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The Annual Songkran Water Festival has been organised for more than 15 years by Chayamangkalaram Buddhist Temple, the oldest Thai temple in Malaysia. It was built in 1845. It is a unique and beautiful tourist attraction in Penang, welcoming thousands of local and foreign visitors daily. The festival will be officially opened by Danny Law Heng Kiang, Penang State executive councillor for Tourism Development and by Her Excellency Ekajit Kraivichien, Consul-General of Thailand.

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VAISAKHI APRIL 14

Vaisakhi marks the birth of the Khalsa way of living in the Sikh religion and commemorates the formation of Khalsa panth of warriors under Guru Gobind Singh in 1699. It is additionally a spring harvest festival for the Sikhs. Vaisakhi is also an ancient festival for Hindus, marking the Solar New Year and also celebrating the spring harvest. It marks the sacredness of rivers in Hindu culture and it is regionally known by many names, but celebrated in broadly similar ways.

VIPER TUNNEL CHALLENGE APRIL 14 SMART TUNNEL, KL

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Tickets: RM136 to RM268

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

Ticket: RM30



Shu-Si Chen's Phoenix is a brief prelude to Sibelius's masterful violin concerto performed by the brilliant Latvian Baiba Skride, winner of the 2001 Queen Elisabeth Competition. Deemed a very technically difficult concerto to perform, it is an original, masterly and exhilarating work to hear. Kodaly's lively and colourful Hungarian folk dance from Galanta frames the concert. Gilbert Varga conducts.

Tickets: RM60 to RM150

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YOUTHFUL MUSICAL **ADVENTURES** APRIL 14 - 15 DEWAN FILHARMONIK PETRONAS

German-Japanese conductor Jun Märkl brings a lively programme of vernal works. It begins with Caplet's colourful orchestration of Debussy's Children's Corner and then Beethoven's youthful Piano Concerto No. 1, written at age 25. At the same age, the prodigious Richard Strauss produced his masterpiece Don Juan, which paints the vivid story of a philanderer. To close the concert, Strauss' mischievous hero and prankster Till Eulenspiegel meets his match at the gallows.

Tickets: RM60 to RM150

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DON'T LET THE WRITER KNOW APRIL 5 - 8 PENTAS 2, THE KUALA LUMPUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (KLPAC)

From the same team that created the 7 short plays series: Don't Let Shakespeare Know (2016) & Don't Let Children Know (2017) comes another exciting instalment slated for this April. MUKA Space & The Actors Studio Seni Teater Rakyat present Don't Let the Writer Know which will feature a variety of short plays inspired by Chinese Literature in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Malaysian Chinese Theatre. Expect the unexpected as directors each present their own take on chinese literature but with a twist. Hence, the title 'Don't Let the Writer Know' because there will be some risqué material too. Featuring 7 directors: Amelia Tan, Easee Gan, Giant Liang, Marina Tan, Mon Lim, Vincent Hau and William Yap.

Ticket: RM.5.5





SHAKESPEARE DEMYSTIFIED: ROMEO AND JULIET APRIL 24 - 29

PENTAS 2, THE KUALA LUMPUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE(KLPAC)

A performance on the canonical speeches and scenes from Romeo and Juliet, each comes with narration of plots and discussion of the themes.

Ticket: RM55



WORLD HARVEST FESTIVAL APRIL 27 - 29 SARAWAK CULTURAL VILLAGE

The Harvest Festival (Gawai) is celebrated on a grander scale with the participation of cultural troupes from other countries. The Nitto Rong Organisation of Bangladesh and Kumpulan Batambul Rungus Matunggong of Sabah will be joining this year's festival.



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HAPPY HOUR-**SWING KINGS** APRIL 18 DEWAN FILHARMONIK PETRONAS

For a totally different concert-going experience, come and join MPO musicians and local guest performers as they let their hair down for informal, early-evening events that are sure to surprise you and whet your appetite for more!

Ticket: RM40

IGUDESMAN & JOO: UPBEAT APRII 20 - 21 DEWAN FILHARMONIK

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Zany and uproarious virtuosic violinist Igudesman and pianist Joo return to KL with their delightfully daft new show, UpBeat, which takes audiences on a madcap musical ride from Ravel to rock. The baton turns into a 'weapon of mass conduction' and the tug-of-war over who gets to give the initial upbeat has the concert off to a tumultuous start.

Tickets: RM50 to RM150

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SPRINGTIME SERENADES APRIL 22 DEWAN FILHARMONIK PETRONAS

Celebrate springtime with two sunny serenades here with the MPYO and Naohisa Furusawa. Together with Tchaikovsky's opus, Dvo ák's early String Serenade is the most popular serenade in the Romantic string orchestral repertoire. Its easy-going nature and usage of vigorous Czech folk dance rhythms is irresistible. Inspired by his father's horn playing, Richard Strauss was only a prodigious 17-year-old when he composed his Serenade for Winds. Hear our very own youthful MPYO make beautiful springtime music.

Tickets: RM60 to RM100

A QUIET PLACE APRIL 5

A family living deep in the woods leads a silent life, communicating only using sign language and never making a single sound. They live in fear of an unknown threat that follows and attacks them at any sound.

Genre: Drama/Horror/Thriller Cast: John Krasinski, Emily Blunt, Noah Jupe, Millicent Simmonds.



RUMAH BELANDA APRIL 5

Rumah Belanda (Dutch House) is an Indonesian horror thriller movie directed by Hedy Suryawan who directed many box-office films in the Indonesian language. This film revolves of around a writer named Raya (played by Kelly Tandiono), where she got a job from a millionaire named Hilda, who told her to write a biography of Aline. Her husband drove her and also her two kids, to a Dutch House, upon Hilda's request as Raya works in the house, and will be able to concentrate more.

Cast: Kelly Tandiono, Agung Udijana, Grace Salsabila.

GONJIAM: HAUNTED ASYLUM APRIL 5

RUMAH

According to local legends, Gonjiam Psychiatric Hospital was suddenly closed down in the 1990s following a series of mysterious patient deaths. Now, an Internet broadcaster has decided to film a show called "Horror Times" at the place. He recruits people who will explore the haunted asylum while streaming it live. It doesn't take long for the tortured souls lu in the dark to appear and start showing them the reas the place is one of Korea's most haunted location

Genre: Horror Cast: Mun Ye-Won, Park Ji-Hyun, Park S





BUNGOU STRAY DOGS: DEAD APPLE APRIL 12

Rivalry between groups of criminals and to wage war for control of Yokohama, results in the 88-day long "Dragon's Head Dispute" Osamu Dazai and his Port Mafia ally, Ch ya Nakahara, manage to escape death. Osamu bids farewell to his boss Oagi Mori and is only seen in his new place two years later. Meanwhile, Atsushi Nakajima and Ky ka Izumi join the Armed Detective Agency, living boisterous yet peaceful days.

Cast: Yuto Uemura, Mamoru Miyano, Kensho Ono, Kazuya Nakai.



GRINGO **APRIL 19**

GRINGO, a dark comedy mixed with whiteknuckle action and dramatic intrigue, explores the battle of survival for businessman Harold Soyinka when he finds himself crossing the line from law-abiding citizen to wanted criminal.

Genre: Action/Comedy Cast: Charlize Theron, Joel Edgerton, Amanda Seyfried, David Oyelowo, Sharlto Copley.

GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN APRIL 19

Milne decides to move his family and settle in the English countryside. There, he begins creating stories of the growing collection of stuffed animals that his son Christopher Robin has. These small stories are then developed into "Winnie-the-Pooh", published in 1926, and 1928's "The House at Pooh Corner". Soon, the family is swept into the success of the books, which provide comfort and hope to the rest of post-war England. However, there might be a heavy cost to pay as the eyes of the world are now on Christopher Robin.

Genre: Biography/Family/Historical Cast: Domhnall Gleeson, Margot Robbie, Kelly Macdonald, Alex Lawther.



SELFIE FROM HELL APRIL 26

The film is a feature-length adaptation of Erdal Ceylan's 2015 huge horror short film hit of the , same name.

Genre: Horror Cast: Alyson Walker, Tony Giroux, Meelah Adams



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Tired of London's hustle and bustle, writer A.A.



RAMPAGE **APRIL 20**

Primatologist Davis Okoye (Dwayne Johnson), a man who keeps people at a distance, shares an unshakable bond with George, the extraordinarily intelligent, silverback gorilla which has been in his care since birth. But a rogue genetic experiment gone awry mutates this gentle ape into a raging creature of enormous size. To make matters worse, it's soon discovered there are other similarly altered animals.

Genre: Action/Adventure Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Naom<u>ie Harris,</u> Malin Akerman, Jake Lacy, Joe Manganiello and Jeffrey Dean Morgan, PJ. Byrne; Marley Shelton, Breanne Hill, Jack Quaid, Matt Gerald, Jason Liles, Demetrius Grosse, Will Yun Lee



AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR **APRIL 26**

The third movie in the "Marvel's Avengers" series will see the Avengers assembling once again to take down the fearsome supervillain, Thanos.

Genre: Action/Science Fiction Cast: Robert Downey Jr., Josh Brolin, Mark Ruffalo, Tom Hiddleston, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Jeremy Renner, Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Olsen, Sebastian Stan, Benedict Cumberbatch.

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FASHION, MYTRUE LOVE,, Jovian Mandagie

WORDS BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Born in Indonesia but raised in Malaysia, Datuk Jovian Mandagie has made a name for himself in the fashion industry, having decked out Malaysia's famous celebrities and royalty with his beautiful dresses. Adding to his list of achievements is his role in hosting TLC's 'Say Yes to The Dress Asia'. Just before a photoshoot with KL Lifestyle magazine, we gather Datuk Jovian's thoughts on social media's role in the fashion industry today and many more. Read on to get the juicy details.



How would you define fashion?

Fashion to me is a personal outlet to portray who I am as a person. Fashion is my true love. It is what I do, what I like, what I live and breathe for. It is something that I have never imagined I would end up doing. I've always loved engineering and it was after my O levels that I decided to pursue architecture. My mother told me to pursue business but that wasn't my passion. I wanted to do something that is fast, easy and money-making, which I then discovered was fashion. I switched my course from architecture to fashion and I love it till today. I think fashion has given me life, it is ever evolving which is why I love it very much. Fashion allows me to be creative at all times; there are no limitations. Fashion is a way to channel your personality.

You mentioned that you studied architecture for a bit. Would you say that architecture is related to fashion?

Yes, definitely. I think one of the benefits of me taking architecture is that I see fashion the same as architecture. It's all about construction. Fashion is about constructing garment on someone's body. When I started my business, I immediately knew that I wanted to do couture and luxury clothing. The challenge about couture is constructing a garment that really sits on our customer's body. When I learnt architecture, we were taught that in order to build a good building, it is important to first build a good foundation. Without a solid foundation, the building would not stand or last. The same principle applies to fashion. Initially, when I was starting out, I trained myself to master the art of constructing a corset. This goes back to the Renaissance and Victorian eras when all garments were based on a corset. The corset is the skeleton and foundation of a dress while what goes on it are embellishments.

What has been the highlight of your illustrious career thus far?

Alhamdulillah (Praise be to God). There have been many highlights but one moment that I can't forget is when I was 23, a year after I started my business, I got a call from the palace to dress the Queen (Raja Permaisuri Agong) at that time who was Tuanku Nur Zahirah. I was very flattered at the fact that they would call a man who just started out, who hadn't set up a proper boutique yet and who was new in the industry. Honestly, I was so nervous the night before as I didn't know what to expect, meeting a queen, designing for a queen and measuring a queen. It seemed like a fairytale to me. It was a very overwhelming feeling for me. Thank god everything went well and she is my client till today. It was also then when I developed my confidence and a know-how of getting into all the palaces. Ever since then, I have been serving almost all the royalty in Malaysia as well as in Brunei.

Where does your inspiration to design clothes come from?

I am a very spontaneous person. There's no specific place or time for me to be creative. I am very blessed that I have the talent and eye for fashion. I have a very good imagination in the sense that I can picture what works and what doesn't, I can plan things in my head before putting it onto paper. I design everything everywhere. I believe it's all about the mindset and focus. My inspiration mostly comes from my surroundings, people around me and characters. When I meet people and personas, they actually give me ideas and vibes. When I travel, I like to visit cultural places; I get inspired through their character and the people's behaviour. Recently I visited Kyoto and Tokyo to look for inspiration for my new collection. When I arrived in Kyoto, I noticed that the women there had a certain softness about them. They are full of ethics. It portrays genuine femininity. I needed to materialise this beauty into fashion. I started off my research on kimonos, the making of kimonos, its types and functions. I brought back all my research and developed it with my team in Malaysia for the new collection named EDO by Jovian Mandagie for ZALORA.

How would you describe your personal style?

My style is dramatic. I have two brands; the core brand is called Jovian Mandagie while the diffusion line is called Jovian. If you look at Jovian Mandagie's line, it is dramatic, it is rich and it is luxurious.

What according to you is the favourite part of being a fashion designer?

Every day, I get a chance of creating something new, without limitations. I love that feeling of freedom. I believe as a designer or an artist, you get to express yourself through art. For me, my work is a work of art. My work in Jovian Mandagie Couture are created almost like a sculpture.

Tell us about your collaboration with Tunku Tun Aminah. How did it come about?

I admire Tunku Tun Aminah a lot. She is very kind, down to earth and is very fashionable. I didn't know her personally but at that point of time, I put myself out there and messaged her personally on Instagram, relating my interest in a collaboration since I admired her style. She has a background in fashion, having studied at LASALLE College of the Arts Singapore in fashion and almost all her official dresses were designed by the princess herself. I admire her passion for fashion. She agreed to collaborate with me. She is soft, regal, and she is caring; she makes sure everyone feels comfortable with her and that is why the collaboration worked. The collection is a special one as we developed it for the Raya season. It is a combination of traditional and modern silhouettes. The whole collection is inspired by past dresses worn by the princess and new designs.

What role do you think social media plays in fashion today?

Social media is definitely an advantage for all industries related to entertainment. As you know, fashion, music and movies need each other. If there's no fashion, there's no music and vice versa. If there's no hip hop music, there won't be hip hop apparel and if there's no Jazz and Blues, there won't be any long, flowing evening dresses. Social media makes it easy to market ourselves and whatever upcoming projects done can be promoted faster than before. Ever since Instagram came about, we realised the users are increasing. We are able to reach our fans faster and update our products and launches faster but most importantly, our customers get to communicate with us easily, anywhere and anytime. We get to communicate with them and ask them what they want. By solving day-to-day problems and complaints, we also improve our services and quality.

You recently launched the Jovian White 2018 series. Tell us about this line.

Jovian White was launched in 2017, an exclusive bridal ready-to-wear line. Each collection features only 15 looks and each look is limited to a few pieces. It is dedicated to all Jovian fans who are getting married, who want a touch of Jovian Mandagie but with a reasonable price tag. The looks for Jovian White 2018 range from traditional to contemporary wedding dresses and can be purchased online at www.jovian.com.my/shop.

You are also launching a collection in collaboration with Indonesian designer, Ivan Gunawan. What makes this collection distinct?

I believe as a fashion house, we need to always excite our customers. In the early days, we were the first to collaborate with celebrities. Out first collaboration was with Lisa Surihani for Jovian. No one else in Malaysia had done it. We did very well when we launched that collection. Almost half of the collection was sold out in less than a week. The response was astounding. After that, people started jumping on the bandwagon of collaborating with celebrities. Then, I collaborated with the princess, something unheard of. Last year, we were discussing within the team on our next move which led to the idea of merging two brands and designers together. I don't think there has been a collaboration like this before. I selected Ivan Gunawan simply because he was my mentor. During my internship after school, I went to Indonesia to learn about the Indonesian craftsmanship and corset making. They're known for their corsets. The bustier making in Indonesia is the real deal. If a designer can't master the making of a corset, they shouldn't be in the business. I learnt a lot from Ivan during the internship and we remain as good friends. So when we decided to collaborate with another designer, I immediately called up Ivan and he agreed. Our collection will be launched in April. Ivan Gunawan and Jovian Mandagie's works emanate a touch of glamour. The intention of this line is to portray the simplicity side of us, but still retaining the glamour, which is the essence of our brands.

Has the birth of your adorable daughter inspired you to design a children's line?

That is in the plan. We have been producing a children's line for the past three years on a seasonal basis, for Raya. With the birth of my daughter, we are planning to do it but not too soon. We will take our time until it is ready. I have plans on taking my brand global; we have conquered South East Asia namely Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore and Indonesia. We just launched our flagship store on Haji Lane, Singapore. The next step is to take my brand to Europe, where we would like to get a foothold in London and eventually break through to the Middle East. Everything has been planned out and we do not want to come out with a new brand, just for the sake of fast money because we don't want to lose focus. We have been on the right track.

What do you do to wind down?

Family. I love being around my wife and daughter. I find peace whenever I am with them. It's a good way for me to get away from the hassle of the fashion business. Apart from that, I go to the gym. I love being in the gym. I love the energy, the spirit and the hustle of being in a gym. I would prefer a quiet gym where people won't gawk at me because I am actually quite timid. I also love to read. I have books surrounding me at all times. Listening to jazz, soul and anything classic is a great way for me to wind down too. I think I'm a very old soul. Many people aren't aware of this but I like to paint, it's my way of destressing. My subject of work is mostly the human figure and abstract painting.



ZQuestions You Need to Ask About Your Personal Finances

Beware of Little Expenses, a Small Leak Will Sink a Great Ship - Benjamin Franklin

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Mindfulness is all about going through life with a purpose and paying attention to the present moment. Mindfulness is an attribute we need as it has a place throughout every aspect of our lives and can make a real difference in our finances as well. In the same way we'd check in on our physical and mental health using mindfulness tools, following are various questions to give clarity in making financial decisions.





Which financial decision am I most proud of?

Start money mindfulness by putting yourself in a positive frame of mind. Think back to the last financial decision you made that put you one step closer to a goal. Perhaps it was skipping an impulse purchase or kicking up your savings account contributions. Whatever it is, revel in that feeling and know that your decision put yourself on the right track. You have willpower. You are more than capable and empowered to create that feeling in your life through all of your financial decisions, big and small. Some research has even shown that positive thinking influences our ability to make better choices.

What is one change I could make today that would improve my finances?

Financial stability varies for everyone and it can often feel like an unattainable, far off goal. If you're due for some real financial housekeeping, start with organisation. Book a few hours on a Saturday morning to get into the details of your personal wealth. Progress in technology has given us the means to even keep track of our finances through countless apps. Investing a few hours in setting up a system that works for you is essential to money mindfulness. One of the best ways to bring financial success to the present moment is to just make one small step today. Forgo that daily cup of coffee and instead, put that money into your savings.

How effectively am I meeting my long term goals?

Long-term goals are only met by doing tiny things each day. For example, most of us won't see a surprise windfall of cash that magically turns into the down payment on a house. It will take us years of disciplined, mindful savings to reach that goal. And while the idea of retirement may seem so far off, remember that the time value of money means that there's no better moment than today to start investing in your future.

When is my next "money milestone"?

Big life events are often coupled with financial changes — buying a home, having a baby, getting married — all of these are also money milestones! Each of these big moments should be coupled with thoughtful financial planning. Bonus points if you start thinking about the money milestones you might not be able to anticipate like losing a job or incurring an unforeseen medical expense. How would you handle it and what changes could you make today to be more prepared? Emergency savings are key here.

Who should be part of my personal finance team?

Financial success really does take a team. That doesn't mean you need to run out and hire a slew of professionals to keep you on track. Instead, think about the people you can trust in your immediate circle. Schedule regular financial checkins with your partner over date night. Turn book club with your girlfriends into a finance forum and use the meet-up to share tips and money goals.

What aspect of my finances do I avoid?

We all have that one aspect of our finances that makes us cringe a little. Whether we avoid reading our monthly credit card statement or don't have a full understanding of our investmet portfolio, these behaviours can tell us a lot about where some financial housekeeping is in order. What we resist persists! Think about the underlying issue that drives your avoidance. Are you not sure what to do first? Lack the time for planning? Whatever it is, make a commitment to yourself this year to tackle your uncomfortable financial spaces.

Regardless whether you are at an event, meeting new people, going out on a date or getting to know your new colleagues, the possibility of facing an awkward silence is there. The worst part of it is that, it is what it is... awkward. The discomfort of the silence can leave you blank in the mind, not knowing what to do. What makes it even more stressful is when the other with you just deny the situation, pretending to check their phones or sipping a drink because nobody wants or knows how to break the

silence. So what can you do to

cape such a cringy atmosphere?

If you are shy and for some reason, you can't seem to open up about who you are, you have other options. Talk about what is recent or current. Bring up the viralled video that circulated in your Facebook news feed yesterday. If they haven't seen it, show it to them. Ask for their opinion. Ask their views on the social issues or celebrity news that are stirring up in the media. Who knows, you may end up sharing the same views and discover common grounds on certain issues. If not, maybe you will challenge each other's intellect and end up with a healthy debate. At least it breaks the silence and keeps the conversation going.

If you really can't spark up anything in your mind during an awkward moment, look around you. Use what is around you as an inspiration to give you an idea of what you can say or ask. If you are at an event, talk about what you know about the event. Why you are there and how you got there. If you see and like the other person's style, compliment it. Ask where they bought their outfit and where they enjoy shopping. If you have a meet-up at a café, you can talk about the music that is being played or the coffee and food that are served there. Let the conversation grow from there. Use what's around you to your advantage.

If you're the kind that freezes during an awkward silence and you really can't think of anything during the situation, excuse yourself. Whether you head to the bathroom or a corridor, have a few minutes of your alone time. Not to run away, but to calm down and gather your thoughts. Some people get nervous when communicating with others, which is normal. What's important is how to deal with that nervousness. So isolate yourself for a few minutes to relax. Think of what to say. Then go back and based on what you just had planned on saying, start the conversation. It is vital that you're not tensed and you can converse with ease so that not only are you going to break the awkward silence, but you're also comfortable and relaxed enough to keep the communication going without a hitch.

How to break out of an ANKNARD SILENCE

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1. Jake action!

You have to acknowledge the situation and take action. Realise that you are in an awkward silence and do something about it. Most people deny or would not take responsibility in diffusing the awkwardness, thus relying on other people to break the silence. But what if everybody thinks the same exact way and no one does anything about it? Wouldn't it get even more awkward? So do not rely on others. Take note of the situation and do or say something guick!

2. Jalk about yours

When you do 'do something' about it, there are various ways you can go about it. Even if you are at a blank during the awkward silence, remember that you can always talk about yourself. You know who you are, what your hobbies are, what you like and what you don't like more than anyone else. Just talk and let the conversation lead the flow of your communication with the other/s. A lot of times, self-disclosure helps other people to also open up about themselves. Let the conversation stem from there and before you know it, you are already out of the awkward silence.

3. Jalk about what's recent or current

4. Use your surrounding

5. Jell a story

It doesn't matter if it's about you, your friend, your grandmother, your neighbour's pet Measles the cat... just tell a story. The funnier the story, the better. If you have travelled, share your travelling adventures and your cultural experiences. Or you can ask them about their stories. Not only will you learn more about the others but you will also get a better understanding of the kind of persons they are based on their experiences and the kind of people they're surrounded with based on their stories. Everyone has a story to tell.

6. Excuse yourself to relax



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WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, WHO WE CHOOSE TO BE IN OUR CIRCLE CAN MAKE US OR BREAK US. SURELY AT SOME POINT IN OUR LIVES WE WILL GET ACQUAINTED WITH TOXIC PEOPLE. SOME OF US ARE UNAWARE OF THE NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS THAT THEY MAY BRING IN OUR LIVES. BUT ONCE WE REALISE THAT A FRIEND IS TOXIC, WE NEED TO BRAVE OURSELVES TO CALL IT QUITS. SO HOW DO WE RECOGNISE THEM?

The Traitor

The traitor is usually the backstabber. The one who talks so badly about you behind your back that you cringe at the very sight of his/her fake-ness. What is worst is usually the traitor, knowing so much about you since you've been friends, tries to double-cross you by going after your romantic partner. If you find your friend not only backstabbing you but also flirting with your significant other, cut him/her off immediately. If a friend finds pleasure in bringing you misery, trust me, he or she is no friend.

The Dementor

We all want to be available for our friends. We want to support them in what they do, provide them comfort and encouragement when life gets tough. But you need to know the difference between a friend who is really in need and an attention seeker who is too emotionally dependent on you. Dealing with a dementor-type friend is so emotionally draining. With so much negativity and the need to be pacified all the time really sucks the life out of you, hence, the Harry Potter reference. If you're able to cope with such a friend, then you're a saint. But if a friend tires you too much and takes out a lot in your daily life, you need to think er such a friend is worth keeping.

The Virus

The virus is the one who finds selfsatisfaction in burning bridges between other people's relationships. This person to be the best friend of everybody but at the same time, makes everybody else turn against each other. They create fallacies and cause distrust and chaos in a pool of friendships. Why? Because they want to be the one that everybody looks for and depended on. They enjoy the spotlight of being liked by everybody while everybody else is hating each other because of the virus' conniving influence. Such friends are toxic as they feed their ego with destroying people's genuine bonds. They don't deserve anyone's day.

The Controller

What makes the controllers super irritating is how they try to enforce their ways on you. They expect you to seek their approval for every little or big decision you make in your life. When you don't, they hold it against you. Their grudge goes overboard that they sometimes become passive-aggressive. They can come across as condescending and often criticise you with the way you decide to construct or live your life. They get upset over mundane things such as not replying immediately to their text or if you wanted to spend time with your family over them. You find yourself always having the need to justify your every action and decision regardless of how big or small the matter is, which shouldn't be the case. Don't let such so-called friends to suffocate you.

The Leech

We all have that friend who is in financial crisis or in a hot mess. We want to see or help them but we don't want to burden them, so we don't mind spending or making the extra effort to do so. However, if you find yourself having to always picking up the tab or paying for a friend's meal or running favours for him/her but is no where in sight during your time of need, walk away from such a friend. The leech is a waste of your time, money and energy. It hurts when you're willing to go the extra mile for a friend, but he/she isn't willing to do the same. Your presence is just a convenience to them but you need to remind yourself that they are an inconvenience to you. The truth is, they need you more than you need them. So refuse yourself to be used because you deserve to be treated so much better. You need a genuine friend, not a useless leech.

The Actor

We all share our life stories with our friends, but when a friend starts lying and creating imaginary scene of events just to get attention and pity, chaos ensues. The actor is one who creates stories and drama just to get a spotlight in your circle. Often, their stories are sensationalised and over-dramatised to make their experience seem extra than normal, be it good or bad. What's worse is when they involve names and drag you and other people into the non-existent drama. Somehow, thinking that it's all real at first, it creates a misunderstanding which eventually causes rifts between people. Playing with people's names in a fake story is a dangerous game. So if you have such friends, set them straight or cut them loose. An actor should just stay as an occupation, not a personality.



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TERRENCE DASS

From his story as a host to Kanna Curry House and Toast

HOW DID YOU BEGIN HOSTING?

I was offered a job when someone had seen me host a college concert at Institut Perkim-goon, where I was doing my law degree. They had seen me at one of my student nights. So they offered me a contract in Kompleks Bukit Jambul in Penang. The contract was to talk for a while and do some promotions for all the stuff that was going on at the complex. I worked 8 hours a week, 4 hours on Saturday as well as Sunday. I got paid 10 bucks an hour for that, which was big money to me at the time. Then I branched out and did some club work as a DJ. My forte was retro at the time

DID YOU PLAN ON BECOMING A HOST?

I didn't intend to get into this line. I was all about finishing my law degree and becoming a lawyer. Since I could do this (hosting), so I just thought let's see how far I could go. I walked into RTM and auditioned to become a newscaster. Destiny came into play and when I walked in, they said that the audition was cancelled. It was a big blow to me because I just took a 5-hour bus trip all the way from Penang. But when I was walking out, someone called me and suggested that I try to audition for a talk show. Since I was there, I might as well just give it a go. I was selected for Hello On Two, which was the first show I did on RTM. Selamat Pagi Malaysia came along and I have been here since. I've had the opportunity to introduce some pretty big names such as Sir Richard Branson, Joe Girard, Chris Gardner and Tony Blair. I got to add these names to my resume. Up to today, my biggest show would be the one with Barrack Obama in 2015. To have the then President of the United States of America looking at me and taking in what I was saying, that was surreal to me.

WHO INSPIRES YOU?

BY SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL

My dad has always been an inspiration to me. He grew up in a very tough surrounding. He made a good life for himself and his family, which is what I'm trying to do. Of course, I've also been inspired by all those I've introduced. You get inspired by their stories. But I was inspired by Chris Gardner's story the most. Perhaps because a lot of people can relate to his story of starting from ground zero. The thing that is most touching is when you watch the movie, Will Smith's son was about 5 years old. In real life, his son was only 2 years old when he was going through all that. So his situation was a lot more difficult than what was portrayed in the movie. You can see how much of a father he is. He could've just left his kid and pursue his ambition alone but he wanted to be a dad and that inspires me.

ANY FUNNY EVENTS YOU'VE ENCOUNTERED THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER?

It's an interesting story of how connected and yet, apart we are as Malaysians. This story happened in Sarawak. I was there for an eco challenge. I noticed that the people in the whole village were taking pictures of me. I wasn't the most famous guy there but I thought it might be they got certain channels here and saw me on TV. But then I noticed there were no TVs in their homes. They had a very green lifestyle. Then a friend of mine tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Hey. Don't think you're famous because you're on TV. There are more orang utans than Indians here." So they have never seen an Indian person up close and had only heard about us. It seemed that I was the first to venture into their territory. It was very eye-opening.

IS THERE ANY TYPE OF HOSTING STYLE YOU WISH TO DO?

WWE. Wrestling. Well, if I don't get to do that, then any sort of fighting event would be nice. I watched wrestling back then. The thing that caught my attention when I was watching was not so much the moves but the colour commentary, which was very interesting to me. You hear phrases like, "Oh man... look at the educated feet on that guy!" because the wrestler was kicking his opponent all over the place. So when I heard the term 'educated feet' I was like wow. They used a lot of cool phrases and I built my vocabulary on that. My favourite wrestler was The Rock. Not so much for his inring skills, but more of his skills on the mic.

FAVOURITE FOOD?

Banana leaf or anything that is the closest to mum's cooking.

WHY DO YOU LIKE KANNA CURRY HOUSE?

I love to eat at Kanna Curry House because as you can see, it's not too packed. That's the prime reason. You can chill and eat as much as you want and for as long as you want. For the banana leaf, you have the rice and you can add on the vegetables as much as you want. The only thing you need to pay when you addon is the protein dishes. The chicken curry is really one of the best. I love the mutton varuval too. These are the two signature dishes here. Sometimes I'll have the fried bitter gourd which everybody likes. Almost everything here is authentically South Indian. Even as you exit, there's this traditional mouth cleansing herbs that you should try.

It's friendly. The staff speak decent Malay, but of course I communicate with them in Tamil, so it helps. You can basically come here with your family. You don't feel pressured to leave. The food is great. Addon anytime you want. Because of the curry, you will definitely have to addon more rice. Otherwise, you won't do the curry justice.

ANY UPCOMING PROJECT IN THE WORKS?

I have a small food business coming up. It's called Toast and it's based in Monash. I have a second branch that is opening in Nilai soon. We sell different types of toasts. Not just the typical bread and butter, cheese or kaya toast but we have some pretty cool stuff. You can check us out on our Instagram @toast_to_love.

Gifted with such great calibre in the arena of stage and television hosting, the down-to-earth Terrence Dass fills up our local screen and radio broadcast. Not only is he known for his work on Selamat Pagi Malaysia on TV1 for RTM (Radio Television Malaysia) and Face to Face on Traxx.fm radio every Wednesday at 5.15pm, he is also a sought-after emcee for events and stage shows. Be it current issues, sports or politics, he does it all. He dominates the screen and stage in both Malay and English, hosting shows, events and speaking engagements for big international names and even crossing borders to Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore and Indonesia.



MAKAN-MAKAN WITH THE STARS

PINGGAN Putch

Nostalgia where modern meets Malay classic

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hat started out as a high-end catering business known as White Plates KL has now branched out to a whole new traditional cuisine outlet that is getting the locals talking. Located in Jalan Kristal, Section 7, Shah Alam, with an alluring all-white exterior lies Pinggan Puteh, combines the concept of modern and Malay classic.

With great tasting food and a great ambience to boot, Pinggan Puteh is making waves only after one month of its inception. When customers were asked of the reason behind their visits and returns to the eatery, it is often the reminiscences that the food incites. The objective of the eatery is to provide Malay-style comfort food that reminds its patrons of home, mainly a mother or grandmother's oldstyle cooking. Based on reviews and feedback, they have proven to do so.

The best-seller and crowd puller is the Lontong Rendang Goreng. I can vouch for it. Though traditional, there is a twist to this dish in which the nasi impit (cubed rice cakes) is sautéed. The lontong, coconut milk-based gravy, is cooked in the style of lemak labu (pumpkin cooked in coconut milk) instead of the usual tempe and cellophane noodles. This adds a natural sweetness to the lontong and thickens the gravy, making it richer. Bits of fried onions are added along with beef rendang topped with chopped leek and chilli flakes. So when you take a bite, there is a bit of a crunch. In unison, the ingredients synergize perfectly to create a burst of flavors.



Another signature dish is the Nasi Kenduri. It is a festive dish served in a traditional rounded tray with a combination of rice, ayam balado (chicken cooked in chili), beef rendang, boiled salted egg, acar (pickled vegetables) and fish crackers. If you are famished, the Nasi Kenduri is the ideal choice. Also served in the same style is another dish you can opt for which is the Masak Lemak Daging Sayur Asin. These dishes are aplenty with variety that is filling and comforting to your indulging experience.

During lunch time, many of the patrons cannot get enough of the Nasi Bujang series such as Ayam Balado Masak Lemak Labu, Asam Pedas Ayam and Nasi Bujang Daging Tumbok. Their simplicity is what has drawn customers to come again and again as regulars. Though minimal, each dish is different and distinct in flavours, thus providing traditional variety that patrons cannot refuse.

New to the menu is their Ayam Panggang or grilled chicken, marinated and cooked the Malay way known as percik. Tender and moist, you can easily cut through it with a butter knife. Savoury with a tad of sweetness, it goes amazingly well with the nasi impit. Nothing beats the merriment of sharing a delicious whole chicken with family and friends.

Rarely seen in the food and beverage scene is the abukabuk dessert, a traditional specialty dessert. A taste is enough to bring back the nostalgia of your once-upon-a -time life in the village. This cone-shaped dessert is made up of sago with shredded coconut and brown sugar. Pinggan Puteh adds a soft Western touch to the warmth of kuih abuk-abuk with a scoop of vanilla ice cream just so that altogether, it melts in your mouth. A new addition that is a must-try in their dessert line is the Panna Cotta with jackfruit.

Beverage-wise, the most eye-catching drink that is listed in the menu is none other than the Rambutan Juice. Oh yes, there is such a juice. Topped with mint leaf and its bottom layered with rambutan, it is new, innovative and handsdown refreshing. However, if a cold drink is not your cup of tea, have the Teh Tarik. Served in an old-style Malaysian teacup accompanied by a sugar-coated biscuit, it sure takes you back to tea-time at grandma's.

The interior design of this eatery has a clean, contemporary concept with minimal embellishments of traditional décor items. The colour scheme is mainly millennial pink to provide the modernity feel in the restaurant. The primary colours are blush pink, navy blue and white which represent the corporate identity of Pinggan Puteh. The ceiling glows with rose gold lamps which exude elegance. In the front corner of the restaurant is an Instagram-worthy space where patrons take pictures upon entering or leaving the restaurant. The soft pink walls with a clever addition of the cane swing and vibrant neon signage is undoubtedly the interior highlight of Pinggan Puteh.

Quality comfort food that is value for money, nostalgic traditional dishes and an interior that is magnificently glowing with serenity, it is no wonder that after only one month, Pinggan Puteh is already making its mark in the hearts of food lovers.

DINING IDEAS









Skydining and Bar Dine on Cloud Nine

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ituated on the verge of Malaysia's iconic landmark, the Petronas Twin Towers, is a rooftop restaurant and bar that is set to become your favourite place to dine in. Besides the playful flavours of its fare, the panoramic view of the federal capital's skyline is one that will take your breath away. Its ideal location facing the entire city with the mountain range as its backdrop in the horizon is an experience.

The restaurant benefits from a terrace area, a gorgeous enclosed space with rows of outdoor couches and frangipani trees. It provides the magic of outdoor dining accompanied by a picturesque view. As you exit the lift on the 33rd floor, it opens up to two bounteous areas, one

predominantly for dining and another a casual dining area for you to kick back and relax with a drink in hand. The main dining area is in the form of a conservatory-looking design, embellished with a spectacle of warm hues and floor-to-ceiling windows to soak in the enchanting ambience.

We recommend reaching Roofino a little earlier, snag the outdoor seating area and feast your eyes on the hues of pink and orange splattered across the skies at sunset, the sun dipping ever so low against the KL city skyline. It is amazing to say the least. The outside lounge also hosts a champagne bar for merrymaking or a romantic date.

Roofino Skydining and Bar is a gorgeous restaurant serving Mediterranean food and a curated selection of Western cuisine. The







If you haven't guessed already, the ambience of this establishment is romantic, sensual, contemporary and mysterious. Its crowning glory has attracted numerous birthday celebrations, and couples on the brink of proposals. Bob Wong, the mastermind behind Modestos and now Roofino Skydining and Bar (among other things) intended for this to be a place comfortable for all age groups.

Patrons can expect the fare here to be an odyssey of flavours, while presenting a



dishes are cherry-picked to provide a perfectly impeccable and the reason why this restaurant

sense of familiarity and comfort. Its casual, unpretentious dining pays homage to traditional flavours with a flair. Quoting Bob Wong, Roofino strives to provide 5-star service and 3-star pricing. It isn't all fun and games at Roofino. The real work and prowess of the chefs are reflected in dishes such as the Fillet of Seabass and Seafood. As its namesake suggests, a variety of seafood is showered with a delicious sauce while the seabass is seared to perfection. Another item that we reminisce about is the Braised Lamb Shank. The texture of the lamb was so soft it broke apart upon cutting and the sauce that complemented the lamb was laced with exotic flavours. To end your dining experiencing on a refreshing note, order the Signature Snow Ice that comes in four flavours and let the dessert work its magic on your palate.



Fittie Sense



Healthy and hearty gourmet meals of global flavors

BY SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL







t has always been a real struggle for those living in Malaysia in terms of feeding our bodies with the right nutrition. We are spoiled for choice when it comes to food, but as we have gained more awareness of healthy eating, we've always had to deprive ourselves from the food that we love just to keep fit. In the view of Fittie Sense, why should we?

Now as people are more open and susceptible to a more variety of taste and ingredients, Fittie Sense has discovered alternatives for you to enjoy your comfort food in a healthier manner. Through innovation of global influence and inspiration, Fittie Sense offers fresh and naturally sourced ingredients, providing you with as much nutrition without compromising taste and flavor.

One of their crowd pullers is the Beef Kofte, a Middle-Eastern inspired dish that is very popular in the Arab world. It is just as nutritious as it looks but more importantly, delicious. The beef kofte was just so flavorful on its own, but even more glorious when eaten with its accompaniments such as the tabbouleh and beetroot. What amazed me was what I thought was couscous in the tabbouleh, was actually cauliflower. Truthfully, I couldn't tell the difference. Usually I'm not a fan of beetroot because of its aftertaste but in this dish, it was marinated so well that I enjoyed every bite without struggle. I gobbled it down like how I would with spaghetti. However, the highlight of the dish for me is the baba ganoush which adds such a spark to this dish altogether. Like how the sambal perfects the nasi lemak, that is how baba ganoush is to the Beef Kofte.

Another one of their dishes that really warmed my heart and appetite is the Shepherd's Pie. Yes, you heard that right. In a health zone eatery, there is Shepherd's Pie! This was interesting for me to see how Fittie Sense has cleverly tweaked it in a way that you could happily consume without the guilt of consuming it. Rather than the usual mashed potatoes, this version is topped with sweet potato-olive oil mash. It's so light and fluffy with a tad of natural sweetness, it works well. Instead of grounded beef, there was a filling of chunky, lean lamb spiced ragu. I personally love the combination of this dish. Hearty and satisfying, it's such a glorious alternative.

Fittie Sense continued to impress me with its Harissa Chicken dish. Made from chicken thigh skewered in kebab-style accompanied by Lebanese slaw and sumac salsa, it was like fireworks in my mouth. The chicken is tender

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and moist, yet had such robust flavors. The slaw and salsa adds balance to the chicken and provides a happy crunch. I say happy because you know that what you're eating is good for you so you are guilt-free for genuinely enjoying it. They have different daily specials and many other healthier versions of our food favorites you wouldn't believe. Like Chicken Biryani and more!

Their range of beverages is also just as fascinating. They have Gut Bar which serves their homemade fermented drinks that are abundant in probiotics, beneficial bacteria and food enzymes to stimulate optimum intestinal health. Do note that due to the drinks' natural fermentation, there is a very small percentage of alcohol developed. Among its top seller drinks is the Kombucha and Kefir Sodas.

If you're a coffee addict, then you need to give their lattes a go. The Gold Rush was gold! What is it? It's turmeric latte. As the turmeric trend is rampant these past few years, why not try it as a latte. I tried it with an open mind and to my surprise, I enjoyed it more than I had expected. It was rich in consistency, which I really like. If this is too out of the norm for you, you can opt for their other unique range of Pastel Lattes such as the Chai Spiced Latte, Not So Vanilla or Tickle Me Pink (beetroot with a hint or rose syrup latte).

I had the Chocolate Prune Brownie for dessert and I loved it. Made of 60% dark chocolate. cacao, coconut oil, almond meal, honey and eggs, there was nothing artificial about this dessert. Soft and not overwhelmingly sweet with a surprise tad of sourness from the prune, it was such a delight to my palate. The brownie had a tad of coconut-taste, which I love. But if it's not your taste of preference, there are other healthy desserts you can explore. The Apple Almond Cake, Orange Polenta Cake and more. They even make their own, what they call, nice cream with a frozen banana base. Their nice-creams are purely of fruit with no dairy, sugar or artificial-flavoring added. A healthy treat for bright, hot day!

There is so much variety that you can enjoy. Whether you're on a low carb diet, workout recovery, dairy free diet, a vegan, vegetarian, or a wholesome food eater, this is the ideal place to go for a fit food without depriving yourself of taste. Fittie Sense proves that healthy eating is a lifestyle option which can adjust itself to the flavors of our culture by finding the right alternative ingredients. So get healthy and get fit, with a satisfyingly hearty and healthy meal at Fittie Sense.



rop Hong Kong, established in 2000 remains a favourite spot for locals, expatriates and countless celebrities- from the likes of Sting to Gwyneth Paltrow. Drop has become THE institution for quality music, inventive cocktails and outstanding customer service in Hong Kong. Founded by internationally renowned DJ Joel Lai and late actress and producer Colette Koo, the upscale establishment has been in the forefront of Hong Kong's nightlife for nearly two decades.

With that vision in mind, Drop KL brings impeccable Hong Kong hospitality for epicureans, foodies and hedonists with the promise of a complete journey for the senses. Perching on the strategic locale of Kuala Lumpur's lifestyle hub, TREC, Drop KL intends to make its mark in this exciting new district. Its highly experienced international team hails from New York, Chicago, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Malaysia, enabling its patrons to experience creativity and culture from across the world while inviting you to eat. drink.drop.

EAT

This restaurant is made distinct for its innovative modern American restaurant and lounge that is inspired by the slow cooking and the super foods movement. Inspired by world famous chefs in NYC, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles, Chef TJay offers customers a multicultural and internationally-inspired dishes such as, Salmon Croquettes and Go Ask Alice to name a few. From authentic Japanese Wagyu to the freshest seafood and signature flatbreads, Drop KL strives to bring forth the contrasts of modern American cuisine to culturally diverse Malaysia.

Just like all of us, American-born Chef Tlay loves great food, drinks and people. With over 20 years of experience as an executive chef, he sees modern American food differently. Born under the shadow of the Chicago skyline, he was blessed to grow up in a city of such cultural diversity. When asked, what is modern American food, Chef TJay answered, "The United States used to be referred to as 'the great melting pot'. To me, this is best showcased in food. I find a new ingredient or a cooking technique that fascinates me and I apply that to something familiar. I am trying to create food that feels light but has big, bold flavours.

DRINK

Helming the bar is professional barman, Tim Clark. He brings alchemic passion for handcrafted molecular cocktails, boutique spirits and micro brewed craft beers to Drop KL. He has worked handin-hand with Chef TJay to create unique food and molecular cocktail pairings so that every bite and sip created awakens the senses. Working alongside Tim and TJay is general manager and master sommelier, Alison Christ who is involved in curating the Drop KL wine list to include natural and biodynamic wines, made with the least possible use of chemicals, additives and technological procedures for patrons to taste wines of the highest quality without having to deal with a hangover the morning after.

DROP

Drop KL is soon launching an exclusive private rooftop space at The Terraces TREC with panoramic views spanning from the KLCC Twin Towers across to the sublimely serene lush greenery of the Royal Selangor Golf Club. Apart from the stellar view and fare, the music and entertainment component will be unlike anything currently available in Kuala Lumpur. From chilled-out tunes, fantastic returns of old school disco for the old souls and dancers breaking to Detroit House beats, Drop KL offers ample opportunity to get lost to the music. Founder, Joel Lai, having decades of experience as one of Asia's best DJ's and promoters of quality music, will be bringing a vast array of musical styles, live shows, dance troupes and international live acts to this restaurant and bar.



DINING IDEAS





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Hakuna Mimosa-It's Brunch Time

The Best 4 to Get Your Brunch On

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



Yeast Bistronomy

Yeast is a French bistro and boulangerie serving authentic French cuisine, primarily breakfast, dinner and pastries. Walking into Yeast Bistronomy immediately transports its patrons to that quaint café on the street of Paris, emanating cosiness. The French colonial accents of its interior and its elegant fare is perfect for brunch with the girls. Out of the bistro's wide-ranged menu, three spoke to our palates and souls. First came the Homemade Almond Granola. The crunchy granola was an assemblage of marinated strawberry and apple, bathed in generous yoghurt and drizzled with honey. Le Steak & Eggs arrived with an air of beautiful arrogance, boasting a 90-gramme grilled Angus striploin, topped with two sunny-side up eggs, warm potatoes and caramelised onions. This is one of their bestsellers and one you would leave scathed. Le Paris Province, was our favourite. Perhaps it was the combination of turkey ham and Gruyere cheese sandwich that did it for me, or the fact that it sat on a warm, homemade baguette, accompanied by French fries and green salad.

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St. Regís Kuala Lumpur

The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur is known for its stellar accommodation, artworks, impeccable service and adding to the list is its Sunday Jazz brunch at the Brasserie. Inspired by the daily markets in France, the Sunday Jazz brunch here emphasises on quality imported produce with a bounteous, beautiful array of fresh seafood, namely, Royal Alaskan King Crab, freshly shucked Fine de Claire oysters and smoked salmon, mimicking ones found in a farmer's market. Other delights include heirloom tomatoes, creamy burrata, a live station for foie gras and homemade pasta, poultry dishes and a thoughtfully-curated a la carte menu that rotates on a weekly basis. Besides that, feast your eyes and palates on an assortment of important cheeses and mouth-watering desserts you won't want to miss.

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Common Man Coffee Roasters

The brunch menu at CMCR offers a modern twist to classic brunch dishes. Take, for example, the eggs benedict. Usually, you'd find the poached eggs on top of an avocado spread and sourdough. Here, the Organic Eggs Benedict has two poached eggs on top of a tender and succulently braised ox cheeks with honey rye or multigrain bread. Another highlight from our visit was the Common Man Full Breakfast. This dish features two organic eggs in any style, streaky beef (or chicken), smoked chicken sausage, confit herbed tomato, vegetable rosti, mint sour cream, wild mushrooms, with honey rye or multi-grained bread. For a lighter appetite, you can opt for the Homemade Crunchy Granola that features a generous portion of fresh fruit, Greek-style yogurt and a drizzle of honey. Alternatively, you can enjoy the Quinoa Salad. This salad is certainly unique with the fact that the guinoa has a pomegranate colour. It certainly would be an ideal choice for healthy eating enthusiasts.

1, Jalan Tun Mohd Fuad, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur

FOOD HUNT

Strangers at 47

A quaint cafe by the name of Strangers at 47 is home to the most divine, elaborate and exquisite homemade crepes. Being the perfect meal for brunch, patrons are spoilt for choice with their wide-ranged menu, segmented into savoury and sweet delights. From the land of savoury crepes comes A Hen's Crush, a work of art on a plate. It comprises chilliflaked crepe, pan-seared cajun boneless chicken thigh, sweet capsicums, golden hash brown, citrus-cucumber-onion salad and house-made spicy tangy sauce. Meanwhile, fellow sweet tooths would fall in love with the robust Kayaman. The pandan coconut crepe, pandan custard and fried banana gel with the coconut cream, gula Melaka and ice cream like a dream. It is a perfect matrimony of flavours that evoke a feeling of familiarity and nostalgia.

47, Jalan 17/45, Seksyen 17, 46400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Tel: 03-7497 2409

A Gastronomic Getaway to GENTING

What we used to think about Genting, was it synonymous with the casino and theme park. We can't say the same now. Genting has transformed into a lifestyle hub for locals and tourists alike, offering something for everyone.

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Malaysian Food Street

If the thought of nasi lemak and roti canai makes your mouth water, then it is essential that you treat your palate to incredible flavours above the clouds by heading to Malaysian Food Street in Genting Highlands. Twenty-two stalls showcase the best of Malaysian street food at one strategic spot. The highlight of the Malaysian Food Street is its classic, old Malayan ambience that evokes nostalgia. Apart from that, Malaysian Food Street is the epicentre of glorious local cuisines from five states and breakfast sets, priced at only RM12. Relish in six varieties of local, scrumptious street food including, Nasi Lemak, Dim Sum, Hainan Express, porridge and Mee Suah. Besides the glorious fare, patrons are treated to a cultural voyage through iconic, traditional facades such as the Stadthuys in Malacca and the Cat Monument in Kuching.

Level 4, Awana SkyCentral, 69000 Genting Highlands, Pahang

Medan Selera

Resorts World Genting doesn't cease to impress. With the intention to cater to patrons from all walks of life and religion, the Medan Selera was born. This halal food court is the purveyor of local cuisine, specifically the Malay cuisine. The ambience of this food court differs from the Malaysian Food Street. The splashes of vibrant hues on its walls and seating add to the contemporary vibe emanated by this eatery. Embodying Malay culture and cuisine, a host of dishes from various states in Malaysia are rendered here. Our favourites and a must-try are the Nasi Kerabu, Nasi Ayam Berempah and Rojak Mee. It was the play of flavours as well as the authenticity of each dish that made us crave for more. Complete your meal by grabbing a local confection such as sago with gula Melaka and som som to name a few.

Level G, Sky Avenue, 69000 Genting Highlands, Pahang









STREET FOOD HUNT

Cafés Richard

Cafés Richard is an authentic, quaint, classic café that emanates a Parisian feel. This café was founded in 1892 in Paris, home to beautifully crafted pastries and desserts for the sweet tooth. Its extensive menu does not only stop at desserts, as it also offers a slew of original coffees, teas and French food. High tea always calls for sweet treats and Cafés Richard certainly lived up to our expectations with Le Festin. Translating to The Feast, it serves a party of four or five and is presented in a beautiful box of drawers, descending from savoury items to sweets such as cakes and crème brulee. Wash your palate with a selection of any four drinks from coffee, slow coffee, tea or chocolate beverages. We recommend pairing the desserts with the classic café au lait, comprising Masaya beans from Mexico, catered for those who appreciate their coffee slightly strong and spicy. Tea lovers would appreciate the myriad of organic and herbal tea as well as the classics to choose from.

Level 1, SkyAvenue, 69000 Genting Highlands, Pahang

Burger & Lobster

The name Burger & Lobster needs no introduction; it is a brand that is commonly associated with Genting and has become a necessary dining spot. Established in London since 2011, Burger & Lobster is the first flagship restaurant in Malaysia. As its namesake suggests, its primary draw are the gigantic, live lobsters. The façade is embellished by lobster traps and live lobsters in tanks, a telltale sign of this renowned brand. We opted for B&L's bestseller, the wild, live Chilli Lobster. Inspired by Singapore's famous chilli crab, we feel that the Chilli Lobster could certainly give them a run for their money. The spicy yet flavoursome chilli lobster is served in a claypot and accompanied by their signature brioche to dip. In addition, the succulent and juicy meat from the lobster paired perfectly with the chilli, resulting in a spotless aftermath.

Level 1, SkyAvenue, 69000 Genting Highlands, Pahang

TOAST DESSERTS

A brick of sweet goodness

BY SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL



CINNAMON HONEY BREAD

For some people, less is more. If you are new to the toast dessert bandwagon and are not used to bread being a dessert, then the Cinnamon Honey Bread at Caffe Bene is a good start. The Cinnamon Honey Bread is a simple thick bread topped with honey, cinnamon and whipped cream. A classic that one must not miss. The eatery itself however, is a trusted chain from Korea, known and prides itself of the great coffees and desserts it serves. There are many other options as well that are just as amazing. Be sure to make a stop and give it a go if you are ever at Solaris.

Solaris Mont Kiara, K-G-04, No. 2, Jalan Solaris, 50480 Kuala Lumpur



CHOCOLATE BANANA FRENCH TOAST

Every café has a star, and of course at Go Getter Café, the star is the Chocolate Banana French Toast. The fluff of the bread is infused with the natural sweetness of the honey and chocolate drizzles. The cold ice cream helps dissolve the warm toast while the banana slices complete the combination with its gentle fruity taste and texture. If one must take up a guilty pleasure, this should surely be one of them. Sinfully sweet, it is no wonder the crowd puller of the café. Go Getter Café has a wide-ranging selection of food, desserts and beverages. So feel free to explore the delicious wonders available at the café because you will definitely not regret it.

1, 1st Floor, Block 5, 12, Jalan Jalil Jaya 6, Bukit Jalil, 57000 Kuala Lumpur Hong Kong, Japan and Korea are evolving their toasts into glamorous desserts but fret not, you can enjoy a variety of Toast Desserts just the same in Malaysia. Bread has sure come a long way from being as simple as a butter spread toast to a whole other sweet indulgence. Now there are so many options of it that patrons are spoil it for choice. Specially for all of you sweet tooth out there, here are some of the places where you can find the best toast desserts in Klang Valley.

FRUITITION HONEY TOAST

This best-seller toast dessert, Fruitition Honey Toast from Haraju Cube is one to die for! The perfect combination of the warm toast, cold ice cream, fluffy whipped cream and fruitiness of it all just blend so beautifully and deliciously together. The natural sweetness and a tad of sourness from the fresh peaches, strawberries and blueberries balance the sweetness, so it does not overwhelm and spark up your appetite to want more. Haraju Cube has plenty of toast desserts that are just waiting to be devoured such as Strawbelicious, Chocolate & Honey Toast, Bana-Choco and more.

> 103 Level 1, Empire Damansara Damansara Perdana, Jalan PJU 8/8, 47820 Petaling Jaya, Selangor





S'MORES TOAST

Anyone who has tried the S'mores Toast from Miru Dessert Café will have nothing bad to say. It is a brick toast topped with a layer of chocolate spread, toasted marshmallows, ice cream and whipped cream. Those who prefer extra sweetness will enjoy this tremendously. What I love about it is how thick the texture of the marshmallows. When mixed with the warm toast and creamy ice cream and soft whipped cream, it is incredible. Miru is known for its range of delicious toast desserts. You can even add certain ingredients and customise your toast to better your sweet indulging experience. Other than S'mores Toast, the Shibuya Honey Toast is also another must-try.

62, Jalan SS 21/58, Damansara Utama, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor





ZETA BAR, HILTON KUALA LUMPUR

A Night to Remember

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

ilton Kuala Lumpur, the ultimate lifestyle hotel in central Kuala Lumpur that houses Zeta Bar is proud to announce Hypnotik as Zeta Bar's resident band from Jan 25 to April 2018.

Über stylish Zeta Bar is a popular venue for the late-night circuit and is the place to be seen and heard. The only club in town that features a live international band, it has a cool vibe that is perfect if you're in the mood for great music and a vibrant club scene.

Hypnotik is a 7-piece band formed by members from across the world, South Africa, Canada, Scotland and Belgium. This talented band belts out a good variety of music from R&B, Latin, to even a Malay song or two especially the must-sing song "Tiada Lagi", which is noteworthy to say the least. Apart from their evident talent, they have a lively and friendly persona that is quite infectious. More importantly, this brilliant group will not only keep you on your feet, but get you singing along with them.

Zeta Bar at Hilton Kuala Lumpur has been one of the hottest nightspots in the capital city since its launch nearly ten years ago. With its sleek interior, and a number of separate zones for groups of six and above, it also features a long runaway table, lounge "islands" and bar seating. Zeta Bar is known for its showcasing of an excellent mix of international bands and DJs, and has been a signature attraction to both locals and international visitors.

The vibrant, high-energy international live bands are from time to time rotated



during the year to ensure variety, with the music played mostly based around the latest R&B and Top 40 hits. This approach to music has successfully captured crowds from early evenings, and picking up on to the clubbers later through the night, with non-stop action and vibe.

Zeta Bar also offers a broad selection of premium spirit brands, wines, champagnes and beers. When you head on over to Zeta Bar, be sure to also try their latest, unique mixology creations. Complementing the libations is a menu of snacks and tasty, sharing food items for you to savour.

Hilton Kuala Lumpur, 3, Jalan Stesen Sentral, Kuala Lumpur Sentral, 50470 Kuala Lumpur Tel: +603-2264 2596 HOTPICKS WOMEN



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GUCCI Princetown horsebit-detailed leather slippers RM2,657.78



LADIES' BODY SHAPE: PART II OF VI

Christian Dior once said, "A dress is a piece of ephemeral architecture, designed to enhance the proportions of the female body." There are techniques you can use to visually manipulate your natural silhouette to appear how you want it to be! Ladies usually desire an hourglass silhouette that appears more womanly and attractive.

What do you do when you have a *Rectangle* body shape but want to appear more hourglass? To do that, basically you will need to find ways to increase volume at your busts and derriere, at the same time keeping a suck-in waistline.

First of all, adding a belt to your loosely structured outfit will instantly give you a more defined waistline and form a visually hourglass silhouette. When it comes to dress or skirt, opt for an A-line or flare design that constructs a small waist and at the same time makes your hips appear larger. A Blouse with lots of ruffles, be it at the collar or sleeves will add volume to your busts, while peplum-cut jacket or blouse can add volume to your derriere.

Follow me at this space to find out how to dress an Apple body next month!

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Explore the bounteous offerings of mySMINK, an online platform that amalgamates the best and coolest beauty brands from Malaysia and around the region. This beauty mecca provides its patrons the platform to discover the best of makeup, skincare and body essentials. Albeit being a digital presence, mySMINK was developed to ensure a fun, inspiring and hasslefree shopping experience for all beauty lovers across the globe. This online store was founded by two ambitious sisters, Nadia and Diana Nasimuddin, who have a shared love for everything beauty. Their vision for mySMINK is not just to sell products, but also to empower buyers with information, and guides on how to get the best out of each purchase made. So make the world your runway and strut your stuff confidently!

GlamX Bourgeoisie Eyeshadow Palette - RM180 The GlamX Bourgeoisie palette is as rich and lux as its name suggests. This all-metallic eyeshadow palette brings you a harmonious combination of your favourite peachy plums, baby pinks and coppery golds. Use these sunset hues to create just about any night or party look. Don't be surprised, you will be the limelight

The Baby Love Kit from Smootch carries fun-sized versions of the Love Potion Clay Mask and Rhodanthe Sugar Body Polish. It is the ideal pampering set, perfect for dry, mature and even sensitive skin. This travel-friendly duo nourishes and rehydrates the complexion while gently cleansing the pores. Love Potion is a delightful blend of French pink clay and peony while Rhodanthe is like a bed of roses in a jar.

Treat your skin to the lush, hydrating powers of this overnight face mask. Like a facelift in a jar, this unique blend contains corrective actives that reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles over time, and improve the skin's elasticity.

Chaco Polish is a natural and preservative-free bamboo charcoal whitening tooth polish. It helps in reducing teeth staining caused by a variety of things like coffee, tea and tobacco. This polish also aids in the removal of tannin from the surface of the teeth without harming the enamel as it is low in its abrasiveness, resulting in naturally whiter teeth. Soon, your smile will be as bright as the sun.

Handmade Heroes Drop Dead Gorgeous Dry Shampoo(Small) - RM32.90

This product is essential for those on-the-go metropolitans. Who says you can't buy time? This Drop Dead Gorgeous Dry Shampoo (Small) from Handmade Heroes works to extend the life of your hairdo in between washes. It's also great for days you feel your crowning glory could do with a little more oomph. This dry shampoo absorbs excess oils, sebum and odours in the hair, leaving you feeling fresh and clean with hints of lavender and peppermint.

Smootch Baby Love Kit - RM50.00

Chegar Age Defiance Cream - RM190

Chaco Polish - RM108

Relax, Refresh and Renew Your Spirit at

So SPA

BY HIRANMAYII AWII MOHANAN

t has become a norm for metropolitans to be constantly working, hustling and to be on the move. With that in mind, Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara has recently unveiled So SPA, a luxurious addition to the hotel's offerings. The So SPA is underpinned by the brand's holistic approach where harmony and tranquillity gently restores the body, mind and soul, an experience most city folk require.

Located on a dedicated floor that sprawls over 3,700 square feet, So SPA at Sofitel

Kuala Lumpur Damansara hosts seven treatment rooms. Of these, one is an exclusive couple room and a separate male and female private hammam room. So SPA also features a deep relaxation area for guests to extend their relaxation after their treatment and a socialising patio for guests to mingle while enjoying refreshments and healthy dietetic snacks.

There's no better feeling than relishing an exquisite ambience of luxury and complete serenity. Intending to provide patrons with a blissful and heavenly

experience, the interior of So SPA combines dusty hues of blue and creamy white, gently punctuated with rose gold accents and soft edgings to create a visually light and floating space that provides an instant serene feeling. What we love about this hotel is that it's known to pamper its patrons rotten and So SPA is the consummation of that philosophy. The spa's extensive menu is cleverly inspired from a gourmet restaurant menu, drawing on the French gastronomic expertise that Sofitel is renowned for.



Among its myriad of treatments, So SPA takes a nod to the local culture by offering exclusive treatments to Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara such as the Malay Urut Massage, one that features long, kneading strokes focusing on blood flow and to stimulate energy points while relaxing the muscles. For a Hammam purist, set off on a journey to discover the benefits of Hammam

traditions in the first luxury private Hammam room for both men and women in Kuala Lumpur. These rooms are aesthetically pleasing and relaxing from the get-go. The bounteous space, dedicated steam room and a marble table for guests to lie on embody the essence of a Hammam and contribute to the experience.



HEALTH & BEAUTY





Hammam and Gommage

From the Specials menu, we opted for the Hammam and Gommage; it was our inaugural introduction to the Hammam experience. The rejuvenating adventure took 120 minutes, kicking off with a steam bath to draw out the toxins from the body. The next step was to purify and cleanse the skin with Savon Noir Beldi olive-rich black soap, an organic soap that is not only fragrant but moisturising too. Then, a Kassa glove, which essentially comprises granules was used to exfoliate the skin. As soon as our skin was rid of the dead cells, a 100% rich-in-minerals mud was applied to the entire body and it was time for another round of steam bath to further rid of the impurities. It was noteworthy that the skilled and experienced staff followed the process to the t and even adviced on the tension spots on our body. The ritual ended with a full body massage with tea elixir and Argan oil that was gently applied. We noticed almost immediately that our skin felt smooth as a baby's bottom and dare we say, it glowed!

So Relaxing Massage

Merely thinking about this massage brings a smile to our faces. As suggested by its namesake, it was immensely relaxing. Perhaps it was the fusion between Balinese massage and Swedish techniques or the fine lavender from the Haute Province that made it a journey for the senses. The skilled masseuse released the tension knots from our bodies and moreover, the movement of her hands resembled the rolling waves at the beach, sending us into a sweet slumber. Enhancing the euphoria was the speciallycustomised MyBed™ in every treatment room. We walked out of that treatment room as light as a feather.

Should you fancy a facial, patrons can be rest assured that your face is in the safe hands of Pevonia and Themae, two globally established French brands. Pevonia, is a natural skincare line which uses only the purest of ingredients, delivery system and green technology. Pevonia's most influential ingredients come from the safest source, nature. THÉMAÉ is a luxury spa brand blending the best of both worlds, the French expertise in creating skincare and cosmetics, and the Oriental tea ritual which is part of the Asian culture and heritage.

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Golden Ratio Caliper

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Make Your Brows a Work of Arch

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or those of you who are new to the term microblading, it is a semi-permanent makeup procedure that allows a full reconstruction of eyebrows and it's possible to achieve the most natural finish or bolder-looking effect. Eyebrow microblading is performed by manual deposit of pigment under the epidermal layer of the skin by a hand-held manual tool. Unlike permanent makeup brow treatment, microblading technique involves drawing individual, crisp hair stroke that are more natural looking. Microblade is several times thinner than the needles used for tattoos and the strokes created are significantly thinner and crisper without blurring.

Now what is Phibrows Microblading? It is Microblading Academy established by Branko Babic. It is a permanent makeup method of drawing eyebrows where pigment insertion is done with micro blades which stimulate natural-looking hairs with various lengths and densities. Fret no, no tattooing machines are used in this method. Hairs are drawn shallow in the skin with special blades. Due to this specific method, the natural look of eyebrows is achieved easily. The hair-like strokes are drawn in the direction of natural growth, so patrons can wake up ready to seize the day.

The Phibrows Microblading method is also suitable for those who wish to correct their current eyebrow shape, to add volume to the brows or fill in sparse area. If you do not have eyebrow hairs, this is the perfect place for you as U.E, an artist who helms Phibrow Microblading by A'aroma Beauty, will create new, beautiful and natural-looking brows that you might not recognise yourself. Mr U.E. who is one of three Phibrow artists in Malaysia took a giant leap from hydraulic engineering to the eyebrow industry in order to pursue his passion. His fruitful decision has paved the way for him to shower clients with the gift of natural-looking eyebrows.

It may seem like a daunting process but we assure you, it is rather simple. The journey to eyebrows on fleek commences with a consultation with the brow artist, U.E. who will perform a couple of allergy tests to make sure your skin is accepting of the utensils and the pigmentation used.Next, patrons are required to fill up a form regarding client information. Then, U.E. will start cleansing your eyebrow area from makeup and dirt. Later, the Golden Ratio caliper is used to measure the proportions of your face to ascertain the right length and thickness of the eyebrows. For good measure, a picture of your eyebrows is taken and run through a special Phibrows app that allows U.E. to determine whether everything is good to go.

Once the shape of the eyebrows has been agreed upon, numbing cream is applied for 25 to 30 minutes and then the creation of perfect eyebrows starts. The process of carving hair-like strokes lasts approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Once done, you wouldn't be able to recognise the gorgeous person staring back at you in the mirror. Post-treatment care is vital in maintaining those brows. You will be provided with an after-care kit to use daily for about a week. The healing us fully completed 28 days after the treatment and this is when a complementary addition of pigment that has been lost will be performed. It is very important to obey the advice given by the artist in order to retain the drawn strokes. Rinsing and applying cream is of great importance. Say hello to a new you!



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Another significant initiative is the memorandum of agreement signed between us, Tourism Malaysia and GMR Hyderabad International Airport last October to penetrate further into India, a big source market for us. Last year, Malaysia Airports also undertook several missions to Europe, ASEAN, South Asia, India and China to meet up with over 30 airlines at their headquarters to market KLIA as a fast-growing hub that can meet their requirements.

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

This month, Datuk Badlisham shares his joy of KL International Airport (KLIA) being crowned the overall winner of the Marketing Awards at the Route Development Forum Asia 2018 (Routes Asia) in Brisbane, Australia.

Looking back, I would say we have been well rewarded for our efforts, which saw us launched 25 new routes and seven new passenger airlines for KLIA in 2017. The hub's impressive performance is reflected in its 11.2% growth posted in the 58.5 million passenger movements last year while its aircraft traffic grew by 8.6% to 386,054 movements. Honoured with this double accolades recognising the remarkable growth achieved by KLIA through its collaborative approach and

I am overjoyed that KLIA has been picked as the overall winner in the highly regarded regional heat of Routes Asia 2018 Marketing Awards via a competitive voting process by the airlines. This is on top of KLIA emerging as the winner in the 'Over 20 million passengers' category, beating five other shortlisted airports.

Kudos to our marketing team and all parties who have made this sweet double victory possible, especially after coming out from a challenging economic environment last year. Bagging these two awards, it shows that Malaysia Airports' relentless marketing efforts plus collaborations with our stakeholders, especially with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture and its marketing arm, Tourism Malaysia, have paid off handsomely in several initiatives throughout the year.

The Joint International Tourism Development Programme, launched at the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Tourism Malaysia last year, is one of many initiatives. The promotional fund set up between us under this programme can be tapped by the airlines, including our local carriers. New comers like Condor Airlines, which had inked a Memorandum of Marketina Collaboration with Tourism Malaysia at their headquarters in Frankfurt last year, can also use this fund for their planned maiden Frankfurt-Kuala Lumpur flight in November.

Airport MD Speaks

In addition, we participated in many aviation-related events as well as major travel and trade exhibitions such as World Travel Market in London and ITB Asia in Singapore with the hope of securing potential deals with airlines, travel agencies or operators that are keen to bring in charter flights into Malaysia.

outstanding marketing efforts, I would like to encourage our team to continue working harder this year and come up with more innovative programmes that foster closer ties with stakeholders to ultimately serve our airline partners better.

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Quickening the regeneration of **Subang Aerospace Ecosystem**



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR SENIOR AEROSPACE FACILITY

The revitalisation exercise to position Subang as regional business aviation hub has taken a step forward following the symbolic ground breaking of the seven-acre greenfield plot of Senior Ăerospace UPECA's built-to-suit manufacturing facility, which is expected to begin construction in early April at the Subang Aerotech Park, Selangor.

According to Malaysia Airports managing director Datuk Badlisham Ghazali, "We are committed to do a total regeneration of Subang in the next five years," emphasising that this move is necessary as aerospace investors and its partners are keen to have more such facilities located here.

Towards this end, he adds, "We have recently issued a request for proposal to select other new delivery partners, including Axis-REIT Managers Bhd, that will co-invest to replicate this leaseback module on a large scale for the remaining plots of Subang Aerotech Park.

'We estimate this 60-acre park to attract over RM1 billion in investment both locally and internationally, sporting over 5,000 jobs, including high skilled workers over the next five years," pointing out that the objective is to offer high grade industrial facilities specialising in high value and high-tech manufacturing of component parts for the aerospace industry.

With about 70 aerospace companies now present in the Subang ecosystem, Badlisham anticipates the Subang Aerotech Park will serve as perfect platform to build a small and medium enterprise supply chain for the aerospace industry, which represents an important catalyst to our country's economic growth.

In this respect, he says Malaysia Airports applauds the government for formulating ambitious plans to make Malaysia a leading aerospace nation within Southeast Asia and putting in place the necessary framework to facilitate this growth as outlined in Malaysia Aerospace Industry Blueprint 2030 launched in 2015.

The airport operator is part of the Malaysia Aerospace Council, a national steering body focused on the development of this industry. Badlisham says the fruits of the country's efforts to promote aerospace is evident in this new investment from Senior Aerospace UPECA, which expects its facility to be handed over before Christmas so that it can start operations in January 2019 to serve their global supply chain

The Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Sri Mustapha Mohamed, who officiated Senior Aerospace UPECA's ground breaking ceremony recently, sees this as one of the most important milestones for the aerospace industry this year



Top management from Senior plc, which is listed on the London Stock Exchange, indicates that Southeast Asia represents not only an important region for the group but is also the fastest growing to service its commercial aerospace market segment.

Senior Aerospace's Structures Division chief executive officer (CEO) Joseph F Mockus says Malaysia offers a business-friendly environment with an ease of doing business and access to well-educated and gualified labour.

Rise in British investments

National Aerospace Industry Coordinating Office (NAICO) Head Shamsul Kamar Abu Samah observes that a number of British investments have been secured over the last few years, reiterating that this is part of its strategy of bringing quality investment into Malaysia.

Plans are also afoot to participate in the Aerospace & Defence Supplier Summit in Seattle at end-March and promote Malaysia's commercial aerospace industry overseas in April.

Leong Kit May, CEO and executive director of Axis-REIT, which is undertaking the build-tolease Senior Aerospace UPECA facility, which will be the first tenant at Subang AeroTech Park, attests that the timeline given is "very tight" but is confident of adding this 41st asset into their portfolio.

She says the Senior Aerospace UPECA project, which has created fresh dynamics for them with their client and Malaysia Airports, signals the company's foray into a new key logistical touchpoint, which is airport locations

Leong is grateful that Axis-REIT, being in a regulated capital market that is not allowed to undertake development activities under the Malaysian REIT Guidelines, has been granted the waiver last December for this development here. This is its second waiver after receiving its first for the Axis Mega Distribution Centre in 2016

Taking its role as an eco-system developer seriously to help drive the aviation and aerospace plans in the country, Badlisham says currently 20% of the local and global aerospace players are operating on Malaysia Airports' land, including those in Subang and KLIA Aeropolis in Sepang, Selangor.

"We have great confidence in what is to come for Subang, especially in the aerospace industry." Within the airside, he adds that plans to expand the commercial aspect of Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport, more popularly known as Subang Airport, are being completed. Given that Subang is in a matured aerospace ecosystem, this will augur well for the airport.

Coupled with the latest news that the longawaited RM521 million rail link project linking KL Sentral to Subang Skypark Terminal, senior (p

Aerospace UPECA

which is sited next to Subang Airport, will be commencing operations in early May, this will not only increase the accessibility to Subang but also add to its list of other strategic advantages. They include a high urban population that can supply manpower needs to the industries nearby.

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We estimate this 60-acre park to attract over RM1 billion in investment both locally and internationally, sporting over 5,000 jobs, including high skilled workers over the next five years. 🤊

> DATUK BADLISHAM GHAZALI Managing Director Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad

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Regent Airways to Saudi Arabia



The private Bangladeshi airline, Regent Airways began operations only in 2010 and launched its international flights in 2013 with Kuala Lumpur being one of its first international destinations. Its other international destinations include Kolkata, Kathmandu, Muscat, Doha, Singapore and Bangkok.

Regent Airways is set to spread its winas to Saudi Arabia, a commercial lucrative route given the sizeable population of Bangladeshi expatriates there. The holy sites are also a big draw for the Bangladeshis.

Since last February, the carrier operated four weekly flights from Dhaka to Damman, the third largest city of Saudi Arabia and plans to increase it to daily flights in June. Initially, the flight operates every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for the route.

The route is serviced by the newly-acquired Boeing 737-800 with 176 seats, out of which 8 are Business Class seats and 168 are Economy Class seats.

Regent Airways has likewise expanded its domestic operations to include Jessore and Saidpur above its established routes to Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Dhaka.

For more information, please call 03-2072 9255

Aesthetic Sensibility in **JAL's** New Amenity Kits

With the premium attached to First Class and Business Class travel, it is right that the airline spoils its First Class passengers with even more than top end service and comfort.

Japan Airlines (JAL), which flies daily between KL International Airport and Narita International Airport (Tokyo) makes its difference by touching on superlative aesthetic difference in its amenity kits. The airline recently introduced the new amenity kits for its customers in international First Class and long-haul Business Class from late February. The kits are designed by fashion house ETRO, a top Italian fashion house and Tatsumura Textile, a famous textile manufacturer based in Kyoto.

First Class passengers departing and arriving in Japan, as well in Business Class on flights departing from Japan are introduced to ETRO-designed amenity kits. ETRO projects luxury and finesse in its styling that are strongly featured in the kits' aesthetics. ETRO is correspondingly celebrating its 50th anniversary and will be the world's first airline amenity kit produced by this Italian-based brand.

The Business Class amenity kit featured on flights to Japan was designed by Tatsumura Textile. The outer surface of the pouch is made with an original fabric woven with traditional Kikko pattern, ornamented with an elegant Setsugekka textile design with JAL's tsuru (crane) motif. The colour of the fabric will change every three months to depict the four seasons

in Japan (Spring – blue / Summer – red / Autumn – White / Winter – black). The kits embody JAL's brand value of 'Tradition, Innovation, Spirit of Japan' to evoke feelings for the cultural characeristics of Japan.

For more information, please call 1 800 81 3366





On receiving the aircraft, Vietjet also announced its decision to upgrade an existing order for 42 A320neo aircraft to the superior, and larger A321 neo. The airline now has a total of 73 A321 neo and 11 A321 ceo on order for future delivery. Up to now, Vietjet has managed to sign agreements with Airbus and Boeing for 220 aircraft which will be employed for Vietjet's development strategy.

Nguyen Thi Phuong Thao, Vietjet President and CEO said, "The upgraded A321 neo deal once again emphasises Vietjet's ceaseless efforts to modernise our fleet. We believe that



the technical reliability rate and other operation and safety indexes will continue to go up in order to bring maximum comfort, joy and safety to our valued passengers".

In March, Vietjet announced its plan to operate direct route connecting Vietnam and India to serve travel demands between the two countries. This was announced in New Delhi at the Vietnam-India Business Forum, which will contribute to integration and trade exchange between the two countries. The event marks the 45th anniversary of Vietnam-India diplomatic

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relationship and the 10th anniversary of strategic partnership between Vietnam and India.

The first route is planned to connect Ho Chi Minh City with New Delhi on a basis of four flights per week.

In Malaysia, Reliance Travel is the General Sales Agent (GSA) for VietJet

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The appointment of Abdalla Al Zamani

manager in Malaysia is testament that

the already popular airline is aiming for

in February as the Emirates' country

further growth in Malaysia.

The Dubai based airline said Abdalla's appointment would be instrumental in bringing his regional expertise to further realise the continuous growth of Emirates in the Southeast Asian market. Based in Malaysia, Abdalla is to lead the Malaysian commercial operations, working together closely with Andrew Bunn, who is Emirates area manager for Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei on a strategic business

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Bunn said, "This appointment is an indication to our success in Malaysia and the opportunities that have been created through our rapid growth". He added that the industry is constantly evolving and the airline remains committed to looking at new ways of developing its services and expanding its commercial footprint in Malaysia.

Abdalla has been with Emirates for 10 years having held positions in India and Bangladesh, which are two of Emirates busiest markets. He was also the airline's manager in Ethiopia and the Philippines.

For more information, please call 03 - 2058 5899

Lufthansa Presents **New Brand Image**

Lufthansa revealed its new, modernized brand image to customers and employees at two major events at the Frankfurt and Munich hubs last February. The most visible change is the new aircraft livery. In front of more than 3,000 guests in Frankfurt and Munich, Lufthansa officially presented a Boeing 747-8 and an Airbus A321 with the new design.

Emirate Hule

Lufthansa's logo, the crane, was designed exactly 100 years ago by graphic artist Otto Firle, a distinctive icon in the sky which will still remain the airline's iconic symbol. It will now be slimmer, with a thinner ring around it that makes the crane look more elegant, bringing it to the foreground and granting it more space. The blue specially developed for Lufthansa is somewhat darker, more elegant and is becoming the leading brand colour.



In the cabin, guests will encounter the modernised design within the crew's uniform in the form of new - and often yellow accessories. On-board articles such as tableware, amenity kits, blankets or pillowcases will carry the new design. Lufthansa said that around 160 million items will be exchanged over the next two years.

Chairman of the Executive Board of Deutsche Lufthansa AG, Carsten Spohr said, "Lufthansa has changed and is more modern and

successful than ever. From now on, this will also be visible to the public through a new design"

He continued, "The crane has always been with us and clearly stands for the promising performance from Lufthansa. To this day, it still stands as a symbol of the highest quality, excellent service, flying expertise, reliability, innovative spirit; and it stands for trust".

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Scoot Connects Singapore and Kuantan



Started only in 2012 as a low-cost arm of the Singapore Airlines Group, Scoot has carried over fifty million passengers and now operates a fleet of 16 state-of-theart widebody Boeing 787 Dreamliners and 24 young and Scoot's Chief Commercial Officer Vinod modern Airbus A320 family aircraft. To meet its expansion plans, it has four more Boeing 787 Dreamliners and 39 Airbus A320neo aircraft on order.

Its extensive routes encompasses 64 destinations across 17 countries. The new Singapore - Kuantan route forms one of its new routes for 2018, making Kuantan the sixth destination in Malaysia after Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Langkawi, Ipoh and Kuching. Scoot operates three-times-weekly flights from Singapore to Kuantan from February this year.

The inaugural flight landed at Sultan Ahmad Shah Airport, Kuantan (KUA) at 2:40pm on 2 February with passengers on Scoot's A320 aircraft receiving a warm welcome with a traditional 'Gendang Pahang' drum performance organised by Pahang Tourism.

Kannan said, "We are pleased to mark Kuantan as the sixth city Scoot operates in Malaysia, shortly after launching Kuching last December. Kuantan and Kuching are part of our strategy to introduce the off-thebeaten travel experience to Singaporeans and connecting passengers from around the region. With such beautiful rainforests and beaches that Malaysia has to offer, we are glad to open up these potential business and leisure destinations with incredible airfares for our guests".



Managing director of Malaysia Airports, Datuk Badlisham Ghazali said, "Being the national airport operator, we are more than happy to welcome Scoot from Singapore flying into our Sultan Ahmad Shah Airport. We believe that with the total number of 241,000 inbound and outbound passenger movements recorded at our airport in Kuantan last December 2017, it has built confidence in Scoot to make Kuantan as one of their international destinations. This new route is an addition to the current international connectivity flown by Firefly to Singapore. We are excited that this new route would bring benefit not only to the tourism industry but also to the other economic enablers in the state".

In Malaysia, AVIAREPS is the General Sales Agents (GSA) for Scoot.

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Royal Brunei Powered by LEAP-1A Engine



Later this year, Royal Brunei (RB) would begin to receive delivery of CFM International's advanced LEAP-1A engine to power seven of its new Airbus A320neo aircrafts. The engine order is valued at USD200 million.

The LEAP engine entered commercial service in August 2016 and is providing its more than 30 operators with a 15 percent improvement in fuel efficiency, with an equivalent reduction in CO2 emissions; and lower noise and NOx emissions.

The engine has ecological and environmental priority. To date, the fleet in service has logged more than 290,000 engine flight cycles and 610,000 engine flight hours while maintaining CFM's industry leading reliability.

President and CEO of CFM International, Gaël Méheust said, "It is a pleasure to welcome Royal Brunei as our newest LEAP customer. We look forward to working closely with them to introduce the new LEAP engine into their fleet".

CEO of Royal Brunei, Karam Chand said, "The LEAP-1A engine has some of the best fuel, noise, emission and operating efficiency in its



class and will allow Royal Brunei Airlines to achieve significant cost savings".

Chand added that the extended range of the LEAP-powered A320neo provides RB with a lower risk option to open new medium-haul markets. "We are delighted to be part of the global efforts to reduce carbon footprint and help preserve the prestine environment of Brunei Darussalam".

RB makes daily flights between KLIA and Brunei International Airport and serves

a number of regional and international destinations in Australia, Southeast Asia, China, Middle East and the UK.

RB currently operates a fleet of ten aircraft comprising of four B787-8 Dreamliners together with six A320 aircraft. They will have eight new aircrafts joining the fleet in 2018, making its fleet one of the youngest in the Asia Pacific.

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Royal Jordanian (RJ) is making headway on several fronts in 2018. In January 2018, the airline made it to one of the 20 world's safest airlines by Australia based analysis website AirlineRatings.com, out of 409 airlines which the website monitors.

In January, it secured its reputation as the second most punctual airline in the Middle East and Africa. Also in January, SimpliFlying Award for Excellence in Social Media awarded the the airline for the "Best Airline in the Driving Revenue" category due to its campaigns in the social media to generate sales.

The airline currently operates thrice weekly from KLIA along the Kuala Lumpur-Bangkok-Amman route.

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In January, RJ expanded its codeshare agreements with Turkish Airlines and Malaysia Airlines, giving its guests the option to travel to more destinations with competitive fares and better convenience.

The expansion of the codeshare agreement with Turkish Airlines, which has been in place since 2015, added three new cities to RI passengers' list of potential destinations: Milan, Sofia and Sarajevo, which are sold in connection with RJ's Amman-Istanbul flights.

The codeshare expansion agreement with Malaysia Airlines, signed in 2010, gives RJ passenger access to four new destinations: Langkawi, Penang, Sydney and Melbourne, all sold in connection with RJ's Kuala Lumpur flight.

RJ President/CEO Stefan Pichler said, "Codeshare agreements with global airlines are in line with RJ's turnaround plan and endeavour to offer an improved passenger experience and enhance competitiveness at regional and global levels"

He added that the expansion of the codeshare agreements with Turkish and Malaysia Airlines enables RJ passengers to fly to their desired destinations more easily and conveniently.

"Having flexible connections will no doubt increase traffic on RI's network" he said. assuring that RJ will continue to partner with other airlines, through various commercial activities

RJ has 15 other codeshare agreements with global airlines, including oneworld carriers and with other international airlines. Besides Turkish Airlines and Malaysia Airlines, such codeshare agreements have been signed with American Airlines, British Airways, Iberia, Qatar Airways, Siberia Airlines S7, Oman Air, Middle East Airlines, Alitalia, Tarom, Gulf Air, SriLankan Airlines, Syrian Air and Meridiana Fly Airlines.

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Ethiopian Inks Deal to Revive Zambian Airways

In January 2018, Ethiopian Airlines acquired a 45% stake in Zambian Airways that is set to be re-launched after more than two decades since it ceased operations in 1994. Under the pact, the Zambian government would be the majority shareholder with a 55% stake.

This underlines Ethiopian's plan to expand its presence in Africa, as the move comes just months after it confirmed plans to acquire Nigeria's leading carrier, Arik Air. With its stake of Zambian Airways, the Africa's most profitable airline would hence have extensive coverage of Africa, with multiple hubs in southern and central Africa and the Horn. Ethiopian operates five weekly flights to Addis Ababa from Kuala Lumpur.

On the airline's acquisition of its stakes of Zambian Airways, Mr Tewolde GebreMariam, Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines remarked, "In line with our Vision 2025 multiple hubs strategy in Africa, we are very happy that the discussions with the Zambian government have been crowned with success. The launching of Zambian Airways will enable the travelling public in Zambia and the Southern African region to enjoy greater connectivity options, thereby facilitating the flow of investment, trade and tourism, and contributing to the socio-economic growth of the country and the region".

He added, "As an indigenous and truly Pan-African airline, we firmly believe that it is only through partnerships among African carriers that the aviation industry of the continent will be able to get its fair share of the African market, currently heavily skewed in favour of non-African airlines, and play its rightful role in availing efficient air connectivity within Africa as well as with the rest of the world"

Having Ethiopian Airlines as its partner in the re-launching of Zambian Airways makes perfect sense as Ethiopian is currently the fastest



growing airline in Africa with multiple awards. In Africa, the airline is unrivalled in efficiency and operational success.

Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the pan-African passenger and cargo network, operating the youngest and the most modern fleet to more than 100 international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents.

To affirm Ethiopian's stature, it was awarded SKYTRAX 4-Star certification in November 2017. According to Mr Tewolde GebreMariam, "4-Star Airline certification is one of the overarching goals and a critical success factor of our 15 years strategic roadmap, Vision 2025. Although we have been receiving many prestigious awards from all corners of the world for our superior customer services on the ground and in the air, this rating certifies the global standards of our products and service delivery through professional audits".

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Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA Sepang ready with Phase 2

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Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA Sepang was already a significant shopping and F&B destination: now with the completion of Phase 2, Mitsui **Outlet Park KLIA Sepang has** become a shopping and F&B landmark as there is nothing equal to it for miles around. With more to come, Mitsui **Outlet Park KLIA Sepang will** soon be the largest factory outlet shopping mall in Southeast Asia.

The launch of Phase 2 was officiated by Minister of Transport, Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai in February. Currently, the gross floor area for Phase 2 measures 16,530 sqm and accomodates 70 new stores with over 9,800 sam of commercial space, expanding the popular retail destination to a total gross floor area of 56,530 sqm. Phase 2 adds 420 parking lots to provide a total of 2,520 parking lots for visitors.

The architectural concept for the new expansion phase introduces three new concepts: The River Walk and Sky Walk give the image of a paradise in wilderness entering inland from the Sea Resort; the Forest Walk corridor reflects a forest trail connecting the river and the sky, merging the three concepts into a complementing sensorial experience.

Executive Managing Officer of Mitsui Fudosan Co Ltd, Akihiko Funaoka said, "The launch of the expansion phase for Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA Sepang marks an important milestone for us as it demonstrates the progress we are making towards becoming the largest factory outlet mall in Southeast Asia"

He continued, "Phase 3, which is targeted to be completed by 2021 targets to house 250 stores on a total gross floor area of 73,000 sqm, making Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA Sepang the largest in Southeast Asia".

Already well-endowed with brands, shoppers will see even more new brands, including

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Chaps, Wacoal, Body Glove, Vogue Bambini, The North Face, Salomon, Lotto, Canterbury, Elle, Fitflop, Lacoste, rieker, Kipling, G-Shock, Royal Selangor, The Body Shop, Watsons, Padini Outlet Store, Sacoor One, HUMMER, Ed Hardy, Parkson Branding Outlet, American Tourister and more.

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Molly Fantasy also has opened its door to welcome the younger patrons to keep them occupied while the parents are busy shopping.

Chairman of Malaysia Airports, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Syed Anwar Jamalullail said, "Beyond its draw as a major shopping attraction for tourists and locals alike, Mitsui Outlet Park KLIA Sepang has also contributed much in terms of revenue and employment opportunities. It is also one of the strategic thrusts in Malaysia Airports' five-year business plan – Runway to Success 2020. We are certain that the outlet mall will itself be a draw to encourage tourism for Malaysia, offering our nation an additional regional advantage as a tourist destination".

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Eraman Rewards Loyal Customers



Shopping and dining experiences have become inextricably linked to modern day flying, becoming closely related activities for passengers. Eraman makes shopping fun and entertaining at KLIA and klia2, and loyal customers were even rewarded with the Shop & Stay Contest held over six months between September 2017 and March 2018.

During the contest period, Eraman customers who spent a minimum of RM40 in a single receipt at EXpress, were entitled to join the contest and win luxury hotel stays in Malaysia. On top of that, Eraman customers were also entitled to receive a RM10 cash voucher which was redeemable at Chocolate Shop KLIA and Duty Free Emporium International Arrival Hall klig2.

Over the contest cycles, September-October 2017, October-November 2017 and November-December 2017, two winners at each cycle were rewarded with an exclusive holiday package of four days three nights stay at Shangri-La Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa Penang, Tanjong Jara Resort Terengganu and Hyatt Regency Sabah respectively, while 18 consolation winners received RM100 worth of Eraman cash vouchers each.

Asmara Mansor from Kuching, Sarawak upon finding out about her win said, "I felt very happy and blessed. I can't believe I have won an amazing holiday trip to Shangri-La Rasa Sayang, Penang. I purchased some breads and buns at EXpress before my flight back to Kuching. This is the second time I have won Eraman's contest. I remember winning RM500 worth of Eraman Shopping Vouchers years back. I guess I am the lucky one".

Meanwhile, the Dining Contest held between 1 October and 31 December 2017 at Food Garden had three grand prize winners with return flight tickets to Krabi, Thailand (October winner), Bandung, Indonesia (November winner) and Hanoi, Vietnam (December winner) for two persons for each destination. Three first prize winners received the latest smartphone P10 Huawei while nine consolation winners received Eraman cash vouchers worth RM100 respectively.



Zulhikam Ahmad, General Manager of Malaysia Airports (Niaga) Sdn. Bhd. presented prizes to all the lucky winners of two contests, Shop & Stay and Dining Contest at EXpress, Level <u>3</u> Domestic Arrival, KLIA.

Zulhikam Ahmad, General Manager of Malaysia Airports (Niaga) Sdn Bhd said, "The Dining Contest managed to deliver what it was set out to achieve. This contest a first for Food Garden had gotten the airport community and travellers to dine at Food Garden and create the awareness to the many food offerings that are available at Food Garden. With the increase in passenger number at the airport and with new tenants such as 'Nasi Kandar' and 'Alamin Food Empire', sales performance had grow overall. Beverages & Dessert increased in sales was due to an increase in transaction which grew by 12% compared to average".

Earlier, when presenting the prizes to all the winners, Zulhikam shared, "It is great to see that we have so many loyal Eraman customers and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. This contest which was open to the airport community, including Eraman staff as well as travellers patronising the airport is our way of expressing our thanks to all loyal customers. We hope that with these exclusive prizes, our customers will get excited and be enticed to spend more at Eraman".

Interview with Shamsul Kamar Abu Samah Head of National Aerospace Industry Coordinating Office (NAICO)

Shamsul's ability to run NAICO's small but yet impactful outfit did not go unnoticed by the Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Sri Mustapha Mohamed when he openly applauded our aerospace man for his solo performance recently. Dedicated in what he does, during his free time Shamsul would engage with schools and universities where he is an advisor for aerospace programmes in Politeknik Banting Selangor and Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Grateful for his supportive parents for being where he is today, Shamsul leads NAICO, established since August 2015 by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) to look into the Malaysia Aerospace Industry Blueprint 2030's implementation after its launch that same year.

How close is Malaysia to achieving its aspiration to be the top aerospace nation in Southeast Asia (SEA) by 2030?

We are quite positive looking at the forecast given by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) which shows that 16,000 new aircraft will be delivered to Asia Pacific by 2036. Of this, 4,000 are for Southeast Asia, which means there will be ample opportunities to exploit since we are a world-class manufacturer for the aerospace industry.

Currently, 55% of the Airbus A320 and Boeing B737 composites wing components are from Malaysia. Not many people know the fan cowls for Boeing B787 are produced in Malaysia. Soon, the fan cowls for Airbus A350 will also be coming solely from Malaysia. We need to keep close to our targets if we want to achieve our key initiatives and performance indices under the Blueprint.

Our key recommendations for 2018 involve the aerospace park developments such as KLIA Aeropolis and the Subang Aerotech Park. Among the Blueprint initiatives being implemented this year is transformation of the Department of Civil Aviation into the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) on 19 February.

When our country's aviation sector expands, the tourism sector will also flourish. From the engineering standpoint, we will ensure the aerospace support for these operations are there, be it ground handling, MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) or air traffic control as they will bring in more jobs for the people.

What are the constraints facing Malaysia's aerospace industry?

The main constraint would be technology as the aircraft manufacturing technology is moving very fast to support the growing aircraft demand. We not only need to be at par with the industry revolution 4.0 but also to meet the OEMs and Tier One companies' requirements to develop new and advanced processes. Cost, quality, delivery and safety are very critical for us.

In 2016, Malaysia has nine aerospace projects with investments totalling RM1.6 billion approved, of which RM888.4

million were from overseas. What's the scenario like in 2017 and the average growth for our aerospace industry?

As announced by the Minister of International Trade and Industry recently, we have 13 aerospace projects approved last year with investment of RM649 million, which are expected to generate an additional 1,021 employment opportunities. Currently, we have over 230 companies involved in aerospace. Although the industry is projected to grow at 5% annually, after launching the Blueprint in 2015, it has exceeded the growth rate. To maintain this positive growth, we need to bring in new quality investment into Malaysia.

The local aerospace industry saw strong 33% export growth in 2016, comprising mainly aircraft parts and components valued at RM5.53 billion compared with RM4.17 billion in 2015. What were the figures like in 2017?

The industry posted RM13.5 billion worth of revenue last year, up from RM11.8 billion in 2016. Our aerospace exports were at a record RM8.51 billion due to the expansion of our avionics and aero engine activities, and growth in our aero structures and aircraft equipment.

NAICO is responsible for coordinating the overall implementation of the Blueprint initiatives, 11th Malaysia Plan's aerospace projects and other related Entry Point Projects. What has been achieved since you joined in April 2016 and what is your secret of success?

Partnership and collaboration are the keys to our success. Besides participating at international airshows with Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), we do our own programmes. MITI had its own pavilion for the first time at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) Exhibition 2017. NAICO as the lead body promoted the aerospace ecosystem while the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) conducted investment seminar, MATRADE did the business-to-business engagements and SME Corporation promoted the 20 SMEs we were developing. We hope to have another 10 SMEs this year.

What is the progress on NAICO's transformation to be an agency by this year?

We have seen the benefits of having a coordinating office in MITI much as we would like to see NAICO grow to become an agency with a bigger team. We are finetuning our paper for the government to consider. Until g decision is reached, we will continue implementing the Blueprint's initiatives until the end of 2018 while MITI will remain committed to the aerospace industry until the end of the Blueprint period.

How is NAICO preparing the younger generation for education and training in the aerospace industry?

Under the Blueprint, we aim to be the top in SEA in supplying competent workforce by 2020. Currently, we have 23,000 people working in the local aerospace industry. Our target is to achieve 32,000 by 2030. NAICO was appointed as the industry lead body in 2017 by the Department of Skills Development under the Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR) to develop the Occupational Framework for aerospace, where 483 jobs titles have been identified to be filled by Malaysians. As a knowledge organisation, we are sensitive to the industry's developments and as MITI's main coordinating body, we conduct research, analyse and provide directions for the industry to the government. We work closely with other Malaysian agencies such as Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Ministry of Human Resources, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Defense, National Space Agency, Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia and Malaysian Aviation Commission.

How do you unwind and spend time with your family?

I don't have time to play golf although I own a golf set. In the aerospace community, despite our hectic schedules we all have a family to take care of but thanks to technology, my wife and I are able to communicate with our two teenage boys and advise them what they have to achieve daily.

We have our vacation time together usually at year-end where we go somewhere to learn about its culture. We would interest our boys also about nature but most importantly, we want to teach them about life and how they can survive anywhere in the world as long as their inner self is strong.



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SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL SPEAKS TO

FRANK DENIS RUIDAVET

A chef of exquisite talent and a culinary voyager

Born in the north of France in 1963, Frank Denis Ruidavet grew up to be a culinary globe trotter, Frank Denis Ruidavet. The humble executive chef and managing partner of Yeast Bistronomy has 38 years of culinary experience under his belt, having refined his knowledge and skills in various esteemed Michelin-starred restaurants around the world such as New York City, London, Kuala Lumpur, the Maldives, the Middle East, Singapore and Bali.

Tell us the beginning of your culinary journey.

When I was around 10 years old, I was always helping my mom in the kitchen. Cooking in the kitchen for little boys was not really usual at the time. It was not just mere passion, but it felt normal and very natural to me. My parents were very supportive. In fact, when I was 15 years old, my father and I went on a three-day trip to the south of France in Nice where a lot of the famous restaurants were located. We just knocked on 10 different restaurants, introduced ourselves and tried to find the best possible way for me to become an apprentice and learn cooking. A few months later, at the age of 16, I was accepted and began learning at a 2-star Michelin restaurant. I worked there for two years.



How was your experience at the start of your culinary career?

I was fortunate because I started my apprenticeship at a 2-star Michelin restaurant where I was able to learn everything. I was given the opportunity to learn the ways of cooking properly at a young age. I was a quick learner and learning the skills came very natural. However, we had very long hours. We were working at least 14 hours a day, with a break in the afternoon and split shifts. It was tough and many people quit after a few months because of the working hours.

How has your career led you to Malaysia?

When I was 20 years old, I decided to go to New York and worked there for 12 years. I never thought I would leave New York until I made trips to Asia. My first trip was to Bangkok in 1990 for a vacation. Then later I visited Singapore in 1993 and 1994. I knew right away that I would come back to Asia. I love Asia. I love the spices and the tastes of the food. In 1995, an opportunity came and I started working at The Regent Four Seasons Kuala Lumpur. I stayed with Four Seasons for nearly 18 years, continuing my work at Four Seasons Resort in Bali, Maldives, Singapore, Amman and then back to Bali in St. Regis. Only then I joined the Yeast Bistronomy here in Kuala Lumpur around five years ago as a chef partner.

How was your experience being a chef in the hotel industry?

You work with different people and nationalities with all sorts of background when you're in the hotel industry. You learn how to cook different types of cuisine. When you are exposed more to other cultures and their food, you learn their herbs and spices. This helps you to become a better chef. When I was in New

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York, I thought I already knew a lot, until I came to Asia and my knowledge of food really expanded.

Was it easy to adapt when you came to Malaysia the first time in 1995?

I lived in New York before where the city is a melting point, so I was used to a multicultural environment. But I was quite amazed how Malaysia runs, where three different cultures co-exist in one same country. Such characteristic is unusual because you don't see in other parts of the world. It's very interesting to see how Malaysians of different races eat each other's food, like the Chinese would eat nasi lemak and so on.

What do you like about Malaysia?

I like the weather. The sun is great. It rains, but there's more sunshine. I feel easy. I miss winter sometimes, but I prefer the heat more than the cold. I have experienced both and believe me,

it's not fun to be in cold weather for long periods of time. I am more comfortable being in the heat.

This is a cliché question, but do you eat durian?

My wife does. I wouldn't say I like it but it's not the worst thing in the world. It wouldn't be as popular if it is that bad. There are different grades and tiers of quality but Malaysians seem to enjoy it. It is the 'king of fruit' for a reason. It has an interesting and particular, taste and texture. I find natto beans more difficult. Also, belacan. Cooking it, the smell just goes everywhere. But when you put it into the food, it's fantastic!

Where have you travelled to in Malaysia?

I'm busy, so I haven't been travelling much. But I have been to Penang and it's great! I really enjoyed the food. The people are so relaxed and very laidback. They are nice and you can see that they don't feel pressured in life. Now I understand why many expats or retirees go to Penang because there's good food and weather. They have the beach and it's affordable. It's amazing.

Your advice to aspiring chefs.

Listen, ask questions, learn the how and why things are done. Have a strong base. Your base determines where you go, how you create and grow as a chef. Not everybody can afford an expensive culinary school but today, you have other sources such as TV, Internet and YouTube. It's all about how much you want to learn and push yourself, and how serious are you? There are many chefs out there who are self-taught. They didn't have the chance to study culinary but they compensate it through books and many other platforms.

ISMAIL MAT HUSSIN AND KWAN CHIN'S "KOTA BAHRU MARKET"

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



n the 1960's, there was a wave of experimentation with batik painting among local artists and it produced many legends, including Khalil Ibrahim, Datuk Chuah Thean Theng and Chua Siew Teng.

Khalil Ibrahim, Malaysia's batik painting master soon inspired Ismail Mat Hussin's foray into this art medium. Batik painting came naturally to Ismail, having patience in spades and his innate talent for combining warm and earthy hues from a restricted palette of colours to illustrate beautifully the everyday rural scenes.

While Khalil was trained in rendering human figures and Ismail followed suit, he did not embody Khalil's stylised depiction. Instead, Ismail's figures illustrate real-looking people. Ismail's batik paintings may be found in the art collections of the National Art Gallery Kuala Lumpur, Petronas, Bank Negara Malaysia, ESSO Malaysia and Maybank, among others, including a handful of notable individuals such as N.A. Rahman, Tan Sri Abdullah Ayob, Muhammad Haji Saleh and Tan Sri Eric Chia.

Kwan Chin, on the other hand, is an outstanding batik painter whose works depict a hint of the Nanyang style. His paintings generally feature bright atmospheres, paired with excellent contrast of colours. He was briefly a commercial artist, then turned to oil painting and finally ventured into batik art, as a professional artist. The beauty of this artist's works is his ability to capture the essence of wayang kulit (puppet shows), the activities of the Malaysian wet markets, the shoreline with fishermen, the farmers with fruits, family lives and the likes, reflecting a true Malaysian artist. Kwan Chin's works have been exhibited locally and internationally, and collected by Bank Negara Malaysia, Penang Batik Painting Museum and other institutions, besides private collectors.





Kwan Chin Market Scene, 1968 Batik 53.5 x 152.5 cm SOLD - RM 15,950.00 KLAS Art Auction 30 September 2012 Edition I

THE COLLABORATION OF ISMAIL MAT HUSSIN AND KWAN CHIN

Ismail Mat Hussin and Kwan Chin are two pioneers who stand shoulder to shoulder among legends and are synonymous with the Malaysian batik painting scene. Both, Ismail and Kwan Chin ventured into batik almost during the same period, 1960's and 70's.

"Kota Bahru Market" (2014) is a masterpiece forged by the artistic brilliance of both Ismail and Kwan Chin respectively. It's almost as if it is meant to be that two artists who share the same fervour for batik painting and who catapulted into the art scene at almost the same period would collaborate on this painting. This painting in its inception, was a mere drawing on a batik fabric, executed by Ismail in its totality in the 1990's and was left unfinished.

Seeing the need to bring life to his work, Ismail agreed for his work to be completed by Kwan Chin in 2014, not before signing the drawing. Kwan Chin, in his figurative style added his flavour and his niche of using vibrant, contrasting colours to the painting, which highlighted Ismail's drawing of the rural setting in Kota Bahru. The result is a distinct, aesthetically-pleasing and heart-warming painting that evokes nostalgia among its viewers.



Cock Fight, 1967 Oil on canvas 54 x 72.5 cm SOLD - RM 36,300.00 KLAS Art Auction 19 January 2014 Edition VII

CHOO KENG KWANG

The artist, educator and philathropist

BY SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL

orn in 1931 in Singapore, Choo Keng Kwang is a beloved first generation artist and is the pride ewel of his country in the field of art. Choo gained his well-deserved and exceptional reputation through his extraordinary traditional oil paintings of landscapes, animals and nature. His contribution to art, education and the public sphere since the 1950's has made him an icon in the world of art.

Choo was the son of a Teochew diamond trader, Choo Kim Kye, and his interest in fine art was rooted from his favourite comics and printed cartoons. During his school years, he not only attended Catholic High School, he also enrolled for art courses at Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA). Despite facing criticism and disapproval from his teachers, due to his unwavering dedication to both his regular studies and art classes, his hard work

paid off in 1953 when he graduated with two certificates, one from Catholic High School and one from NAFA. Although Choo showed interest in art during his school years, it was not until after he graduated that he delved into the field. He chose to be an educator and started teaching, which eventually led to Choo being the principal of Sin Hua School.

During his early years as an artist, Choo had good friends within the art circle such as Lee Man Fong, Georgette Chen, Liu Kang and Cheong Soo Pieng. He once mentioned, "Liu Kang visited me at least once a month and we got together at my home. As for Lee Man Fong, we saw each other quite frequently when Lee was alive"

However, although they share a close friendship, their art styles differ from each other. For instance, Lee was the first artist to paint pigeons. While Lee's pigeons perch on big brown stones, Choo's pigeons in his paintings stand on pine and bougainvillea trees. While Lee used the Linan style, Choo's pigeon artworks combined two different styles of western and eastern. "One can tell the difference between a Choo Keng Kwang pigeon and a Lee Man Fong one without looking at the signature of the artist based on these differences," Choo said.



Oil on canvas 54 x 90 cm SOLD RM 59.178.00 KLAS Art Auction 30 July 2017 Sale XXVIII

CHOO'S LIFE IN ACADEMIA

Although Choo is mainly known as an artist, he had spent more than 30 years in academia. He was a devoted academician known for his involvement as a teacher and later promoted as the school principal of Sin Hua School. Throughout his career in education, Choo sought to improve the teaching of the arts. So in 1982, the Ministry of Education started a two- and four-year Art in Education diploma course in order to raise the standards of secondary school art teachers. Choo oversaw the programme and became the main lecturer.

In 1984, he was promoted as senior lecturer and later became the head of the Art Education Department at the leading art school in the region, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA), until his retirement. So not only is Choo leaving behind his mark as an artist, he also descended his knowledge through education, where the coming generation of artists are able to carry on his teachings and expand his legacy.

ARTISTIC TRIUMPHS

Choo's outstanding reputation as a first generation artist of Singapore and as an artistic icon of his time has led to his artworks being commissioned by royalty, dignitaries and governments. The Singapore government commissioned his paintings as state gifts to foreign dignitaries such as the late president of Egypt, Anwar Sadat and China's chairman Mao Tse-Tung.

In 1976, Choo was conferred the Public Service Medal (PBM) and the Long Service



Award (PBS) in 1986. In 1989, his artwork was featured on the first day cover postage stamps for the Singapore Telecommunications Authority. The four original oil paintings of Chinatown were eventually donated to the Singapore National Museum, becoming one of its permanent collections.

Choo also had the privilege of holding and participating in various solo and group art exhibitions in Singapore and countries afar. His works have toured Southeast Asia, Japan, Europe and the United States. In November 1990, he became the first ever Singaporean artist to participate in a cultural exchange exhibition in Jakarta. More impressively, he was even invited to exhibit his paintings in Brunei to commemorate the Sultan of Brunei's 47th birthday in July 1993. Therefore, it is no surprise that many of his masterpieces have been sold at notable auctions such as Christie's and Sotheby's.

Winter Birds, 1983 Oil on board 80 x 120.5 cm SOLD - RM 49,560.00 KLAS Art Auction 24 May 2015 Edition XV

In 2008, the prolific artist received homage and acknowledgement from the Organising Committee for the Olympic Fine Art 2008, which was a joint effort with the IOC, the Ministry of Culture, China and the Organising Committee of the XXIX Olympiad at the China International Exhibition Centre. He received the recognition because of his immense success in art as well as his influence in the art scene

Choo also received an honorary certificate for his contribution to the Creative Cities Collection - Fine Art Exhibition in London that was held in August, 2012 at the Barbican Centre, His World Peace artwork was selected for the exhibition. The China International Culture Association, China Society for the Promotion of Culture and Art Development and the Beijing Association for the Promotion of Olympics-related Culture organised the exhibition.



Houseboats Along the River, 1970s Oil on canvas 61 × 101 cm SOLD - RM 47,040.00 KLAS Art Auction 8 November 2014 Edition XII

THE BENEVOLENT PHILANTHROPIST

Choo was also praised for his charitable work in his support for the youth, education and the less fortunate. He produced his paintings for the benefit of the community for charitable causes aiding community services, institutions, associations and scholarships for the performing arts such as the education of young musicians, schools and community centres.

One of his many generous efforts for instance was when all the sales earnings of his paintings were donated to St. Andrew's Mission Hospital and Touch Community Services. Another example was his participation in the President's Charity Art Exhibition – Choo Keng Kwang: An Artistic Path of His Own where he successfully raised S\$160, 000 for charity. In 1997, he donated oil paintings to the President's Star Charity Show. There were even phone cards of Choo's artwork reproduced by the Chinese Development Assistance Council (CDAC) for fund-raising campaigns.

THE LEGACY CONTINUES

In March 2013, Choo held a solo exhibition at the Malaysia Brand Outlet at the Vertex in Singapore. His World Peace 1, a 100cm by 200cm painting of doves was the most expensive work to be shown at the exhibition which was priced at \$280,000. The rest of the artworks he produced were tagged at \$28,000 and above. This was without a doubt a major difference from what he earned 50 years ago, where his paintings back then were sold for just \$150 each at the night markets.

While now his larger canvases can easily command six-figure sums, the price is not the artist's main priority. Choo's struggles during his earlier years developed his sense of humility and appreciation in the value of hard work. As a contemporary of the late Liu Kang and Georgette Chen, Choo is still a favourite amongst avid art collectors for his technique of combining Western impressionism and rules of perspective with traditional Chinese brushwork.

THE ANGKOR SERIES OF THE 1960S

Choo's Angkor series features a range of his exceptional artworks which many collectors deem to be his best period, which was during the 1960's. This artwork, in particular, brought forth pure abstractions of the faces of the Angkor monoliths, depicting nostalgic elements of his inaugural trip to Ang Kor Wat in 1964.

Many of his artworks were displayed for sale at Hotel Singapore, known today as Singapore Hilton on Orchard Road. His pieces were mostly acquired by various bankers, local corporate collectors, business guests and expatriates who have stayed at the hotel. This masterpiece, in particular, was also one of his notable works displayed at Hotel Singapore and was later acquired as part of the collection of the Chase Manhattan Bank New York since 1964. However, it has made its way back to Kuala Lumpur carrying the inventory number on the verso of the painting and is set to be sold at the upcoming KLAS auction.



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RAMADA SUITES KLCC

The transient home in the heart of the city

BY SITI WAJIHAH KHOLIL



ere are many hotels locating along the streets of Kuala Lumpur. However, one has to take note that among the various hotels, there are a number which are more distinct than others. Most often the distinction depends on different aspects. It could be in terms of hospitality, amenities, interior design, facilities or ambience. However, when it comes to which hotel is one of the most practical in the city, the answer could be the Ramada Suites KICC

When I say that the Ramada Suites KLCC is located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, it

literally is. The hub of all the tourist sites and night life, whether it is the KL Tower, Bukit Bintang or Changkat, the distance is just a few minutes walk away. You can save a lot on transportation if your vital hot spots to visit are mainly in KL. Even Jalan Alor, KL's food haven, is so close that you don't have to worry about having any problems finding food in the middle of the night. Just a street or two away is a long stretch of night eateries and clubs for your entertainment. Be it day or night, the surroundings of Ramada have got you covered

executive, king room or twin room is a suite, as well as ithe hotel's strategic location, guests are getting value for their money.

Being a suite-style and with one of the most affordable property rates in the city, it is suitable for a long-term stay. After my check-in at the hotel lobby, as I was in the lift on the way up to my room, I had the pleasure of having a random chat with a businessman from Finland who is staying at Ramada for two months. When I asked why at Ramada, he explained how Ramada is convenient and meets his needs for a long-term stay. It was not until I entered the room that I knew what he meant



Executive studio room



As I walked through the corridors in search of my room on the 16th floor, I was already impressed. The swirlypatterned carpeted floor and the warm lighting on both my left and right side as I walked by was an aesthetic delight. The lighted numbering on the outside of each room was visually unique. As I entered my room and explored around, only then I understood what the Finnish man had just said in the elevator earlier. The room, to my satisfaction, is all-inclusive to cater to your convenience.

The first thing I noticed was the kitchen, where you can cook up a meal for yourself. The kitchen is complete with a microwave, a toaster and an induction hob which you can request. Other than a water heater, the hotel also provides bowls, plates and utensils. What surprised me even more was how big the refrigerator was. You can store so many grocery items. This is very practical and convenient for those who plan to stay for a while as you can cook your own food if you do not want to eat out all the time.

The room itself is cosy. Soft sheets, pillows and duvet on the bed, a work desk, a mini sofa, air-conditioning, wood

laminated flooring and a dining table; it is practically a mini home. The 50-inch television really kept me company with great shows and movies. I had the chance to enjoy The Amazing Spiderman 2 movie on one of the channels during my stay. Also, it is very convenient that the room is equipped with an iron and ironing board. I do not have to worry about wrinkly clothes for my work appointment the next day. Free WiFi, beautiful city view from the balcony, clean bathroom with pressure rain shower, beautiful lighting, no wonder people opt to stay here for a long period of time.

Interconnected to the Ramada Suites KLCC is Goa by Hubba, where breakfast and dinner take place. For breakfast, you have a choice of continental or local-style breakfast. For lunch or dinner, however, the eatery features contemporary Indian cuisine which retains the magnificence of Indian flavours. The smoky mango lassi was the perfect drink to end my day. Packed with fresh mango, yoghurt, a tad of cili padi with bits of puffed black rice, it was refreshing. Though it is a cocktail, you can request for a non-alcoholic version.

Food-wise, delicious. From the tender tandoori chicken chop with mint chutney,

delicious garlic butter prawns and meaty beef vindalho to cranberry rice, the dishes were flavourful and glorious. Do note that the restaurant is vegetarian-friendly. You have a selection of amazing vegetarian dishes to choose from. Among my top favourites were the moong dhal salsa with papadom, mum's dhal and the spiced crispy eggplant fritters. Their rose ice cream was such a delightful indulgence. I ate everything and finished all the food on mv plate. What impressed me most was their presentation which encapsulates the traditional Indian heritage of using metalware in serving their dishes. The ambience though was modern and modish with wooden tables and chairs surrounded by hues of bluish-purple decor and lighting.

A sight to remember is of course, the popular 9th floor where the infinity pool is open for swimming from 7am until 11 pm. The view of the city in the day is breathtaking while the view in the night is enchanting. Get yourself immersed in full relaxation by floating around in the water while feeling like you are either floating in the clouds or swimming in the night lights.

You can also work out at the gym. Since there is a bar, just chill at its hangout area and enjoy a revitalising beverage while appreciating the enthralling view of the cityscapes. Also, on the 10th floor, there are board rooms as well as an event space available for conducting gatherings or forums.

If there are three words for me to describe Ramada Suites KLCC, it would be cosy, practical and holistic. Whether you are in the city for business or leisure, rest assure that Ramada has the means in providing what is needed and necessary for your stay. It is the ideal transient home in the heart of the city.









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mack in the heart of Kuala Lumpur's Golden Triangle is Dorsett Kuala Lumpur, representing Dorsett Hospitality International's very first hotel in Malaysia and the first Dorsett hotel in the group. Fresh of a renovation programme, this midscale hotel is stylish chic with a refreshed look and feel, the guestrooms and suites designed with the comfort of travellers in mind. Patrons can expect it to be fully functional and spacious, complete with all the daily necessities including WiFi access for seamless connectivity and hand-selected pillows for a five-star snooze.

The hotel's all-day dining facility, Checkers Cafe at Level 1 was also given a total makeover and emerged with an understated sense of elegance, with fittings and fixtures

in tones of matte gold and refreshing green. The dining space is more expansive, airy and with daylight filtering comprehensive, multi-million-ringgit meeting through from all corners. The buffet counters feature live cooking stations while the top-notch marble top buffet counters with bespoke lightings enhance the overall dining ambience.

The Windows Lounge located at the Hotel's Lobby was given a rich yet contemporary look and feel, complete with an open bar, enabling hours of interaction between the hotel's mixologists and guests. The deep blue carpeting complemented with bespoke furniture in hues of gold, the Windows Lounge offers patrons glimpses of the bustling life on the streets beyond through its floor-toceiling windows.

Besides the guestrooms and suites, the four multi-functional spaces also underwent a space transformation to match the exceptional service provided by the hotel's associates and the expectations of its guests. With seating capacity ranging from 200 persons (theatrestyle) to 150 persons (table setup), the function spaces are suitable for seminars, training sessions, town halls, corporate functions to social events and small-to-medium wedding receptions, including ROM ceremonies.

Ideal for guests and families on extended stay in the capital city, the Dorsett Kuala Lumpur Residences offer a choice of one or two fully furnished bedroom units; with a kitchenette, living and dining area, and dual washer-dryer. Bookings for the serviced units are subject to a minimum of three nights' stay.



On March 1, more than 300 guests turned up for Dorsett Kuala Lumpur's 20th Anniversary celebratory party. "We are 20, Brighter and Better", was the tagline for the evening's lavish cocktail party, decked to the brim with all things blue and silver; with some of Kuala Lumpur's creme de la creme in including the guest-of-honour Datuk Dr Siew Ka Wei who is the chairman of Tourism Malaysia; Datuk Mahadi Che Ngah, the executive director of Planning, Kuala Lumpur City Hall; Tan Sri Mohamed Salim Fateh, group managing director of MRCB; and Datuk Zainal Putih, chairman of CIMB Bank Berhad.

To ensure a celebratory evening to be remembered by all, the event included superb performances by some of the hotel's multi-talented associates such as guitarist-singer Ezri Shaharuddin, who is the hotel's senior sales manager, and the opening performance by saxophonist Melissa Tan who is the

Cluster MarComm manager for Dorsett. Jazz singer Charleen Suzanne, caricaturist Vivien Lee and a roving magician were also part of the top-class acts lined up for the evening. Datin Jasmine Heng Abdullah, Dorsett Hospitality International's Vice Chairman together with Adele Ang, General Manager of Dorsett Kuala Lumpur and the guest-of-honour took the lead in the 'champagne' toasting and cake-cutting ceremony with lucky draw throughout the evening, besides non-stop party music by the on-site DJ and music machine.

Apart from the bounteous vouchers that were up for grabs, AirAsia X and Malindo Air contributed return air tickets to Chengdu and Hong Kong respectively for the lucky draw. In conjunction with the hotel's 20th Anniversary, Dorsett Kuala Lumpur was also the official hotel for the 2nd Malaysia International Film Festival (MIFFEST). Guests had an opportunity to catch some international celebrities towards the end of the night.

"In meeting the guest's needs and today's trend, the hotel has embarked and recently completed a massive

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RM40 million transformation, and today 20 years later, we are proud to present Dorsett Kuala Lumpur, Brighter and Better! A vibrant hotel with lots of passion, heart and growth opportunities," said Adele Ang, "I am confident with a brand new product, Dorsett Kuala Lumpur will continue to play an active role and contribute positively towards the growth of the hospitality industry in Malaysia," she added.

As part of its 20th Anniversary celebration, Dorsett Kuala Lumpur will be featuring a series of fantastic offers. For starters, come April, patrons can relish in a second night stay for just RM20 nett with the first night booked at best available rate. Should you be staying more than a night, you would be eligible for a third night's stay at 20% off this rate. This room offer is valid throughout the month of April and is applicable for suites only; with governing terms & conditions. Stay tuned for more news as Dorsett Kuala Lumpur unveils more offers for the comina months.





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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 • 🗯 Bangsar Tel · 03-2282 1808 Located in happening 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 area. CapSauare 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

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179, Jalan Bukit Bintang 🛛 🕫 B Bintang Tel: 03-2148 5488 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 latest Shoes, Bags, Accessories on First Floor, or buy aiffs and souvenirs, Discover new concept cafes and restaurant or entertain at CEO Karaoke Box and Club Vellin. • 10am-10pm daily

1 Utama

1 Lebuh Bandar Utama, Bandar Utama, P.I Tel: 03-7710 8118 A new generation shopping centre which satisfies all shopping needs 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.

Berjaya Times Square

Tel. 03-2117 3111 1 Jalan Imbi • 🖶 Imbi 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.

brands.

Publika Shopping Gallery

No 1, Jalan Dutamas 1, Solaris Dutamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur Tel· 03-6211 7877 www.publika.com.mv www.facebook.com/ 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

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



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 -9pm daily. • D5

Sogo KL

Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman 🗧 M Tuanku • 🗏 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 • GRTM Subang Tel: 03-5633 2530 This suburban mall offers an interesting mix of stores with goods ranging from apparels to antiques, and music to iewellery. 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 • Grm Serdang

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Mid Valley Megamall Lingkaran Syed Putra • 🖅 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 Mali

(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

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Oriental Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining • Cantonese • D8

Li Yen

03-2782 9033 🖷 B Bintang • The Ritz Carlton Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F9

Maiu Palace

03-2691 8822 # M Tuanku S Ismail • Level 5, Maju Junction Mall • Halal • Casual Dining • C5



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 Casual Dinina
 Szechuan cuisine

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03-2161 8888 2 Ampang Park • Corus Hotel, Jln Ampana • Casual Dinina

Ming Room

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Oriental Noble House

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Cilantro

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Spice Garden Imperial

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International

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The Resort Cafe

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

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

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La Risata

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 Casual Dining

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Japanese Tatsu Japanese Restaurant

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Nobu Kuala Lumpur 03-2164 5084 . Menara 3 Petronas Persiaran KLCC . Fine Dining

Fukuva Restaurant 03-2144 1022 • 9, Jalan Delima, Imbi, Kuala Lumpur . Casual Dining

Haru Japanese Restaurant 03-2011 8783 . 124A, Jalan Kasah, Medan Damansara . Casual Dining

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Kampachi 03-2148 9608 B Raja Chulan • Pavilion KL

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

Komura 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

Yuzu

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

Sagano

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Korean Da On

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Thai

Koong Jung 03-2166 7181 🕏 Ampang Park • PNB Darby Park • Halal • D9

Korvo Won 03-2143 2189 🖶 Bukit Bintang • Starhill

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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'l), 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 • GRTM Mid Valley • The Soread (Int'l), Sage Restaurant & Wine Bar (Fr & Jap) • From RM600-RM2,600 • www.gardenshtires. com

Sunway Putra Hotel (Formerly The Legend Hotel)

03-2142 8000 • 168, Jalan Imbi • 🖶 B

Bintang • Li Yen (Chi), Rossini's (Ita) •

The Ritz-Carlton Residences

03-2142 9000 • B Bintang • From

03-2688 9688 • Jalan Conlay • # R

(Mas), L'Heritage (Fr) • F6 • www.

Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentra

Jalan Stesen Sentral KL Sentral • 🗑 👷 Grow KL Sentral •

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

03-2026 6060 • Jin Tun Tan Cheng Lock

and BabaReeba! • Ancasa Spa • From

RM165-RM416 • www.ancasa-hotel.com

03-2295 8111/2295 8000 Grm Mid Vallev

City, Lingkaran Syed Putra • Mid Valley •Wild Rice (Int'I) • Rates from RM290Nett

- RM420Nett • www.blvhotel.com

03-2144 2200 • 2 Jalan Sultan Ismail •

B Nanas • Spices (Western), Meltina

03-2148 6888 • Jalan Walter Grenier, Bkt

Bintang • 🗑 B Bintang • Makan-Makan

Lounge. • From RM208- RM500 • F8

03-2161 8888 • Jalan Ampang • 🔶

Ampang Park • Ming Palace(Chi),

• From RM185-RM390 • C9 • www.

Dorsett Regency 03-2716 1000 • 172, Jalan Imbi • • • B

www.dorsettregency-kl.com

03-20201708 • No 8. Lorong Cevion

Bintang • Checker's (Café), Cellini's(Ita),

Windows Lounge (Wn) • From RM200

Dondang Sayang (Int'I), Komura (Jap)

(Local & Int'l), The Kasturi (Malav), Lobby

Pot (Int'l), Xin (Chi) • From RM178++-

• Plaza Rakyat • Saffron Brasserie

Ancasa Hotel KL

Boulevard Hotel

Concorde Hotel

RM320++ • D7

Coronade Hotel KL

www.coronade.com

Corus Hotel KL

corushotelkl.com

onwards • F9

Seri Bukit Ceylon

off Jalan Raja Chulan

• From RM250-RM480 • E7

Chulan • Deli Cafe (Ita), Bunga Emas

From RM418 • F9 • www.ritz-carlton.com

The Ritz-Carlton KL

RM950-RM1.330 • F9

The Royal Chulan

theroyalchulan.com.my

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



Federal Hotel

03-2148 9166 • 35, Jalan Bukit Bintang • 🕫 B Bintang 🔹 Mandarin Palace (Chi), The Verandah (Int'I) Revolving Bintang (European) • From RM170-RM600 • F8 www.fhihotels.com

Grand Seasons

03-2697 8888 • 72, Jalan Pahang • 🖶 Chow Kit 👷 KLCC • Season (Café), O'Las (Indian), Lobby Lounge (Wn), Kas Bah Bar (Wn) • From RM150-RM348 • B6

Impiana KLCC Hotel & Spa

03-2147 1111 • 13 Jin Pinang • 🕫 R Chulan • Tonka Bean Cafe (Int'l) • From RM219-RM368 • D8 • www.impiana.com

Novotel City Centre KL

03-2147 0888 • 2 Jln Kia Peng • • Qing Zhen (Chi Muslim), The Square (Int'I), Fun Pub, Al Fresco • From RM260-RM660 • F8 www.novotel.com

Pacific Regency Hotel Suites

03-2332 7777 • Menara PanGlobal, Jalan Punchak • 🖶 B Nanas • Soi 23, Luna, Olive & Geo Café • From RM290-RM500 • D7 www.pacific-regencv.com

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa

03-7492 8000 • Persiaran Lagoon Bandar Sunway Petaling Jaya

Quality Hotel City Centre

03-2614 8000 • Jalan Raja Laut • DBKL Benteng Coffee House (Int'I), Meisan Szechuan (Chi), Club 300 • From RM150-RM550 • C5 • www.aualiti.com.my

Swiss Garden Hotel

03-2141 3333 • 117, Jin Pudu • 🖶 Hang Tuah • Blue Chip Lounge (Int'I), Flavours Restaurant (Int'I), Green Treats Delicatessen (Int'I), T@ste 6 Restaurant (Int'l) . From470+

The Royale Bintang KL

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

The Royale Bintang Damansara

03-7843 1111 • 6, Jalan PJU 7/3, Mutiara Damansara • The Restaurant (Int'I). Mystery Pub & Café • From RM195 www.rovalebintana.com.mv

The ZON All Suites Residences on the Park

03-2164 8000 • 161D Jalan Ampang • 👷 Ampang Park • Terracotta Restaurant & Lounge • From RM253-RM396 • D8 www.zonhotel.com.mv

Traders Hotel

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 Ipoh, 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 • Grm 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 • Jin Belia/Jin 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

Midah KL

03-2273 9999 • 8, Jalan Kampung Attap • 🖶 Maharajalela • Attapia Coffee House (Int'I), Rolling Good Times Café • From RM145-RM250 • G5

Prescott Inn

03-2713 7887 • 23 Lrg Medan Tuanku 1,off Jln Sultan Ismail • 🗑 M Tuanku • Makana Restaurant • From RM110-RM170 • C5

Swiss-Inn KL

03-2072 3333 • 62, Jin Sultan • 🕫 Maharajalela Café Petaling • From RM130-RM175 • G6

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 🌈 KLCC • 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 (children) • D8

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 272 steps.

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-6.00pm . F4

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



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. • E5

Deer Park

03-2693 0191• Enclosed within a 2-ha around 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

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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

Little India

Aasjid 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. E5



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

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, enabling them to see. hear, touch and learn how pewter is made. • Opens daily from 9am-5pm.

Royal Selangor Club

03-2692 7166 • 🜈 Masjid 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 Malaya

Petronas Philharmonic Hall

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

the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra

orchestras and world-renowned soloists,

now ranks among the top orchestras in

OTHER FUN-TASTIC

Casino 03-2718 1118 • Genting Highlands Hotel

03-2141 1934 • Royal Selangor Flying Club

03-9058 3888 • Selangor Turf Club, Jin

Horse Riding 03-4256 4531 • Royal Selangor Polo Club,

03-2094 1222• Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club,

JIn Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur

Berjaya Times Square Theme Park I Jalan Imbi, Level 5 & 7, Kuala Lumpur

Sunway Lagoon Theme Park 3 Jalan Pis 11/11, Bandar Sunway,

Petaling Jaya . Tel: 03-5639 0000

Genting Highlands Theme Park

Level 1, IOI City Mall, Putrajaya

Genting Highlands Resort

Tel: 03-2718 1118

Tel: 03-8328 8888

District 21

THRILLS & SPILLS

besides performances by the MPO which

and the National Choir. It features

the region • D8

Flving

Horse Racing

Jin Ampana Hilir

Theme Parks

Tel: 03-2117 3118

Sunaai Besi

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

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 • FKLCC • 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



Craft Complex 03-2164 8344

🗑 Raja Chulan • 63, Jalan Conlay. • Showcases ethnic handicrafts, batik printing and pottery from the 13 states of Malaysia. • Opens 9am- 6pm daily. • E9 FREE

Lake Gardens

Jalan Parlimen • Located near the city centre, this 9.2ha landscaped garden is built around a lake. Several attractions are found within the park including an Orchid Garden, Hibiscus Garden, Butterfly Park, Bird Park, Deer Park, National Monument and the Asean Sculpture Garden • F3

Malaysian Tourism Centre

03-9235 4848 • # B Nanas • 109 Jalan Ampang • This is a one-stop tourist service centre comprising the information counter (7am-10pm) Transnasional Executive Coach counter. domestic tour booking counter, money changer, restaurant and craft demo 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

Merdeka Square Masjid Jamek • Jalan Raja • Opposite the Sultan Abdul Samad Building, this is the site where the independence of Malaya was declared 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



Telekom Museum 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 • E6 FREE

National Science Centre

03-2092 1150 • Persiaran Bukit Kiara • Houses 9 galleries with different scientific themes. Offers interesting interactive displays for learning and entertainment. Opens 10am-5pm. Closed on Friday.

National Mosque 03-2693 7784 • 🛲 KL • Jalan Perdana This mosque embodies contemporary 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 &



RM 32 for adults and RM11 for children

Old KL Railway Station Jalan Hishammudin • Built in 1910,

the Moghul-inspired building was a

hub for Malaysian rail transport until it

Station. It remains a landmark and the

refurbished Heritage Hotel is still open for

business. Across the road, the Malavsian

Railway administrative building is also a breathtaking architectural showpiece

Petrosains, The Discovery Centre

03-2331 8181 • FLCC • 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

was replaced by the new KL Sentral

National Zoo

3 to 12 years old

• G5

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

designs, together with traditional Islamic

school holidays • G4

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daily, closed on Monday • D8

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PETRONAS Twin Towers KLCC • KL City Centre • The

ART GALLERIES



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 556 Fax:+603-2282 3274 Opening Hours: Monday - Friday : 10 am - 3 pm.



KL Lifestyle Art Space 31 Jalan Utara, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

> Tel: +603 2093 2668, +603 2094 2668 Email: info@mediate.com.mv

Open Monday - Friday, 10am - 7pm (Closed on Weekends and Public Holidays)



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1C	ASEAN Sculpture Garden	2E	Istana Negara (National Palace)	1E	National Planetarium
4D	Bintang Walk	5C	Kompleks Budaya Kraf	3A	National Theatre
1D	Bird Park	2C	Masjid Jamek	1D	Orchid Garden
3C	Bukit Nanas	3D	Maybank Numismatic Museum	1D	Panggung Anniversari
2D	Butterfly Park	3C	Menara Kuala Lumpur	2C	Selangor Club
2D	Central Market	3A	National Art Gallery	3E	Stadium Merdeka
3D	Chinatown	5C	National Heritage Trust	3D	Stadium Negara
2D	Dataran Merdeka	2D	National History Museum	2D	Sultan Abdul Samad Building
2D	Dayabumi Complex		National Library		Tun Abdul Razak Memorial
	Deer Park		National Monument	2C	Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra
	Experimental Theatre		National Mosque		Memorial
	MUSEUMS			1D	Royal Malaysian Police Museum
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		3D	Kota Raya		Star Cinema
	Berjaya Times Square	4D	Lot 10		
	Big A Supermarket	3D	Mydin Emporium		Star Hill
	Bukit Bintang Plaza				Sun Complex
2C	Campbell Shopping Complex		Pavilion Cinema	4D	Sungei Wang Plaza
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		3D	Puduraya Bus & Taxi Station		
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