality, often drawing inspiration from architecture, fine art, haute horlogerie, and luxury yachts. Traditional handcraftsmanship is seamlessly combined with advanced digital modelling and precision engineering, allowing intricate concepts to be realised without compromising quality or performance. Every stitch, polished surface, and sculpted panel reflects countless hours of meticulous workmanship, reinforcing the marque's unwavering commitment to excellence.

This dedication to craftsmanship extends beyond aesthetics. Clients are invited to select rare materials, develop exclusive colour palettes, and incorporate deeply personal design elements that transform each commission into a reflection of their individual story. Every detail is carefully considered, from handcrafted finishes and intricate embroidery to bespoke motifs and unique material combinations, ensuring each vehicle is unlike any other. The collaborative design journey often spans several years, allowing owners to work closely with Rolls-Royce's designers and artisans to bring their vision to life with remarkable precision. The result is an automobile that is both beautiful and deeply personal.



As the automotive industry embraces electrification and increasingly sophisticated digital technologies, Rolls-Royce continues to demonstrate that innovation and tradition can exist in harmony. While new powertrains and intelligent systems shape the future of mobility, the marque remains steadfast in its belief that handcrafted artistry and meticulous attention to detail will always define the highest expression of luxury.

Ultimately, the new age of coachbuilt luxury is not simply about creating extraordinary automobiles. It represents a philosophy where craftsmanship, creativity, and individuality converge to produce something truly irreplaceable. In an era increasingly defined by mass production and digital technology, the art of coachbuilding celebrates patience, precision, and the enduring value of handcrafted excellence. Every commission becomes a testament to the belief that true luxury lies in originality rather than uniformity.

For Rolls-Royce, the Coachbuild programme is more than an exclusive design service. It is a collaborative journey that brings together master artisans, designers, engineers, and clients to transform a personal vision into a remarkable reality.

Through this programme, Rolls-Royce has reimaged one of motoring's oldest traditions for the modern era, proving that the finest luxury is not measured by production numbers or performance figures. Instead, it is defined by the pursuit of creating something entirely unique, where artistry, heritage, and innovation unite to produce a masterpiece for one, and one alone. In doing so, Rolls-Royce continues to set the benchmark for bespoke automotive craftsmanship, preserving an extraordinary tradition for generations to come.

Bhutan

WHERE LUXURY IS MEASURED BY MEANING

In an age where luxury travel is increasingly defined by authenticity rather than extravagance, Bhutan stands apart as one of the world's most remarkable destinations. Tucked away in the eastern Himalayas, this small kingdom offers a rare vision of luxury that prioritises wellbeing, cultural preservation and meaningful experiences over excess. Here, travellers are invited to slow their pace, reconnect with nature and immerse themselves in a way of life that has remained deeply rooted in tradition for centuries.

Unlike many luxury destinations that impress through grandeur, Bhutan captivates through simplicity and intention. As the world's only carbon negative country, it has embraced a development philosophy centred on Gross National Happiness, placing environmental conservation, cultural heritage and community wellbeing at the heart of national progress. This commitment attracts travellers seeking quality over quantity while protecting the country's natural and cultural treasures.

The experience often begins in the capital, Thimphu, where ancient monasteries, traditional architecture and contemporary Bhutanese culture coexist in quiet harmony. Luxury hotels and boutique lodges blend seamlessly into the surrounding landscape, drawing inspiration from local craftsmanship through timber construction, hand painted details and understated elegance. Rather than imposing upon their surroundings, these properties celebrate Bhutan's architectural identity while providing exceptional comfort, personalised service and panoramic views of forested valleys and mountain peaks.

As travellers venture beyond the capital, Bhutan reveals an ever changing landscape of pristine rivers, alpine forests and dramatic mountain passes. Scenic journeys weave through forests, remote villages, and centuries old monasteries.



Among Bhutan's most iconic experiences is the ascent to Paro Taktsang, more widely known as the Tiger's Nest Monastery. Perched dramatically on a cliffside more than 3,000 metres above sea level, the sacred monastery has become a symbol of Bhutan's spiritual identity. Guided private hikes allow visitors to appreciate not only the spectacular scenery but also the profound cultural significance of this revered pilgrimage site.



Luxury accommodation throughout Bhutan reflects this philosophy of understated refinement. Exclusive mountain lodges and wellness retreats are designed to complement their surroundings through natural materials, traditional craftsmanship and spacious, tranquil interiors. Floor to ceiling windows frame uninterrupted Himalayan views, while personalised hospitality ensures every stay feels intimate and restorative. Wellness is enhanced through meditation, yoga, and Bhutanese healing traditions.

Bhutan's culinary landscape offers another avenue for cultural discovery. Rather than elaborate displays of international gastronomy, luxury dining celebrates local ingredients, seasonal produce and recipes passed down through generations. Meals feature fragrant red rice, mountain herbs, handmade cheeses and fresh vegetables sourced from nearby farms, while the country's iconic chilli and cheese dish, ema datshi, reflects the bold yet comforting flavours that define Bhutanese cuisine.



The Great Canadian Escape

WHERE SUMMER MEETS BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES

There are few destinations that embrace summer with quite the same sense of grandeur as Canada. As the country's vast landscapes awaken beneath warm sunshine and clear blue skies, August reveals Canada at its most captivating. Stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific and extending into the Arctic, the world's second largest country offers an extraordinary variety of experiences that range from soaring mountain peaks and crystal clear lakes to cosmopolitan cities and charming coastal villages.



Banff National Park

Nestled within the heart of the Canadian Rockies, Banff National Park remains one of the country's most iconic destinations. Towering snow capped peaks surround turquoise lakes whose brilliant colours have become synonymous with Canada's natural beauty. Lake Louise and Moraine Lake are among the most photographed locations in the world, their pristine waters reflecting rugged mountains and dense evergreen forests with remarkable clarity.

During August, hiking trails are at their finest, offering routes suitable for every level of explorer. Canoes glide peacefully across the lakes while visitors take scenic gondola rides to panoramic viewpoints overlooking endless mountain ranges. Wildlife enthusiasts may also encounter elk, mountain goats and even black bears from a safe distance, adding another layer of excitement to every adventure.

Jasper National Park

A few hours north of Banff lies Jasper National Park, where vast wilderness offers a quieter and more intimate encounter with nature. Less crowded yet equally spectacular, Jasper presents dramatic valleys, ancient glaciers, rushing waterfalls and crystal clear rivers that showcase the raw beauty of the Canadian Rockies.

One of the park's greatest treasures is Maligne Lake, renowned for its vivid blue waters and the picturesque Spirit Island, one of Canada's most recognised natural landmarks. Visitors can enjoy boat cruises, kayaking or peaceful walks along forest trails while keeping an eye out for moose, deer and bald eagles. As evening approaches, Jasper transforms into one of the world's largest Dark Sky Preserves, offering exceptional opportunities for stargazing beneath brilliantly clear skies.

Vancouver

Set between the Pacific Ocean and the Coast Mountains, Vancouver effortlessly blends modern city living with spectacular natural surroundings. The city's relaxed atmosphere encourages visitors to spend their days exploring waterfront promenades, lush parks and vibrant neighbourhoods filled with independent cafés, art galleries and boutiques.

Stanley Park remains one of Vancouver's defining attractions, offering scenic cycling paths that wind alongside the coastline while providing stunning views of the city skyline. Granville Island invites visitors to experience local artisan markets, fresh produce and handcrafted goods, while nearby beaches become lively gathering places during the warm August afternoons. Culinary enthusiasts will find an impressive dining scene where freshly caught seafood, Asian influences and contemporary Canadian cuisine come together in memorable fashion, celebrating the region's rich coastal flavours.



Prince Edward Island

On Canada's eastern coast, Prince Edward Island offers an entirely different pace of travel. Known for its rolling green fields, dramatic red sandstone cliffs and picturesque fishing villages, the island invites visitors to embrace a slower rhythm while enjoying some of the country's finest coastal scenery. Its peaceful atmosphere and warm island hospitality make every stay both relaxing and unforgettable. Visitors can also explore charming lighthouses, scenic coastal trails and quiet beaches that showcase the island's timeless natural beauty.

Fresh seafood forms an essential part of everyday life, with lobster, oysters and mussels served at harbourside restaurants overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Gentle cycling routes, peaceful beaches and scenic coastal drives encourage leisurely exploration, while literary enthusiasts can visit the landscapes that inspired the beloved novel Anne of Green Gables. The island's welcoming communities and timeless charm create an atmosphere that feels both authentic and deeply relaxing.

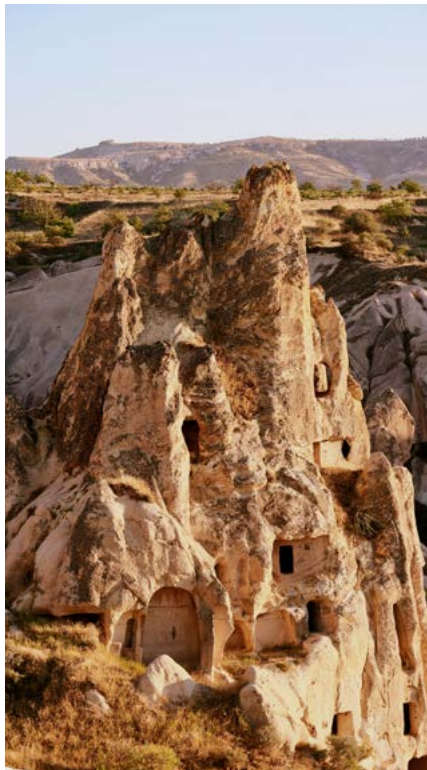


Cappadocia

WHERE ANCIENT LANDSCAPES MEET ELEVATED LUXURY

Few destinations capture the imagination quite like Cappadocia. Set in the heart of central Türkiye, this extraordinary region has become one of the world's most captivating luxury travel destinations, where remarkable geological formations, centuries of history and refined hospitality combine to create an experience unlike any other. Defined by its dramatic valleys, fairy chimneys and cave dwellings carved into volcanic rock, Cappadocia offers a distinctive interpretation of luxury, one that is deeply connected to nature, heritage and the quiet beauty of timeless landscapes.

Unlike destinations where luxury is measured solely through grandeur, Cappadocia offers an experience shaped by authenticity and atmosphere. Every sunrise transforms the horizon into a breathtaking spectacle as hundreds of colourful hot air balloons drift gracefully above valleys sculpted by millions of years of natural erosion. This iconic scene has become synonymous with the region, offering travellers unforgettable views while setting the tone for every journey.



Luxury accommodation in Cappadocia embraces the region's unique architectural heritage. Boutique cave hotels and exclusive suites have been carefully restored from centuries old stone dwellings, blending historic character with contemporary comfort. Natural rock walls, handcrafted furnishings and elegant interiors create spaces that feel both intimate and sophisticated, while private terraces overlook valleys that glow with golden light from dawn until dusk.

The region's rich cultural heritage extends far beyond its distinctive landscape. Ancient underground cities, early Christian churches and monasteries carved directly into the rock reveal thousands of years of civilisation that have shaped Cappadocia's remarkable identity. Private guided tours provide exclusive access to UNESCO recognised sites, allowing visitors to explore hidden chapels adorned with centuries old frescoes, intricate cave networks and historic settlements that continue to inspire archaeologists and historians alike.



One of Cappadocia's most celebrated experiences is a sunrise hot air balloon flight above its spectacular valleys. Floating silently above fairy chimneys, vineyards and rock formations as the first rays of sunlight illuminate the landscape offers a perspective unlike any other. The journey is both exhilarating and deeply peaceful, transforming a simple morning into an unforgettable memory.

Adventure is woven naturally into the luxury experience. Guided hikes through Rose Valley, Love Valley and Pigeon Valley reveal dramatic scenery, hidden cave churches and peaceful walking trails surrounded by extraordinary rock formations. Horseback riding at sunset, private all terrain vehicle excursions and vineyard tours offer different ways to discover the region's diverse landscapes while maintaining a sense of exclusivity and comfort. Every activity encourages travellers to engage with Cappadocia at an unhurried pace, allowing the landscape itself to become the central attraction.

The culinary scene reflects Türkiye's rich gastronomic heritage while embracing contemporary refinement. Fine dining restaurants showcase seasonal Anatolian ingredients through beautifully presented dishes inspired by centuries old recipes.



Hilton Quang Hanh Onsen Resort

A LIFESTYLE OF SLOW LIVING WELLNESS AND NATURAL RESTORATION

In the mountainous landscape of Quang Ninh province, where limestone peaks rise dramatically from mist covered valleys and rivers trace quiet paths through lush greenery, there exists a retreat that redefines the idea of restorative travel. Hilton Quang Hanh Onsen Resort is not simply a place to stay. It is a destination shaped by water, warmth and wellbeing, where the ancient tradition of onsen bathing is reimagined through contemporary hospitality.

The journey to Quang Hanh reveals a Vietnam less travelled by the international leisure visitor. Located near the coastal city of Ha Long, the region is known for its mineral rich hot springs and tranquil natural surroundings. Here, geothermal waters have long been valued for their restorative qualities, drawing on centuries of wellness culture rooted in East Asian tradition. Against this backdrop, the resort emerges as a modern interpretation of an age old ritual, inviting guests to slow down and reconnect with both nature and self.

From the moment of arrival, the atmosphere shifts. The air feels softer, the pace slower, and the landscape more intimate. Architecture at the resort is designed to harmonise with its environment rather than dominate it. Clean lines, natural materials and open spaces create a seamless connection between indoors and outdoors.



Accommodation is designed as a personal retreat, offering rooms and suites that embrace both comfort and serenity. Interiors are understated yet elegant, with warm tones and natural textures that echo the surrounding landscape. Floor to ceiling windows invite the outside in, framing views of mountains, gardens or tranquil water features. The intention is not to overwhelm the senses but to gently restore them.

At the heart of the resort experience lies its connection to thermal water. The onsen culture, traditionally associated with Japan, is here thoughtfully adapted to the Vietnamese context. Mineral rich pools are carefully maintained at varying temperatures, allowing guests to move through a sequence of bathing experiences designed to relax muscles, improve circulation and calm the mind. The ritual of bathing becomes more than leisure. It becomes a form of mindful practice, encouraging stillness and reflection.

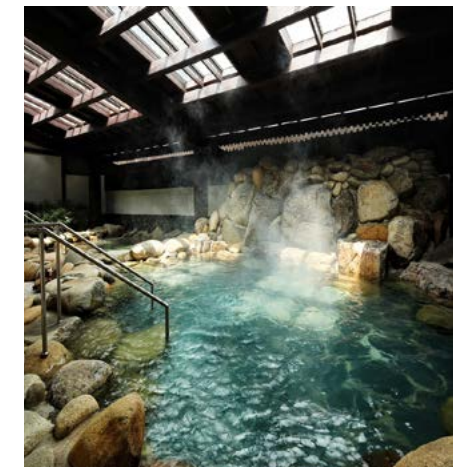
Private bathing spaces offer an additional layer of exclusivity, allowing guests to enjoy the therapeutic waters in complete privacy. These intimate settings are ideal for quiet contemplation, romantic escape or simple personal restoration. Surrounded by natural stone, soft lighting and gentle water flow, the experience feels both grounding and deeply personal.



Beyond the thermal baths, the resort embraces a broader philosophy of wellness. Spa treatments draw inspiration from both local healing traditions and international techniques, blending massage therapies, herbal remedies and holistic care. Each treatment is tailored to support relaxation and renewal, reinforcing the resort's identity as a sanctuary for physical and emotional wellbeing. Dining at the resort reflects the same thoughtful approach. Culinary offerings highlight fresh ingredients, regional flavours and balanced nutrition. Rather than excess, the emphasis is on clarity and quality. Meals are designed to nourish the body while remaining true to the refined atmosphere of the resort.

The surrounding region offers further opportunities for exploration. Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is within reach, offering one of the most iconic seascapes in the world. Limestone karsts rise from emerald waters, creating a landscape that feels almost otherworldly. Boat excursions, kayaking journeys and guided tours allow visitors to experience this natural wonder from multiple perspectives, adding depth to the overall stay.

Yet many guests find that the greatest luxury of Hilton Quang Hanh Onsen Resort is not found beyond its grounds. It is found in the stillness it cultivates. In a world defined by constant movement and digital noise, the resort offers something increasingly rare. Space to pause without interruption. Time to rest without urgency.



As evening settles over the mountains and steam rises gently from the thermal pools, the resort takes on a quiet, almost meditative quality. Lights soften, conversations fade, and the landscape becomes a silhouette against the night sky. It is in these moments that the essence of the resort is most clearly felt.

Hilton Quang Hanh Onsen Resort is not defined by spectacle. It is defined by sensation. Warm water against skin. Cool mountain air. The rhythm of breath slowing into calm. It is a reminder that luxury can be found not only in grandeur, but in stillness itself. For travellers seeking renewal, balance and a deeper connection to place, this is a destination that offers more than escape. It offers restoration in its purest form.

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Masters of Malaysian Modern Art

EXCEPTIONAL WORKS BY SIX CELEBRATED ARTISTS TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT THE KLAS ART AUCTION

The upcoming KLAS Art Auction on 16 August 2026 presents collectors with an outstanding opportunity to acquire works by some of Malaysia's most influential modern and contemporary artists. Carefully curated to reflect the richness of the nation's artistic legacy, this remarkable selection celebrates painters whose visions have transformed Malaysian art and earned international recognition. From lyrical landscapes and expressive figurative paintings to bold abstraction and conceptual innovation, each work represents a significant chapter in the evolution of Malaysian art.

Ibrahim Hussein

Few names command as much respect in Malaysian art as Datuk Ibrahim Hussein. Widely regarded as one of the country's greatest modern artists, Ibrahim achieved international acclaim through his pioneering approach to printmaking and painting. His career took him from Kedah to the Royal Academy of Arts in London before establishing himself as one of Southeast Asia's most recognised artistic figures. Throughout his career, he consistently challenged conventional artistic boundaries, creating a distinctive visual language that remains unmistakably his own.

His innovative technique, often referred to as printage, combined the qualities of painting and printmaking into richly layered compositions filled with movement, rhythm and energy. Geometric forms, fragmented imagery and expressive colour merge seamlessly to create works that invite viewers to explore multiple perspectives within a single composition.

Among the highlights presented at the KLAS Art Auction is a remarkable work from Ibrahim Hussein's celebrated Sports Series. This iconic body of work captures the intensity and dynamism of athletic movement while demonstrating the artist's extraordinary technical mastery.



IBRAHIM HUSSEIN, DATUK
Sports Series, 1986 (Edition 15 of 200)
Offset lithograph 60 x 46 cm
RM 10,000 - 20,000



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Offset lithograph 60 x 46 cm
RM 10,000 - 20,000

Khalil Ibrahim

The paintings of Datuk Khalil Ibrahim possess a quiet elegance that has made him one of Malaysia's most beloved artists. Best known for his poetic interpretations of village life and the tranquil beauty of the East Coast, Khalil transformed ordinary moments into timeless visual narratives filled with warmth, grace and humanity. His mastery of watercolour became legendary, allowing him to create luminous compositions that balance delicate washes with confident brushwork. Whether portraying fishermen preparing for the day's journey, women gathered along the shoreline or peaceful rural landscapes, Khalil infused every painting with a profound sense of harmony and dignity.

The KLAS Art Auction presents several exceptional examples of the artist's celebrated themes, including works from the East Coast Ladies, East Coast Landscape, Ready To Go, and Fishermen Series. Each composition reflects Khalil's remarkable ability to capture atmosphere, light and emotion while preserving the authenticity of Malaysian coastal life. Beyond their aesthetic beauty, these works serve as important cultural documents that celebrate traditions and communities that have gradually evolved over time. Their universal appeal continues to attract seasoned collectors as well as younger audiences discovering the enduring charm of Khalil Ibrahim's artistic vision.



KHALIL IBRAHIM
East Coast Landscape, 1990
Watercolour on paper 34 x 30 cm
RM 3,000 - 5,000



KHALIL IBRAHIM
East Coast Ladies, 2006
Watercolour on paper 22 x 30 cm
RM 5,500 - 9,000



KHALIL IBRAHIM
Ready To Go 1, 1996
Watercolour on paper 49 x 64 cm
RM 7,000 - 10,000



JIMMY ONG
3 Header, 1994
Charcoal on paper 116.5 x 116.5 cm
RM 16,000 - 35,000

KHALIL IBRAHIM
Fishermen Series, 1969
Batik 82.5 x 57 cm
RM 70,000 - 150,000



Awang Damit Ahmad

Recognised as one of Malaysia's foremost contemporary painters, Datuk Awang Damit Ahmad has built an extraordinary career through his emotionally charged abstract compositions. Drawing inspiration from the landscapes of Sabah, personal memories and the experiences of rural communities, he transforms lived experiences into richly textured works that communicate through colour, gesture and layered symbolism. His paintings reveal remarkable complexity, inviting viewers to interpret shifting forms and intricate surfaces that appear to evolve with every encounter. Thick layers of paint, expressive brushstrokes and sophisticated compositions create visual journeys that reward prolonged observation.

Featured at the KLAS Art Auction are significant works from the artist's acclaimed Garis Mega, Payarama Baru, Postcard To The World, and Marista series. Together, these paintings demonstrate the evolution of Awang Damit's artistic language while showcasing the confidence and maturity that have established him as one of Southeast Asia's leading contemporary artists. His works are widely represented in prestigious museums and major private collections, and demand for his paintings continues to grow both locally and internationally.

AWANG DAMIT AHMAD
Marista "Sketsa Series 9/97", 1997
Mixed media on canvas 46 x 51 cm
RM 6,000 - 10,000



AWANG DAMIT AHMAD
Garis Mega "Tribute...", 2016
Mixed media on canvas 183 x 183 cm
RM 95,000 - 180,000



AWANG DAMIT AHMAD
Payarama Baru "Ubi dan Raga...", 2015
Mixed media on canvas 183 x 183 cm
RM 95,000 - 160,000



YUSOF GHANI, DATUK
Segerak Series, 2012
Charcoal on paper 35 x 25 cm
RM 3,000 - 6,000

MAQBOOL FIDA HUSAIN
Mother Theresa, 1980 (Edition 96/300)
Serigraph on paper 38 x 56 cm
RM 5,000 - 12,000



Yusof Ghani

For more than four decades, Datuk Yusof Ghani has remained at the forefront of Malaysian contemporary art through his fearless exploration of abstraction. Known for his energetic compositions and expressive brushwork, Yusof approaches painting as an emotional and physical performance, allowing movement and spontaneity to shape each work.

Rather than depicting recognisable subjects, his paintings communicate through rhythm, gesture and dramatic contrasts, encouraging viewers to experience emotion rather than narrative. Each celebrated series marks a new chapter in his artistic journey while remaining connected by his distinctive visual energy.

The KLAS Art Auction showcases works from several of his most admired series, including Siri Tari IV, Biring Series, Segerak Series, and Hijau Rhythm of Nature. These paintings reveal the breadth of Yusof Ghani's creative evolution, from dynamic figurative inspirations to powerful abstract interpretations of movement and the natural environment.

Collectors continue to admire his ability to balance expressive freedom with disciplined composition. His works consistently rank among the most sought after in the Malaysian art market, reflecting both their artistic excellence and lasting investment value. As demand for significant works by established Malaysian masters continues to grow, Yusof Ghani's paintings remain highly prized by both seasoned collectors and a new generation of art enthusiasts.

YUSOF GHANI, DATUK
Biring Series XXVIII, 2006
Oil on linen 122 x 91 cm
RM 95,000 - 160,000



YUSOF GHANI, DATUK
Siri Tari IV, 1988
Oil on canvas 104 x 140 cm
RM 180,000 - 250,000

Yusof Ghani's enduring influence extends beyond his individual body of work, having played a significant role in shaping the direction of Malaysian contemporary art through decades of artistic practice, education and mentorship. His willingness to experiment while remaining deeply committed to his creative philosophy has inspired generations of emerging artists to embrace personal expression and push the boundaries of visual language. This lasting legacy has firmly established him as one of the nation's most respected cultural figures. At auction, Yusof Ghani's paintings continue to attract strong interest for their rarity, provenance and enduring relevance within Southeast Asia's art landscape. Their consistent demand reflects the enduring appeal of his dynamic artistic vision and his lasting contribution to Malaysian contemporary art.



RAFIEE GHANI
Air Biru II, 1999
Oil on canvas 98 x 78 cm
RM 10,000 - 18,000

RAFIEE GHANI
Keladi, 1999
Oil on canvas 70 x 58 cm
RM 4,000 - 9,000



ART FEATURES
Syed Ahmad Jamal

As one of the pioneers of Malaysian modernism, Datuk Syed Ahmad Jamal occupies a unique place in the nation's cultural history. More than an accomplished painter, he was also an influential educator, curator and cultural advocate whose contributions helped shape the direction of Malaysian art for generations. Throughout a career spanning more than five decades, he championed the development of a distinctly Malaysian artistic identity, encouraging creative expression that reflected the country's diverse cultural heritage while engaging with international modernist ideas.



SYED AHMAD JAMAL
Terima Kasih, 2003
Watercolour on paper 29 x 41 cm
RM 7,000 - 12,000



SYED AHMAD JAMAL
Balik Pulau, 2004
Watercolour on paper 29 x 41 cm
RM 7,000 - 12,000



YEOH JIN LENG
Melawati Series, 1982
Acrylic on canvas 71 x 89 cm
RM 50,000 - 90,000

His paintings are distinguished by their thoughtful integration of abstraction with references to the Malaysian landscape, Islamic philosophy and cultural heritage. Rather than presenting literal scenes, Syed Ahmad Jamal distilled the essence of nature, memory and spirituality into elegant compositions characterised by balanced forms, harmonious colours and profound symbolism. Rich in metaphor, his works invite viewers to look beyond the visible, offering a visual language that speaks of identity, faith and humanity through carefully orchestrated colour and form.



RAFIEE GHANI
Kampung Laut at Dusk, 1997
Oil on canvas 97 x 121 cm
RM 14,000 - 24,000

Beyond their aesthetic appeal, Syed Ahmad Jamal's paintings stand as enduring reflections of Malaysia's evolving cultural identity and artistic ambition. His ability to fuse intellectual enquiry with emotional sensitivity created works that remain as relevant today as when they were first conceived. Celebrated for their timeless quality and enduring resonance, his paintings continue to inspire collectors and scholars alike, reinforcing his position as one of the most influential figures in the history of Malaysian modern art. His legacy continues to shape the evolution of Malaysian contemporary art.



B. PRABHA
Untitled
Oil on canvas 51 x 51 cm
RM 15,000 - 35,000

Abdul Latiff Mohidin

Internationally celebrated as one of Southeast Asia's most important modern artists, Datuk Abdul Latiff Mohidin revolutionised Malaysian art through his visionary exploration of abstraction. His groundbreaking *Voyage* series emerged from years of travel and observation across Southeast Asia and Europe, where landscapes, architecture and vegetation became transformed into fluid organic forms that transcend conventional representation. His paintings blur the boundaries between reality and imagination, creating compositions that appear both ancient and futuristic. Rather than documenting the places he encountered, Latiff distilled their essence into poetic visual forms that evoke movement, memory and transformation. His distinctive artistic language reflects a profound understanding of nature, culture and human experience, allowing each work to communicate on both an intellectual and emotional level.

ABDUL LATIFF MOHIDIN
Green Voyage, 2009
Oil on canvas 167 x 132 cm
RM 380,000 - 800,000



ABDUL LATIFF MOHIDIN
Voyage 27, 2003
Mixed media on paper 26 x 37 cm
RM 45,000 - 70,000



B. PRABHA
Standing Female
Oil on canvas 50.5 x 41 cm
RM 20,000 - 35,000



KHOO SUI HOE
Celebration, 2011
Oil on canvas 175 x 244 cm
RM 200,000 - 400,000





Luxury Haircare

THE SCIENCE BEHIND HEALTHIER, STRONGER HAIR

For generations, hair has been closely associated with beauty, confidence, and personal identity. From carefully styled looks to signature cuts and colours, hair has long served as a reflection of individual expression. Yet in recent years, the perception of haircare has undergone a significant transformation. No longer viewed as simply a matter of appearance, hair health has become an essential part of modern wellness routines, with growing attention placed on prevention, nourishment, and long term care.

Walk through any beauty store, salon, or online marketplace today, and it becomes clear that haircare has evolved into a sophisticated industry driven by science and innovation. Products promising stronger strands, healthier scalps, improved growth, and professional level results have become increasingly popular among consumers seeking more personalised solutions. Similar to the evolution of skincare, modern haircare has moved beyond temporary cosmetic improvements towards treatments designed to support the overall health and condition of the hair. At the centre of this movement is a growing understanding that healthy hair begins with a healthy scalp, making scalp health increasingly important.



This shift has encouraged many luxury haircare brands and professional salons to develop treatments that focus on scalp wellness rather than simply masking visible concerns. Advanced scalp therapies, exfoliating treatments, nourishing serums, and targeted formulations are increasingly being introduced to support a healthier environment for hair growth.



One of the most significant developments within luxury haircare is the growing influence of scientific research. Traditional hair products often focused primarily on improving texture, shine, or manageability. Today, advanced formulations incorporate carefully selected ingredients designed to strengthen and protect hair at a deeper level. Peptides, proteins, antioxidants, botanical extracts, and nourishing oils are increasingly used to support hair structure, improve resilience, and protect against environmental stress.

Protein based ingredients, for example, play an important role in maintaining the strength and elasticity of hair, while antioxidants help protect against damage caused by pollution and external factors. Meanwhile, botanical extracts and natural oils provide hydration and nourishment, helping to restore softness and improve overall appearance. This combination of science and nature reflects a broader movement within beauty, where consumers are seeking products that deliver meaningful benefits rather than short term results. The rise of personalised haircare has further transformed the industry. Much like personalised skincare, modern hair treatments are increasingly designed around individual needs rather than a universal approach. Hair texture, scalp condition, lifestyle, environmental exposure, and styling habits all influence the type of care required. Professional consultations, digital analysis tools, and customised treatment plans are allowing consumers to better understand their hair and select solutions that are specifically suited to them.

This movement towards personalisation reflects a wider change in the luxury beauty sector. Today's consumers are not simply searching for premium products, they are seeking experiences that recognise their individual needs.

Hair loss and thinning have also become increasingly important conversations within modern haircare. Once considered a concern primarily associated with ageing, hair health issues are now being discussed more openly among younger generations. Factors such as stress, nutritional deficiencies, lifestyle changes, and environmental pressures have contributed to greater awareness surrounding preventative care. However, experts continue to emphasise that maintaining healthy hair requires a holistic approach. While specialised treatments and products can support hair quality, factors such as balanced nutrition, sufficient sleep, stress management, and overall health remain equally important. Hair is closely connected to the body's internal condition, and deficiencies in key nutrients such as protein, iron, zinc, and certain vitamins may affect its strength and appearance.





Biohacking for Better Health

SMALL LIFESTYLE CHANGES WITH LASTING BENEFITS



The pursuit of better health has taken on new meaning in recent years. While the foundations of wellbeing continue to rest upon balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, and sufficient sleep, an increasing number of people are exploring new ways to optimise both body and mind. This growing curiosity has brought biohacking into the mainstream, transforming what was once considered a niche movement into a modern wellness philosophy centred on making small, intentional lifestyle changes that support long term health.

Despite its futuristic name, biohacking is not solely about advanced technology or experimental treatments. At its core, it is the practice of understanding how the body responds to everyday habits and making informed adjustments to improve overall wellbeing. For some, this means tracking sleep patterns through wearable devices, while others focus on nutrition, recovery, or stress management. Rather than pursuing quick fixes, biohacking encourages sustainable habits that work in harmony with the body's natural rhythms. One of the most accessible forms of biohacking is the use of wearable technology. Smartwatches and fitness trackers have evolved far beyond counting daily steps, now providing valuable insights into heart rate and recovery.



Sleep has also emerged as one of the defining pillars of modern biohacking. Once regarded simply as a period of rest, quality sleep is now widely recognised as essential for physical recovery, cognitive performance, hormone regulation, and emotional wellbeing. As understanding has grown, many people have embraced habits designed to improve sleep quality, including maintaining consistent bedtime routines, reducing evening exposure to electronic screens, and creating calm, comfortable sleeping environments.

Cold therapy has likewise gained momentum among those seeking to improve recovery and resilience. Practices such as cold showers, ice baths, and contrast therapy are increasingly incorporated into wellness routines, particularly by athletes and fitness enthusiasts. Research suggests that controlled exposure to cold temperatures may help reduce muscle soreness following exercise while promoting alertness and mental focus. However, healthcare professionals also advise that these practices should be approached with caution and may not be appropriate for everyone, particularly individuals with certain cardiovascular conditions.

Nutrition remains a fundamental component of the biohacking movement. Rather than promoting restrictive diets or short lived wellness trends, many advocates encourage mindful eating patterns that provide sustained energy and support long term health. Approaches such as intermittent fasting have attracted considerable attention, with some research suggesting potential benefits for metabolic health and insulin sensitivity. Nevertheless, experts continue to emphasise that fasting is not suitable for every individual and should be considered in the context of personal health, lifestyle, and nutritional requirements.



Recovery has become another defining aspect of contemporary wellbeing. Increasingly, people recognise that progress is achieved not through constant activity alone, but by allowing the body sufficient time to repair and adapt. Stretching, mobility exercises, meditation, breathing techniques, and scheduled periods of rest are now regarded as essential components of a balanced lifestyle rather than optional additions. This evolving perspective reflects a broader understanding that recovery supports both physical performance and mental resilience.



Mental wellbeing also occupies an important place within the biohacking philosophy. Chronic stress can influence sleep, concentration, immunity, and overall health, prompting many individuals to incorporate mindfulness practices, breathing exercises, and digital boundaries into their daily routines. Rather than attempting to eliminate stress entirely, these approaches encourage healthier responses that promote emotional balance and long term wellbeing. Together, these small yet consistent habits can contribute to greater resilience and improved focus.



Despite its growing popularity, experts caution against viewing biohacking as a collection of shortcuts or miracle solutions. Social media often highlights extreme routines and expensive technologies, creating the impression that better health requires constant optimisation. In reality, scientific evidence consistently demonstrates that lasting wellbeing is built upon the fundamentals of healthy living. Regular physical activity, balanced nutrition, restorative sleep, and effective stress management continue to deliver the greatest benefits for most people.



The Science of Happiness

SMALL HABITS THAT CAN IMPROVE EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

Happiness is often associated with major life achievements, career success, financial security, or significant milestones. Yet growing psychological research suggests that lasting happiness is less about extraordinary moments and more about the small choices people make each day. While life inevitably presents challenges and uncertainty, everyday habits can have a meaningful influence on emotional wellbeing, helping individuals build resilience, maintain a positive outlook, and experience a deeper sense of fulfilment.

Modern science has transformed our understanding of happiness, revealing that it is not simply an emotion but a complex interaction between biology, behaviour, relationships, and environment. Although genetics and life circumstances play a role, researchers increasingly agree that daily routines and lifestyle choices contribute significantly to overall wellbeing. Rather than pursuing perfection, the emphasis has shifted towards cultivating sustainable habits that support both mental and emotional health over time. One of the most influential contributors to happiness is the quality of our relationships. Family, friendships, and supportive social connections provide emotional security and a sense of belonging.



Acts of kindness have also emerged as a powerful contributor to happiness. Whether offering support to a friend, volunteering within the community, or performing simple gestures of generosity, helping others can create a lasting sense of purpose and satisfaction. Research suggests that kindness not only benefits those who receive it but also enhances the emotional wellbeing of those who give, strengthening social bonds while fostering empathy and connection. Quality sleep plays an equally important role in emotional balance. During sleep, the brain processes memories, regulates emotions, and restores both physical and mental energy. Insufficient or disrupted sleep has been linked to increased stress, irritability, and difficulty concentrating, making restorative sleep an essential component of overall wellbeing. Establishing consistent bedtime routines, reducing evening exposure to electronic devices, and creating a calm sleeping environment can all contribute to healthier sleep patterns. Gratitude has likewise become an area of growing interest within psychological research.



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