



NEW PEUGEOT ICOCKPIT / 12,3" DIGITAL HEAD UP CLUSTER DISPLAY / ADVANCED GRIP CONTROL From effervescent city roads to the paths unexplored, the all-new Peugeot 3008 SUV will get you there with absolute style and dynamism thanks to its innovative design and engineering. If you've been looking for the best SUV, you've found it.





**ALL-NEW PEUGEOT 3008 SUV** FROM RM142,888 (OTR without insurance)

MOTION & EMOTION

3 years Manufacturer's Warranty + contract of 2 additional years of warranty coverage by the Manufacturer. 5 years or 120,000km whichever comes first.

**PEUGEOT** 

NASIM SDN BHD (441264-U) PEUGEOT CARELINE : 1-800-88-6292

PENANG · Peugeot Butterworth (04-332 2001 / 7001) · Peugeot Bukit Mertajam (04-588 6001) · Peugeot Penang (04-240 2001) · PERAK · Peugeot Ipoh (05-5278 900 / 199) · Peugeot Taiping (05-8477 295) · PAHANG Peugeot Kunton (09-515 6666) • SELANGOR • Peugeot Kota Damonsora (03-6157 868) • Peugeot Setia Alam (03-3343 8001) • Peugeot Kojang (03-8741 9088 / 9188 / 9288) • Peugeot Clemmarie (03-5566 3782) • Peugeot Petoling Jaya (03-7954 2490) • Peugeot Puchong (03-8071 1199) • Peugeot Rlong (03-3324 9287) • KUALA LUMPUR • Peugeot Sg. Besi (03-9222 2126) • Peugeot Bangsor (03-2282 5630 / 2284 6627) • NEGGERI SEMBILAN • Peugeot Seremban (06-676 9191) • MELAKA • Peugeot Melaka (06-335 6845) • JOHOR • Peugeot Johor Baharu (07-334 5678) • Peugeot Plentong (07-353 7000) • TERENGGANU • Peugeot Kuda Terengon (09-622 1313) • SABAH • Peugeot Kota Kinabalu (088-439 993) DS AUTOMOBILES SPIRITOF AVANT-GARDE

# NEW DS 5 **DEFY CONVENTIONS**

A POWERFUL EXPRESSION OF STYLE, **CRAFTSMANSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY** 

NOW WITH 5 YEARS FREE SERVICE

DS Wings Grille with DS Monogram | DS LED Vision - Xenon Headlight with DRL | Aviation-inspired Cockpit | Refined Interior with Luxury Craftsmanship | Intuitive Design with Toggle Switches | Denon Hifi System

dsautomobiles.com.m

ocations: **Klang Valley • Gl**enmarie (03 5566 3780/3782) - Puchong (03 8076 1788) - Bangsar (03 2282 5630) tterworth (04 332 2001 / 7001) **Johor •** Plentong (07 351 6778 / 353 7000) - Skudai (07 595 3112) **Melaka •** Malim Jaya (06 335 6845)





DS OWNERSHIP EXCLUSIVES





# CONTENTS March 2018



# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

6 CALENDAR

### 8 ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CITY

We feature key happenings throughout the month.

#### 14 REELVIEW

Let us reel you in with our blockbuster picks for your viewing pleasure.

### **COVER STORY**

### 18 DEBORAH HENRY

Fresh off a photo shoot with KL Lifestyle magazine, we dug deep to find out what makes Deborah Henry the brilliant and caring person that she is.

### **FEATURES**

### 24 WOMEN WHO HAVE INFLUENCED THE WORLD

We pay tribute to the women who have made a difference in the world today.

### **SNIPPETS**

# 26 CLASSIC BOOKS WOMEN SHOULD READ

We have assembled a list of classic books women should read. You're welcome!

### **MAKAN-MAKAN**

### 30 MAKAN-MAKAN WITH THE STARS – LIZA HANIM

A chat with one of Malaysia's top songstresses, Liza Hanim at Beard Brothers' BBQ. This month we went to:

32 SHINJUKU 34 123GASING 36 ANALOG CAFÉ

And we sought after:

38 POKE BOWLS

And ventured to:

**40 GREENWOOD FOOD TRUCK ALLEY** 

Indulged in the sweetness of:

**42 NASI LEMAK DESSERTS** 

### **SHOPPING**

44 FOR HER

45 FOR HIM

**46 MUST-HAVE BAGS** 

### **BEAUTY & HEALTH**

### **48 SMOOCH WAXING STUDIO**

Smooth and clear your body out of any unwanted hair at Smooch Waxing Studio.

### 51 AIRLINK





### March 2018

### **Airport Talk**

Airport MD Speaks	53
Miri readies for Visit Miri Year 2018	54
Prospects looking bright for Naturally Langkawi	58
FlyKLIA.com, the platform for travellers by travellers	62
Travelling made easier with KLIA's many value added services	64
Tallo added tol floor	• •

### **Aviation News**

Wings Air Opens Kuching-Pontianak Route	67
EVA Introduces New Inflight Treats	68
Lounging in Style with American Airlines	68
Wi-Fi set to come onboard British Airways	69
Nordic Experience with Finnair	69
Malaysia Airlines Soars Again with	
Renewed Flight to Brisbane	70
Korean Air Goes to T2 at Incheon	71
Emirates Continue Impressive Growth	72
Europe Gets its First Five-Star Airline	73
Qatar Airways Connects Doha and Penang	74
Cathay Pacific Fresh Routes to Exciting Capitals	75

### **Airport Shopping**

Flying Emporium - Premier Airport Shopping Destination	76
Malaysia Airports' Shopping Campaign	
is a Raging Success!	78

### **Aviation Interview**

Interview with Noormah Mohd Noor	
Chief Executive Officer,	
Express Rail Link (ERL)	79









# CONTENTS March 2018



#### **82 JOLLY KOH**

For this issue, we feature the history and artistic accomplishments of one of Malaysia's most respected modern art pioneers, Jolly Koh.

#### **84 SHAFURDIN HABIB**

Shafurdin, the doyen of watercolour paintings has a flair for capturing picturesque sceneries and heritage sites.

### 86 EXPAT LIVING - CHRISTIAN RECOMIO

We pick the brains of the culinary mastermind behind Sitka Studio and find out his favourite place to dine in Klang Valley besides Sitka, obviously. sites.

### **HOTELS**

We visited:

92 SUNWAY VELOCITY HOTEL

### **LIFESTYLE GUIDE**

102 KL Map

104 Getting Around KL



#### ON THE COVER

### DEBORAH HENRY

Photography - Jayvin / EMP Fashion House Instagram : empfashionhouse

Facebook : EMPfashionhouse

Make-up & Hairstylist - Kean Ruzaini
Instagram : kamek kean

Facebook : kamek.kean
Email : ruzaini.kean@gmail.com
Photoshoot Venue - Fugee School

### Managing Editor / Publisher

Datuk Gary Thanasan gary@mediate.com.my

### General Manager

Lydia Teoh lydia@mediate.com.my

#### Writers

Hiranmayii Awli Mohanan hiran@mediate.com.my

Siti Wajihah Kholil wajihah13@gmail.com

#### Senior Designer

Eyda Faidah eydafaidah86@gmail.com

#### Aviation News / Airlink

Octagon Creative melisa.fly@octagon.com.my

#### How to reach KL Lifestyle

For letters to editor, subscriptions, advertising, news releases and reproduction permission:

# <u>m e d i a</u> t e

31 Jalan Utara 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Tel: +603 7932 0668 Email: editor@mediate.com.my www.kl-lifestyle.com.my

#### Printe

Swan Printing Sdn Bhd Lot 5249, Jalan BS 7/1 Kawasan Perindustrian Serdang 43300, Seri Kembangan, Selangor



### AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATION (Incorporated in Malaysia)

Certification of average net circulation: 73,148 copies (from 1.1.16-31.12.16)

KL Lifestyle is distributed by MPH
Distributor Sdn Bhd and sold at major
bookstores at RM8.80 per copy. It is
also available at all major hotels, KLIA
and Malaysian airports, selected malls,
restaurants, popular cafes and coffee
chains, hair salons and leisure and
entertainment outlets in Kuala Lumpur.
KDN PP 13691/07/2013 (032715)

Endorsed by







# FEELING HOT OR SPICY? GRAB A COOL TEA!



# CALENDAR

# MARCH 2018

SUNDAY WEDNESDAY MONDAY **TUESDAY THURSDAY** FRIDAY FROM LYRICISM TO TRIUMPH MAR 9 - 10 DEWAN FILHARMONIK PETRONAS MY BALLOON FIESTA 2018 MALAYSIA WOMEN MARATHON 2018 15th NEW TALENT EXHIBITION JAN 18 - APRIL 4 SABAH ART GALLERY, KOTA KINABALU DESA PARK CITY PIANO RECITAL-BOBBY CHEN "A MIX OF RUSSIAN" WITH THE KLPAC OCHESTRA CHAMBER CONCERT VIII CHAMBER CONCERT IX AN AFTERNOON WITH MPYO 17 - 19 MARCH 2017 10am-9pm • PWTC, KL DEWAN FILHARMONIK PETRONAS ADVENTURES IN THE MAGICAL KINGDOM

SATURDAY

RUSSIAN BELLS AND EUGENE ONEGIN

LE TOUR DE LANGKAWI 2018



FROM SPAIN WITH LOVE

GRANDEUR AND TRIUMPH



MOZART IN PRAGUE DEWAN FILHARMONIK PETRONAS

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CITY

# MISCELLA

# **NEOUS**

# CLASSICAL



### KAPAS MARANG INTERNATIONAL SWIMATHON

MARCH 1 PULAU KAPAS AND PANTAI KELULUT

The 6.5km swim from Kapas Island to Kelulut Beach in Seberang Marang is a test of endurance, determination and sheer strength.

Tel: +609-623 1553



# MALAYSIA WOMEN MARATHON 2018

MARCH 4 SHAH ALAM

The Malaysia Women Marathon will focus on the celebration of women in the world of running.



### MY BALLOON FIESTA 2018 MARCH 9 - 11

MARCH 9 - 11 DESA PARK CITY

MyBalloonFiesta (formerly Putrajaya International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta) is an annual event that really makes you sit up and take notice. A great way to snap some great travel photos, it takes place in Desa Parkcity and is reminiscent of New York's Adirondack Hot Air Balloon Festival. Expect to see lots of colourful, teardrop-shaped balloons, as well as some outrageous, quirkily-shaped ones.



Langkawi (LTdL) this March 3 to 10 is set to cover more than 1,200 km over 8 stages. Organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia and managed by Ciclista Sports Sdn Bhd, this event is classed as a 2HC race in the Asia Tour Circuit. The race is fully sanctioned by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and the Asian Cycling Confederation (ACC), featuring again as one of the biggest events on the UCI Asia Tour calendar.

Tel: +603 7832 6064



# RUSSIAN BELLS AND

EUGENE ONEGIN MARCH 3 - 4 DEWAN FILHARMONIK PETRONAS

Inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's poem of the same name, Rachmaninoff's The Bells is one of the composer's favourite compositions and his secular choral masterpiece. The four movements depict different stages of human life – carefree youth, happy adolescence and love, maturity and epilogue. Stanislav Kochanovsky and a cast of leading Russian singers also perform highlights from Eugene Onegin, a lyric opera by Tchaikovsky inspired by Pushkin's novel, in which a selfish hero lives to regret his rejection of a young woman's love.

Tickets: RM100 to RM200

# FROM LYRICISM TO TRIUMPH

MARCH 9 - 10 DEWAN FILHARMONIK PETRONAS

Conductor Michal Nesterowicz brings us Orawa, a short piece by his Polish countryman Wojciech Kilar, as an appetizer to Beethoven's lyrical Fourth Piano Concerto played by Malaysian pianist Bobby Chen. Depicting Joseph Stalin and the grim Stalin years, Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony nevertheless ends exuberantly and is widely considered among the best of the Russian composer's 15 symphonies.

Tickets: RM60 to RM150

09-10

04

8 | KL LIFESTYLE | 9

**ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CITY ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CITY** 

# CLAS



### PIANO RECITAL -BOBBY CHEN MARCH 11 DEWAN FILHARMONIK **PETRONAS**

Join pianist Bobby Chen in an intimate recital setting. Don't miss these affordable and accessible concerts!

Tickets: RM50 to RM70 www.mpo.com.my

CHAMBER **CONCERT VIII** MARCH 13 **DEWAN FILHARMONIK PETRONAS** 

Relax after work and explore the richness and depth of the music repertoire in our Chamber series, featuring MPO musicians performing in small ensembles. Concerts last approximately one hour.



### **GUITAR RECITAL** - CAÑIZARES MARCH 15 DEWAN FILHARMONIK **PETRONAS**

Join Flamenco legend Cañizares in an intimate recital setting.

Tickets: RM50 to RM70 www.mpo.com.my

# SICAL



### FROM SPAIN WITH LOVE

MARCH 16 - 17 DEWAN FILHARMONIK **PETRONAS** 

Our musical trip to Spain begins with Falla's El Amor Brujo Suite, a tale of unrequited Andalusian love. Then, revel as Flamenco legend Cañizares plays Rodrigo's Concerto de Aranguez, a guitar concerto of haunting beauty. Rimsky-Korsakov's brilliantly orchestrated Capriccio Espagnol concludes the Spanish musical tour led by David Giménez.

Tickets: RM60 to RM150 www.mpo.com.my

16-17





### "A MIX OF **RUSSIAN" WITH THE** KLPAC OCHESTRA

MARCH 9 - 11 PENTAS 1, THE KUALA LUMPUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (KLPAC)

After a year of Broadway music, Beethoven and Sudirman, klpac kicks of its 2018 concert season with a bold Russian programme. Music director and resident conductor Lee Kok Leong leads the klpac Orchestra in 'A Mix of Russian' featuring renowned pianist Albert Tiu. With a focus on well-known Russian repertoires such as Mikhail Glinka's Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture, Pyotr llyich Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2 in G Major, Op. 44 and Vasily Kalinnokov's Symphony No. 1 in G Minor, this concert is a rare chance to experience the best of Russian compositions all in one sitting.

Tickets: RM60 and RM100



# WITH MPYO

MARCH 18 **DEWAN FILHARMONIK** PETRONAS

The Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra brings us a delightful afternoon concert. Come and celebrate great symphonic music at Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS, performed by Malaysia's top budding and talented orchestral musicians.

Tickets: RM60 to RM100 www.mpo.com.my

Tickets: RM60 to RM150 www.mpo.com.my

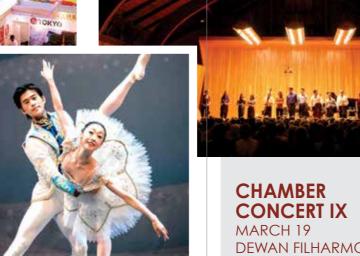


10 KL LIFESTYLE KL LIFESTYLE | 11 **ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CITY ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CITY** 

# PERFORM

# CLASSICAL





### **MATTA FAIR IN KUALA LUMPUR** 2018

MARCH 16 - 18 PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE (PWTC)

MATTA Fair is an annual travel fair that is held nationwide to encourage the public to travel more, either around or outside the country. Organised by the Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA), the fair, which takes place between March and September every year, offers some of the best deals for anything travel-related, such as tours, hotel stays and flight tickets. If you're looking for a cheaper way to travel, you can't go wrong with a visit to this much-awaited fair

### **BALLET ILLUMINATIONS**

MARCH 16 - 25 THE KUALA LUMPUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (KLPAC)

Be captivated and exhilarated as Singapore Dance Theatre's longanticipated Ballet Illuminations Malaysia Tour returns with an exquisite medley of classical and contemporary ballet by awardwinning choreographers.

Tickets: RM38 to RM48

**DEWAN FILHARMONIK PETRONAS** 

Relax after work and explore the richness and depth of the music repertoire in the Chamber series, featuring MPO and MPYO musicians performing in small ensembles. Concerts last approximately one

Tickets: RM30 www.mpo.com.my





**ANCE** 

### **RUTH SAHANAYA** 'LIVE'

MARCH 21 DEWAN FILHARMONIK **PETRONAS** 

Multi award-winning Indonesian singer Ruth Sahanaya has been carving out a well deserved place in the Asian music scene. Now celebrating her stellar 30-year music career, she continues to charm audiences as one of the foremost pop and R&B divas. The concert will feature a mix tunes of her evergreen and latest hits, and is also a tribute to her favourite artistes.





### **ADVENTURES IN** THE MAGICAL KINGDOM MARCH 25

DEWAN FILHARMONIK **PETRONAS** 

The King of the Magical Kingdom of Far, Far Away is in town and invites you to accompany him to a Grand Ball. The guests begin to arrive and we meet Puss in Boots, Robin Hood and encounter some familiar cartoon characters. The Ball commences with the Sleeping Beauty Waltz and then we finish by dancing to some more up-to-date numbers like Be Our Guest. Colours of the Wind, Prince Ali and A Frozen Fantasy.

Tickets: RM50 to RM130



### **MOZART IN PRAGUE** MARCH 30 - 31 **DEWAN FILHARMONIK**

**PETRONAS** 

Beethoven's tragic Coriolan Overture is the musical appetizer to his youthful Second Piano Concerto, played by Malaysian pianist Loo Bang Hean, which features elements from Haydn and Mozart but with imprints of Beethoven's later style. Mozart's Don Giovanni Overture and Symphony No. 38, both written and premiered in Prague, are some of Mozart's most popular pieces. Australian conductor Benjamin Northey returns to Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS to helm these concerts.

Tickets: RM60 to RM150

12 KL LIFESTYLE KL LIFESTYLE | 13

**MARCH** 

# WINCHESTER

MARCH 1

After the sudden death of her family, firearms heiress Sarah Winchester becomes convinced that she's haunted by the souls of those killed by guns. Winchester then decides to build an enormous mansion that's designed to keep the evil spirits at bay. When sceptical psychiatrist Eric Price visits the estate to evaluate her state of mind, he soon discovers that her obsession may not be so farfetched after all.

Genre: Biography / Horror / Mystery Cast: Helen Mirren, Jason Clarke, Sarah Snook, Angus Sampson.



### DEATH WISH MARCH 1

Dr Paul Kersey (Bruce Willis) is a surgeon who only sees the aftermath of Chicago violence as it's rushed into his ER – until his wife (Elisabeth Shue) and college-age daughter (Camila Morrone) are viciously attacked in their suburban home. With the police overloaded with crimes, Paul, burning for revenge, hunts for his family's assailants to deliver justice. As the anonymous slaying of criminals grabs the media's attention, the city wonders if this deadly avenger is a guardian angel...or a grim reaper.

Genre: Action/Crime
Cast: Bruce Willis Vincent D'Onofrio Dean Norris

### RED SPARROW MARCH 2

Dominika Egorova is many things. A devoted daughter determined to protect her mother at all costs. A prima ballerina whose ferocity has pushed her body and mind to the absolute limit. A master of seductive and manipulative combat.

Genre: Thriller Cast: Jenifer Lawrence, Joel Edgerton, Matthias Shoenearts, Jeremy Irons, Mary-Louise Parker, Charlotte Rampling.





# A WRINKLE IN TIME MARCH 8

The film, which is an epic adventure based on Madeleine L'Engle's timeless classic which takes audiences across dimensions of time and space, examines the nature of darkness versus light and ultimately, the triumph of love.

Genre: Adventure/Family/Fantasy Cast: Chris Pine, Reese Witherspoon, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Oprah Winfrey, Mindy Kaling.



### TOMB RAIDER MARCH 15

Lara Croft (Alicia Vikander) is the fiercely independent daughter of an eccentric adventurer who vanished when she was scarcely a teen. Now a young woman of 21 without any real focus or purpose, Lara navigates the chaotic streets of trendy East London as a bike courier, barely making the rent. Determined to forge her own path, she refuses to take the reins of her father's global empire just as staunchly as she rejects the idea that he's truly gone.

Genre: Action Cast: Alicia Vikander, Dominic West, Walton Goggins, Daniel Wu, Derek Jacobi and Kristin Scott Thomas.

# SHERLOCK GNOMES MARCH 22

Garden gnomes, Gnomeo & Juliet, recruit renowned detective, Sherlock Gnomes, to investigate the mysterious disappearance of other garden ornaments.

Genre: Animation / Comedy / Family Cast: Johnny Depp, Emily Blunt, James McAvoy.



# PACIFIC RIM: UPRISING MARCH 22

Follow-up to Guillermo del Toro's 'Pacific Rim'

Genre: Action / Adventure / Science Fiction Cast: Scott Eastwood, Tian Jing, Adria Arjona.





REELVIEW

### READY PLAYER 1 MARCH 29

From filmmaker Steven Spielberg comes the science fiction action adventure "Ready Player One", based on Ernest Cline's bestseller of the same name. The film is set in 2045, with the world on the brink of chaos and collapse.

Genre: Action / Science Fiction / Thriller Cast: Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke, Ben Mendelsohn, T.J. Miller, with Simon Pegg and Mark Rylance.



### MIDNIGHT SUN MARCH 29

Based on the Japanese film, Midnight Sun, it centers on Katie, a 17-year-old sheltered since childhood and confined to her house during the day by a rare disease that makes even the smallest amount of sunlight deadly. Fate intervenes when she meets Charlie and they embark on a summer romance.

Genre: Romance Cast: Belle Thorne, Patrick Schwarzenegger.

MOITS

TAKE

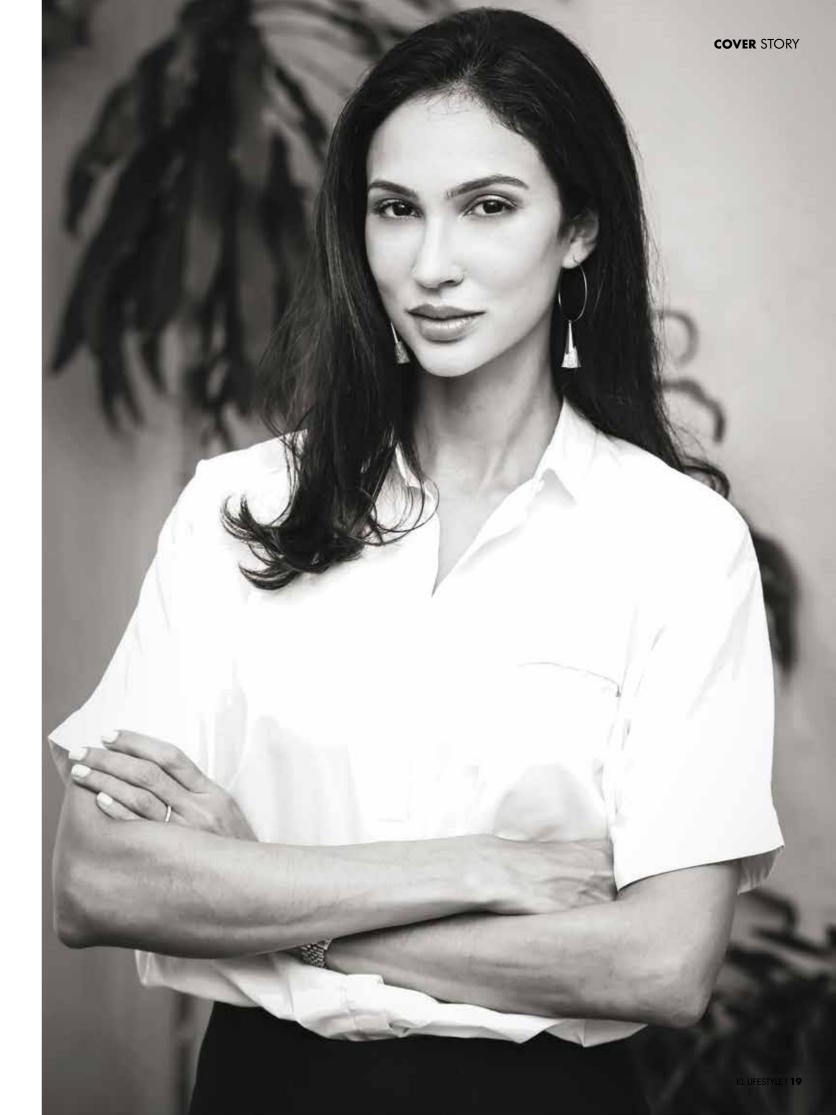


# Deborah Henry PHILANTHROPY AND HER

WORDS BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

She is a former beauty queen.
She is a TV host.

She is the co-founder of Fugee School.
She is a child's rights advocate.
She is a humanitarian.
She is a daughter.
She is a wife.
She is a traveller.
She is a go-getter.
She is Deborah Henry.





### What makes you happiest?

Happiness is like every other emotion. It's a cycle we experience, just like the ups and downs we go through in life. There are times we feel happy and there are also times we feel sad and angry. I think for me, it's being comfortable with the fact that there are days when I'm going to wake up and feel like I woke up on the wrong side of the bed. That helps you not put pressure on yourself to be constantly happy, grateful and thankful for life. The thing that makes me happy is primarily doing what I love, feeling content that I'm making a difference and contributing to the world. Family and good friends also make me happy. It's not quantity but quality; surrounded by the right people and the right support. I feel a zest for life. I love meeting people, travelling and experiencing life. I love doing things that make me feel alive.

### Describe yourself in three words.

Compassionate, independent and passionate.

# Where do you see yourself in the next five years?

Honestly, I've never had five year plan. But I always have an indication of what I would like to do. I'm very much on the same path, it's just different stepping stones. In the work that I do now with education, children and refugee rights, I want to have a more established and solid organisation that deals with these issues not just in Malaysia but around the world. I like to start a movement, initiating different projects and I have placed them under an umbrella named, 'payung'. The idea of 'payung' is that we protect and care for each other. I think the world has forgotten about stepping up and helping a friend or each other. This brings us back to the Malay term 'payung' where it's about the natural human instinct to help someone out. This initiative brings us back to the root cause of why I'm doing what I'm doing. That gives me clarity that I'm on the right track.

### Have you got any personal heroes?

I don't have one in particular. Personal heroes are everyday men and women I look up to who have done something extraordinary in their lives. It's seeing a dad's struggle to make ends meet or a single mum who is a superhero who never complains. It's someone who has a hard life, who never blames the world but instead sees past it and helps others; that to me is very inspiring. People like Oprah Winfrey comes to mind. If you look at her background, you look at what she's done; it's people who have risen above the challenges. Life is difficult for everyone in so many ways, to be able to be a good person and do good in the world is very inspiring for me.

# You love to travel. Which is your favourite holiday destination and why?

I don't have one. There are places that I go back to such as Bali and Phuket, just because they're close. I have always ventured to new places. There are places that hold a special place in my heart such as London where I first began modelling at 18, while Bali has beautiful memories of me and my friends throughout the different stages in my life. I have special memories that I carry from these places. My mum's Irish, so I spent all my summers in Dublin. So when I think about my childhood, I'm reminded of running around the fields with my friends, my cousins, nan and granddad. Generally, I love beaches, I'm a tropical girl. I love the sun and exploring exotic places that the average Malaysian will not travel to. I've been to Lebanon, Croatia and Pagan in Myanmar years before it was commercialised. I like travelling to slightly different places than the norm. My husband and I got married in Udaipur, India. It's nice being able to share that experience with people as well

### What is your everyday style?

My collaboration with Fashion Valet was called Laidback Luxe and I think that describes my style. If I'm not working, you'd see me in flats, loose shirts. Something structured and strong while the pants are soft. My fashion is also reflective of my mood, so it depends on what I'm feeling.

# Walk us through the inception of Fugee School.

It was born out of the very basic principle that all children have the right to education and no child gets left behind. It's regardless of your religion and the colour of your skin because all that we care about is that if you are a child in Malaysia, you deserve to attend school. That's the very core reason why we started the school in 2008. Nelson Mandela once said that "education is the most powerful weapon and it can be used to change the world". My fear is if you deprive refugee children and children in general of an education, we're setting them and the world up to fail. They are the future leaders, aren't they? Malaysia has a literacy rate of almost 95 per cent, so we're high in terms of literacy. There are still pockets of people who fall through the cracks and more so blatantly with stateless children and refugee children where they are absolutely denied a formal education. Hence, institutions like us started very organically to tackle this issue.

# How many students are enrolled at the Fugee School?

We have about 160 refugee students here and 50 more on the waiting list.

# What medium of communication is used here?

All classes are taught in English.

# Can you enlighten us about Tall Poppies and your contribution to Lean In Youth?

My friend Aneesha Veriah and I, have just launched Tall Poppies. We realised that in our work lives and personal lives, a lot of youths are not equipped with a sense of self, personal development and also career consciousness. Having participated in the Miss Malaysia contest, I have interviewed a lot of Miss Malaysia hopefuls and I'm surprised at the quality of communication and how they carry themselves. I realised on a bigger, national scale this is an issue with employers here where youths can't converse. Hence, Aneesha and I decided to start an initiative that is going to help Malaysian youth from all backgrounds but in a fun and cool manner. Tall Poppies is basically an idea that you can shine, be your best, be yourself and that is okay. We are piloting this initiative with Lean In Malaysia because they are also launching their first programme, the Lean In Youth workshop where we will be contributing. Aneesha and I will be focusing on etiquette, how to present yourself; the art of standing out, speaking in public, personal development and on networking.

# How did it feel being listed in Forbes's list of top Asian philanthropists?

I've never used that word to describe myself because it's bizarre to me. It was interesting and strange but most of all, it was nice being recognised for the work you do. But again, it's not so much about that for me. I don't think I've done enough and I have so much more to do.

# What or whom inspired you to be actively involved in humanitarian work?

Personally, it has always been an interest. I remember when I was 14 or 15, sitting on my granddad's lap, I used to ask him about the injustice in the world, and how people allowed the holocaust to happen. I was naturally very interested in these things. When I finished high school and had to think about university and what to study there, I eventually did economics and political science. It really solidified that, this is what I wanted to do. I think it was also the influence of my family. At home, we would discuss and debate about politics, world news, people and everything under the sun. I think it was a few different factors that contributed to my interest in humanitarian works. I was very lucky because when I took part in the Miss Malaysia World pageant, the beneficiary at the time was World Vision and that started my relationship with them. I have been working with them as an advocate, supporting what they do and travelling to their



project sites all around the world. I really believe when it comes to these sort of work, you need to see it. I really encourage being actively involved and getting your hands dirty when it comes to global issues because it really helps and makes a difference.

# Any upcoming projects you are working on?

We have Fujeelah, an accessory line that we launched in November last year. It is basically a social enterprise that aims to provide some skills training to some of our refugee youths and to create a sustainable solution for Fugee School where we are able to sustain the education portion of Fugee School. We launched with jewellery, scarfs and bags and are currently working on a

second collection. Since we launched hastily last year, we really want to focus on our strategy and mapping out the collections to be launched this year. It's pretty exciting. The youths assemble parts of the jewellery, while the scarfs and bags use original artworks that the children create, and we digitise and print it.

# What's one thing that happened to you, that has made you a stronger person?

A lot of things. It's always the trials that make you stronger. One thing that pops in my head is the Miss Universe contest experience as I thought I was going to be placed but I was not. I think it was that moment standing on stage and when they didn't call out your country, it felt like the world opened and you were being

swallowed. I could see a massive shutdown and the Malaysian flag downwhen they didn't call our country. That was very difficult for me. I have had many similar moments and I feel it has strengthened me and taught me to be fearless. They're all building blocks to take you where you need to be.

# What words of wisdom can you share with your fans and followers out there?

Don't do charity, do humanity. It comes back to what I mentioned about oneness and unity. Think about humanity and the human spirit first.

22 | KL LIFESTYLE | 23 KL LIFESTYLE | 23

# Women Who Influenced Our World

### The Power of Women

BY HIRANMAYII AWII MOHANAN

WOMEN POWER IS A FORMIDABLE FORCE. THIS WOMEN'S DAY, WE PAY TRIBUTE AND TAKE OUR HATS OFF TO THESE DYNAMIC WOMEN WHO HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD.

### **OPRAH WINFREY**

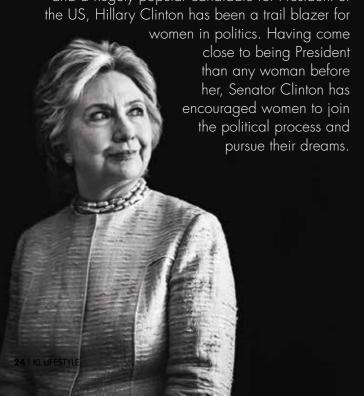
Rising from poverty to become the first African-American woman billionaire, Oprah Winfrey embodies the American dream. Through television, movies, book, and radio she speaks to women the world over. CNN and Time have called her "arguably the most influential woman in the world". Through book recommendations, philanthropic activities, human rights awareness, and political activity, Oprah influences women around the world.



### HILLARY CLINTON

and a hugely popular candidate for President of

As First Lady of the United States, a US Senator,



### **CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR**

Currently working as CNN's chief international consultant, Christiane Amanpour is most widely known for her up-close coverage of the Middle East,

beginning with the Gulf War in 1990. She is widely recognised as one of the most influential international correspondents in the world, due partly to her willingness to report from dangerous situations, usually in wartorn areas.



### **SONIA GANDHI**

Sonia Gandhi is the former president of the Indian National Congress and leader of the United Progressive Alliance. Her position in government was one of the highest offices in the world's second most populous nation (the most populous democratic nation). Gandhi would have been the Prime Minister of India, except that in a surprise move she turned down the position when it was offered to her, choosing instead to retain her position in the nation's legislature.

### INDRA NOOYI

As the CEO of PepsiCo, the world's 4th largest food and beverage company, Indra Nooyi has won back-to-back listings as "World's Most Powerful Woman". In addition to serving as PepsiCo's CEO, Nooyi was instrumental in the establishment of Yum! Brands, which now operates Taco Bell, KFC, Pizza Hut, Long Iohn Silver's, and A&W Restaurants. Yum! Brands is currently listed as a Fortune 500 company and is the world's largest fast food corporation.



Having fought courageously for human rights and democracy, Suu Kyi iwas awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991. She is the leader of the National League for Democracy in Myanmar, and was imprisoned by the country's military dictatorship off-and-on since July of 1989 until 2010. Advocating non-violent resistance in the tradition of Mohandas Gandhi and Dr Martin Luther King, Jr., Suu Kyi had refused to accept freedom in exchange for banishment from her country. In the 2015 elections, she led the National League for Democracy to a majority win in Myanmar's first openly contested election in 25 years. Subsequently, she was appointed as State Councillor, a position akin to a Prime Minister.





### **JK ROWLING**

A British author known for the Harry Potter series, which have sold more than 400 million copies worldwide and won numerous awards, JK Rowling has become one of the world's most successful and influential novelists. Aside from her literary work, Rowling has established and contributed to charitable organisations to fight poverty and social inequality throughout the world. Taking inspiration from real events in her own life, including her school days, the death of her mother, and struggles in her personal and professional life, JK Rowling was inspired to write the story of Harry Potter, a young boy growing up under difficult circumstances who suddenly finds himself being invited to attend a magical school. The succeeding books (seven in total) have become some of the most beloved and successful (and controversial) in the world. She is the first person in the world to become a billionaire (in US dollars) just from authoring books. Since becoming so wealthy, Rowling has donated funds to several different charities, especially in the areas of poverty and multiple sclerosis (the disease from which her mother died). Her contributions. as well as her volunteer work. have been an example to millions of young readers.

**FEATURES FEATURES** 

# Must-Read Classics for Women

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

# 2. Jane Eyre

Pecola Breedlove, a young black girl, prays every day for beauty. Mocked by other children for the dark skin, curly hair, and brown eyes that set her apart, she yearns for normalcy, for the blond hair and blue eyes that she believes will allow her to finally fit in. Yet as her dream grows more fervent, her life slowly starts to disintegrate in the face of adversity and strife. This is the story of the nightmare at the heart of her yearning and the tragedy of its fulfilment

1. The Bluest Eye

Author: Toni Morrison

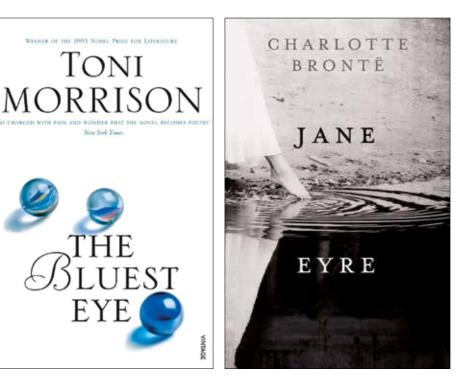
TONI

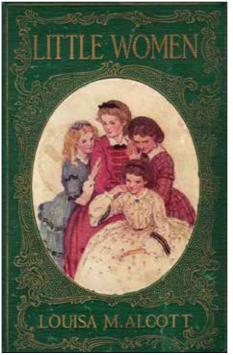
# **Author: Charlotte Bronte**

A novel of intense power and intrigue, Jane Eyre has dazzled generations of readers with its depiction of a woman's quest for freedom. Having grown up an orphan in the home of her cruel aunt and at a harsh charity school, Jane Eyre becomes an independent and spirited survivor - qualities that serve her well as aoverness at Thornfield Hall. But when she finds love with her sardonic employer, Rochester, the discovery of his terrible secret forces her to make a choice. Should she stay with him whatever the consequences or follow her convictions, even if it means leaving her beloved?

### 3. Little Women **Author: Louisa May Alcott**

Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March are four sisters living with their mother in New England. Their father is away serving as a chaplain in the Civil War, and the sisters struggle to support themselves and keep their household running despite the fact that the family recently lost its fortune.





For the avid reader out there, here's a list of six classic books that every woman should read.

### 4. A Wrinkle in Time Author: Madeleine L'Engle

'A Wrinkle in Time' is the story of Meg Murry, a high-school-aged girl who is transported on an adventure through time and space with her younger brother Charles Wallace and her friend Calvin O'Keefe to rescue her father, a gifted scientist, from the evil forces that hold him prisoner on another planet. At the beginning of the book, Meg is a homely, awkward, but loving girl, troubled by personal insecurities and her concern for her father, who has been missing for over a year.

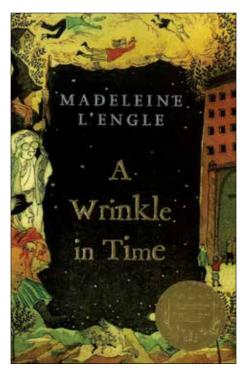
### 5. To Kill a Mockingbird Author: Harper Lee

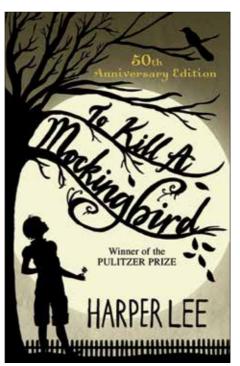
'To Kill a Mockingbird' is primarily

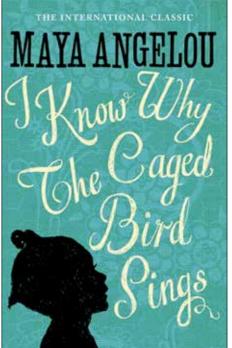
a novel about growing up under extraordinary circumstances in the 1930's in the southern United States. The story covers a span of three years, during which the main characters undergo significant changes. Scout Finch lives with her brother Jem and their father Atticus in the fictitious town of Maycomb, Alabama. Maycomb is a small, closeknit town, and every family has its social station depending on where they live, who their parents are, and how long their ancestors have lived in Maycomb. A widower, Atticus raises his children by himself, with the help of kindly neighbours and a black housekeeper named Calpurnia. Scout and lem almost instinctively understand the complexities and machinations of their neighbourhood and town. The only neighbour who puzzles them is the mysterious Arthur Radley, nicknamed Boo, who never comes outside. When Dill, another neighbour's nephew, starts spending summers in Maycomb, the three children begin an obsessive — and sometimes perilous — quest to lure Boo outside.

### 6. I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings Author: Maya Angelou

Here is a book as joyous and painful, as mysterious and memorable, as childhood itself. 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings' captures the longing of lonely children, the brute insult of bigotry, and the wonder of words that can make the world right. Maya Angelou's debut memoir is a modern American classic beloved worldwide. Sent by their mother to live with their devout, self-sufficient grandmother in a small southern town, Maya and her brother, Bailey, endure the ache of abandonment and the prejudice of the local "powhitetrash". At eight years old and back at her mother's side in St. Louis, Maya is attacked by a man many times her age—and has to live with the consequences for a lifetime. Years later, in San Francisco, Maya learns that love for herself, the kindness of others, her own strong spirit, and the ideas of great authors ("I met and fell in love with William Shakespeare") will allow her to be free instead of imprisoned.







26 | KL LIFESTYLE KL LIFESTYLE | 27



STORE HOUR:
TUESDAY-SUNDAY (11:00 - 20:00)
MONDAY (DAY OFF)
NO.150, JALAN MAAROF, BANGSAR, 59200 KUALA LUMPUR | 03 2201 8993 | FB: FACEBOOK.COM/SPECIALIZED.KL





One of Malaysia's most respected songstresses, Liza Hanim, is finally back making major waves across the nation. Her much anticipated comeback single entitled Mimpi, is soaring her name again in the music industry, following her win as the first runner-up in the country's fiercest singing competition, Gegar Vaganza 4 (GV4) in December last year.

Being the first ever to win the award of Vokal Terbaik (Best Vocalist) in Anugerah Juara Lagu 2002 with her hauntingly beautiful ballad Gelisah Mimpi, as well as many other prestigious awards from the music industry, her perfect pitch makes her one legendary performer whose voice remains in the hearts of many of her fans to date. KL Lifestyle was at Beard Brothers' BBQ to eat and chat with the very down-to-earth vocal queen herself.

### Being a ballad singer, who is your forever singing role model?

Celine Dion and Whitney Houston. They are pure talent. The queen of power vocals of the 1980's and 90's. The fact that they had gone through so many stages to be where they are as legends, though Whitney's ending was tragic. Like Celine being an evergreen star and Whitney leaving behind her legacy, both of them had made sacrifices in the name of music and their love for singing.

### What is the difference between being a singer in the 1990's and today?

I started singing very young. It was straight after high school. I was still studying in college when my first album came out. At the time I was living away from my parents for the first time in a hostel. You can imagine how stressful it was for me. There was a lot of hardship. I had to learn the hard way. I had to learn to be a singer and how to entertain people on my own as there was no one to help or guide me.

Singers today are lucky as most come from singing competitions and they received training prior to their debut. Their competition platform is watched by the masses. So win or lose, they are immediately known. Whereas back in the 90's, I was in a competition where only a quarter of the country watched. For us, we still had to build up our name even after we won a competition. But I am glad that I am from the 90's era because it made me appreciate my singing career more and it made me a stronger person.

### Brief summary of your experience in Gegar Vaganza 4.

GV4 was stressful but I do miss it sometimes. A lot of things happened, bad and good. In a nutshell, GV4 changed me. I never thought that my experience in the competition would affect me so much. I have my own company which is LH Media, and my four kids to commit to. So I thought I shouldn't participate. With the support of my husband, Shah, I decided to join anyway. I am grateful to be first runner-up, but the result that came after winning GV4 was so much more than just having me make a comeback. It changed me personally and my outlook on life.

### Let's talk about your single. What is the song about?

My single is called Mimpi which was finally out in late February. The song is composed by Hafiz Hamidun and the lyrics written by Fedtri Yahya. This song has been in the backburner for more than a year. I first recorded it in April 2016, but I wasn't happy with it. So I wanted to re-record it, which I wasn't able to do until December 2017. The setback was due to my commitment with LH Media and my participation in GV4.

This song is a heart-breaking ballad about losing a loved one. It is a love story about a couple who just got married, but one of the partners is dying. So the song expresses the feelings of the partner who is about to lose his or her loved one at such an early phase of their marriage. They have just experienced the bliss of marriage but suddenly it all falls apart and you are waiting for the moment for the other to go. It's a very sad ballad.

### What is your favourite food? What attracted you to Beard Brothers' BBQ?

I'm a sweet tooth. I love desserts and chocolates. Anything cake-y. But I also really love meat. The cave woman in me was awoken seeing all the meat pictures on Beard Brothers' BBQ Instagram. The pictures show the beef just glistening with its juice and a side of mashed potato as well as all the condiments that accompany it. I've tasted delicious meat before, but with Beard Brothers' BBQ, I know that it'll taste even better just by looking at the pictures. When I saw their Instagram, I knew that I had to come here. Thanks to a dear friend of mine who has eaten here before with her friends. She was the one who told me about it. She made me crave for the meat here.

### What do you like about Beard Brothers' BBQ? Favourite meat?

It's amazing how you can just use a wooden fork and spoon to eat your meat here. The meat here are all tender as it's cooked for 14 hours by firewood. They monitor the temperature closely. That's dedication. They tenderise the meat to that extent. I first wondered, why wooden fork and spoon? True enough, they know their food and what they serve. You don't need any steel knife to cut through your meat because that's how tender it is. No struggle whatsoever.

We had the melt-in-the-mouth lamb, savoury beef ribs and delicious barbeque chicken with Alabama sauce. But my top favorite of all the meat is of course, the brisket. The smokiness and tenderness of the brisket is just, Wow! Too delicious. I have no more words. If you want something very meaty, come here! To me, you can't get it any meatier than this.



30 | KL LIFESTYLE | XL

DINING IDEAS

DINING IDEAS





Shrimp Tempuro

# SHINJUKU

Affordable quality Japanese delicacies

BY SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL





Cod Fish Teppanyaki Soft-crab Shell Rol

or the past few decades, Japanese cuisine has become a strong contender in the Malaysian food culture. With a wide variety of gastronomical delights, it has become a go-to food option when it comes to eating out. However, finding good quality Japanese food within a price range that is most affordable is a challenge. It is either you come across a very good quality Japanese restaurant with expensive dishes or cheap that are of low quality. However, there is an eatery that serves good-quality Japanese cuisine without having to stretch your pockets so much. The name is Shinjuku.

Shinjuku has been in operation a few years. Therefore, it is quite new in its location The Curve. The restaurant is inspired by the famous iconic destination, Shinjuku Garden and Train Station, in Japan and specifically focuses on Japanese cuisine. The restaurant ensures to deliver the freshest of ingredients when producing dishes like the favourites favourites such as sushi, sashimi, tempura, ramen and more.

One of their dishes that won my heart over is their mixed sashimi. The dish was presented beautifully on a what looked like a bowl of weaved bamboo basket. The sashimi was skilfully sliced and plated elegantly accompanied by sliced cucumber and lemon. The good thing about the mixed sashimi platter is that you get a little taste of each. The platter consists of salmon, smoked salmon, tuna, octopus and amberjack.

My first target was of course, the salmon followed by the smoked salmon sashimi. As expected, these two were my top favourites. Though raw, these were surprisingly tasty. Dip it in their special sweet sauce (upon request) and feel your taste buds awaken. After the salmon and smoked salmon sashimi, my other favourite

was the octopus. Though thinly sliced, its meat texture felt thick and satisfying to eat. What I loved most was that the sashimi was not fishy at all. So I was able to finish it. All of it. When it comes to sashimi, the key is its freshness. It is of utmost importance that it is as fresh as possible to avoid any risk of contamination. Shinjuku did just that.

If you are not a fan of raw food and prefer something that is cooked and delicious, no worries as there is a dish that is the perfect choice which I highly recommend, the cod fish teppanyaki. With a slight crisp of the side skin and soft golden meat glazed with its teppanyaki sauce, every bite is a pleasure. Savoury with a slight sweetness along with the amazing texture, you will not be putting your chopsticks down. Out of all the dishes, this dish suits the Malaysians taste buds the most.

Now let us get to the most globally popular lapanese cuisine that has the entire world fallen in love madly with, sushi. This is a delicacy that is unique as it is mainly made with Japanese rice that has been seasoned with rice vinegar, but it is the stuffing that differs. Out of the choices of sushi at Shinjuku, the one with the taste that is most memorable is the soft-carb roll This dish is best eaten immediately after it is being served because of the fried soft-crab shell. It gives you this powerful crunch when eaten and it could really make an impact to the Japanese cuisine experience. It was just so delicious. Other sushi top picks that are value for your money in my book are the aburi salmon roll and unagi roll.

When it comes to the fried dishes amongst various Japanese delicacies, the first that always comes to mind is the tempura. This is definitely a must for fried food lovers. Shinjuku sure knows how to make a good batter as the finished product gives off the

perfect crunch to every bite. The pale golden colour and the crispy-look on the shrimp's tail makes it so hard to resist. Amongst all the fried items, the fried shrimp tempura is a must-try.

lapan is known for its range of innovative desserts. As for me, I prefer something simple. Ice cream is considered one of Japan's favourite treats, especially in summer. Malaysia is summer all the time, so this is the dessert that I am sure everybody can relate to, appreciate and enjoy. It is very safe for me to say that one should get a bite out of dessert that has the soft wafer shell with a thin layer of chocolate packed with a load of ice cream. It is creamy yet airy at the same time. Light, easy to eat and the chocolate really gives that snap effect in every single bite.

There are other dishes one could explore and word has it that the sukiyaki and beef roll are also reasons why patrons keep going to Shinjuku. I was supposed to try the beef roll but unfortunately it was sold out. For some reason, I have the urge to visit again because I feel like it is a must-try. There is a wide variety of dishes to suit your preference, from raw to fried to rice rolls to noodles, Shinjuku has it all.

In terms of atmosphere, I really like how the interior incorporated a lot of the Japanese style eatery. Wooden furniture, hues of brown, Sakura tree wallpaper at the edge of the wall, hanging lanterns and semi-open window to the kitchen, all give off that traditional Japanese eatery feel. Even though there is a small touch of contemporary, it is more traditional, so it feels as if you have been transported to old town Japan.



# 123Gasing

SERVING THE TASTES OF HOME

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

123, Jalan Gasing, Seksyen 10, 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Tel: 03 – 7932 1979 smile is immediately etched on our faces for its playful yet industrial-esque interior design. Not to mention, every nook and crevice in the café is the perfect backdrop for an Instagram. The inception of 123Gasing traces back to four friends- an interior designer, a contractor and another two friends from the F&B industry- and their dream to open up a casual café.

name 123Gasing, a

Its interior is warm, homey and possesses an ever-inviting ambience worthy of those photography uploads to Instagram. The founders of 123Gasing intended to portray this establishment as a cosy place where people of all demographics can wander into and just feel at home. 123Gasing's façade is intriguing to say the least with a mobile cart (serving as a coffee-cum-kitchen counter) greeting its customers, and ingenious placings of antiquities and artsy murals to embellish the café.

Don't let its modest exterior fool you. Only when you step into the heart of the restaurant will you realise that it is very commodious. There are different sections to the café, one where the hues are more vibrant, another section sees the walls adorned with paintings, a bookshelf filled with books and board games for patrons to use, witty quotes on the walls, comfy sofas for long chats with friends, long communal tables fit for a big family gathering and even tall tables and chairs at the inner corner for those who need to work without being disturbed. It became more evident to us that the owners had put a lot of thought into the interior design of 123Gasing to serve its purpose as a watering hole for many millennials and those of other ages too.

Having tried their food, we can honestly say that the fare at 123Gasing is the epitome of casual, comfort food. The Watermelon Salad was extraordinary and distinct. It was the most refreshing appetizer to consume on a sultry day. The visually appealing salad was elaborated with cubes of feta cheese, pine nuts and mint leaves, a perfect burst of stimulating

The next item we highly recommend is the Duck Breast, a well-received Christmas special dish that retained on the menu. With slight modifications to this dish, it quickly became one we sinfully indulged in for its distinct piquancy. The duck breast was sliced and its tender meat was drizzled with orange sauce which we found fascinating and zesty. To embellish this item were slices of juicy peaches on a bed of salad. Believe us when we say, you do not want to miss this culinary experience.

It is noteworthy that most of the items at 123Gasing are homemade, from the brioche buns for burgers, pesto sauce for a Penne Pasta to the desserts this establishment is famed for. Speaking of the Penne Pasta, its base is a pesto sauce made from scratch using basil and pine nuts. The taste, c'est incroyable! The

flavours of this pasta evoke a feeling of serenity and comfort. Meanwhile, my colleague dug ardently into 123Gasing's bestseller, Deep-Fried Chicken Chop. Akin to a classic chicken chop, it embodies the elements that makes a Chicken Chop complete, such as the blanched carrot and cucumber which are bathed in olive oil and potatoes. However, do take note that they break the norm of serving mashed potatoes. Instead, the deep-fried chicken chop sits on a bed of whole potatoes.

While it's rather difficult to attain good pumpkin soup, this café does justice to this classic dish and more. A sumptuous ocean of pumpkin was garnished by almond flakes for a slight crunch and served with slightly toasted white bread to dip in. It was a glorious dish to relish in. Should you yearn for something fancier, to treat yourself, we recommend the 123Gasing Beef Burger which is affordably priced and delectable to boot. Patrons may place requests for the cooking of the patty, whether well done or medium rare.

To end your culinary journey at 123Gasing, it is only right that you order dessert, something they are renowned for. Be it the Chocolate Monster, Carrot Cake or Nutella Cheese Cake, we assure you that you will leave this establishment on endorphins.

34 | KL LIFESTYLE KL LIFESTYLE | 35

# ANALOG CAFÉ

For coffee, food and chill

BY SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL

127, Jalan SS 17/1A, Ss 17, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor



offee drinking has become a lifestyle today, not just in countries in the West but in Malaysia as well. This resulted in the emergence of cafes around the country, especially in the Klang Valley. Many cafes compete with various themes and concepts to make it different from others. However, hidden at the corner of Jalan SS27/1A stands a cosy family-owned café called Analog

Lucy Juicy Burge

Their food speaks for itself. The Chicken Pesto was superb! As a person who is fussy over sandwich breads, Analog did a very good job. The sourdough bread is made in-house and toasted to perfection, giving you a pleasant crunch out of every bite. The combination of the pesto and Greek yoghurt infused into the pores of the inner sides of the bread, accompanied by tender chicken bits, makes it even tastier. What impressed me the most is the ration of the ingredients

within the sandwich. It was well balanced. Nothing was overshadowing anything so you can taste a bit of everything in synergy. There are other sandwiches as well which are just as delightful such as the Monte and Sloppy Joe.

The sandwiches are filling but if you would like something slightly heavier, opt for the burgers. If you are meat lover, the Lucy Juicy would be a great pick. Interesting choice of name right? So what is the Lucy Juicy burger? It is a home-made Briorche bun packed with mouthwatering double beef patty, topped with melted cheddar cheese and wild rocket. The beef though, exactly like its name, is juicy! I really love the savoury combination and it also has a tad of sweetness from the caramelised onions and a slight tang from the honey mustard. The tang sort of gives you a little spark to your palate making you want to continue eating. So you end up finishing it. Well, at least I did

An item that caught my attention was the Supreme Wrap. The wrap looks similar to a thin pizza crust though. The texture is somewhat between soft and crispy. The inside is filled with pesto, tomato slices. salad, beef bacon, mozzarella cheese and Siracha mayo. What struck me most was the thickness of the beef bacon slices. It was thicker than the usual beef bacon slices, which was great! You can actually savour the taste of the beef bacon rather than it being just a meaningless existential protein in the dish. However, do note that it comes in a generous portion. Therefore, it is a great dish to share with your family or friends.







There are other food items you can choose from. The menu is simple, but it is better in a way as a limited number of items enable more focus on the quality of the offerings. You may want to try their pastas such as the Vege Pasta, Beef Olio and Creamy Chicken Pesto. If your staple food is rice, you should check out their rice bowl set such as the Chicken Rice Bowl and Beef Rice Bowl. Do note that their pasta and rice sets are available as a lunch set menu between 12.00pm and 2.30pm. From bagels to waffles to other assorted desserts and pastries such as Apple Pie and Swedish Cinnamon Rolls, yummy!

Since the Analog is a café, of course it would not operate without its range of coffee. After talking to the owners, I felt so much respect for their integrity and perseverance. From starting up the café all the way to producing their food items, they made it all from scratch. Even with their coffee, research is done to ensure that the

customers are offered the best of quality and premium coffee. They take note of the origin of every batch of coffee beans even to the extent of knowing the height and location of the tree. That shows dedication. Be it a cup of latte, cappuccino or espresso, you can expect flavourful coffee. It is no wonder that patrons from all walks of life cannot get enough and keep coming back.

What is it about this café that stands out? It is the fact that it does not try to stand out is the reason why it stands out. Oh, the irony. When I asked the owner with regards to the concept, apparently it is a no-concept concept. Meaning that the interior was not comprehensively planned prior to the establishment of the café. They kick-started it and along the way, made trials and errors with different types of interior. They experimented with what works and what does not.

The interior features an idyllic-style décor with refined hand-crafted wood furniture.

Warm tones of the founders' personal collection items add cosiness to the overall atmosphere. Hanging greens give a bit of colour and the dim light bulbs on the ceiling adds warmth to the space. Some of the items are as random as a ping pong table, which is no longer there, to now a random timeworn salon chair, but it works!

Analog Café embodies the current lifestyle trend whereby busy customers come to enjoy their 'me' time. A lot of patrons visit as a means of escapism from their hectic working life to simply enjoy a cup of coffee and/or a meal without being disturbed. According to the owners, it has also somehow become a social space where sometimes the regulars who are strangers would interact with one another. So some of the regulars have come to know each other. Whether it is a time spent alone or with your friends, you know you can always chill at the Analog Café.

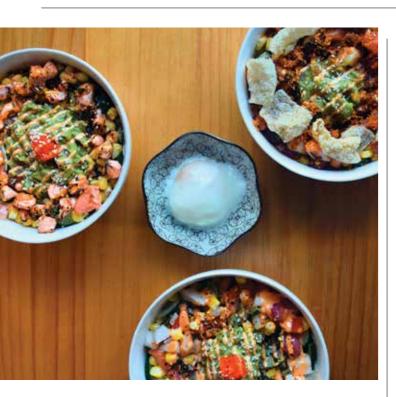
36 | KL LIFESTYLE | 37

**FOOD HUNT FOOD HUNT** 

# THE BEST POKE BOWLS IN THE CITY

Our recent quest for the best Poke Bowls in the Klang Vallley was fruitful indeed; it presented us with the best four eateries that offer mouth-watering Poke Bowls.

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN





Not only is Eatomo a purveyor of delectable comfort food, it is also the home of exquisite Poke Bowls. Out of the seven varieties of poke bowls offered, we tried the California Bowl, the Pokelantan Bowl and the Menolikeraw Poke Bowl. Each bowl is distinct, offering something special to its patrons. Take Pokelantan, for example, it is a special dish that combines the flavours of Kelantan and Japan in one bowl. The California Poke Bowl, on the other hand, is their bestseller and our favourite. Its colours are vibrant, consisting of a sea of three different proteins and an island of guacamole. The Menolikeraw Bowl, is as delicious as it comes, and it suits those with discerning palates, who might not like raw salmon.

A2-G2-06 Solaris Dutamas, Jalan Dutamas 1, 50480 Kuala Lumpur.

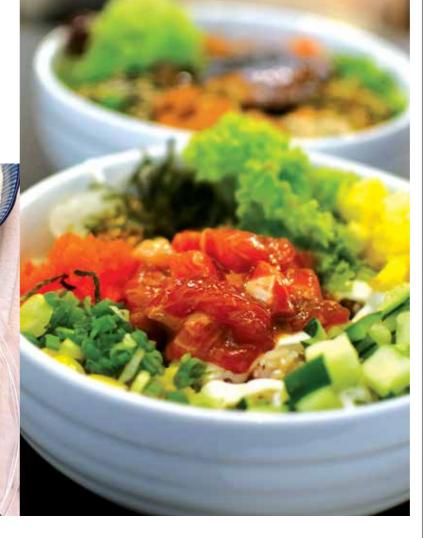




### FIN

Fin is another poke destination we love. Purveying only poke fare, their signature is the Moana which comprises a bed of fresh salmon chunks, accompanied by crunchy and kaleidoscopic colours from the purple cabbage, sweet corn and edamame. This is then embellished with roasted sesame mayo, seaweed and wasabi peas for a hint of spice. Those who keep carbs at bay would appreciate quinoa and salads as options for the base. While not many are fond of salmon, Fin offers a tuna poke bowl by the name OG that fuses the avocado and ahi tuna with soy-based 'Action Bronson' sauce, a bowlful of piquant flavours.

Lot A3, Level G2, Publika Shopping Gallery, No. 1 Jalan Dutamas 1,50480 Kuala Lumpur



### THE FISH BOWL

If you happen upon the Fish Bowl, be sure to try two of its best-sellers, the Shoyu Salmon and Unagi Teriyaki. It does not come as a surprise that the Shoyu Salmon is famed here, given the fact that almost everyone is fond of salmon. The Norwegian salmon here is served immensely tender, a delectable treat to the taste buds, especially when paired with the subtle notes of the Shovu sauce. Should you fancy something more decadent, the Unagi Teriyaki is a must-try. This premium poke bowl renders a grade A Unagi that pairs seamlessly with the Teriyaki sauce. What we appreciate most about the Fish Bowl is that you can create your own poke bowl where you can form a bowl of your favourite ingredients, making the dining experience an even more satisfactory one.

77, Jalan PJS 11/9, Bandar Sunway, 46150 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.



### **KURIN**

Kurin is set out with a goal to widen the accessibility of clean and wholesome food on-the-go for those with a hectic work life and also want to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle. In that respect, this eatery endows upon its patrons sumptuous, buildable poke bowls where customers let their palates be in charge of the condiments. Fresh salmon and tuna are served while for vegetarians, torched tofu substitutes the protein. The Don or poke bowl is then garnished with seaweed flakes, garlic chips, scallions and sesame seeds, a perfect bowl of goodness for the busy metropolitan

Nu Sentral, Lot 5.10, 201 Jalan Tun Sambathan, Brickfields 50470 Kuala Lumpur.

**38** | KL LIFESTYLE KL LIFESTYLE | 39 STREET FOOD HUNT

# THE GREENWOOD FOODTRUCK ALLEY

BY SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL

Street food in Malaysia has evolved to a whole new level. With a vast number of foodtrucks on the rise, urban street dining seems to be the rage of all street food trends. Not only are local delicacies accessible, so are international cuisines. You can now enjoy street food from all cultures.



### **Shell Out**

Shell out is a hit with the locals. Using one's hands to dig into an assortment of seafood delights with family and friends, there's so much merriment in such an experience that no wonder it has become a trend. However, shell out is usually in restaurants but the Malayan Jamboni foodtruck has apparently taken it to the streets. In one dish, one is able to enjoy various seafood such as crabs, shrimp, various shellfish mixed with corn and sausages, smothered in thick special Alabama sauce. Oh the bliss of indulging in the sweet taste of the sea on the street.



### **Takovaki**

The great thing about Malaysia is that while we appreciate almost every type of foreign cuisines that make their way into this country, there's no doubt that Japanese is one of our top favourites. You can find Takoyaki stalls in various places around Kuala Lumpur, but this time Ganbatte foodtruck has taken the liberty to bring it around the streets of the city including here at the Greenwood Foodtruck Alley. The ball-shaped Japanese street food made of wheat flour-base with a choice of diced octopus or other fillings is a popular choice. It's cute, round and deliciously tasty with its generous amount of fish flakes. No wonder it's a street favourite.



### **Char Kuey Teow**

Of course there's also something that is more local for those who crave an Asian delicacy. You can never go wrong with some delicious char kuey teow as the go-to hawker food. Ricecake strips mixed and fried gloriously with egg, beansprouts and chives in the heated wok, its aroma just calls you for it. Some prefer it wet while some prefer it dry, but we can agree that char kuey teow is arguably one of the most popular dishes among Malaysians. This noodle staple from Orang Kita foodtruck is one which you must try.



### **Cheesy Chicken Chips**

There's always something for everyone. If you're a cheese lover, the Western King Café foodtruck may be your preferred choice with a variety of cheesy chicken dishes that is to die for. The Cheesy Chicken Chips is a guilty pleasure that should be popularised in every hawker-style or foodtruck-concept space. Beautiful, tender chicken topped with melted cheese over French fries, brilliant. Other than the Cheesy Chicken Chips, the Cheesy Chicken Nachos is also a hit. There's no reason not to try these mouthwatering western-style street food.



### **Lamb Slider**

For meat lovers, snack food must be difficult for you as most street food are prepared non-meat style. But no worries, the Lamb Story foodtruck has got you covered. One of the its most eye-catching items is the Lamb Slider. Black charcoaled bun with scrumptious shredded lamb, it will surely end the meat cravings you have. Packed with flavours and magnificently tasty in every bite, once you have it you'll come back for more. If a sandwich isn't what you need, they also serve lamb biryani and more.

40 | KL LIFESTYLE | 41

SWEET INDULGENCE

# Nasi Lemak Dessert

### A do or don't? You judge!

BY SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL

Nasi Lemak Dessert. The name itself is already controversial in the Malaysian gastronomical scene. You would be surprised at the kind of desserts Nasi Lemak has transformed into. Is such innovation butchering the traditional cuisine out of a mere viralled trend or is it really delicious to eat? If you are adventurous and you want to see what the hype is all about, why not try it? For all you know, you may even come to like it. So we decided to list you a few and you make the choice, yay or nay?



### Nasi Lemak Crème Brulee

In what universe would anyone turn nasi lemak into a crème brulee. Well, apparently someone did at Ecole P Café. Why? No idea. But no matter, this dessert is a crowd puller and I am sure mainly because it makes people wonder how would a fusion of pandan, santan, a tad bit of ginger and cream would taste like. Topped with berry sambal sauce along with fried anchovies, peanuts and sliced cucumber, it gives a unique taste of a slight-salty mix sweet with a little crunch. I do say that it is a must-try. Where else can you experience this Malay-French dessert? Just here.

Ecole P Café First Floor, 19, Jalan SS21/37 Damansara Utama, Petaling Jaya, Selangor



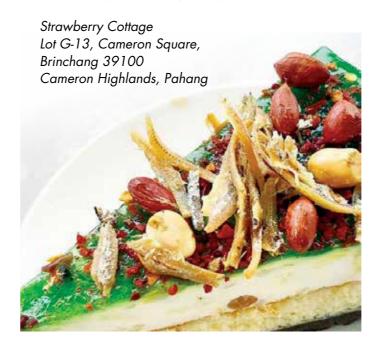
### **Nasi Lemak Cookies**

The Nasi Lemak Cookies are really hard to find in eateries. However, there are many home bakers who take online orders. Be it for a festive season or a gift to someone who loves to munch, these bite size cookies is the way to go. The verdict? It really tastes like nasi lemak. A savoury taste that is familiar to the palate but with a crunchy twist. Order via the Instagram @dhiyasyazana – a home-based baker based in Kajang.

Instagram @dhiyasyazana Located in Kajang WhatsApp +60125666181

### Nasi Lemak Cheesecake

Out of all the strange desserts, the strangest would probably be the Nasi Lemak Cheesecake. Though there have been a few attempts by different eateries, the one that is still withstanding as a popular item, especially amongst tourists, is the one at Strawberry Cottage in Cameron Highlands. A popular item which has incited a lot of curiosity among visitors, the Nasi Lemak Cheesecake mixes fragments of glutinous rice and peanuts, topped with cucumber gelatin, anchovies and sambal. Despite including much of the nasi lemak components in the cheesecake, it is more sweet than it is savoury. In other words, it is more of a cheesecake than it is Nasi Lemak. Some may enjoy it, some may not. This one is a gamble. If you are curious, you should try it for yourself.





### Nasi Lemak Ice Cream

There is a variety of Nasi Lemak Ice Cream available in Malaysia, but the one that has struck the most attention from the locals is the one from Skream Softserve at Tiffz Coffee & Gallery in Kedah. The ice cream is made from lemongrass and coconut milk topped with sambal, egg and cucumber and sprinkled with peanuts and anchovies presented prettily in a cup. The Nasi Lemak Ice Cream here is really a hit with the locals. Rich yet slightly savoury. It may seem bizarre and hard to believe, but it is an absolute delight!

Tiffz Coffee & Gallery 33A, Jalan PSK 1, Pekan Simpang Kuala, Alor Setar, Kedah

42 | KL LIFESTYLE KL LIFESTYLE | 43







THOM BROWNE

Checked Wool Blazer

Checked Attire to Conquer Your Day



MONCLER Rhodium-Plated Coin Bracelet
Joachim Quilted Shell and Leather Sneakers RM1,474.52

RM1,474.52



SUNSPEL
SLIM-FIT COTTON-JERSEY T-SHIRT
RM338.28



CARTIER
Santos De Cartier Aviator-Style Leather
-Trimmed Gold-Plated Sunglasses
RM3,661.34



THOM BROWNE Checked Wool Shorts RM3,963.53

HOTPICKS THEME **BEAUTY PRODUCT** 



6 KL LIFESTYLE

### LADIES' BODY SHAPE: PART I OF VI

An hourglass female silhouette with distinct narrower waistline compared to busts and hips is seen as an ideal figure, and most attractive. Not every woman is blessed with an hourglass figure, nonetheless, we have clothing to help us recreate the womanly silhouette that we desire. Fashion legend, Christian Dior once said, "A dress is a piece of ephemeral architecture, designed to enhance the proportions of the female body."

To do that, first you must figure out what is your natural silhouette, or basic body shape.

Women's natural silhouette can be categorised into five: Rectangle, Apple, Pear, Inverted Triangle and Hourglass. It is defined by the relationship between your shoulders, waist and hips! Follow the tips below to find out which

**Rectangle** – Bust, waist and hips are close to the same size. **Apple** – Top heavy with full bust, waist and upper back. Thin arms, legs and small hips.

Pear – Hips are distinctly larger than waist and bust.

Inverted Triangle – Broad shoulders, larger bust than waist and hips.

Hourglass – Distinct smaller waist than bust and hips. Bust and hips are similar in size.

Follow me at this space to find out how to dress a Rectangle body next month!

Ong Soo Hua Certified Image Consultant, Personal Stylist & Corporate Trainer www.stylebyosh.com

# Benefit Cosmetics

### Laughter is the Best Cosmetic

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Known for beauty breakthroughs that have raised a brow or two, Benefit Cosmetics is a brand that believes in providing its patrons with fast and fabulous beauty solutions. This cosmetic titan has kept its foothold in the industry since 1990 due to its quality of their products, witty product names and the packaging. This beloved brand believes if at first you don't succeed, APPLY MORE LIPSTICK... that SEXY gets you everywhere... and if you can't be good, **BE GORGEOUS**.



Boi-ing Airbrush Concealer RM105 | BADgal Bang! Mascara RM135 | Hello Flawless! Oxygen Wow Liquid Foundation RM190 The POREfessional Face Primer 22ml RM165 | Precisely, My Brow Eyebrow Pencil RM125 | Hoola Bronzer 8.0g RM150

HEALTH & BEAUTY

HEALTH & BEAUTY



BY SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL

emoving unwanted hair in areas that are very behind-the-door, so to speak, is a pesky task to deal with. Even though it is known to the public that waxing is a better choice, yet there is still fear of the pain that comes with waxing. But then again, no pain no gain. If you want what is best when it comes to the removal of body hair, wax!

Most people still do not realise the negative effects of shaving. It promotes ingrown hair and results in the hair being thicker and coarser, making it even more difficult to handle in future. Waxing, though a little painful, removes the root of the hair follicle, weakens it and thus the hair grows slower, lighter and thinner which makes it easier and less painful to rid of in the future.

With today's upgraded wax, experts are also discovering ways in advancing their techniques to make the experience less painful. The barometer of pain from waxing also varies from one individual to another, depending on skin sensitivity and hair type. What is of utmost importance is finding the right specialists with knowledge of waxing techniques and the ways of caring for your waxed skin to warrant your hygiene and sanitary.

A must-go waxing salon is the Smooch Waxing Studio. The moment I arrived at the parlour, I asked what was the crowd-puller of all the services offered. As expected, the Brazillian was the number one choice. Here at Smooch Waxing Studio, you need not worry as you will be in safe hands. All of the employees hired to wax are certified professionals. They

know the right methods to hair removal techniques and will do their best to ensure that your experience is as painless as possible.

Prior to Brazilian waxing, it is vital that you exfoliate to open up the follicles and moisturise the skin to keep it hydrated. This will aid in the hair removal process during waxing, making it easier and a lot less painful. It will hurt more when the skin is dry. So exfoliate, moisturise and also drink lots of water to boost your skin's hydration. Do note that at Smooch Waxing Studio, they no longer offer the soft waxing because these days, most people prefer hard wax. So they have omitted the service.

The beautician will escort you to a small room with a custom-designed waxing

bed that is of a sufficient size for the waxing process to be executed. You will change into a pink garb and be instructed to pose in a certain position on the bed which is entirely for their convenience during the hair removal process. There are two types of hard wax used. The beautician showed me the first wax which was a blue coloured wax with hues of green. This wax is usually used as a first step to remove lengthy hairs. The second wax that is pale peach-pink in colour, is used as the second step to remove the coarser and stubborn hairs. So before the Brazilian waxing starts, the beautician will first analyse your skin and hair condition which will determine the type of wax to be used. A lot of the times, both types of wax are needed.

If hygiene is your concern, there is no need to worry. The staff will ensure that

you are treated as cleanly as possible. During the process, for instance, the wax is heated up and the beautician only uses the two ends of a large popsicle stick once before disposing it and moving on to the next one for every application. This method prevents contamination on the wax so that no customers will get any infection.

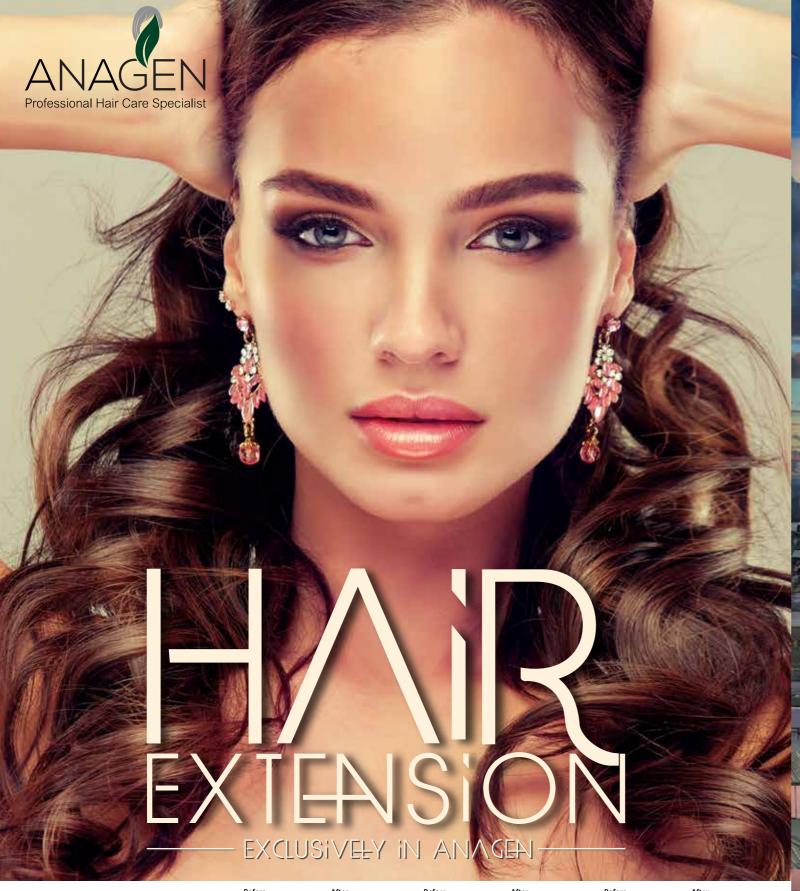
The pulling process is swift, followed by immediate pressure applied. So it is not as painful. The beautician was very accurate and detailed. She took her time to make sure that not one hair strand was left behind. Then a soothing gel was applied. She also recommended the mask which would help lighten and relax the waxed skin. Once all done, your skin will feel so free and able to breathe.

However, if you are still not convinced to go Brazilian, you can start with just the bikini line or maybe even for the face, arms or legs. There are also other non-waxing services provided at Smooch Waxing Studio which include manicure and pedicure, facials, threading, bleaching or whitening, eyebrow tinting and eyelash extension.

What else is great about Smooch Waxing Studio is that it provides the best of waxing services at the most affordable price. For your birthday, you get 50% off from any waxing treatment. Also, Brazilian waxing is only at RM80 on Mondays! So book yourself an appointment at Smooch Waxing Studio and body hair, be gone!

Lot 04-05, Busana @Menara Mara Hotel Premiera Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman Kuala Lumpur Tel: 014-667 5177





# **Hair Extension** 100% Human Hair \* "U" Shape Glue 100 strands









### **CONTENTS - MARCH 2018**

Airport Talk	
Airport MD Speaks	53
Miri readies for Visit Miri Year 2018	54
Prospects looking bright for Naturally Langkawi	58
FlyKLIA.com, the platform for travellers by travellers	62
Travelling made easier with KLIA's many value added services	64
Aviation News	
Wings Air Opens Kuching-Pontianak Route	67

EVA Introduces New Inflight Treats	68
Lounging in Style with American Airlines	68
Wi-Fi set to come onboard	60
British Airways	69
Nordic Experience with Finnair	69
Malaysia Airlines Soars Again with Renewed Flight to Brisbane	70
Korean Air Goes to T2 at Incheon	71
Emirates Continue Impressive Growth	72
Europe Gets its First Five-Star Airline	73
Qatar Airways Connects Doha and Penang	74

to Exciting Capitals	75
Airport Shopping	
Flying Emporium - Premier	
Airport Shopping Destination	76
Malaysia Airports' Shopping	
Campaign is a Raging Success!	78
Aviation Interview	
Interview with Noormah Mohd No	or
Chief Executive Officer,	
Express Rail Link (FRI)	79

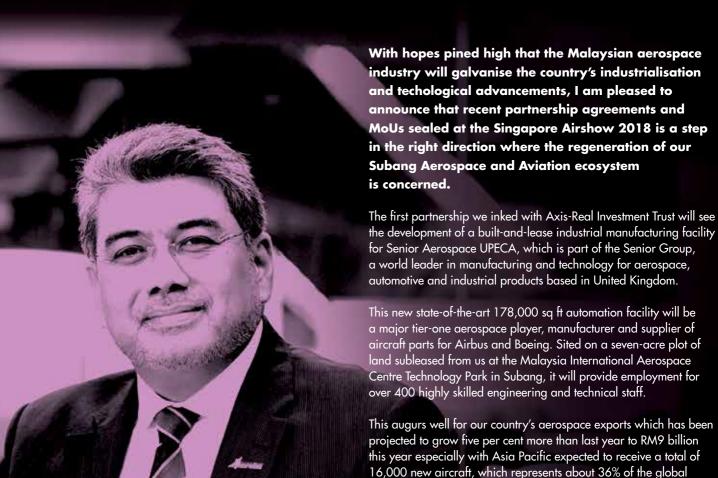


With the new social network for travellers, planning your trip to Malaysia and beyond is easier than before. Meet other like-minded travellers to create the perfect itinerary, or share your own stories. You can also discover new attractions as well as book your flight and accommodation, all in one place. Get connected at **www.flyklia.com** today and get inspired for a great journey.

Begin your fascinating journey to our five international airports in Kuala Lumpur (KLIA), Langkawi, Penang, Kuching or Kota Kinabalu. Your premier gateways to the enchanting Malaysia.







Our second partnership deal with Skyways Technics will see its new facility, located at the MRO Centre in Subang Aerotech Park, serving as its Asia Pacific regional headquarters. Subang had been Skyways Technics' first and only footprint outside of Denmark since 2014, catering for spare parts, component repairs as well as aircraft on ground services for ATR and CRJ aircraft.

delivery of passenger and freight planes.

Airport MD Speaks

One of Malaysia's most highly regarded corporate leaders lays his considerable expertise and experience to raise Malaysia Airports to higher levels.

This month, Datuk Badlisham shares his thoughts on the partnership deals and memoranda of understanding (MoUs) signed at the recent Singapore Airshow 2018, which will help spur its Subang regeneration initiatives and the local aerospace industry.

We also signed two MoUs with Asian Business Aviation Association (AsBAA) and MARA Corp. We hope to tap on AsBAA's industry knowledge to help us strengthen the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang as an attractive destination for business aviation both locally and regionally.

With MARA Corp, we hope to establish an industry-academia partnership to facilitate the human capital development for the KLIA Aeropolis project by leveraging on the solutions developed and managed by this government-linked corporation.

I believe the partnerships and MoUs will further strengthen our regeneration of Subang and create a spillover effect into the KLIA Aeropolis in future.

to be a resort city, concerted

efforts must be put in by the

various stakeholders bésides

That is how Miri City Council (MCC) Tourism Development

every Mirian to be the

2018, feels.

Standing Committee Chairman, Ernest KS Goh, who wants

ambassador for Visit Miri Year

Considering that tourism is significant to Miri,

which boasts of the world famous Mulu and

with Airlink, "We want everyone to get

Nigh caves, he said in an exclusive interview

involved and be excited with this campaign."

### A Monthly Publication Of MALAYSIA AIRPORTS © Airline Marketing Division

Y.Bhg. Datuk Badlisham Ghazali

### **Managing Editor**

Mohamed Sallauddin Hj. Mat Sah

### **Editorial & Concept** Octagon Creative

melisa.fly@octagon.com.my

### Advertising & Production Noor Hafiza Ruslan hafiza@malaysiaairports.com.my

Mohd Faizal Md Haris faizalmd@malaysiaairports.com.my

### **Design & Distribution**

Mediate Communications Sdn. Bhd.

### MALAYSIA AIRPORTS HOLDINGS **BERHAD** (487092-W)

Airline Marketing Division Level 3, Arrival Hall (Domestic) Main Terminal Building KL International Airport 64000 Sepang

Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia

Tel : 603-8776 4949 Fax : 603-8776 4040

Email: marketing@malaysiaairports.

com.my



After brainstorming last year, Goh said his For Miri to realise its aspiration committee came out with the "Discover Miri, Uniquely Borneo" logo and tagline. The seahorse was selected as its mascot. engaging with the public more.

**AIRLINK** 

Via the Spot and Win contest, the MCC will be working with various private parties such as Grab Malaysia, Demak Marketing Sdn Bhd and hoteliers to create more awareness about Miri. Xpress Air, which recently started flying into Miri twice weekly since 12 December 2017 from Pontianak, Indonesia, is also quite keen to join in the campaign.

Goh added. "We even have stickers with our logo for the buses and taxis in order to create more visibility. The first quarter of 2018 for the Visit Miri Year campaign will be focused on promotion marketing.

"We will bang on our new digital Miri app and build on the e-commerce platform. For the hoteliers, they have a specific app for bookings already."

With Visit Sarawak Year in 2019 and Visit Malaysia Year in 2020, Goh said, "We are exploring all potentials, including working with Brunei to tap more of their international tourists as Royal Brunei flies to Shanghai and other cities. Traditionally, we have a large number of visitors from Brunei by land."

Goh said the MCC hopes to see more into charter flights to Miri. Although Miri is Sarawak's second largest city, air accessibility is not on its side as the airlines are mindful of their yields and sustainability.

Miri, which used to be a prominent oil and gas city and known for its "Grand Old Lady" as an attraction, is turning more to the tourism sector to build up its economy as its other industries like timber are witnessing a slowdown.

Some 30 events have been lined up for Visit Miri Year 2018. They are mainly initiated by the non-governmental organisations, he observed.

"The 13th Borneo Jazz Festival, organised by No Black Tie this year at a new venue, Pullman Miri Waterfront, will give it a new identity while our part will be more on the branding," said Goh.

The MCC will be working closely with Sarawak Tourism Board (STB), the state's promotion and marketing arm, and its Visitors Information Centre in Miri to promote







STB Acting Chief Executive Officer Mary Wan Mering stressed that one of the main targets of Visit Miri Year 2018 is the cross-border Brunei market, including the Chinese arrivals into Brunei who cross over to Miri.

She is confident that Miri can handle the influx as there are plentiful hotels in this resort city, pointing out that there are also many tourism products, which is the gateway to the Mulu and Nigh National Parks.

Mary said both the Visit Miri Year 2018 and Visit Sarawak Year 2019 campaigns are focused on developing a new digital-based market segment that are looking for a short break but exciting tourism activities.

With STB's marketing strategies leveraging on information technology and the Internet to the fullest this year, she estimated about 70% of it will be into digital marketing, not unlike what the MCC is doing in Miri.

"These consumers are always on their internet gadgets and constantly looking for something exciting online may it be consumer products or services. Overall, the two campaigns will see an increase of 20% in the marketing budget at RM30 million."

She said visitor arrivals into Sarawak in 2017 stood at 4.89 million, up 4.6% from a year ago. Meanwhile, Sarawak's Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports Ministry has reportedly put the target at 5.2 million arrivals for 2018 and 5.64 million for 2019.



According to its Minister Datuk Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, there is a need to provide incentives to interested airlines to fly direct to Sarawak either on chartered or scheduled flights. Mary quipped, "This is the game that every destination is doing. If Sarawak is keen to compete in this industry, there is a need to look at every aspect of the tourism value chain. Flight accessibility is certainly one challenge that Sarawak is fiercely facing. Providing incentives is one of the games to be played.

Following STB and AirAsia's business sessions in Guangzhou and Shenzhen last December 13 and 14 respectively, she said, "We are expecting more direct flights from China as we are introducing Sarawak to more agents and consumers in China. The awareness campaign may take a while but we are getting there.

STB is also talking to other airlines to fly to key points in Sarawak, including Miri and



# Miri Airport: Poised for more expansion



ZAINAL ABIDIN HARUN Airport Manager, Miri Airport

Zainal Abidin Harun, who serves as the eighth airport manager for Miri Airport has not only one of the most interesting jobs but also the busiest as he also has to manage 10 short take-off and landings ports (STOLports).

He has about 130 staff under him. Together with the STOLports, the workforce totals about 170 staff. Completing his third year at Miri Airport in mid-April, he shares that the coastal city of Miri connects to a number of the remote areas via the smaller aircraft such as the Twin Otter DHC6.

Zainal, 58, says, "Daily we have about 100 aircraft movements, excluding the STOLports, which contribute about another 45 movements."

For its winter schedule ending on 24 March 2018, Miri Airport offers 299 flight frequencies weekly. Airlines operating here include Malaysia Airlines, MASWings, AirAsia, with Wings Air expected to fly for Pontianak - Miri -Pontianak route.

Following the completion of phase two of its apron expansion in 2 March 2016, the airport now offers 21 parking bays eight for Boeing 737/Airbus 320, nine for the ATRs and four for DHC6 aircraft instead of 10 bays previously.

"Miri Airport is a favourite stop for diversion aircraft when there is bad weather in Kuching or Kota Kinabalu because we have the space to park," Zainal remarked, pointing out that Miri's location is almost at the centre within almost the same radius to Kuching, Tawau and Kudat.

"We also support the general aviation for offshore flights operated by Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd. The airport is also the centre for Jabatan Bomba Penyelamat Malaysia where they park two helicopters here.

"Occasionally, we have charter flights conducted by the general aviation players such as Hornbill Skyways and MHS Aviation Bhd."

Layang-Layang Aerospace Sdn Bhd operates the flying doctor and charter flights. For cargo shipments, Asia Cargo Express Sdn Bhd, operates two flights daily using B737. The other cargo players include Raya Airways and MASkargo.

Miri Airport's terminal building has already exceeded its two million passenger per annum (mppa) capacity, its current 2.2 mppa is expected to touch 2.5 mppa by

Malaysia Airports is now planning to expand and renovate the existing departure hall. The project is expected to complete by

International flight passengers will be glad to know that an area has been designated for them in the new departure hall. This is done by relocating the shoplots housed inside the terminal building. The new departure hall, including the international area, will be double the size of the present hall, which can only accommodate 800 persons now, said Zainal.

Currently, the airport is adding another 200 car parks to its existing congested car park area, bringing to a total of 612 lots upon its completion by April. A bigger parking space is necessary as Zainal noticed during the weekends, the Bruneians like to come to Miri and will park their cars here before flying to Kuala Lumpur. Parking for the whole day here costs RM24 only, which is relatively cheap for the Bruneians.

Under the terminal optimisation plan, a lot more reconfiguration of its existing internal building and facilities is involved at Malaysia's seventh busiest airport in terms of capacity ranking as at 2016.

Despite an estimated 0.6% decline in passenger traffic last year from 2016, he said that Miri Airport has been profitable, including the management of its car park facilities.

Zainal has been with Malaysia Airports for 36 years. Prior to his present position, he was the operations manager of Kuching International Airport. Before that, he was in Operation Division at Malaysia Airports headquarters.

Having started from the rank and file, to reach his present position as airport



# Prospects looking bright for **Naturally Langkawi**

In an exclusive interview with Lanakawi Development Authority (LADA) Chief Executive Officer Dato' Azizan Noordin, he shares how this leading government agency on Langkawi is working with its stakeholders and business partners to ensure that its true potential is unleashed.

Azizan hopes to achieve the four million visitors mark this year for Langkawi, pointing out that LADA's target was to reach 3.8 million visitors in 2017 versus 3.6 million in 2016.

"Up until November last year, we received 3.2 million visitors, which was up by one per cent compared to 3.1 million registered for the previous corresponding period in 2016. Hopefully in December, we can get 400,000 visitor arrivals to add to the total figure for 2017."

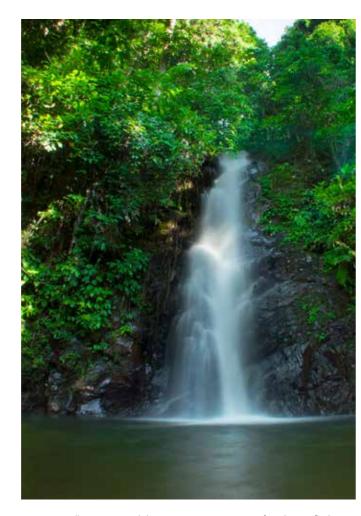
Out of the 3.2 million visitors, he said 60% of them were foreign arrivals while the rest were domestic travellers.

The island's visitor arrivals are partly based on ridership figures sourced from those visiting the Langkawi Skycab cable car facility, which is operated by LADA's subsidiary, Panorama Langkawi Sdn Bhd.

While the cable car received 1.25 million visitors alone last year, Azizan felt that the number one contributor to Langkawi's arrivals is due to its air connectivity. Among the airlines flying here are Malaysia Airlines, AirAsia, Malindo Air, Firefly, China Southern Airlines, Scoot and Silk Air.

Scoot will be increasing its Singapore-Langkawi service from April as it is taking over the existing Silk Air routes. Silk Air will continue to operate its thrice weekly flights until 8 April while Scoot will increase its frequency from three to six weekly on 11 April.

AirAsia, which has made Langkawi as a hub, has flights from Kuala Lumpur, Johor, Kuching, Singapore and China. "From China," Azizan said, "we also have charter flights to Langkawi from Shenzhen,



"We are willing to extend the incentive programme for charter flights in Langkawi, which ended in 2017, until the end of this year," explaining that LADA and Malaysia Airports have their own programmes but work closely together on this.

While applauding Qatar Airways' recent direct flight to the northern state of Penang, he hoped Langkawi can attract flights from the Middle East, India and Europe, pointing out that LADA is working with Tourism Malaysia to woo the foreign airlines to come to the island.

"We will have two airlines coming from China this year: Hainan Airlines and Beijing Capital Airlines. We have been going to Finland to talk to Finnair. Hopefully, they can support us.



"We have also been looking at whether Emirates and Qatar Airways can come to Langkawi besides any budget airlines from India as we are eyeing the Indian market too."

Azizan said at World Travel Mart in London last year, LADA was working with Tourism Malaysia to bring TUI, the world's largest travel group to come to Langkawi, where the group is looking at doing charters here between December 2018 and March 2019.

"It's a fly and cruise package with 24 flights coming from the UK to Langkawi," adding that TUI plans to place a cruise liner on the island for a 14-day cruise.

After flying into Langkawi, for the first time in a cruise package, the participants will stay a night on land. They will sail from Langkawi to Bangkok and fly back from there while another group will come to Langkawi.

This programme will be a joint partnership between Tourism Malaysia and TUI, which is headquartered in Germany.

He quipped, "Hopefully, this will encourage other cruise ships to come to Langkawi. Currently, we have 15 cruise ships that call on Langkawi monthly. The cruise numbers are growing with each group numbering about 1,500 to 2,500 passengers.

"Now their land tours have been extended to six hours instead of three to four hours before. The cable car and Tasik Dayang Bunting are the two most popularly visited attractions."

Azizan said Langkawi's biggest source market is from China followed by the Middle Eastern, India and Asean. "Our fifth market is Europe, comprising a mix of those from the United Kingdom, Germany, France and the Scandinavian countries."

Following his appointment as LADA CEO, about 35 events were lined up under Langkawi's calendar of events last year. He said some like the International Dragon Boat Race, Ironman, and the Langkawi Fest would be maintained.

"The Royal Langkawi Classic Car Show and the Royal Langkawi Bike Fest, which have their own followers and niche markets, were among the highlights in 2017.

"We see throngs of super bikers come to Langkawi during the weekends after that. We received the Malaysia Book of Records for staging this bike event, which had the most number of super bikers on an island in the country."





Up until November last year, we received 3.2 million visitors, which was up by one per cent compared to 3.1 million registered for the previous corresponding period in 2016. Hopefully in December, we can get 400,000 visitor arrivals to add to the total figure for 2017.

### DATO' AZIZAN NOORDIN





New events this year include the Marching Band, International Cat Festival and Oceanman. Azizan said, "We are looking at Powerman, a new event involving running and bicycling, to come in and are waiting for the

On top of the 35 events organised for 2017, he said there were another 33 organised for the Langkawi community under LADA's community development unit. In this respect, a Chingay had been organised for the small Chinese community as part of the Chinese New Year celebration in Langkawi this year.

He recalled how the local Deepavali event last year saw the 4,500 Indian community

PATA Travel Mart (PTM) will be the number one event in 2018 not only for Langkawi but also for Malaysia. He is looking at getting 2,000 to 3,000 buyers, sellers and media to attend this premier trade show, adding that PTM will

be a launchpad for Visit Langkawi 2020, which will be held in conjunction with the country's Visit Malaysia 2020 campaign.

Azizan said he wished to beef up the MICE segment in Langkawi this year by tapping into the resources of LADA's two subsidiaries, Panorama Langkawi and LADA Eco Tourism Sdn Bhd. Besides the cable car, the former also looks after Oriental Village where it has shopping outlets, 3D Art Museum, SkyDome and SkyBridge among its facilities.

LADA Eco Tourism, on the other hand, takes care of its three hotels, Air Hangat Village and the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre or

"All this while, we have no conventions coming into the Mahsuri Hall except for the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition," said Azizan who noticed that last year, Langkawi attracted a lot of weddings from the Indian market.

# On-going expansion works at **Langkawi International Airport**



Gearing up to be ready in time for PATA Travel Mart 2018, Jefry Ramli, airport manager of Langkawi **International Airport said its** existing capacity of 1.5 million passengers per annum (mppa) will be raised to three mppa.

Currently, under its expansion plans, the proposal is to increase the airport's existing service area from 12.8 sq m to 22 sq m and its holding lounge area from 2,260 sq m to 3,200 sq m.

Meanwhile, the check-in counter (CICs) area at the airport will also be enlarged from 775 sq m to 1,185 sq m. There will be 30 CICs after the expansion instead of 24 while three more gates will be opened to complement the existing five gates at Langkawi International Airport.

Plans are also underway to increase the immigration counters at the arrival area from 8 to 10 while the existing 6 counters at the departure area will have 2 more counters.

The airport's expansion will also see more toilet cubicles being installed to meet the increasing visitor arrivals, from 64 to 121 cubicles. Total commercial area following the expansion will be increased from 1,250 sq m to 4,700 sqm.

Jefry said the car park lots will be raised to 600 lots from 424. The airport's gross floor area, excluding its carpark, will be increased to 23,000 sq m from its existing 15,000 sq m.

"Malaysia Airports has taken these necessary initiatives not only to improve travellers experience at the airport, but also to ensure that we are ready to cater for more new airlines coming into Langkawi in the future."

As at February, they are 249 flight departures weekly from Langkawi International Airport. ""



JEFRY RAMLI Airport Manager, Langkawi International Airport



# FlyKLIA.com, the platform for travellers by travellers

With March being the last month of Malaysia Airports' FlyKLIA.com three-month long "My Passport to Brag" campaign, we decided to feature three of the active bloggers who just love to share with other millennials and travellers their wanderlust, travel experiences and tips that they have picked up along the way.

Don't just read more about their travel tales in our online portal but join in the banter as well and have fun exploring it.

### JOAN www.luvfeelin.com

# Tell us a bit about yourself. What kind of a traveller are you?

I used to be a backpacker, flashpacker and an ordinary traveller. I find there is always full of surprises during my sojourns. I started travelling in 2006 with a few of friends with a backpack and found that I enjoy the freedom in planning my itinerary. I had done solo travelling to Lombok, mountain climbing and jumping into the sea. I love the solitude and being alone as it gives me the opportunity to face myself.



### How do you plan for your holidays?

After searching for the best price for the flight ticket, this usually helps me to decide on my next destination. After which, I will look for accommodation based on the reviews and testimonials. I normally prefer to prebook to secure my stay.

# How do you rate your experience navigating through FlyKLIA.com?

I love the main page with its beautiful photos. Interesting images are always attractive. I can easily navigate through its pages such as Places To Go, Accommodation and Events. Overall, it is a user-friendly website which I would gladly recommend it to my friends and family.

# What do you think about our "My Passport To Brag" campaign?

Nowadays everyone likes to share their travel stories and pictures. The "My Passport To Brag" campaign gives us an excellent opportunity to spread our joy and happiness as well as tips for the journey. With those awesome prizes, I anticipate there will be lots of stories coming up soon.

### What other elements would you like to see in the portal?

I would like to see a photo gallery where we can capture and share our experiences. Hopefully there will be a contest for this. Also, a shopping section for travel-related souvenirs such as luggage tags and passport holders will be great.

### Give us one sentence that sums up FlyKLIA.com.

Awesome sharing platform for travelholics!

# MYNN LEE www.shewalkstheworld.com

### Tell us a bit about yourself. What kind of traveller are you?

When I travel, I am the planner, navigator and guide. I love doing all three! I believe I have a little bit of every traveller in me. I love staying in beautiful and luxury hotels but I also like roughing it out. Besides travelling solo, I also travel with friends and my family. As much as I enjoy lounging by the swimming pool and doing nothing all day, I am also one for adrenaline pumping sports. Most of all, I am a beach girl at heart. I love diving, surfing, swimming, sipping margaritas by the sea, bathing under the sun and sailing on a boat into the sunset.

# Story-telling can be time consuming but yet an extremely rewarding experience. How do you embark on this journey in the first place?

Story-telling and writing were instilled in me from a very young age. My father used to write about his travels and those days it was in hand-written journals. He always encouraged me to write, be it fictional stories or the travels with my family. I decided to share it by starting a blog and enjoy doing it. Career wise, I tell stories for a living.

### How do you rate your experience navigating through FlyKLIA.com?

FlyKLIA.com is very easy to navigate. It allows me to do most of my travel research and bookings on one site. It is easy to load and the website is pleasant to browse through. I have no problems finding what I am searching for.



# What do you think about our "My Passport to Brag" campaign?

It's a fantastic way for people to share about their travels and stand a chance to win awesome prizes. It is also a great way for the site to gather as much knowledge from the public as they can, so that all information can be stored in one site for their easy access. There is a wealth of information from people who do not have a public outlet to share what they know and this campaign gives them the chance to 'brag' about their experience, be in the running to win prizes and also get instant rewards for their efforts. You don't have to be a professional, experienced or frequent traveller to share your experiences.

# What other elements would you like to see in the portal?

As a one-stop portal for travellers in terms of booking accommodations, comparing price, sharing experiences, it could also suggest local activities, especially in Malaysia and connect us to the local tour operators. It would be great if we could define our searches for articles to specific elements of travel such as places to see and eat, where we can go for beach holidays, etc.

# Give us one sentence that sums up FlyKLIA.com.

An online portal that gathers travel information, shares travel experiences, inspires travel ideas, and helps us plan our next travel adventure.



# Tell us a bit about yourself. What kind of traveller are you?

I'm a flexible traveller who can always fit into any kind of styles, be it budget or semi-luxury but comfort is paramount. I emphasise on arranging my activities in order to avoid wasting time and money at a destination. I always have a backup plan in everything I do so that I can easily jump to another alternative when something unexpected happens. Reading some information and tips about a destination is important for us to be well prepared.

# Story-telling can be time consuming but yet an extremely rewarding experience. How do you embark on this journey in the first place?

I couldn't agree more that story-telling is time consuming. We need to ensure that those who read our story understand what we want to deliver. The language we use and the copy editing skills to make our story more appealing are equally vital. I enjoy sharing my stories and often feel glad that it can help other travellers plan or find ideas for the places they wish to visit. It is rewarding to know that my stories benefitted others.

### How do you rate your experience navigating through FlyKLIA.com?

8/10. I enjoy browsing FlyKLIA.com as the website navigation is user-friendly. I can simply find the section or category that I wish to see. The design is simple, straightforward and fresh. I hope to see more contents on this website soon.

# What do you think about our "My Passport To Brag" campaign?

It is a fun and interactive way of encouraging travellers to share their amazing stories. Besides social media and blogs, I believe people do not mind having more options to find articles to help them plan their next adventure. This campaign gives room for travellers to show off their writing abilities while helping others when they provide tips or random information about a place.

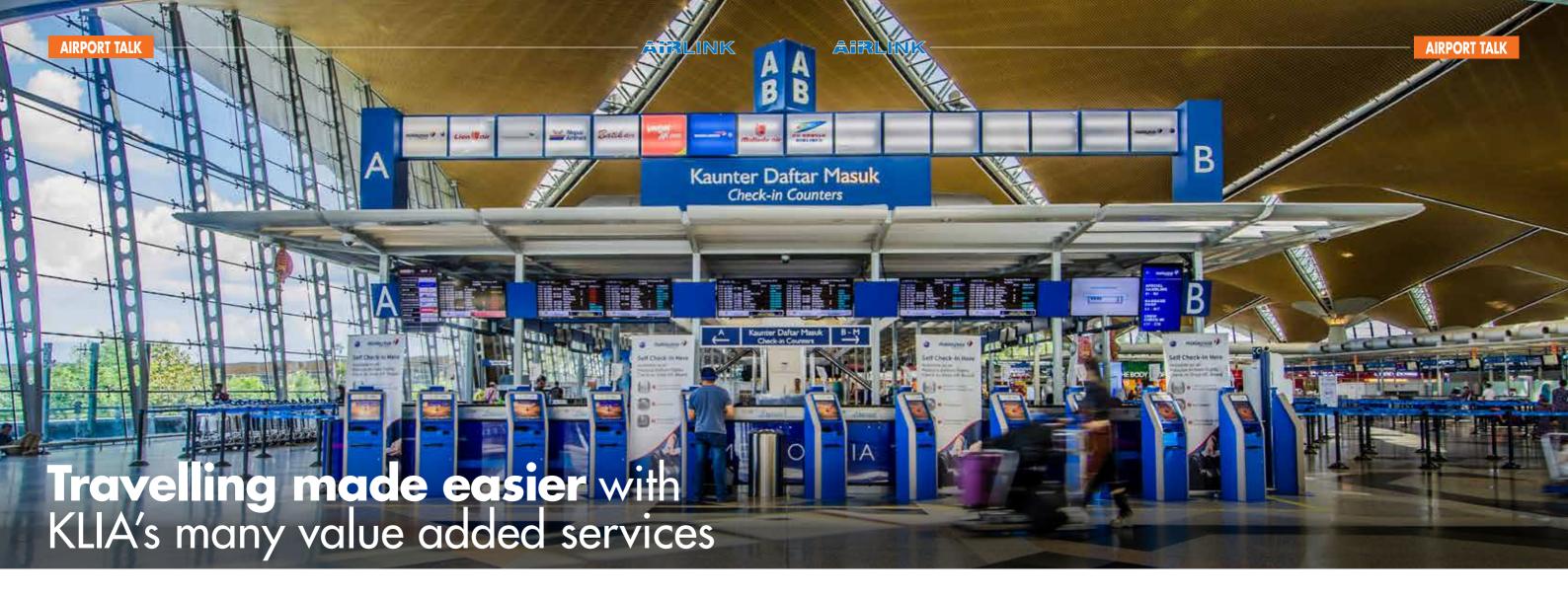
### What other elements would you like to see in the portal?

A forum that allows visitors or travellers to discuss or exchange ideas. It is ideal, especially for novice travellers who have queries and are looking for answers. Such a forum would be good for sharing tips and networking. It would be great to have a special page for travel photos or videos which can inspire others besides displaying our hidden talents.

### Give us one sentence that sums up FlyKLIA.com.

A great platform for travellers out there!

63 AMANYSIA 64



To ensure that KL International Airport (KLIA) realise its full potential to become a regional hub, Malaysia Airports has been relentlessly identifying initiatives that provide its passengers with not only personalised and seamless end-to-end experiences but also premium services that look into the special needs of its business travellers.

Under its Airport FastTrack@KLIA, where fast track services are provided to speed up the Immigration and Custom clearance process, various packages are available. The price starts from RM235 a person under its Premier Access package for arriving or departing passengers.

For a couple, it is relatively lower at RM370 while for a family of two adults and two children, it costs RM490, according to the rate sheet provided by Airport FastTrack@KLIA reservation staff.

Greet and Meet will be among the services. For the departing passenger, this will be at the curbside of Level Five (Door Three) while for the arriving passenger, it will be at your flight arrival gate.

Other benefits include the use of the holding room at the Airport FastTrack@KLIA Lounge where refreshments will be served. The use of the buggy service is subject to availability.

For flight check-ins, an Airport FastTrack personnel will assist the passenger or the WIP to the airline's check-in counter for luggage drop and check-in as per the airline's requirement. The departing passenger will be assisted to the luggage carousel to reclaim the baggage. At Immigration, you get to use the first and business class lane.

For more enquiries on KLIA Premier Access, which is part of Malaysia Airports' Total Airport Experience initiatives, call +603 8776 4606 or email premieraccess.klia@samasamahotels.com.

# Value added services for transit passengers

Airport FastTrack@KLIA also offers a Transit Access package with similar services as Premier Access but the rates are RM320 a person, RM500 per couple and RM650 per family of two adults and two children.

A difference here is the buggy will be available only at the Satellite Building. The transit passenger's luggage will be flying through to your final destination. There will be at least a three-hour gap for the non-flying through luggage.

The transit passenger needs to be at the Immigration only for non-connecting flights that require airlines check-in for the next departure. It is not necessary for connecting flights.

There will be an Airport FastTrack personnel to assist the transit passenger with the boarding pass claim at the transfer desk.

### **More VIP treatment**

Check out also its KUL VIP Access package, where the international departing and arriving passengers get a door-to-gate experience within the Klang Valley (KV).

You get what is in the Premier Access package plus a limousine service within the KV. The vehicle can either a BMW 5 series or Mercedes E class. The rates are from RM670 a person, RM820 a couple and RM1,000 for a family of two adults and two children. They may vary if the transfer is outside the KV.

Launched since 15 March 2017, the KUL VIP Access was a collaboration with Malaysia Airlines, Malindo Air and AirAsia. It was later extended to Malaysia Airports' other business partners such as Plaza Premium Lounge (for klia2) and KLIA Ekspres by incorporating the KLIA Premier Access concierge service launched in October 2016.

The Airport FastTrack@KLIA also has two Exclusive Access packages for five and 10 persons respectively. The benefits include a VIP lane and a private VIP holding room at level four while you wait for your passport to be stamped or the porter service to claim your baggage.

#### **Inter-terminal free transfer**

Not all value-added services by Malaysia Airports come with a fee. Passengers can enjoy free KLIA-klia2 bus shuttle transfer which stops at the long-term car park at every 10-minute interval daily.

This 12-minute ride over a five-km distance runs 24/7. Register for this service at www. malaysiaairports.com.my or locate its KLIA counter at Contact Pier, Level Three. At klia2, the counters are at the international and domestic arrival areas. After clearing Immigration and Customs, just look out for

the terminal transfer logos and signages for directions to these counters.

KLIA terminal manager Hazelin Ghaus said there are 18 such buses daily providing the service. "We also have our people placed at all touch points to guide those who are lost and unaware of the free shuttle."

"We have two teams, the customer experience management team wear a sash which says, 'Ask Me' while the terminal staff can be identified with their yellow vest from afar."

Malaysia Airports' **auto or self-baggage drop** to improve efficient passenger flow and shorter queue time was recently fitted at 1.5 counters of rows V and W in klia2. This Scan&Fly facility by SITA, a world-leading specialist in air transport communications and information technology, is expected to cut the queue time to just one minute per passenger from 2.5 minutes previously. The self-baggage drop has been installed in klia2 and will be operational soon to the travellers.

Free Wi-Fi and charging stations are also available at both KLIA and klia2 for the convenience of passengers.

Malaysia Airports' latest data showed klia2's last-12-month passenger traffic rose 11.6% to 30.3 million compared with the previous corresponding period while the KLIA Main Terminal saw a 10.8% increase to 28.3 million passengers.



65 AMAINSIA 66

# Wings Air Opens **Kuching-Pontianak Route**



Jakarta-based short-haul Wings Air has launched an international route between Pontianak's Supadio Kubu Raya Airport and Kuching International Airport in January. Wings Air is also planning to expand international routes from Pontianak to other destinations in Malaysia, such as Miri in the near future, as well as more domestic routes in Indonesia.

The flight to Kuching will be served twice daily with departure time from Pontianak on 9.45am on flight number IW 1378 and at 6pm on flight number IW 1372. Flight schedule from Kuching will depart in the morning at 7am using flight number IW 1379 and noon at 11.55am with flight number IW 1373.

Managing director of Malaysia Airports, Datuk Badlisham Ghazali said, "We are happy with this initiative by Wings Air in accommodating the needs and demands by the people from Kuching to Pontianak and vice versa. As at December 2017, Kuching International Airport has recorded 5 million number of passengers inbound and outbound. This is definitely another milestone for Kuching



highly competitive airport in Malaysia. With the additional route to and from Kuching International Airport, we are confident that it would benefit not only the tourism industry but also bring many other economic benefits to the

Ramaditya Handoko, Corporate Communication Lion Air Group, the parent company of Wings Air, said, "On this operation Wings Air will serve the flight using ATR 72-500 or ATR 72-600 aircraft that can provide 72 economy class seats"

He added, "We hope that the presence of Winas Air on this route will give more choices to the public of Pontianak and surrounding areas as well as Kuching to visit each other for the needs of tourism, family visits, and MICE.



We are sure this new route could stimulate economic growth of Pontianak"

Chairman of Sarawak Tourism Board, Datuk Haji Abdul Wahab bin Aziz welcomed the news of the inaugural flight, describing it as another milestone in the development of tourism in the state. He added, "The direct flight has opened up opportunities for movement of not only tourists from Kalimantan Barat to Sarawak but serving the business community as well"

Currently Wings Air flies to more than 105 domestic destinations in Indonesia with the flight frequency reaching 351 flights daily.

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



Passengers with inter-connecting flights between KLIA and klia2 can now enjoy the new round-the-clock shuttle transfer services between the two terminals free of charges.

Enjoy this service with 3 Simple Steps;

**AREA** 

STEP 1

Head towards our dedicated Terminal Transfer Counters Look for this sign

### STFP 2

Register online

(http://terminaltransfer.malaysiaairports.com.my/onlineregister) or at the dedicated Terminal Transfer Counters Continue to the immigration, baggage reclaim and customs

### STEP 3

Head towards:

KLIA - Level 1, Door 4

klia2 - Bay A10, Transportation Hub, gateway2@klia2

Our free 24/7 shuttle buses run every 10 minutes Have a Happy Journey!

**AVIATION NEWS AiRLINK AIRLINK AVIATION NEWS** 

# **EVA** Introduces New Inflight Treats

**EVA Air provides Malaysian** travellers with one of the best ways to get to various parts of the world with a stop-over at Taipei. The airline operates seven weekly flights between KLIA and Taipei Taoyuan International Airport.

EVA Air, one of the ten world's 5-Star airlines is known for providing superlative experiences for its customers. For example, EVA regularly innovate its inflight products and in welcoming 2018, it is offering in-flight gourmet treats and designer amenities that includes something new for passengers in every cabin.

At the start of 2018, EVA introduced new menu and wine lists, designer pajamas and bedding, gourmet cakes and cold-press juice, affirming the airline's ongoing focus on creative and innovative passenger comforts and services that enhance flight experiences. EVA worked with well-known brands to create memorable flights with unique tastes and touches.



The designer pajama was created by Londonbased label APUJAN for Royal Laurel and Premium Laurel Class passengers. It uniquely features a print design that tells the story of travelling 36,000 ft. above the earth and is available on EVA flights longer than six hours throughout 2018.

Over the period between January to March 2018, EVA is serving a refreshing new cold-



pressed mango and mixed fruit beverage in Royal Laurel/Premium Laurel/Business Class cabins on flights departing Taiwan. Royal Laurel Class passenger on the Paris route and selected North America flights from Taipei are treated to a special dessert created by EVA and SFASON Cuisine Pâtissiartism.

For more information, please call 03 - 2162 2981

# Wi-Fi set to come onboard **British Airways**

Flying from Kuala Lumpur to **London with British Airways** will get a lot more convenient as the airline has started powering some of its long haul aircraft with high-speed Wi-Fi. British Airways recently announced that it will connect 118 of its long haul aircraft over the next two years.

Customers onboard a connected aircraft will be alerted once Wi-Fi is activated and available, which is approximately 10 minutes after take-off when the aircraft has passed 10,000 ft. The portal will work with the latest operating systems from Apple, Android and Windows, allowing customers to connect on a variety of devices.



There are two types of paid-for packages available - the 'Browse' package which supports internet surfing, social media and instant messaging services like WhatsApp, and the 'Stream' package which supports streaming of music and entertainment from the very best online content services, including Netflix. The packages are available for purchase for one hour, four hours or the full flight.

Carolina Martinoli, British Airways' director of brand and customer experience, said, "We launched our multi-million pound investment

plan to provide our customers with more choices and quality services.

"Staying connected is important to our customers who want to be able to work, browse and stream in the air. They can now look forward to enjoying the latest generation Wi-Fi across our long haul fleet over the next two years", she added.

For more information, please call 03 - 7712 4747

# Lounging in Style with American Airlines





**American Airlines has given** its passengers a new stylish lounge experience with the opening of its new Flagship **Lounge and Flagship First Dining facilities at Los Angeles** International Airport (LAX) in January this year.

The new 14,500 square-foot space offers passengers several options to dine, relax and get ready for their journey. Suzanne Boda, American's Senior Vice President – Los Angeles said, "The opening of the Flagship Lounge and Flagship First Dining are the latest evidence of our increasingly strong position in Los Angeles.

"As our West Coast Gateway to the Asia-Pacific region, Los Angeles is where many of our customers begin long flights either internationally or across the US. We are proud to offer best-in-class lounge and dining options at the start of their journey"

Affirming its stature as the largest carrier at LAX, the airline announced that it would be investing please call 03 - 2715 1122 more than USD1.5 billion on improvements

at LAX Terminal 4 and 5 for its customers and its nearly 7,000 team members who work there. As part of the huge investment, American Airlines spent USD200 million on renovations to its Flagship Lounges and its Flagship First

In Malaysia, Discover The World is the appointed General Sales Agent (GSA) for American Airlines

For more information.

# Nordic Experience with Finnair

Cultural nuances provide national airlines with specific identities which customers can easily identify with and indeed often become the reasons they patronise the airlines. With its mythical lapland at the northern tip of the planet, the Nordic Finnish culture is seen as exotic to customers from elsewhere.

In December 2017, Finnair announced the launch of a new business class service concept and new Marimekko design elements for both cabin classes, celebrating its Nordic roots and offering customers a unique Nordic

Other than a unique dining experience, Finnair is also introducing the classic Finnish tradition 'Kahvikutsut' for long-haul flights from Asia, serving seven different coffee treats. Customers



also enjoy treats like Carelian pies, cinnamon buns, coffee cake and traditional Finnish chocolates.

The new business class service had commenced on February 7, 2018 on flights to Seoul, Tokyo and Shanghai, with a gradual roll-out of the remaining long-haul destinations during spring and summer.

Cabin interior for both classes of Finnair A350 was designed with Marimekko patterns for cabin textiles and amenities, including new simple and stylish seat covers, pillows, blankets and chinaware from the iconic Finnish design



Finnair is represented by Worldwide Aviation Agencies as the General Sales Agent (GSA) in

For more information, please call 03 - 2145 1155

69 ARPORIS



## Malaysia Airlines Soars Again with

## Renewed Flight to Brisbane

2018 will see Malaysia Airlines (MAS) spreading its wings again after a period of consolidation. It began at the end of 2017 with the arrival of its new long-haul aircraft, the A350-900 WXB, and on the 9 January, MAS announced that it will be reinstating direct flights between Kuala Lumpur and Brisbane effective 6 June 2018.

The designated aircraft, A330-300 has a seating capacity of 290 seats. The airline will be operating every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from KLIA.

MH135 will depart Kuala Lumpur at 9.50am and arrive at Brisbane at 7.55pm the same day. The return flight, MH134 will depart Brisbane at 11.20pm and arrive at KLIA at 5.50am the next day.

Malaysia Airlines' Chief Executive Officer, Izham Ismail said, "Malaysia Airlines need to be agile in order to respond quickly to market demands and we are very excited to be re-instating Brisbane back to our network. Brisbane is strategically placed, in close proximity to many of Queensland's tourist destinations, which will facilitate our growth plans focusing on key business and leisure cities".



"Malaysia Airlines has had a long presence in Queensland since the commencement of our operations into Brisbane on 31 October 1990. We are happy to be returning to Brisbane offering convenient connections on Malaysia Airlines' global network", Izham added.

The Hon. Kate Jones, Minister for Innovation, Tourism Industry Development and Commonwealth Games, said through the Queensland Government's Attracting Aviation Investment Fund, "Tourism and Events Queensland and its partners have again been able to secure an important route, giving travellers another way to come here and further enhancing the reputation of Brisbane Airport".

"Malaysia Airlines is a renowned global airline and Kuala Lumpur is a thriving international hub which means a new gateway has been opened for thousands of travellers to come to Queensland to experience the Great Barrier Reef, our world-heritage listed rainforests, our iconic beaches and the outback", said Minister Jones.

Malaysia Airlines' current operations between Kuala Lumpur and Australia covers Sydney (twice daily), Melbourne (twice daily), Perth (daily) and Adelaide (4 times a week).

For more information, please visit www.malaysiaairlines.com.

## Korean Air Goes to T2 at Incheon



Korea's Incheon International Airport is one of the world's busiest airport, serving nearly 50 million passengers annually. In 2016, it was regarded as one of the best airports in the world by Skytrax. Its high regard will be put to the test with the opening of the new terminal this year.

The opening of Incheon Airport Passenger Terminal 2 (T2) in January is a quantum leap for the Korean Aviation Industry. The massive T2 will feature VIP lounges, concession and retail outlets, a transfer hotel, an aircraft observation deck and a ticketing hall. The terminal will be equipped with automatic boarding systems to facilitate passengers.

T2 features 226 check-in counters, 14 screening machines, 68 immigration departure machines, 86 immigration arrival machines and 10 baggage claim areas. The total size of the terminal is 7.4 million square foot.

T2 is so large that it is separated from T1 by a distance of more than 15km, and travel from one terminal requires travel by shuttle bus. The logistics of T1 and T2 combined is an enormous administrative undertaking.

Korean Air, the South Korea's largest flagship carrier relocated its operations from T1 to T2 on the day of the opening and welcomed passengers with an automated and innovative airport service. A total of four airlines will operate out of T2 – Korean Air, Delta Air Lines, Air France and KLM – all members of SkyTeam. Commencing January 18, all passengers using these airlines must go to T2 for check-in and boarding their flight instead of T1.

Passengers would be delighted with T2 as it is built upon Incheon's reputation for being a gateway to Asia as well as a top retail destination. Designed by international architectural firm, Gensler, in partnership with Heerim and HMGY Consortium, T2 will incorporate advanced sustainable technologies to create an efficient, healthy and comfortable environment for passengers. Lush expanses of indoor green spaces will feature natural daylight, waterfalls, koi ponds, and streams intermingled with lifestyle centres and boutique shopping. T2 will also eradicate problems that occurred with T1.

The building form is inspired by an Asian Phoenix. In Korea, this mythological beast is



a symbol of authority, longevity, strength and balance

At T2, Korean Air is committed to provide customers with exemplary service, working in cooperation with the other SkyTeam airlines to seek ways to attract transit passengers, such as the Joint Venture with Delta Air Lines.

Currently, Korean Air operates daily flights between Kuala Lumpur and Incheon.

For more information, please visit www.koreanair.com

71 AMARAYSIA

## **Emirates** Continue Impressive Growth



With the resumption of flights between Dubai and Istanbul's Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (ISGIA) in June 2018, Emirates' customers now have two new destination options when travelling to Istanbul from Dubai. This makes Istanbul eminently accessible to Malaysian travellers as Emirates operates thrice daily flights from Kuala Lumpur to Dubai.

In June, the flight between Dubai and Istanbul's Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (ISGIA) will be operated five times a week by Emirates Boeing 777-300ER in a three class cabin configuration, with eight private suites in First Class, 42 lie-flat seats in Business Class and 310 spacious seats in Economy Class.

The aircraft makes Emirates the only airline operating a scheduled service with a widebody aircraft at ISGIA. Emirates flight EK119 will depart Dubai at 10am and arrive in Istanbul at 1.45pm. The return flight EK120 will leave Istanbul at 3.35pm and arrive in Dubai at 9pm. The flight frequencies with Emirates between Kuala Lumpur and Dubai and between Dubai and Istanbul (ISGIA)

allows seamless connection for customers travelling from Kuala Lumpur.

Hubert Frach, Emirates
Divisional Senior Vice President,
Commercial Operations - West
said, "We've seen
continued growth
in travel demand to

and from Istanbul over

the past year and we are therefore pleased to be able to offer pasengers travelling with Emirates the choice of two destinations in the city. With flights to these two points in Istanbul, along with our extended partnership with flydubai, we're able to offer customers more scheduled flight options and greater connectivity to Dubai and beyond".

Additionally, the recent partnership between Emirates and flydubai offer customers an extended breadth of travel options across their complementary networks, especially as flydubai covers destinations that are not covered by Emirates. On its own, flydubai flies to more than 95 destinations in 44 countries throughout Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle-east.

In 2018 Emirates and flydubai offer travellers even more connectivity with codeshare flights planned to Krakow in Poland from 8 April and Catania in Italy from 13 June. Malaysian travellers making transit at Dubai with Emirates will be spoilt for choice of travel options.

For more information, please call 03 – 2058 5899

## Europe Gets Its First Five-Star Airline



Until Lufthansa received its five-star rating in December 2017, all the airlines that reached this pinnacle were Asian. In effect, Lufthansa became the first airline outside Asia, and the only one in Europe to receive the certification from British aviation consulting specialist Skytrax.

Including Lufthansa, there are now just ten airlines to have been given the coveted rating. The Skytrax jury has already been awarding five stars to Lufthansa First Class for years – now the entire airline has received the same certification.

Carsten Spohr, Chairman of the Board of Deutsche Lufthansa AG said, "The award is a well-deserved recognition of our major efforts to make Lufthansa one of the world's leading premium airlines again. We have caught up because we made huge investments in our fleet, updated all our cabins, introduced digital services, opened new lounges and improved service on board and on the ground".



Spohr added, "The combined premium offerings with the quality and professionalism of our employees have earned Lufthansa the status of a five-star airline. Everyone in Lufthansa can be proud of this certification, especially our colleagues in the cabins and cockpits and on the ground who fulfil our premium promise everyday in their interactions with our passengers".

He continued, "I am convinced that the most important factor in getting the fifth star was that we have the best airline employees".

Lufthansa also scored points with the new Lufthansa app and a wide variety of digital services on the ground and on board.

For more information, please call 03 – 2053 1898

73 AMARAYSIA

# **Qatar Airways** Connects Doha and Penang



**Award-winning Qatar Airways** is responding to increased demands in Southeast Asia with robust expansion throughout the region. On the 6 February 2018, it made its inaugural flight to Penang from its hub in Doha, departing **Hamad International Airport** at 2.30am and touched down at 2.30pm at Penang International Airport. Qatar Airways flight QR 850 was operated by a Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

The delegation from Qatar was led by Qatar Airways Chief Commercial Officer, Ehab Amin, and was accompanied by His Excellency Ahmad Fadi Shamsuddin, the Malaysian Ambassador to the state of Qatar. The VIP delegation was greeted in Penang by His Excellency Essa Bin Mohamed Al-Mannai, Qatari Ambassador to Malaysia; YB Lim Guan Eng, Chief Minister of Penang; Datuk Badlisham Ghazali, managing director of Malaysia Airports and Ooi Chok Yan, CEO of Penang Global Tourism.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker said, "We are delighted to launch direct flights to Penang, a long-anticipated addition to our global route network. Our Kuala Lumpur service started in 2001, and it has since grown to a triple-daily direct non-stop service to and from Doha. We are tremendously pleased to now be able to offer our passengers another exciting destination to experience in this beautiful country".

Chief Minister of Penang, YB Lim Guan Eng said, "We offer a UNESCO World Heritage City that is captivating in not ony our cultural diversity and religious harmony but also in offering our natural beauty and world-class tourism products. Let your senses be invaded by sights, sounds and smells that wil entice you to come back for more".

**AIRLINK** 

Managing director of Malaysia Airports, Datuk Badlisham Ghazali said, "With the current triple-daily frequencies to KLIA catering to many passengers travelling to destinations in North America and Europe, we believe that the same demand for these destinations from Penang is growing rapidly. As one of the busiest airports in Malaysia, Penang International Airport recorded 7 million passenger movements last year.

"Qatar Airways will be the first Middle Eastern carrier to offer non-stop flight service from Doha to Penang".

Qatar Airways will fly thrice weekly to Penana with its state-of-the-art Boeina 787 Dreamliner. which features 22 seats in Business Class and 232 seats in Economy Class, with spacious cabins and specially-designed interiors.

At a press conference held at the Shangri-La Rasa Sayang shortly after the arrival of the inaugural flight, Qatar Airways Chief Commercial Officer, Ehab Amin announced that the Penang route will be boosted to a fourtimes-weekly frequency effectively 1 July 2018.

For more information, please call 03 - 2118 6100

## Cathay Pacific Fresh Routes to Exciting Capitals

In 2017, Hong Kong flag carrier Cathay Pacific turned around to face the challenging air passenger industry by expanding its network for selected routes. From its base in Hong Kong, the fresh impetus also saw the airline increased their frequencies to Adelaide, Boston, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, London Gatwick, Manchester, Toronto between June and August 2017, and later that year to Madrid, Paris and San Francisco.

Flights from Malaysia to Hong Kong is served by Cathay Dragon, which represents Cathay Pacific since 2017. The airline continues its strong presence in Malaysia this year with four daily flights from Kuala Lumpur and twelve weekly flights from Penang, with a total of 40 weekly flights from Malaysia to Hong Kong.

From the summer of 2018, its network expansion is enforced with new direct links with some of Europe's vibrant capitals, Brussels, Dublin and Copenhagen from Hong Kong. Cathay Pacific CEO Rupert Hogg said, "We're excited to offer the only direct flights between Hong Kong and Brussels, Dublin and Copenhagen. These are all fantastic destinations and attract business and leisure travellers from the world over. We listened to our customers' demands for more options and greater flexibility and have responded by building direct links with these great cities".

The three new routes will be operated by Cathay Pacific's Airbus A350-900 aircraft, featuring the latest seats and cabin design, which have been well received by the airline's customers. The flights to Brussels, Dublin and Copenhagen are equipped with the aircraft's enhanced inflight entertainment system and Wi-Fi on board.

Another recent addition to its long-haul routes to exciting capitals is the non-stop route from Hong Kong to Washington DC commencing

from September 2018 operated by the allnew Airbus A350-1000 aircraft.

CEO Rupert Hogg said that the service has been introduced to cater to the growing demand for travel to the Capital Region of the USA, while at the same time providing US-based passengers with more convenient access to key destinations in Asia and beyond through the airline's home in Hong

Cathay Pacific already has one of the youngest long-haul fleets. With the arrival of the first of its 20 Airbus A350-1000 in spring 2018, the fleet gets even younger. Like the smaller A350-900, the A350-1000 brings together the very latest in aerodynamics, design and advanced technologies to provide improved fuel efficiency and a state-of-the-art travel experience for customers.

For more information. please call 03 - 6207 4989



## Flying Emporium

- Premier Airport Shopping Destination





Flying Emporium is a one-stop premier airport shopping destination. At Flying Emporium, visitors from around the world travelling through KLIA and klia2 are offered a marvellous selection of merchandise from renowned brands, ranging from books, jewellery, accessories, perfumes and cosmetics, to luggage, chocolates and confectionery. Flying Emporium was established by Valiram to bring a unique and innovative airport retail concept to South East Asia.

Valiram is a retail specialist and brand builder. Its operations span the Asia-Pacific region, with 370 stores spread across Malaysia, Singapore Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Macau, New Zealand.

Australia and Russia. At present, Valiram has gained an impressive foothold across Domestic Retail, Travel Retail and E-commerce Retail with international brands including Michael Kors and Tumi as well as its original retail concepts such as Swiss Watch Gallery and, of course Flying Emporium

At Flying Emporium, Valiram showcases its 360° retailer concept. The Flying Emporium in KLIA caters for business and corporate travellers while its sister boutiques in klia2 are designed for holiday travellers.

The boutiques' customers are mainly Malaysians, Mainland Chinese,
Indonesians, Singaporeans and Indians. The large tour groups are usually
from Mainland China. Perfumes, cosmetics, chocolates and confectionery
are consistently in high demand throughout the year.

In terms of its business at Malaysia Airports, what began with a humble textile store at Terminal 3 of the old Subang International Airport has since grown to 36 boutiques at both KLIA and klia2. The company's growth seems inexorable and it envisions operating 50 stores there by 2020.

Valiram has been a key partner in the success of the retail environments at KLIA and klia2 since the establishment of both airports. Malaysia Airports continues to work closely with Valiram in a dynamic and synergistic relationship; Malaysia Airports lends its full support to the boutiques, while the presence of these brands add prestice and refinement to the girport.

experience. Malaysia Airports will soon embark on ambitious expansion plans to generate greater retail opportunities while enhancing the overall airport experience.

Through the years, Malaysia Airports has supported the group through various on-ground and digital marketing initiatives to promote Flying Emporium and Valiram's ensemble of fashion and lifestyle boutiques at KUA and klia2.

One of the more interesting collaborations was as recently as last year, which was the launch of the inaugural Flying Emporium Travel Fest. The shop-to-win promotion, which ran from last April

to July, offered a total of RM250,000 worth of prizes with a brand-new Peugeot 2008 SUV as the grand prize. The campaign extended to travellers shopping at Flying Emporium as well as other Valiram-owned stores – Swiss Watch Gallery, Wear + When, Tumi, Victoria's Secret and Charles & Keith.

This year, the Flying Emporium Travel Fest wil return in March with generous rewards and privileges for shoppers to eniov.

Do stop by the next time you are at KLIA or klia2 during the Travel Fest and discover why it pays to shop at Flyina Emporium.



AiRLINK



The Lamborghini brand is famous for its raging bull motif, and Malaysia Airports successfully capitalised on the brand's mystique to turn its 25th Anniversary Shopping Campaign's 'Spend & Win' contest into a major marketing triumph.

The contest captured the imagination of air travellers by offering a Lamborghini Huracan Spyder as its top prize. There were prizes worth RM2.5 million in total, and they included four all-expense paid Mastercard travel experiences in London and Paris.

The contest was held throughout 2017 and its Prize Giving Ceremony was held at Avenue K on 25 January 2018. The glittering event was officiated by Datuk Badlisham Ghazali, managing director of Malaysia Airports.

He said, "Last year's major shopping campaign was one of our ways to commemorate the appreciation we had towards our passenger and partners for their continuous support. The main sponsors included Mastercard as the official card for the shopping campaign, Malaysia Airlines, Malindo Air and AirAsia.

"Malaysia Airports' 25th Anniversary Shopping Campaign was held at its international airports - KL International Airport, Penang International Airport, Kota Kinabalu International Airport, Langkawi International Airport and Kuching International Airport. The Shopping Campaign had received overwhelming response with RM4.5 million average sales per week for a total contest sales worth RM135 million. We have several other initiatives in place to create an immersive experience in KLIA this year especially with the aid of technology, and also revamping the retail look and feel in KLIA. We also have plans to improve the Malaysian Experience in our other international airports".



Perry Ong, Country Manager, Malaysia and Brunei, Mastercard said, "We are committed to continue our long-standing partnership with Malaysia Airports to promote greater use of simple, safe and smart ways of payment methods, ensuring great customer experience always, as well as the development of Malaysia's wider travel and

During the prize giving ceremony, Badlisham presented the prizes to the top five winners:

- 1. Lamborghini Huracan Spyder, which was won by Riyo
- 2. All-expenses paid trip to Paris x 2, won by Daniel Kong and Goh Swee Lee from Malaysia and Singapore respectively
- 3. All-expenses paid trip to London x 2, won by Louis Andaikalam and Sharifah Shazreen Al-Yahya from Malaysia

## Interview with Noormah Mohd Noor Chief Executive Officer, Express Rail Link (ERL)

Puan Noormah's name is synonymous with ERL, having been with the company in October 1997 shortly after it received the concession to operate KLIA Ekspres and KLIA Transit. A strong advocate for introducing new technological innovations and improved customer service, she was instrumental in implementing the Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) system and many other recent initiatives like with Prasarana Malaysia Bhd and Grab

From being the first few to provide WIFI onboard trains, ERL has since ventured into many tie-ups to ensure that its customers' needs are taken care of. It is not surprising that this unassuming lady was recognised as Personality of the Year at the Global AirRail Awards in 2011. She modestly brushes aside her many achievements and that of ERL, which has carried over 85 million passengers to-date and is one of the 24 dedicated airport links worldwide.

#### Since you came onboard as CEO in June 2009, how has ERL evolved and where is the company now heading towards?

ERL has been growing from strength since we started running the two services in 2002. We have been innovating and providing our customers with more conveniences for a seamless experience. At the gates, they can now use their Visa payWave and soon MasterPass digital wallet without having to change their foreign currencies. We have moved from using magnetic stripe cards to smart cards in 2012, barcode tickets and Mobile App.

Collaborating with Prasarana via the enhanced KL TravelPass, our passengers can now go on the LRT, MRT and KL Monorail for two days of unlimited travel in the city. Following our successful partnership with Grab Malaysia, we will be tying up with another ride hailing service provider soon

#### Besides Malaysia Airlines, Malindo Air and Cathay Pacific/Cathay Dragon, what is being done to woo other airlines to provide customers with the convenience of checking-in their luggage at the KL City Air Terminal in **KL Sentral?**

Our team is in talks to get more airlines to provide check-in services at KL Sentral. As an incentive, we are offering free counter rental for a year and hope to rope in more airlines this year.

#### What aspect of ERL's business has experienced the most growth so far and why?

When ERL started its commercial train services to klia2 on 2 May 2014, we saw peak growth of 42% in our ridership. The next year, we had another 20% growth due to our customer's confidence in the service. Majority of our passengers are business travellers. The foreign numbers are also strong because even on holidays, they prefer to take the train.

Presently, our KLIA Transit carries slightly more than double our KLIA Ekspres, which has more premium passengers. Its passengers comprise mainly commuters, airport workers and concession ticket holders from students, the handicapped and senior citizens. It's only an extra six minutes compared to KLIA Ekspres due to its stops at three inter-mediate

#### **ERL** partnered with CRRC Changchun Railway Vehicles Company Ltd (CRRC) from China to increase its total capacity with its order of six new trains. How has this benefited ERL?

When our trains were being built in China, we sent some staff over for training and to benefit from the technology transfer. With the new trains, which have an enhanced features for passengers' comfort like better seat pitch or legroom, stronger air-conditioning and improved maintenance cycle, it will allow us to increase KLIA Transit frequencies and relief the existing fleet for refurbishment.

#### ERL won the North Star Air Rail Link of the Year award four times since 2012 besides other prestigious awards. What was the driving force behind these initiatives?

2015 and 2016 saw us having phenomenal growth, welcoming our 60 million and 75 million passengers respectively after we launch our services to klia2. That gave us the extra edge against other airport links. We also sell bulk tickets to the travel agents online through a Central Management System. For the MICE segment, we give them special price tickets via online promotional codes. The main driving force behind these initiatives is a team of dedicated staff who work tirelessly to ensure the success of

#### What has been your greatest achievement working for ERL?

When I hear others, including my friends, praise ERL services and know that the passengers are also happy with our service. Apart from the international recognitions, we also received awards locally. Last year, we won the Best Operator (Railway) Award in Malaysia from Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD). This is our fifth award from SPAD since 2013.

## What are your future plans and hopes

Having recently unveiled the new look for our KLIA Transit train from China, we plan to do the same soon for the livery of our KLIA Ekspres with some local motifs. We will be announcing additional frequencies for KLIA Transit in March. Once these new trains come into service this year, we will refurbish the existing trains. We aim to improve our customers' experience through our campaigns and have better connectivity with other transport services like LRT, MRT and

Our biggest future plan has always been to get involved with the HSR project with a view of going to Singapore. From time to time, our stakeholders have been proposing to the government for ERL's extension to Singapore. The economic conditions were not encouraging previously. I'm very happy that the government is taking up this proposal to reality now.

We also support Malaysia Airports' vision to develop the KLIA Aeropolis. If they need us to connect the airport city, we are prepared to do so but nothing is firmed yet.

#### Running an award-winning railway company is by far not an easy task, how do you spend your free time rejuvenating yourself and what are your favourite travel destinations?

always ensure I make time for my family and that we go somewhere together for a short vacation of four to five days locally or a slightly longer one overseas. This is the only time my children cannot run away from me. For relaxation, I enjoy sightseeing. Penang is my favourite local weekend destination because of its glorious food. I also love going to the islands like Perhentian and Redang in Terengganu.

My preferred oversea destinations are Europe and Japan. I love Japan as it is very convenient to travel there. You can just take the train and go anywhere. The food is good and I find the Japanese are the most cultured people in the world. Japan is superclean, including its public toilets and besides that, I like exploring Europe's historical places and preserved buildings.



## **ICKSTART YOUR JOURNEY WITH A** NIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE THAT S YOU ABOVE IT ALL.

No matter if it's premium dining, casual shopping or just exploring street culture, nights in Kuala Lumpur are exciting. It begins right where you land. The city's airport is where you can treat yourself at various duty-free outlets, take a break at one of our airport lounges or perhaps unwind with a quick massage at our reflexology centre. When you're ready for more of what the city has to offer, just hop aboard an express train that will speed you into the heart of the city and all of its varied delights.

Kuala Lumpur awaits you. And you're welcome 24 hours a day at the twin gateways of the KL International Airport (KLIA & klia2), served by a total of 68 airlines with 3,812 frequency weekly.





03 - 04 June

Queensbay Mall Penang, **Ground Floor, North Zone** 

09 - 11 June Sunway Velocity Mall, Level B1

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated and find out how you can keep it real.

**WWW.STRONGBOW.COM** 

f FB.COM/STRONGBOW.MY

**◎ INSTAGRAM.COM/STRONGBOW\_MY** 



ART FEATURES

## JOLLY KOH

### The Art Romanticist

BY SITI WAIIHAH KHOLIL



r Jolly Koh is one of the most respected artist-academician of his years. His artworks are very much celebrated as he is considered as one of the prime movers in the modern art scene. He is an intellectual as well as an aesthetic tour de force with a vast range of experience gained through his residence in the United Kingdom, United States, Australia and many other countries. Since the 1960's, Koh has played a major role in transforming local art and amazingly still continues to do so until this very day.

#### **KOH'S HISTORY & EDUCATION**

Jolly Koh was born in Singapore in 1941. His family moved to then Malaya during the Japanese occupation when he was an infant. They then resided in Malacca. He was part of an affluent Straits Baba family. In one of his book publications, Artistic Imperatives: Selected Writings and Paintings, he credits his grandfather for being an integral influence on his development during his teenage years. At the age of 13, he had already won the prestigious Milo Art competition and by the time he was 16, he was given a one-man

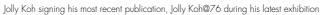
show at the British Council in Kuala Lumpur, followed by another one in Singapore.

Drawing and painting had always been an interest to Koh and at the age of 15, he took part in the Selangor Art Society exhibition.

Impressively at the age of 16, he held his first solo exhibitions; one in KL and the other in Singapore.

Koh wanted to pursue his passion and become an artist. Dedicated to his dream, he went to Hornsey College of Art in London to major in painting in 1959 when he was







Jolly Koh with his guests at the Jolly Koh@76 exhibition held at the White Box in Publika

only 18, with his grandfather supporting his studies. His student life in London allowed him to experience first hand in his initiation into the world of literature, theatre and music. His time at Hornsey played a major part in his development as an artist and art educator. He was introduced to the Basic Design programme initiated by figures such as Victor Pasmore and Maurice de Sauzmarez, and he received his National Diploma in Design in 1962.

In the same year, he expanded his career prospects by furthering his studies and received the Art Teacher's Certificate from London University in 1963. He then went off to teach but he also painted at the same time. In 1970 onwards, he pursued his Master of Science degree majoring in Art Education as well as his Doctor of Education degree in Philosophy of Education at Indiana University in the United States.

During the 1970's and 80's, making an income through painting was difficult, thus his sole occupation was teaching. After the

completion of his studies in 1975, he was offered a job in Australia and taught at a high school in Melbourne. He also worked with celebrated Australian artist John Olsen for a certain period and subsequently secured a senior lecturer post in Adelaide where he worked for 10 years. It was only in the late 90's that he became a full-time artist after he returned home.

#### THE ART OF JOLLY KOH

Paint is Jolly Koh's forte and he uses various techniques, mainly acrylic with oil on top that modifies the initial layer. Lively yet dreamy, vibrant but enchanting, Koh's romanticism is very apparent with lyrical quality, unveiling his inner persona. Therefore, his works portray a strong and resolute quality that reflects his personality.

Koh's paintings are reflections of more than the sensual pleasure of painting, exploring colour and space like no other. The awe-inspiring result of his intention in invoking his viewers' feeling of pleasure when gazing into his

magnificent work stems from the belief that a painting must be beautiful in order to be able to fulfil its function of providing aesthetic pleasure which he does so very well.

His works have been collected by numerous local and international museums, corporations, banks and hotels such as J.D. Rockefeller III Collection in New York, the National Art Gallery in Victoria, Australia, the Kasama Nichido Museum of Art in Japan, Bank Negara Malaysia and The Fullerton Hotel in Singapore as well as the Kuala Lumpur Hilton.

Although he has had several solo exhibitions in Malaysia between 1957 and 1969, he did not exhibit in Malaysia again for almost 23 years. Until recently, he has participated in numerous exhibitions in the USA, Australia, Thailand, Brazil and India. One of Koh's most recent solo exhibitions was held at the White Box in Publika, KL from Nov 30 to Dec 17, 2017, featuring over 40 of his best works in the last 15 years as well as the launch of his art book, Jolly Koh@76



The Terang Bulan Series marked his moon-painting era between 1994 and 1996, which later led to his rising sun paintings at the end of the era. The series shows Koh's alchemist-like talent in manipulating the hues of colour and temperature, which sets the tone and mood of his masterpieces. The glow of his Terang Bulan series incites an ethereal feel that makes the beauty of his works eternal in one's memory. Art aficionados, collectors and interested buyers can expect his magical works to be featured at the KL Lifestyle Art & Space auction this April 2018.

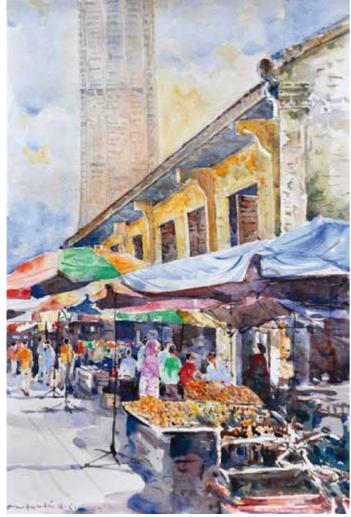
Untitled (Terang Bulan Series), 1995 Acrylic on linen 91 x 121.5 cm RM 35,000 - RM 50,000 KLAS Art Auction April 2018 Sale XXXI

82 | KL LIFESTYLE | KL LIFESTYLE | 83

## SHAFURDIN HABIB

## Capturing Penang's Charms in Watercolour

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



Chowrasta Market 2017 Watercolor on paper 30.5 x 45.8 cm

hafurdin Habib, a self-taught artist who pursued painting all through the 1980's was born in Kampung Basong, Perak.

His innate passion for art as a schoolboy translated to pencil drawings on the pages of his school exercise books. What was a humble hobby soon became a profound hunger which led him to make a giant leap from the comfort of his village to Kuala lumpur.

It was in the capital city where Shafurdin befriended established watercolourists, among the famed was Khalil Ibrahim, in his early twenties. It came as no surprise that Khalil played an influential role in Shafurdin's works in his early years as an artist.

The two artists have maintained a solid friendship for decades. Shafurdin's style of work highlights the simple Malaysian rural life. The fuel of his paintings was derived from the whole experience of being



Customs Building (Weld Quay) Penang Waterfront 2017 Watercolor on paper 30.5 x 45.8 cm

in the county, from the fisherman toiling at sea to the women pounding spices on their verandahs. In addition, his paintings provide his viewers with an insight into the artist's rustic childhood in Kampung Basong,

One would say that his niche is sensitively framing the kampung life into realistic but expressive depiction. Though Shafurdin is primarily known for his watercolour illustrations, his occasional oil and acrylic works add depth to the dimension of his art.

In Shafurdin's quintessential watercolour style, he has embodied the soul of several heritage sites in Penang namely, 'Customs Building (Weld Quay) Penang Waterfront 2017' and 'Chowrasta Market 2017'. The former is simply beautiful, capturing minute details in architecture, hues and even the passing-by of cargo ships. The artist's 'Chowrasta Market 2017' epitomises the antics in a market, with the renowned Komtar as its backdrop.





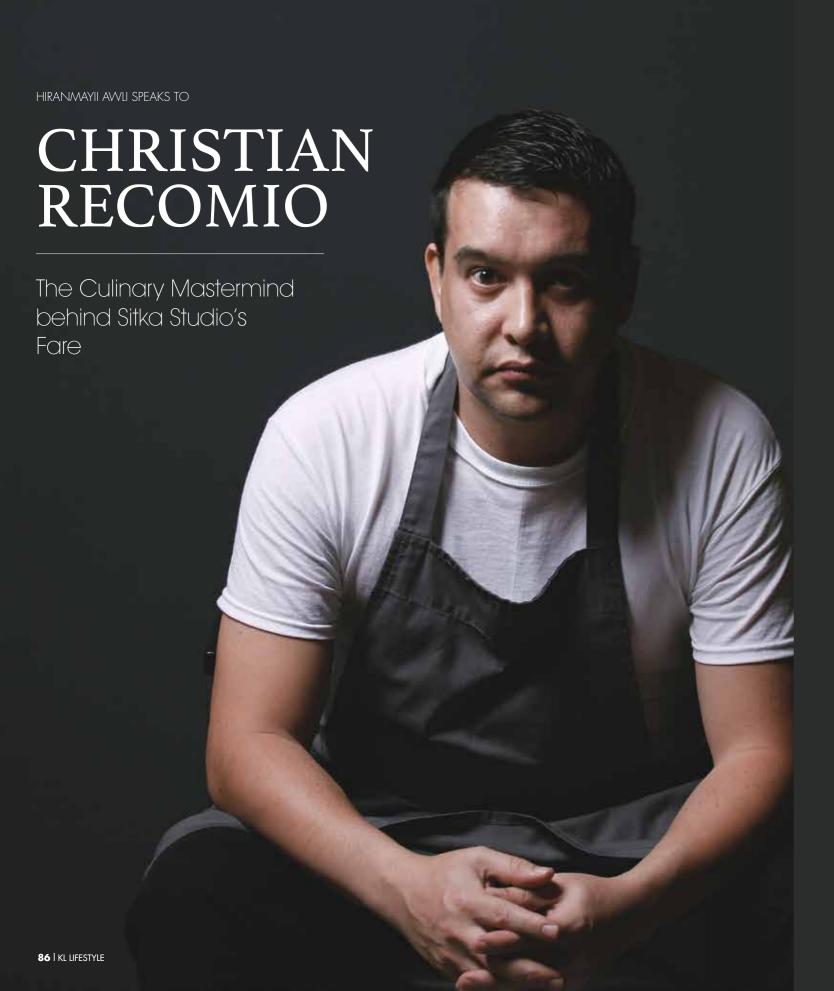
**CHANELA** (KLL Cover July 2015) Acrylic on canvas with metal leaf gilding 150 x 120 cm

## PRIVATE COMMISSION OF PORTRAITS BY DAVID BROMLEY

A CHANCE TO CAPTURE MOMENTS
ON CANVAS FOR YOUR LOVED ONES
BY ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST
IMPORTANT CONTEMPORARY
PORTRAITURE ARTIST,
DAVID BROMLEY



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GETTING A PRIVATE COMMISSION OF A PORTRAIT BY DAVID BROMLEY, KINDLY CONTACT KLAS AT +6019 333 7668 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO INFO@MEDIATE.COM.MY



#### Tell us about yourself.

I am Scottish, a restauranteur, chef and consultant. I love to travel, love nice restaurants and I love to eat.

## Paint us a picture of your home country and what do you love about it?

Aboyne is in the highlands of Scotland and the gateway to Royal Deeside, with more than 60 historic castles and Balmoral being the centrepiece; it is home to the royal family. As you can imagine, it's postcard perfect. Breathtaking sceneries, amazing produce, legendary Scotlish hospitality and plenty of whisky. What's not to love?

#### How long have you stayed in Malaysia?

Five year

#### What made you move to Malaysia?

I came here to visit a relative who is based here while taking a break from Moonfish (my Restaurant in Aberdeen). I was looking for a new challenge and when avenues opened up, I decided to stay.

## What was your first impression about this country? Any culture shock?

Well ,my first impression of Malaysia was that it had huge potential that needed to be realised. This country has been mistreated for a long time. I'm fairly well travelled, so I did not experience any culture shock.

#### What do you do during the weekends here?

If I'm not in the kitchen or looking after my restaurant in Scotland, I might be propping up a bar somewhere in Damansara Heights.

#### What have you come to love about Malaysia?

Sui yuk, chicken rice and roti telur in that order.

#### Favourite place to vacation in Malaysia?

Penang.

#### What inspired you to tread the culinary path?

The love of restaurants inspired me to tread the culinary path.

## Tell us about the flavours one would experience at Sitka

Sitka Studio is a modern contemporary restaurant. We are influenced by seasons, ingredients, old recipes, travel,

produce and many cuisines. We don't do traditional at this restaurant. Flavour is hugely important and we try to make every plate interesting. We focus on sourcing locally and on sustainably.

## Where are your favourite places to dine in Klang Valley besides Sitka Studio?

Pinch Restaurant has some great bistro fare and Darren over at Dewakan is doing some interesting things.

#### Finally, tell us about your aspirations.

I aspire for Malaysia to become a culinary destination not only for street food but an epicentre of great restaurants and amazing chefs.

#### Tell us about your family.

My family is always thinking about the next meal.

#### What do you miss about home?

The weather, the seasons, Scottish seafood, great restaurants, people being civil and polite, football and Sunday papers.

#### Tell us about the highlight of your career.

I'm hopeful that there are more highlights to come. I'm really proud of what we are doing at Sitka Studio right now and it's got to be up there. A few other highlights would include being voted runner-up for best restaurant in Scotland three years in a row by Observer newspaper and gaining Michelin recognition this year at Moonfish Aberdeen. Working at Noma was nice and has influenced my cooking but having Ferran Adria as a guest in my restaurant was especially pleasing.

#### Tell us about a favourite masterpiece you created.

I'm really happy with all the dishes we create at Sitka Studio and they are all equal. I'm currently working on a dish of lightly-cured local mackerel, apple and a broth of Sancho pepper. Its aesthetically pleasing, the flavours are balanced and its relatively simple. It's a super fresh dish.

#### What do you love about cooking?

I love the creativity that comes with cooking and the rush of service. Also, I love feeding people delicious food.

#### What is your advice to aspiring chefs out there?

Travel while you are young. Work in different countries, work with best, work for free for the best if you have to. Eat as much as you can wherever you are. Think big and you're only as good as your last meal.

LIFE & STYLE

## ALL-NEW CONTINENTAL GT DEBUTS AT BENTLEY KUALA LUMPUR



entley Kuala Lumpur recently unveiled the third generation of the peerless Continental GT, redefining the benchmark of luxury grand touring in the industry, and an extraordinary statement of luxury design, performance and technology.

This masterpiece of a car was designed, engineered and handcrafted in Britain. The new, third-generation Bentley Continental GT combines spirited, focused performance with handcrafted luxury and cutting-edge technology, to create the finest Grand Tourer ever produced.

"Tonight, we celebrate not only the debut of the new Continental GT, but also a showcase of Bentley's revolutionary design and engineering achievements. The all-new Continental GT marks another milestone for Bentley, setting the benchmark for luxury grand touring yet again with its unique combination of luxury and performance", said Jerry Lee, managing director of Wearnes Quest during the launch.

The launch featured the evolution of the Bentley Continental GT, drawing inspiration from the R-Type Continental 66 years ago that created a template and inspiration for the future of Bentley. Since then, the first generation of the Continental GT in 2003 has created a benchmark of revolutionary, luxury design, technology and performance, reflecting the best in class of each respective generation.

"It encapsulates Bentley's desire to innovate while staying true to its design DNA, continuously evolving to shape the future of luxury and the future of performance. It is specially crafted for discerning Bentley owners and the new generation, who understand and thrive with real power, luxury and innovation - the future of Bentley Kuala Lumpur," said Lee.

An exclusive group of current and future Bentley owners were the first in Malaysia to experience the new Continental GT.

#### THE NEW BENTLEY CONTINENTAL GT

At the heart of the new Continental GT sits an all-new, enhanced version of Bentley's renowned 6.0-litre, twinturbocharged W12 TSI engine, mated, for the first time, to a dual-clutch eight-speed transmission, for faster, more efficient gear change.

A new, technically advanced, adaptive chassis uses Bentley's intelligent 48-volt Dynamic Ride System to ensure a responsive ride and exceptional handling and refinement in all road conditions. The new system controls ride comfort and lateral roll, cushioning passengers from excessive movement, as well as making the car feel effortlessly precise.

The muscular exterior design, created using revolutionary technology, results in a lightweight, yet stiff body. The engine is positioned further back to improve weight distribution, resulting in driver focused, dynamic performance.

Offering four seats and improved luggage capacity for genuine real-world usability, the new Bentley Continental GT's luxurious cabin is packed with exquisite details including a new 'diamond in diamond' leather design. In addition, significant work has gone into harmonising the extensive portfolio of 15 colours across hides and carpets.



The new Continental GT also showcases major evolutions in Bentley's unique application of technology. An advanced, fully digital, driver-focused instrument panel and Bentley Rotating Display for the driver are among the suite of innovations. The latter features an impressive 12.3" touchscreen housed in a three-sided unit, which revolves the veneer to reveal the touchscreen, as well as three elegant analogue dials.

The interior design of the Continental GT is tailored specifically to the modern luxury customer, with unrivalled attention to detail that creates an effortless ownership experience. The cabin seamlessly integrates cutting-edge onboard technology with the finest handcrafted natural materials. The result is an exquisite, harmonised, connected and luxurious space.











An exclusive group of current and future Bentley owners were amongst the first in Malaysia to experience and celebrate the debut of the Continental GT at Bentley Kuala Lumpur.



## Sunway Velocity Hotel

Your Neighbourhood Staycation Destination

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

ituated in the thriving heart of Cheras is a new hotel under the umbrella of Sunway Group. Sunway Velocity Hotel is the largest and the only integrated hotel within the vicinity, bringing vibrancy, energy, and excitement to the area, including conveniences for the corporate and leisure travellers.

It's no surprise that its ideal locale is also part of the allure of Sunway Velocity Hotel. This establishment is well connected to the major transportation veins such as the Light Rapid Transit (LRT) and Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) that can

whisk you away to Bukit Bintang, KL Sentral and other parts of Kuala Lumpur. The hotel's façade is striking and vibrant, immediately capturing the attention of any passer-by.

The newborn of the Sunway Group empire doesn't cease to amaze. The best feature and one that makes it distinct is its link to Sunway Velocity Mall which houses 150 food and beverage outlets, a slew of entertainment centres and recreational facilities. No hunger nor boredom shall befall patrons, ensuring a vacation that will be etched in their memories forever

The hotel features 351 guestrooms with a choice of three room categories, namely Superior, Superior Plus and Superior Premier. The Superior Room, measuring 25 square metres in size, is the hotel's lead in room category, meant for leisure travellers and businessmen alike. The Superior Plus Room, measuring 27 square metres, is designed in a casual style for guests with children who seek additional space as the room sleeps up to three adults with an extra single bed (upon request).

The 38-square-metre Superior Premier Room is magnificent and quickly became



Sunway Velocity Hotel, Lingkaran SV, Sunway Velocity, 55100 Kuala Lumpur Tel: +603 2726 3988

our favourite for commodious dwelling and loft-like arrangement, offering an additional settee that pulls-out to a queensized sofa bed, accommodating up to two adults and two children or three adults in the room. This room is fit for a family of five or a group of friends who yearn for a staycation in finesse.

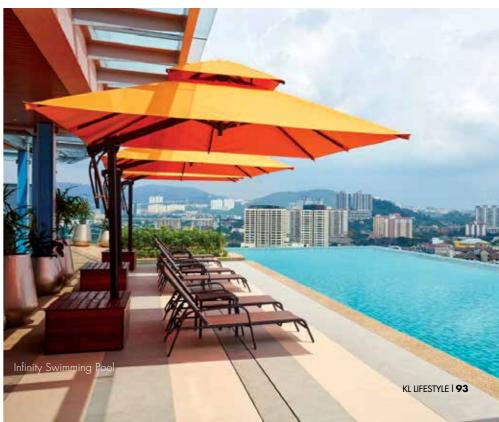
Complementing its exterior, each room is embroidered with bold, geometric patterns and accented by hues of green, yellow and a dash of gold, emanating a feeling of coziness and a contemporary flair. In addition, the rooms are equipped with the essential conveniences and comfortable features and amenities for an effortless

stay such as complimentary wiFi and wired broadband Internet access, LED Smart TV, electronic safe, mini fridge, and coffee and tea-making facilities.

Out of the host of fantastic amenities, we were extremely fascinated with the handy phone, a smart phone placed in every room for patrons to utilise during their stay. This device can be used to make unlimited local calls, surf the net and to find out more about Sunway Velocity Hotel and its offerings. As expected from the Sunway Group, they have thought of even the minute details in order to create a memorable experience for their guests.

Just when you think they can't impress you anymore, they surpass expectations and render facilities such as a boardroom for business meetings or conferences that accommodate up to 16 persons. We can almost hear the gym junkies applaud at the 24-hour fitness centre and an infinity swimming pool. Both the fitness centre and infinity pool are located on Level 16, the hotel's highest floor, where guests can enjoy panoramic views of the Cheras and KL city skyline. Lastly, Kaffeinate, the hotel's express café on Level 5 serves of light snacks and refreshments for dine-in and take-away.









INSPIRED BY DESIGN BUILT WITH QUALITY CRAFTED FOR LIFESTYLE

Centrally located at Tropicana A dynamic suburb on the rise

Call us today to find out how you can win the "Hearts on Fire" Fulfillment Diamond Pendant

SHOW UNITS OPEN FOR VIEWING

- **6** +6018 605 9999
- w lumicollections.com
- lumi gallery

THRIVEN



Tinggi

fahrenheit88

Tel: 03-2148 5488

• Sunway Pyramid • LG14 Subang

Parade • One Utama PH\$ 2 • KLCC

• Mid Valley Megamall • Alamanda

Putraiava • Pavilion KL • Jusco Bukit

179, Jalan Bukit Bintang • 🗑 B Bintang

A hot spot for Fashion, Food, Gadgets

and Entertainment with 200 retails stores

over 7 levels of shopping space. Shop at

South East Asia's largest Uniqlo store, the

Floor, or buy aifts and souvenirs. Discover

entertain at CEO Karaoke Box and Club

1 Lebuh Bandar Utama, Bandar Utama,

under one roof. The old wing has Jusco

as the main anchor tenant while the

new extension houses many designer

brands and has U Parkson, MPH & Jusco

asanchor tenants • 10am - 10pm daily.

The biggest in Southeast Asia, this mall

which measures 7.5 million sq ft, is an

integrated shopping-cum-entertainment

centre with a hotel, the region's biggest

indoor theme park and bowling centre.

A new generation shopping centre

which satisfies all shopping needs

latest Shoes, Bags, Accessories on First

new concept cafes and restaurant or

Vellin. • 10am-10pm daily

P.I Tel: 03-7710 8118

Berjaya Times Square

Tel- 03-2117 3111

1 Jalan Imbi • 🖶 Imbi

#### the Curve

Mutiara Damansara, PJ Tel: 03-7710 6868 Situated in PJ's golden triangle, this open-air mall boasts 700,000 sq ft of space spreading over 3 floors and accommodating 270 specialty shops. It is connected to Ikea, Ikano Power Centre and Tesco. • 10am-10pm daily.

#### **Bangsar Village**

Jalan Ara, Bangsar • 角 Bangsar Tel: 03-2282 1808 Located in happenina Banasar, this neighbourhood mall is vastly popular due to its individual specialist shops offering fashion wear, toys, jewellery, hardware, beauty salons and F&B. Anchor tenants include The Village Grocer. The newer and bigger Bangsar Village II that's connected to this mall offers more local and international brands.

#### Alamanda Putrajaya

Jalan Alamanda, Precinct 1, Putrajaya Tel: 03-8888 8882 Accessibility: ERL Putrajaya & Nadi Putra (bus service) Located at the heart of Putrajaya, Álamanda offers a new resort-style shopping to suit the needs of all - with Parkson & Carrefour as anchor tenants, FOS, Somerset Bay, MPH and Toycity tagged with ARL Bowl.

#### CapSquare

Jalan Munshi Abdullah • 🕫 M Tuanku Dang Wangi Tel: 03-2697 7662 Strategically located in the heart of KL's midtown grea. CapSquare is an eclectic mix of signature offices. Manhattaninspired residences, a shopping centre and a vibrant 300-metre retail boulevard It also houses intimate eateries, chill-out spots and a TGV cinema. • D6

### publikashoppinggallery

Suria KLCC Petronas Twin Towers • 🗯 KLCC Tel: 03-2382 2828 / 2430 / 2431 Located at the base of the Petronas Twin Towers, Suria KLCC is the premier shopping centre in KL. It offers unique shopping, dining & entertainment experience. It houses exclusive designer brands and provides an abundant choices of goods and services for everyone. • 10am - 10pm daily. • D8

**Publika Shopping Gallery** 

No 1, Jalan Dutamas 1, Solaris

Dutamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur

Tel· 03-6211 7877

www.publika.com.mv

www.facebook.com/

#### Sunway Pyramid

Bandar Sunway Tel: 03-74943100 Impressive giant sphinx statue greets you at the entrance of this Eavotian-themed shopping centre situated next to Sunway Hotel and the Sunway Lagoon theme park,. The mall has a variety of shops and restaurants, an indoor ice-skating rink and a cineplex. • 10am-10pm daily.

#### Pavilion KL

168, Jalan Bukit Bintang • 🗑 B Bintang Tel: 03-2118 8833 The shopping centre blends the best of the international retail world with 450 stores – ranging from fashion to home deco and leisure to culinary delights - over its 7 levels and 6 themed precincts, 20% of its tenants represent debut brands in Malaysia, Anchor departmental stores are Parkson Pavilion and Tangs. • 10am to 10pm

## **Bangsar Shopping Centre** Jalan Maarof, Bangsar

Tel: 03-2094 7700 Located in the affluent Bangsar suburb, this mall buzzes with a trendy crowd and houses an array of individual specialist shops for every need. Jasons Food Hall is a favourite with shoppers, as it offers an extensive range of fresh and international food brands. 10am - 10pm daily.

#### Maju Junction Mall

1001 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 🕫 Tel: 03-2697 9312 Located at the junction of Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman and Jalan Sultan Ismail. the five-storey mall has 101 outlets with Giant, Wh by British India, FOS, Nichii Fashion City being the anchor tenants. The mall provides concierge service and has an indoor archery centre, Big-Shot Archery. • 10am - 10pm daily.

#### IPC Shopping Centre (Formerly Ikano) 2, Jalan PJU 7/2, Damansara Mutiara, PJ

Tel: 03-7730 0333 Located near 1 Utama and linked to IKEA, this centre only has XXL size stores. The 11 anchor tenants includes Harvey

indoor theme park and powing cerms.

• 10am - 10pm daily. • F8

KLIA

KL International Airport, Sepang 
KLIA
Ekspres-KLIA Tel: 03-8777 8888

One of airports with value-for-money shopping, it offers an excellent selection of goods like souvenirs, tobacco, liquors, of goods like souvenirs, tobacco, liquors,

#### Pertama Complex Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman

M Tuanku Bandaraya • 🖛 Bank Negara Tel: 03-2691 6599 One of the earliest shopping complexes in KL, this mall consists of many small shops selling an astonishing variety of goods and services appealing to the masses,

including sports goods, leatherware,

clothes, shoes and stationery. • 9am -

#### Sogo KL

Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman

→ 🗑 M Tuanku

9pm daily. • D5

• 🖺 Bandaraya • 🖛 Bank Negara Tel: 03-2698 2111

This 10-storey shopping mall is well patronised for its quality goods (local and international) ranging from apparel, home furnishing to daily need items. It also has an international restaurant floor on the 6th floor • 11am-9pm daily • D5

#### Starhill Gallery

181 Jin Bkt Bintang • 🗑 B Bintang Tel: 03-2782 3800 Connected to JW Marriott Hotel and Ritz Carlton Hotel, Starhill houses the largest retail watch floor and a host of top fashion designer boutiques. An exclusive mall with excellent eateries and high-end shops. •10am -10pm daily • E9

#### Sungei Wang Plaza

Jalan Sultan Ismail • 🗑 B Bintana Tel: 03-2142 6636 Sungei Wang remains one of the busiest shopping centres for the last 2 decades. Linked directly to the Monorail, it has over 500 retail outlets and eateries. A great place to hunt for electrical and electronic products. mobile phones, fashionable street wear, shoes & accessories. The hip T-Hop zone at the 6th floor caters to trendy teenagers

10am - 10pm daily • F8

#### **Subana Parade**

Subang Jaya • GKTM Subang Tel: 03-5633 2530 This suburban mall offers an interesting mix of stores with goods ranging from apparels to antiques, and music to jewellery. Anchor tenants include Toy 'R' Us and Parkson. Carrefour hypermarket is located next door. 10am - 10pm daily.

#### **Great Eastern Mall**

303 Jalan Ampang Tel: 03-4259 8090 Located along busy Jalan Ampang, this 6-storey mall has a host of shops including a pet shop, Aussino, British India and eateries like Starbucks and Alexis. It has Cold Storage as its anchor supermarket. • 11am - 9pm daily.

## **Hartamas Shopping Centre** Plaza Damas, 60 Jalan Sri Hartamas 1

Tel: 03-6201 6553 Integrated with Plaza Damas & situated among retail shops, offices, serviced apartments and alfresco boulevards. Features Citi Super, SenQ and many other speciality retailers.

#### Lot 10

50 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 🗑 B Bintang Tel: 03-2143 6092 Linked to the Bukit Bintang Monorail station and Sungei Wang Plaza by an overhead bridge, Lot 10 offers an upmarket and wide selection of fashion wear. It has Isetan as anchor tenant • 10am - 9.30pm daily • F8

#### Low Yat Plaza

Off Jalan Bukit Bintang • 🗑 B Bintang Tel: 03-2148 3651 Located next to the Federal Hotel, it has 250 tenants offering goods as varied as cameras, mobile phones, apparel, fashion accessories and antiques. This largest IT centre provides for all your computing needs. BB Park, located across the plaza and consisting of trendy restaurants and alfresco cafes, sees a hive of activities at night. • 10am - 10pm daily • F8

#### **MINES Shopping Fair Centre**

Seri Kembangan • GTTM Serdang Tel: 03-8949 6288 Cruise into the heart of a busy shopping mall with a vibrant mix of more than 300 retailers, fashion boutiques, F&B outlets, canal augy alfresco dining, IT & mobile addaets and also leisure and entertainment facilities like a cinema, bowling alley and snooker centre.

10am - 10pm daily.

Mid Valley Megamall
Lingkaran Syed Putra • GRTM Mid Valley Tel: 03-2938 3333 The shops go on and on in this mall strategically located between KL and PJ. It has Metrojaya, Jusco, Carrefour, Golden Screen Cinemas and MPH as anchor tenants, over 300 specialty stores and 70 F&B outlets under one roof. Adjacent to the mall are Cititel Mid Valley Hotel and Boulevard Hotel • 10am - 10pm daily.

#### The Gardens

Mid Valley City • KTM Mid Valley Tel: 03-2297 0288 10am - 10pm dayly

#### Sunway Putra Mall (Formerly The Mall)

100 Jalan Putra, KL • PWTC Tel: 03-2786 9333 Located across the Seri Pacific Hotel and Putra World Trade Centre, the Mall has anchor tenant Parkson Grand together with a host of retailers, offering a full range of products, services, food & amusement to shoppers • 10am -10pm daily • B5

Chinese

**Celestial Court** 

Renaissance Hotel

**Dynasty Dragon** 

Imbi Palace

Lai Po Heen

Li Yen

Dining • F9

Maiu Palace

Dining • C5

Cantonese • D8

Kim Ma

03-2717 9988 @ M Tuanku •

• Halal • Casual Dining • C6

• Halal • Casual Dining • H3

03-2264 2264 € KL Sentral • Hilton KL

03-2771 6773 **B** Nanas • East Wing,

03-21431907 🗑 Raja Chulan 6 Jalan Kia

Peng • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • E9

03-2143 1128 • Jalan Bukit Bintang

03-8946 2333 • Palace of the Golden

Horses • The Mines Resort City • Halal

Fine Dining • Cantonese cuisine

03-2179 8885 © KLCC • Mandarin

03-2782 9033 🙃 B Bintang • The Ritz

Carlton Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual

03-2691 8822 @ M Tuanku S Ismail • Level

5, Maju Junction Mall • Halal • Casual

Oriental Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining •

Pavillion • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

Non-Halal • Casual Dinina • D7

Sheraton Imperial Hotel



#### 123GASING

123, Jalan Gasing, Seksyen 10, 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

## **SHINJUKU**

Ground Level, The Curve, 58, Jalan PJU 7/2, Mutiara Damansara, 47800 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Mandarin Palace 03-2148 8744 • B Bintang • 2/F, Federal Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

#### Marco Polo

03-2141 2233 @ Raia Chulan • 1/F. Wisma Lim Foo Yong, Jalan Raia Chulan • Non-Halal • Casual Dinina • E8

03-2614 8056 Bandaraya • Quality Hotel City Centre • Jalan Raja Laut Halal
 Casual Dinina
 Szechuan cuisine

#### Ming Palace

03-2161 8888 @ Ampana Park • Corus 03-4280 5666 Ampang Water Front
• Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8 Hotel, Jln Ampana • Casual Dinina

#### Ming Room

03-2284 8822 € Bangsar • Bangsar Shopping Centre • Non-Halal • Casual Dinina

#### Oriental Noble House

03-2145 8822 = Imbi • 19 Jalan Delima, Off Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F10

#### Overseas

03-2144 9911 @ B Bintana • 84-88 Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

#### **Purple Cane**

03-2272 3090 · Maharajalela · Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall, 1 Jln Maharajalela • Halal • Casual Dining

03-2144 2200 B Nanas • Concorde Hotel • Non-Halal • Private Dining

#### Café Café

03-2141 8141# Maharajalela • 175 Jalan Maharajalela • Halal • Fine Dining • Fr & Italian • H7

#### **Fusion**

03-2179 8082 • MiCasa All Suite Hotel, 368B Jalan Tun Razak • Pork-Free • Halal • Fine Dining • D10

03-2782 3875 • B Bintang • Lower G/F, Starhill Gallery • Halal • Fine Dining • E9

#### Indian

#### **Estana Curry House**

03-2141 1958 Raja Chulan • 23D, Jln Sultan Ismail • Halal • Casual Dinina

#### Passage Thru' India

03-2145 0366 • 4, Jln Delima,kl Halal • Casual Dining • E10

#### Spice Garden Imperial

03-2142 2220 B. Bintang • 205 Jln Bkt

#### International

03-2717 9900 @ M Tuanku • Sheraton Imperial • Halal • Casual Dining • C6

#### The Resort Cafe

03 - 7495 2009 . Lobby Level, Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa \*Pork-Free Restaurant

#### Eight Gourmets Gala (EGG)

017 948 8684 . Suite G-01, Ground Floor, Pinnacle Annexe, Persiaran Lagoon, Bandar Sunway, 47500, Selangor

03-2711 8866 B Nanas KLCC Hotel Maya KL • Halal • Casual Dining • Nyonya & International • D8

#### **Melting Pot**

012-399 0734 **B Nanas Concorde** Hotel, 2 Jln Sultan Ismail • Halal • 24hour • Casual Dining • D7

#### **Still Water Restaurant**

03-2333 1360 € B Nanas € KLCC • Hotel Maya KL • Halal • Casual Dining • Japanese & Western • D8

#### **PNB Darby Cafe**

03-7490 3838 **≘ Ampang Park • G/F**, PNB Darby Park, Executive Suites, 10 Jalan Binjai • Halal • Casual Dining

#### **NON-SMOKING BAR**





#### Play Lounge

64M, Jalan SS21/58, Damansara Utama, 47400, Petaling Jaya Tel: +6011-3920 7568

#### Alexis the Bar Upstairs

(partial smoking section) 29A Jalan Telawi 3, Bangsar Baru, 59100 Kuala Lumpur Tel: +603 2284 2880

#### Hubba Hubba Mont Kiara (partial smoking section)

Level G, Seni Mont Kiara, 2A, Changkat Duta Kiara, 50480 Kuala Lumpur Tel: +6012 205 0442

#### The Berlin KL

208, Jalan Tun HS Lee, 50000 Kuala Lumpur Tel: +603-20222111

**96** I KL LIFESTYLE

KL LIFESTYLE I 97

The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpu

#### Italian

#### Cellini's 03-2715 1000 • B Bintang • Dorsett Regency Hotel • 172 Jalan Imbi • Halal •

## Casual Dinina • F9

**Tamarind Springs** 03-4256 9300 • Jalan 1 Taman Tun Abdul Razak, Ampang Halal . Fine Dinina

#### La Risata

03-4252 6269 • 26, Persiaran Ampang • Halal • Casual Dining

03-2773 8338 • B Bintang • The Westin Hotel • Halal • Fine Dining • E9

#### Villa Danieli

03-2717 9922 @ M Tuanku • Sheraton Imperial Hotel • Halal • Italian • Fine Dining • C6

#### **Japanese**

Tatsu Japanese Restaurant 03-2782 6118 @ Ampang Park InterContinental Hotel Halal . Casual Dining . C9

#### Gen

03-4042 9888 PWTC • Sunway Putra Hotel • Halal • Casual Dinina • B5

#### Nobu Kuala Lumpur

03-2164 5084 • Menara 3 Petronas Persiaran KLCC . Fine Dining

#### **Fukuva Restaurant**

03-21-44 1022 • 9, Jalan Delima, Imbi, Kuala Lumpur • Casual Dining

#### Haru Japanese Restaurant

03-2011 8783 • 124A, Jalan Kasah, Medan Damansara • Casual Dining

#### Iketeru

03-2264 2264 @ Stesen Sentral KL Hilton Kuala Lumpur, 3 Jln Stesen Sentral

03-2148 9608 Faja Chulan • Pavilion KL

#### Kokufu

03-4049 4412 • Sri Pan Pacific KL Halal • Fine Dinina

03-2161 8888 € Ampang Park Corus Hotel • Casual Dining • C9

#### Ozeki Tokyo Cuizine

03-2166 4263 • B Nanas • Menara TA One • Halal • Fine Dining • D8

03-2284 7663 • The Gardens, Mid Valley City . Casual Dining

03-2162 2233 <sup>9</sup> B Nanas • Renaissance Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining

#### Korean

#### Da On

03-2141 2100 @ B Bintana • Pavilion KL • Halal • Fine Dining • Korean • E8

#### **Koong Jung**

03-2166 7181 @ Ampang Park • PNB Darby Park • Halal • D9

#### Korvo Won

03-2143 2189 # Bukit Bintang • Starhill Gallery • Halal • Casual Dining • E8

#### Thai

#### Rama V Fine Thai Cuisine

03-2143 2428 / 03-2143 2663 5, Jalan U-Thant, 55000 Kuala Lumpur • Halal • Fine Dinina

#### **HOTEL & RESORT** \*\*\*\*

#### Ascott KL

03-2718 6868 9, Jalan Pinang • • R Chulan • From

#### Berjaya Times Square Hotel & ntionCentre

03-2117 8000 • 1 Jalan Imbi • 🖷 Imbi • Big Apple Restaurant (Fusion) Broadway Lounge, The Cafe, The Bar, • From RM245-RM700 • F8 • www.timesquarekl.

#### Seri Pacific Hotel Kuala Lumpur

03-4042 5555 • Jalan Putra PWTC Zende (Int'I), Kokufu (Jap), lounge to Cher From RM198++ to RM3,000 • B5 www.seripacifichotel.com

#### **Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur**

03-2182 1234 • Jalan Pinana THIRTY8 (International), Poolside From RM550 - RM5610 www.kualalumpur.grand.hyatt.com

#### The Westin KL

03-2731 8333 199 • Jalan Bukit Bintang B Bintang • Prego (Ita), Living Room (Int'I), Qba (Bar & Grill), Treats (gourmet bakery), Eest (Pan Asian) • From RM480-RM7,000 • E9 • www.westin.com

#### **Grand Millennium KL**

03-2117 4888 • 160, Jalan Bukit Bintang • Bukit Bintang • Zing (Chi), The Mill (Int'l)From RM300-RM5,600 • www.millenniumhotel.com

#### Hilton KL

03-2264 2264 • 3, Jln Stesen • Sentral, KL Sentral • @ @ GKTMKL Sentral • Chynna(Chi), Senses (Fusion), Noodle Room, Sudu, Zeta Bar, Vintage Bank • From RM385-RM605 • G3 www1.hilton.com

03-7955 9122 • 2 Jalan Barat, PJ • € Asia Jaya • Toh Yuen (Chi), Paya Serai Coffee House, Genii (Jap), Caffè Cino, Uncle Chilli's • From RM220-RM1685

#### Holiday Inn Kuala Lumpur

03-7802 5200 • 1 Jalan Usahawan U1/8, Shah Alam •Fu-Rin (Jap), Kites (Int'I), The Mix Restaurant & Bar • From RM290 • www.holidavinn.com/alenmarie



#### **KL Tower**

03-2020 5499 ■ Bukit Nanas • Jalan Punchak, off Jalan P Ramlee. • The KL Tower stands at 421 metres. The tower houses a revolving restaurant and an observation deck which takes 58 seconds to reach. Catch the sunset or experience sky jumping from the tower roof. • Opens 9am 10pm daily • E7



#### Istana Negara, Jalan Duta Located along Jalan Duta, it is the of-

ficial residence of Malaysia's king since Nov 11, 2011. Influenced by both Isnic and traditional Malay architecture, this unique structure is the latest addition to the country's architectural wonders.



Jalan Tugu, off Jalan Parlimen Designed by American artist, Felix Weldon and cast in Italy, the immense bronze structure was built to commemorate the servicemen who lost their lives during the struggle against the communist insurgency in the 1950's. The 7 soldiers symbolise unity, strength, leadership, sacrifice, courage, suffering and vigilance • E3



#### Little India

Masjid Jamek • Jalan Masjid India is a colourful street with numerous wholesale and retail Indian traders who sell everything from Indian brass, jewellery, sarees, Indian handicrafts to perfumes &



03-2267 1111 • 29 Jalan Raja • Displays a unique permanent collection of artifacts and materials showcasing the history and heritage of Malaysia • Opens 9am to 6pm daily • Admission RM1. Free for <12 vrs & students



#### Jamek Mosaue

Jalan Tun Perak • Situated at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers, this grand old mosque was designed by British architect AB Hubbock in 1909. It incorporates many features of Moghul architecture a . Opens 8am-1:30pm & 2:30pm-6pm.

#### \*\*\*\*

**Sheraton Imperial KL** 03-2717 9900 • Jln Sultan Ismail • • M Tuanku • Essence (Int'I), Villa Danieli (Ita), Celestial Court (Chi) • From RM300-RM5,825 • D6

#### Hotel Istana

03-2141 9988 • 73, Jalan Raja Chulan • • R Chulan • Peach Garden (Chi), Urban Bistro (Aus), Taman Sari (Int'l) • From RM299-RM5000 • E8 • www.hotelistana. com.mv

**Hotel Maya KL** 03-2711 8866 • Jalan Ampang • ⊕ Bukit Nanas <sup>9</sup> KLCC • Still Waters, Maya Brasserie, Ramah Tamah • From RM325-RM1,800 • D8

www.hotelmaya.com.my

#### InterContinental KL

03-2782 6000 • 165, Jalan Ampang • Ampang Park • Serena Brasserie Tao (chi) , Tatsu (Jap), Bentley's Pub, Lobby Lounge & The Deli • From RM330-RM12.500 • C9

www.intercontinental.com

#### JW Marriott Hotel KL

03-2715 9000 • 183 Jalan Bukit Bintana • • B Bintang • 3rd Floor (Int'I), Marriott Café, Shanahai (Chi), JW Marriott Gourmet (Int'I), Havana Club • From RM400- RM8,000 • E9

#### Le Meridien KL

03-2263 7888 • 2, Jin Stesen Sentral 5, KL Sentral • • • € GKTM KL Sentral • One On One (Asian Fusion), Al Nafourah (Middle Eastern), The Conservatory (Lounge & Bar) • From RM 328- RM5,500 • H3 www.lemeridienkualalumpur.com

#### Mandarin Oriental Hotel

03-2380 8888 • KL City Centre • € KLCC •Lai Po Heen (Ch), Mandarin Grill and Mo Bar (Bar & Grill), Mosaic (Buffet), The Mandarin Cake Shop, Cascades (Int'l), Wasabi Bistro (Jap) • From RM409(internet)/RM499(phone) • D8 www.mandarinoriental.com

#### **Philea Mines Beach Resort**

03-8943 6688 • Jalan Dulang, Mines Resort City, Seri Kembangan, Selangor • GRTM Serdang • Abdul and Charlie's (local), Cheng Ho Court (Chi), Beach Hut and Sunset Lounge (drinks and snacks) • From RM200-RM2000

#### Sama-Sama Hotel KLIA

03-8787 3333 • Kuala Lumpur International Airport • SKLIA Degrees (Int), Traveller's Bar & Grill, Palmz Lounge (Wn) • From RM570++

#### Parkroyal Kuala Lumpur

03-2147 0088 Jln Sultan Ismail • • B Bintana • Chatz Brasserie (Wn), Bossa Nova (Wn), Hot Gossip, Si Chuan Dou Hua (Chi), Klix Lounge • From RM270 • www.parkrovalhotels.com

#### **PNB Darby Park Executive Suites**

03-7490 3333 • 10. Jln Binigi • 👲 Ampana Park •The 39 Restaurant, Minmax (Chi), Koong Jung (Jap/Korean) • From RM350-

www.pnbdarbyparksuites-kl.com

#### Pullman Kuala Lumpur

03-2170 8888 • 4, Jalan Conlay • • Raja Chulan •Tai Zi Heen (Chi), Eccucino (Café), Enju (Jap) • From RM270-RM670 • E9 • www.princehotelkl.com

#### Renaissance KL

03-2162 2233 • Corner of Jln S. Ismail/ Jin Ampang • • B Nanas • Sagano (Jap), MED@Marche(Med), Vogue (Int'I) • East Wing: Dynasty (Chi), TEMPTationS (Int'l) • From RM215-RM6,000 • D7

#### The St. Regis Kugla Lumpur

03-2727 1111 . Jalan Stesen Sentral 2. Kuala Lumpur Sentral • From RM850

#### Shanari-La Hotel KL

03-2032 2388 • 11 Jalan Sultan Ismail • • B Nanas • Shang Palace (Chi), Zipangu (Jap), Lafite (Fr), Lemon Garden Café (Int'I), The Pub • From RM364-RM12,000 D7 • www.shanari-la.com

#### **Sheraton Imperial Hotel**

03-2717 9900 Jin Sultan Ismail • 🖥 M Tuanku • Essence (Int'I), Villa Danieli (Ita), Calestial Court (Chi) • From RM300-RM5.8250 • D6

#### The Gardens Hotel & Residences

03-2268 1188 • Mid Valley City • Grm Mid Valley • The Soread (Int'l), Sage Restaurant & Wine Bar (Fr & Jap) • From RM600-RM2,600 • www.gardenshtlres.

#### Sunway Putra Hotel (Formerly The Legend Hotel)

03-4042 9888 • Putra Place, 100 Jalan Putra • PWTC • Museum (Chi), Di-Atas Brasserie (Int'I), Gen (Jap), Monkey Bar • From RM188-RM388 • B5 • www. legendhotelkl.com

#### The Ritz-Carlton KL

03-2142 8000 • 168, Jalan Imbi • 🗑 B Bintang • Li Yen (Chi), Rossini's (Ita) • From RM418 • F9 • www.ritz-carlton.com The Ritz-Carlton Residences

#### 03-2142 9000 • • B Bintang • From RM950-RM1.330 • F9

The Royal Chulan 03-2688 9688 • Jalan Conlay • # R Chulan • Deli Cafe (Ita), Bunga Emas (Mas), L'Heritage (Fr) • F6 • www. theroyalchulan.com.my

#### \*\*\*

#### Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentra

Nook (International), MAI Bar (Bar Menu), w xyz(SM) Bar (Cocktails & Snacks) • From RM270 - RM388 •

#### Ancasa Hotel KL

03-2026 6060 • Jin Tun Tan Cheng Lock • ■ Plaza Rakyat • Saffron Brasserie and BabaReeba! • Ancasa Spa • From RM165-RM416 • www.ancasa-hotel.com

#### **Boulevard Hotel**

03-2295 8111/2295 8000 СТТ Mid Vallev City, Lingkaran Syed Putra • Mid Valley
•Wild Rice (Int'l) • Rates from RM290Nett - RM420Nett • www.blvhotel.com

#### Concorde Hotel

03-2144 2200 • 2 Jalan Sultan Ismail • B Nanas • Spices (Western), Meltina Pot (Int'l), Xin (Chi) • From RM178++-RM320++ • D7

#### Coronade Hotel KL

03-2148 6888 • Jalan Walter Grenier, Bkt Bintang • • B Bintang • Makan-Makan (Local & Int'l), The Kasturi (Malay), Lobby Lounge. • From RM208- RM500 • F8 www.coronade.com

#### Corus Hotel KL

03-2161 8888 • Jalan Ampang • 🥯 Ampang Park • Ming Palace(Chi), Dondang Sayang (Int'l), Komura (Jap) • From RM185-RM390 • C9 • www. corushotelkl.com

Dorsett Regency 03-2716 1000 • 172, Jalan Imbi • • B Bintang • Checker's (Café), Cellini's(Ita), Windows Lounge (Wn) • From RM200 onwards • F9

www.dorsettregency-kl.com

#### Seri Bukit Ceylon

03-2164 8000 • 161D Jalan Ampang • 👮 03-20201708 • No 8, Lorong Cevlon Ampang Park • Terracotta Restaurant & off Jalan Raja Chulan Lounge • From RM253-RM396 • D8 • From RM250-RM480 • E7 www.zonhotel.com.mv

HOTEL MAJESTIC

Federal Hotel

www.fhihotels.com

**Grand Seasons** 

03-2148 9166 • 35, Jalan Bukit Bintang •

🖩 B Bintang • Mandarin Palace (Chi),

The Verandah (Int'l) Revolving Bintang

(Furopean) • From RM170-RM600 • F8

03-2697 8888 • 72, Jalan Pahang

Impiana KLCC Hotel & Spa

RM368 • D8 • www.impigng.com

Novotel City Centre KL

RM660 • F8

RM500 • D7

www.novotel.com

03-2147 0888 • 2 Jln Kia Peng •

**Pacific Regency Hotel Suites** 

www.pacific-regency.com

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa

**Quality Hotel City Centre** 

Sunway Petaling Jaya

**Swiss Garden Hotel** 

03-2332 7777 • Menara PanGlobal,

Jalan Punchak • • B Nanas • Soi 23,

Luna, Olive & Geo Café • From RM290-

03-7492 8000 • Persiaran Lagoon Bandar

03-2614 8000 • Jalan Raja Laut • DBKL

Benteng Coffee House (Int'l), Meisan

Szechuan (Chi), Club 300 • From RM150-

RM550 • C5 • www.qualiti.com.mv

03-2141 3333 • 117, Jln Pudu • # Hang

03-2143 9898 17-21 Jalan Bukit Bintang •

B Bintang • Sunflowers Brasserie, Cafe

Royale & Bar, Rimba Spa • From RM208

F8 • www.royale-bintang-hotel.com.my

03-7843 1111 • 6, Jalan PJU 7/3, Mutiara

The Royale Bintang Damansara

Damansara • The Restaurant (Int'l).

Mystery Pub & Café • From RM195

The ZON All Suites Residences on the Park

www.rovalebintana.com.mv

Tuah • Blue Chip Lounge (Int'I),

Flavours Restaurant (Int'l), Green Treats Delicatessen (Int'l), T@ste 6

Restaurant (Int'l) • From470+

The Royale Bintang KL

• 

Chow Kit 

KLCC • Season (Café),

O'Las (Indian), Lobby Lounge (Wn), Kas

Bah Bar (Wn) • From RM150-RM348 • B6

03-2147 1111 • 13 Jin Pinang • 🗑 R Chulan

• Tonka Bean Cafe (Int'l) • From RM219-

Qing Zhen (Chi Muslim), The Square

(Int'I), Fun Pub, Al Fresco • From RM260-

03-2332 9888 • Kuala Lumpur City • © KLCC • Gobo Chit Chat, Gobo

Upstairs, Sky Bar, Lounge & Grill • From RM270 • This hotel is located in the vicinity of KL Convention Centre • D8

#### Vistana KL

03-4042 8000 • 9 Jalan Lumut, off Jalan lpoh, Kuala Lumpur • 🙃 Titiwangsa • Vistana (Asian) • From RM172-RM230 • A5 • www.vistanahotels.com

#### **Hotel Capitol Kuala Lumpur** 03-21437000 . Jalan Bulan Off

Jalan Bukit Bintang www.capitol.com.my

#### **Alpha Genesis**

03-2141 2000 • 45 Tengkat Tong Shin • ■ B Bintang • Tee Box Café • From RM150-RM380 • F7 • www. alphagenesishotel.com

#### **Cititel Mid Valley**

03-2296 1188 • Mid Valley, Lingkaran Syed Putra • GKTM Mid Valley • Citi Café Rates from RM205Nett – RM320Nett

#### Corona Inn

03-2144 3888 • 22, Jalan Tong Shin • B Bintana • Corona Café • From RM130-RM180 • F8 • www.coronainn-kuala lumpur.com

#### **Grand Continental**

03-2693 9333 • Jln Belia/Jln Raja Laut • PWTC M Tuanku • Grand Star (Chi), Lai Marble Coffeehouse • From RM135-RM800 • C5

· www.ghihotels.com.my

#### First World Hotel

03-6101 1118 • Genting Highlands • istorante Torcello's (Italian), Lakeview Seafood Restaurant (Seafood), The Patio (Wn) • From RM85 – RM460

03-2273 9999 • 8, Jalan Kampung Attap • • Maharajalela • Attapia Coffee House (Int'l), Rolling Good Times Café

• From RM145-RM250 • G5

03-2713 7887 • 23 Lrg Medan Tuanku 1,off Jln Sultan Ismail • • M Tuanku • Makana Restaurant

• From RM110-RM170 • C5

98 | KL LIFESTYLE

KL LIFESTYLE I 99

#### Swiss-Inn KL

03-2072 3333 • 62, Jln Sultan • • Maharajalela

• Café Petaling • From RM130-RM175

#### The Plaza Hotel

03-2698 2255 • Jalan Raja Laut • ■ Sultan Ismail • Pago-Pago Café (Continental), Plaza Court (Chi) • From RM110-RM178

#### **SIGHTSEEING**

Aquaria KLCC 03-2333 1888 • ⊕ Raja Chulan FKLCC • All 60,000 sq ft of Aquaria encompasses Evolution, Jewels of the Jungle, Deep Forest, The Coasts and Touch Pool, The Livingb Oceans and The Living Reef, with over 5000 aquatic and land-bound animals representing over 150 different species. Don't miss the 90-metre underwater tunnel. Opens daily from 11am-8pm. (Including weekends, school and public holidays) Last admission at 7pm. Entry RM38 (adult), RM26

#### **Batu Caves**

03-6189 6284 • This popular Hindu temple draws hundreds of thousand of visitors during Thaipusam. It consists of three grand caves: the Dark Cave, the Museum Cave and the Temple Cave with brilliant rock formations. The Museum Cave at the foothills has interesting display of Indian mythology. To reach the main Temple Cave, one has to climb

#### **Bird Park**

03-2272 1010 • Located at the Lake Gardens, this 8.4ha bird park is the world's largest free-flight walk-in aviary. It is home to more than 3,000 birds from approximately 200 species. Opens daily from 9am-

#### **Butterfly Park**

03-2693 4799 • Over 120 species of butterflies can be found in this park located at the Lake Gardens' vicinity. Admission is RM9 for adults and RM2 for children. Camera: RM3. Opens 9am to 6pm daily. • F4

#### **Bukit Nanas Forest Recreational**

03-2306 3421 / 2064 4741 • • Bukit Nanas Nestled in the heart of KL, the virgin forest-clad hill is a 10.5 ha park offering a 10-minute & a 20-minute walk trails from the Forest Information Centre at Jalan Raia Chulan to KL Tower. • E7

#### **Central Market**

03-2274 6542 • Pasar Seni Once the city's biggest wet market, it is now a centre for food and cultural activities. Cultural performances are staged during weekends at the riverside amphitheatre. Handicraft, souvenirs, art & portrait paintings are sold at bargain prices. The Annexe Gallery at CM is a progressive art centre. • Opens 10am to 10pm daily.

#### **Deer Park**

03-2693 0191 • Enclosed within a 2-ha ground at the Lake Gardens, the deer. fawns and does roam freely in a cool and peaceful habitat with lush trees and shrubs and ponds. • F3

#### Istana Neaara

Official residence of Malaysia's King, visitors can witness the changing of the royal guards daily. The Rulers Conference, various royal and national ceremonies, investitures and official banquets are held at this palace. • H5

Masjid Jamek • Jalan Masjid India is a colourful street with numerous wholesale and retail Indian traders who sell everything from Indian brass jewellery, sarees, Indian handicrafts to perfumes & spices. • E5

#### Jamek Mosque

Masjid Jamek • Jalan Tun Perak • Situated at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers, this grand old mosque was designed by British architect AB Hubbock in 1909. It incorporates many features of Moghul architecture a • Opens 8am-1:30pm & 2:30pm-6pm.



#### **Craft Complex** 03-21648344

**Lake Gardens** 

🛮 Raja Chulan • 63, Jalan Conlay. • Showcases ethnic handicrafts, batik printing and pottery from the 13 states of Malaysia. • Opens 9am-6pm daily.

National Monument and the Asean

**Malaysian Tourism Centre** 

03-9235 4848 • • B Nanas • 109

Jalan Ampang • This is a one-stop

information counter (7am-10pm)

tourist service centre comprising the

Transpasional Executive Coach counter.

domestic tour booking counter, money

centre. Built in 1935, the building was the

home of wealthy tin-miner and planter,

Eu Tong Seng. Cultural shows are on Tues Thur, Sat & Sun 2-2,30pm. • D7

independence of Malaya was declared

changer, restaurant and craft demo

Masjid Jamek • Jalan Raja •
Opposite the Sultan Abdul Samad

Building, this is the site where the

on 31 August, 1957. The 100m high

flagpole is the tallest in the world. Live

entertainment and cultural shows are

staged here on festive occasions. The

Royal Selangor Club and St. Mary's

Cathedral are located nearby. • E5

Sculpture Garden • F3

Merdeka Square

#### 03-2031 9966

- 🗑 Raja Chulan Jalan Raja Chulan Displays interesting exhibits of telephones and evolution of their
- designs over the years. Opens 9am-5pm. Closed on Mondays

#### National Science Centre

03-2092 1150 • Persiaran Bukit Kiara • Jalan Parlimen • Located near the city centre, this 9.2ha landscaped garden is Houses 9 galleries with different scientific built around a lake. Several attractions themes. Offers interesting interactive are found within the park including displays for learning and entertainment. an Orchid Garden, Hibiscus Garden, Opens 10am-5pm. Closed on Friday. Butterfly Park, Bird Park, Deer Park,

## National Mosque 03-2693 7784 • Grown KL • Jalan Perdana

• This mosque embodies contemporary designs, together with traditional Islamic art, calligraphy and ornamentation. The main dome with its 18-point star. represents the 13 states of Malaysia unified by the Five Pillars of Islam. Visitors must dress conservatively and remove their shoes before entering the mosque • Opens 9am to 12noon; 3pm to 4pm; 5:30pm to 6:30pm daily. • F4

#### National Planetarium

03-2273 4303 • Lot 54 Jalan Perdana • Located close to the National Mosaue. the attractions include space science and astronomy exhibits, a theatre screening 3-Dimensional movies, a viewing gallery and an observatory • Admission is RM1 for adults and children over 12 years [extra charges for all shows]. Opens 9:30am to 4:15pm daily Closed on Monday except public & school holidays • G4



#### **Sultan Abdul Samad Building**

💋 Masjid Jamek • Jln Sultan Hishamuddin • Also known as the Big Ben of KL, this historical landmark and heritage building is well known for its Moghul architecture dating back to 1897. Originally the offices of the Colonial Secretariat, it then housed the Supreme Court. • E5

03-4108 3427 / 4108 3422 • Located in Hulu Kelang, 12km from the city centre, the zoo is home to 400 species of local birds, mammals, reptiles and fishes. • Opens 9am - 5pm daily. Night Zoo is on Saturdays 7.30am - 10.30pm, Admission RM 32 for adults and RM11 for children 3 to 12 years old

**Old KL Railway Station**Jalan Hishammudin • Built in 1910, the Moghul-inspired building was a hub for Malaysian rail transport until it was replaced by the new KL Sentral Station. It remains a landmark and the refurbished Heritage Hotel is still open for business. Across the road, the Malaysian Railway administrative building is also a breathtaking architectural showpiece

#### Petrosains, The Discovery Centre

03-2331 8181 • KLCC • Petronas Twin Towers, Level 4 Suria KLCC • Focusing on Malaysia's oil and gas industry, it offers an interactive approach to learning. It takes you through a unique voyage of discovery of science. • Opens daily 9.30am to 6pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Closed on Monday • D8



#### **PETRONAS Twin Towers** 03-26158188

KLCC • KL City Centre • The 88-storey Petronas Twin Towers stand at 451.9 metres. Seated in the heart of KL and amidst a 50-hectare landscaped park, a skybridge on the 41st floor is open to visitors between 9am-7pm daily, closed on Monday • D8

#### Royal Selangor Visitor's Centre

03-4145 6000 • 4, Jalan Usahawan Enam, Setapak Jaya • Located 15 minutes from the city centre, the Royal Selangor which is internationally known for its fine designs and craftsmanship, offers a complete visitor experience, enablina them to see. hear, touch and learn how pewter is made. • Opens daily from 9am-5pm.

#### **Royal Selangor Club**

03-2692 7166 • Amasjid Jamek • Jalan Raja • Once nicknamed 'The Spotted Dog' during the colonial days, this club which features Mock Tudor architecture. is one of the oldest membership clubs in KL. • E5

#### Thean Hou Temple

03-2274 7088 • 65 Persiaran Endah, off Jalan Syed Putra • A beautiful blend of Chinese and contemporary architecture, this is one of the largest and most ornate Buddhist temples in the region and a venue for major religious festivals. Also check out the herbs garden, wishing well and souvenir stall . Opens 9am to 9pm daily.

#### **MUSEUMS**

#### Asian Arts Museum Universiti

03-7967 3805 • Uni. of Malaya • A unique collection of Asian art & sculptures, ceramics, including Islamic & Malay art and textiles . Opens Mon - Sat. Closed on Sunday & public hols.

#### Forest Research Institute Malaysia

03-62797 000 • Kepong • Located within the 1,500 hectares of natural land reserve, the institute showcases Malaysia's rich forest heritage. • Opens 8am-4pm. Fri 9am- 12pm.

**Heritage Centre** 03-2144 9273 • 2 Jln Stonor • Showcases Malaysia's architectural heritage, the centre also conducts 2 guided tours a day (11am & 3pm) of the Rumah Penghulu or Village Head's abode which has been furnished to reflect a house in the early thirties • E10

#### Islamic Arts Museum

03-2274 2020 • Jalan Lembah Perdana • Opened in 1998, the museum focuses on the rich diversity of Islamic arts and culture. Miniature replicas of Taj Mahal and other islamic architectural wonders are on display • Tickets at RM12 (adults). RM6 (under 18, students & senior citizens) • Opens 10am to 6pm daily. • G4

**Museum Orang Asli** 03-6189 2122 • Km 24 Gombak • Displays a collection of over 3,000 artifacts showcasing the history, culture & lifestyle of indigenous tribes of Peninsular Malaysia. • Opens 9am-5pm. Closed Fri FRFF

#### National Museum

03-2267 1111• 29 Jalan Raja • Displays a unique permanent collection of artifacts and materials showcasing the history and heritage of Malaysia . Opens 9am to 6pm daily • Admission RM1. Free for <12 yrs & students

#### besides performances by the MPO which now ranks among the top orchestras in the region • D8

Petronas Philharmonic Hall

03-2331 7007• KLCC • Located within the Petronas Twin Towers, it is home to

performances of highest quality by visiting

orchestras and world-renowned soloists.

the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra

and the National Choir. It features

Casino
03-2718 1118 • Genting Highlands Hotel

OTHER FUN-TASTIC

THRILLS & SPILLS

#### 03-2141 1934 • Royal Selangor Flying Club

**Horse Racing** 

#### 03-9058 3888 • Selangor Turf Club, Jin

Sungai Besi

**Horse Riding** 03-4256 4531 • Royal Selangor Polo Club, Jln Ampana Hilir

03-2094 1222 • Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club, Jln Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur

#### Theme Parks

Berjaya Times Square Theme Park I Jalan Imbi, Level 5 & 7, Kuala Lumpur Tel: 03-2117 3118

Sunway Lagoon Theme Park 3 Jalan Pis 11/11, Bandar Sunway, Petaling Jaya . Tel: 03-5639 0000

#### **Genting Highlands Theme Park** Genting Highlands Resort Tel: 03-2718 1118

District 21 Level 1, IOI City Mall, Putrajaya Tel: 03-8328 8888

Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery Sasana Kijana No. 2, Jalan Dato Onn, 50480 Kuala Lumpur

Opening Hours: 10am to 6pm daily For Enquiries Call: 03-9179 2784



#### University of Malaya Art Gallery (UMAG)

Tingkat 5, Bangunan Canseleri, Universiti Malaya, Petaling Jaya Tel: 03-79671061 Opening Hours: 9.00am to 4.00pm Closed on: Saturday and Sunday



**Galeri Tenaga** Wisma TNB, Jalan Timur, Petaling Jaya Tel: +603-2296 5566 Fax: +603-2282 3274 Opening Hours: Monday - Friday: 10 am - 3 pm.

## **ARTS & CULTURE**

National Library 03-2687 1700 • 232 Jalan Tun Razak. • This 7-storey building which blends traditional design with modern architectural elements houses more than 1.5 million books, some of them extremely rare. Opens daily except Monday
 A8 FREE

#### **Galeri Petronas**

03-2051 7770 • KLCC • Level 3 Suria KLCC. • Exhibits artworks by local and international artists.

· Opens 10am to 8pm. Closed on Monday. • D8 FREE

#### National Theatre (Istana Budaya)

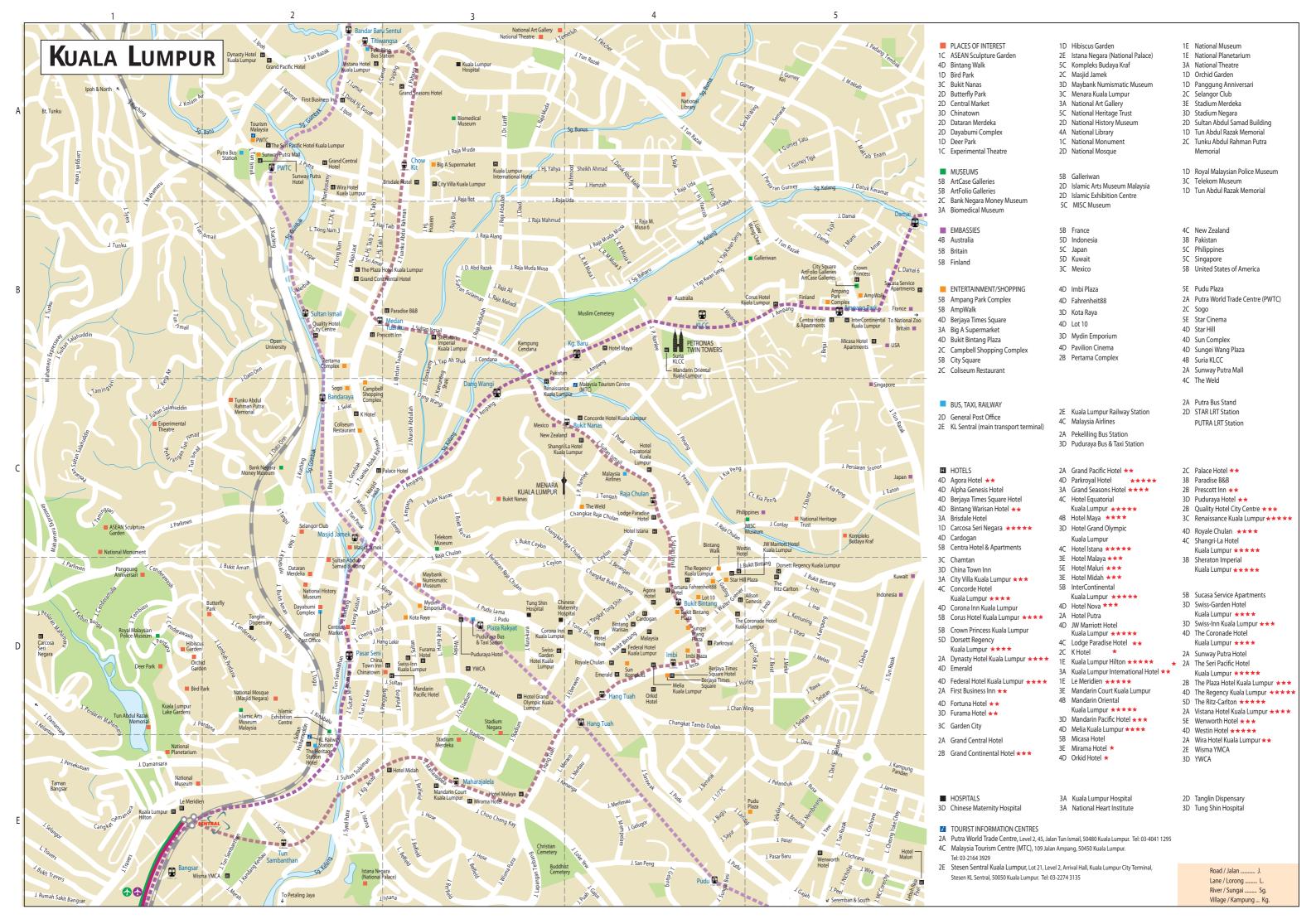
03-4026 5555 • Jalan Tun Razak • Designed by Malaysian architect Muhammad Kamar Ya'akub, this modern theatre is one of the world's most sophisticated theatres with state-of-the-art stage equipment. It holds drama, dance and musical performances regularly. • A7

## KL Lifestyle Art Space 31 Jalan Utara, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia Tel: +603 2093 2668, +603 2094 2668

Fmail: info@mediate.com.mv

Open Monday - Friday, 10am - 7pm (Closed on Weekends and Public Holidays)

100 | KL LIFESTYLE KL LIFESTYLE I 101



Getting around in Kuala Lumpur is easy. The transit systems are efficient, taxis are plenty and buses are cheap. The public transportation usage peak hours are from 7am to 9am and 4.30pm to 6.30pm during the working days.

### By Transit systems

The KL monorail and LRT coaches are air-conditioned and comfortable and run from 6am to midnight. The systems are connected to each other at several points and the network covers most parts of the city. Fares range from RMO.90 to RM2.80 per single journey.

#### By Taxis

Taxis are easily available at hotels or at taxi stands. Fares start at RM3 for the first kilometre and RMO.25 for every 115 metres thereon. There is a 50% surcharge on the metered fare from midnight to 6am and a baggage charge of RM2 per piece stored in the boot. There is also an additional RM1 for 3rd passenger (maximum 4 in a car). For an extra charge of RM2, you can book a taxi by phone.

#### By Ecovans

Ecovans can accommodate up to 5 passengers. They serve mainly guests at major hotels and follow the fare structure of taxis but charge RM4 instead of RM2 for the first kilometre.

### By Buses

Buses serve all parts of Kuala Lumpur with fares beginning from RM1. Some hotels also offer free bus shuttle services to major shopping malls in the city.

KL Hop-on/Hop-off Bus Service Links you to 40 attractions around the city with 22 designated stops. 8.30am to 8.30pm. Ticket: RM38 with discounts for locals, senior citizens, students and children. 03-2691 1382

#### **GETTING TO THE AIRPORT**

KLIA Ekspres: The journey takes about 30 minutes from KL Sentral and the fare is RM35 per person per way. There is also check-in facility at KL Sentral for some airlines.

Taxi: The fare from the city centre to the airport is RM90 - RM120 per taxi.

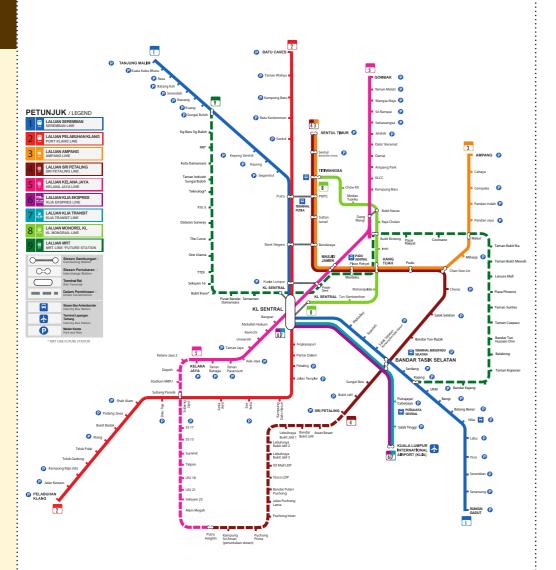
Eco Transit: Eco Transit can accommodate up to 5 adults and has a fixed fare of RM130/ trip.

Limousine: Can be arranged with the hotel concierge and fare range from RM100 – RM200.

#### COACHES TO KLIA AND/OR LCCT

- Airport Coach +603-6203 3067
- Sky Bus +6016-217 6950
- Aerobus +603-3344 8828
- The Star Shuttle +603-4043 881

## Klang Valley Rail Transit Map



#### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### Air Travel

- Kuala Lumpur International Airport +603-8776 2000
- Domestic Airport Subang +603-7845 3245
- Kuala Lumpur City Air Terminal +603-2267 8000

### Domestic Airlines

- MAS +603-2161 0555 • MAS Reservation Number
- +603-8890 3702 • AirAsia +603-2171 9333
- Berjaya Air +603-7847 1338 • FireFly +603-7845 4543
- Malindo Air +603-7841 5388

- KL Sentral 03-2274 7435 KLIA Ekspres 03-2267 8000 • KTM 03-2267 1200
- Rapid KL 03-7885 2585
- KL Monorail 03-2273 1888

#### Car Rental

- Galaxy Asia 012-368 0117 • AVIS +603-5885 2300
- ORIX Auto +603-9284 7799
- Eazy Peezy +6011-1166 6545
- WS Rent-A-Car 03-4256 6999

### Taxis

- Sunlight Cab +603-9200 1166 • Public Cab +603-6259 2929
- MyTeksi +601-300-80-5858
- Saujana Teksi +6011-1929 0976 • Grab Malaysia +601-300-80-5858

#### **Emergency Services**

- KL Tourist Police (24 hours) 03-2166 8322
- Police & Ambulance 999 or 112 (mobile phones)
- Fire & Rescue 994 • KL City Council 03-2691 6011

#### **Tourism Offices**

- Ministry Of Tourism Malaysia +60 3-2161 5161
- Pusat Pelancongan Malaysia (MATIC) +60 3-9235 4827
- Tourism Malaysia +603-8891 8000
- Melaka +60 6-288 1549
- Putrajaya Tourism Malaysia State Office +60 3-2615 8188

# LE MERIDIEN KUALA LUMPUR

T +60 3 2263 7888 lemeridien.com/ kualalumpur

The ultimate Kuala Lumpur discovery weekend begins at Le Méridien Kuala Lumpur. Revel in the creative vibes of Le Méridien and experience the newly refreshed guestrooms and Le Méridien Club Lounge.

To discover more, visit lemeridienkualalumpur.com, call +60 3 2263 7888 or email reservations.lmkl@lemeridien.com

# ∠ MERIDIEN

N 03° 09' E 101° 42'
DESTINATION UNLOCKED

©2016 Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Preferred Guest, SPG, Le Méridien and their logos are the trademarks of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc., or its affiliates.



## SAVE the DATE



## **KLAS ART AUCTION**

SALE XXXI

## **APRIL 2018**

**AUCTION VENUE: KLAS@JALAN UTARA** 

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT

LYDIA TEOH +60192609668 SHAMILA +60193337668 INFO@MEDIATE.COM.MY

FOR MORE INFO VISIT WWW.KL-LIFESTYLE.COM.MY 31 JALAN UTARA, 46200 PETALING JAYA, SELANGOR