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BCA GREEN MARK AWARDS**

WELCOME TO THE NEW HAUTE LIVING LANDMARK



From your vantage point, the world revolves 360° around you at Cliveden at Grange. The epitome of prestige and refinement, revel in the generous and ingenious spaces. Apartments range from 2,100 square feet to 6,000 square feet.

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TURN, ONLY AT CLIVEDEN AT GRANGE. YOUR
SENSES WILL BE HEIGHTENED TO A NEW LEVEL
OF LUXURY – WHERE NOTHING ELSE COMPARES.**

CLIVEDEN
AT GRANGE



Artist's Impression

At Cliveden at Grange, luxuriate in absolute privacy with only one residence per floor. Stepping into your own private lift lobby, be swept away by grandeur as you enter the stylish and generously-sized apartment, complete with only the finest designer fittings and fixtures.

Be enthralled by virtually 360° spectacular panoramas of the surrounding views and beyond. Located at the doorstep of the pulsating Orchard Road vicinity, this freehold iconic residence is destined for prominence as possibly the finest – and most exclusive – residential project in the prestigious District 10 residential enclave. Cliveden at Grange comprises just 110 well-appointed apartments, housed in four 24-storey towers (three single towers and one twin tower).

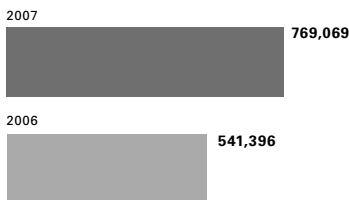
Designed by world-renowned architect Carlos Ott, the same man behind the immensely successful One Shenton and The Solitaire, Cliveden at Grange comprises four elegant glass towers set amidst regally manicured gardens of paradise.

The artful landscaping re-creates a beautiful and captivating Garden of Eden experience – a delight for the senses. Viewing of the show suite is by appointment only.

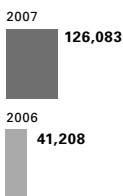
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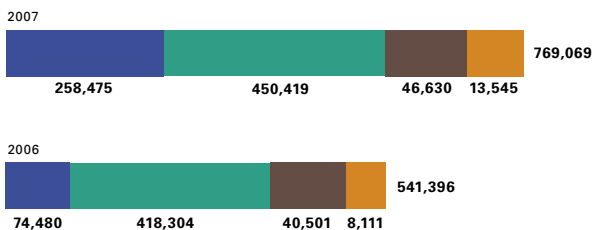
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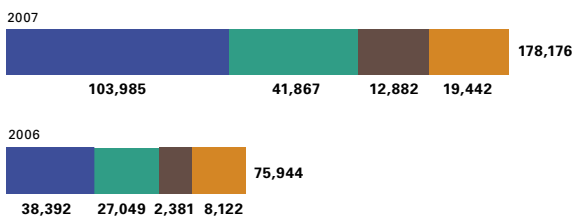
PROFIT AFTER TAX AND MINORITY INTERESTS (Q1)
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REVENUE BY ACTIVITY (Q1)
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PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX (Q1)
S\$'000



- Property Development
- Hotel Operations
- Rental Properties
- Others

CDL GROUP'S FIRST QUARTER (Q1) PERFORMANCE EXCEEDED MARKET EXPECTATIONS.

For the first time, after so many challenging years for the property market, all real estate sectors – residential, commercial, retail, industrial and hotel – are performing well and concurrently moving in an upward momentum. The Group, as the proxy to the Singapore property market, is confident of remaining profitable during the next 12 months and looks forward to further contributing to the growth of the Singapore economy.

THE YEAR SETS OFF TO A ROUSING START

In January 2007, CDL launched the highly anticipated 341-unit iconic masterpiece, One Shenton. Located near the Marina Bay area, it has since been substantially sold. This was followed by the launch of The Solitaire at Balmoral in March. Receiving tremendous response, all 59 units were snapped up in about one week from the soft launch. Shortly after in April, Phase 1 of the joint-venture project Botannia was launched. The 493-unit West Coast Park development has been well-received and more than 75% of the 350 units released have been sold as at 4 July.

SHAREHOLDERS IN HIGH SPIRITS AT AGM

Held on 26 April, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was used as a platform for CDL to share the Group's strategic plans with its shareholders. Managing Director, Mr Kwek Leng Joo, presented to shareholders details of the Group's performance, tracking its growth strategies as well as its continuous pursuit to unlock and enhance shareholder value.

Shareholders also took the opportunity to understand more about the Group's operations and direction. There was open interaction between the CDL management and its shareholders who engaged in a candid, honest and interesting question and answer session. The atmosphere was lively and shareholders were in high spirits, enjoying their soaring stock value.

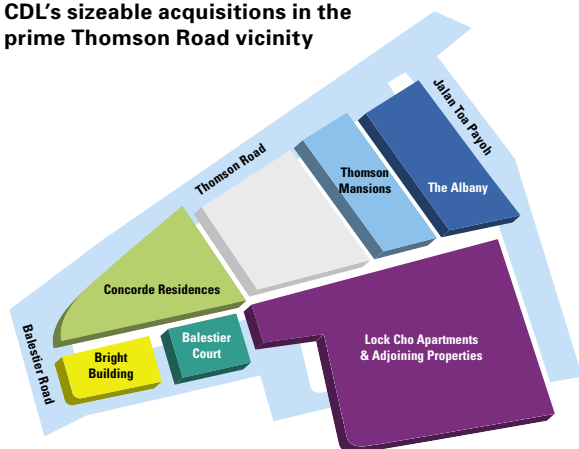
STRATEGIC MOVES ON LAND ACQUISITIONS

CDL kick-started the year with many valuable strategic acquisitions almost totalling 600,000 square feet of land, providing more than 1.4 million square feet of potential development area at a cost of approximately S\$1 billion. Combined with land acquisitions in 2006, CDL has amassed about 1.5 million square feet of additional land area at a cost of S\$2 billion*.

SETTING SIGHTS ON DISTRICT 11

In a move to considerably strengthen its presence in the prime District 11 Thomson vicinity, CDL swiftly acquired Thomson Mansions in April. Adjoining The Albany, these two sites (including an adjoining state land) would allow for a new development with a proposed gross floor area of 208,068 square feet with the potential to yield 160 apartment units.

CDL's sizeable acquisitions in the prime Thomson Road vicinity



This purchase closely follows the heels of three other acquisitions in the same vicinity – Concorde Residences, and the adjoining Balestier Court and Bright Building. The three amalgamated sites, along with an adjoining state land, have a maximum potential gross floor area of 168,600 square feet; translating to approximately 130 apartment units.

*The figures include the share of joint venture partners.

With these six strategic en bloc purchases, CDL has acquired substantial valuable District 11 space amounting to a total land area of 314,351 square feet (including adjoining pieces of state land). These selective purchases have not only further enhanced the value of each individual plot but collectively, have provided CDL greater flexibility in site development with excellent growth potential.

CDL is currently preparing for the launch of the combined site comprising Lock Cho Apartments, Comfort Mansion and a four-storey walk-up apartment. Comprising about 336 units, this development is slated to be launched later in the year.

Residents will benefit from the growth cluster in the Thomson vicinity as new properties are developed in the area. Strategically located in close proximity to a host of shopping, banking, leisure and healthcare facilities, as well as established schools, the sites are a short drive from Orchard Road and the Central Business District, and only minutes from the Pan Island Expressway. Easy access to all parts of the island can be enjoyed via public transport, with the Novena and upcoming Thomson MRT Stations close by.

Site	When	Size (square feet)	Price
Thomson Mansions	April 2007	17,445	S\$30 million
Balestier Court Bright Building Concorde Residences	March 2007	60,213 <i>(Including Possible Purchase of Adjoining State Land Plot)</i>	S\$81.3 million
The Albany	February 2007	56,865 <i>(Including Possible Purchase of Adjoining State Land Plot)</i>	S\$65 million
Lock Cho Apartment and Adjoining Properties	March 2006	179,828 <i>(Including Possible Purchase of Adjoining State Land Plot)</i>	S\$156.3 million
		Total: 314,351 square feet	S\$332.6 million

OTHER KEY PURCHASES

Other acquisitions made in 2007 include Hong Leong Garden Condominium at West Coast and Anderson 18 (a joint venture acquisition) in the prestigious Ardmore Park area, both subject to approval by the Strata Titles Board. A commercial plot near Tampines Central was also purchased.

SENTOSA COVE – SINGAPORE'S GATEWAY TO PARADISE



Its creation inspired by the fabulous French Riviera, Sentosa Cove is being developed into one of the finest and most exclusive waterfront residential communities in the world. The new playground of the rich and famous, Sentosa Cove has been attracting prominent locals and foreigners, gaining an ever-increasing profile in the international property scene.

Choice home pickings include spacious bungalows and modern condominiums surrounded by azure waters. Have a boat you want to moor outside your house? Sure, no problem. Choose a home with a boat berth or stop over at the world-class marina next door instead.

Privacy is of the utmost priority in this select gated-community, so you may set your mind completely at ease as you luxuriate in your private sanctuary, akin to living on your personal island with added perks.

AN EXQUISITE LIFESTYLE AT THE QUAYSIDE

For residents' convenience, The Quayside Collection, a chic and trendy waterfront village, the only commercial development within Sentosa Cove, is being developed by CDL. This design masterpiece will comprise a two-storey retail and commercial development featuring a mix of lifestyle stores including convenience stores, service amenities and F&B establishments where you may experience resort dining with a nautical ambience. For visiting friends and family, you may host them at the five-star waterfront hotel.

The Tree-Lined Waterfront Retail Promenade – Combining a collection of lifestyle shops and elegant restaurants, the design of this two-storey retail and commercial development provides panoramic views of the surrounding sea.



Lushly Landscaped Boulevard – The gardens and plaza offer views and open spaces for tourists, locals and residents to enjoy the resort experience.

For those who have undoubtedly fallen in love with this idyllic resort island, they still have an opportunity to call it home as CDL will be launching the residential development at The Quayside Collection soon. This 228-unit luxury residence will comprise a range of two, three, four-bedroom apartments and penthouses.

On the island, other luxuries and world-class amenities such as two world-class golf courses and the nearby upcoming Integrated Resort that will include a Universal Studios theme park, Asia's largest marine park and signature retail offerings.

Come home and celebrate the ultimate resort lifestyle on Sentosa Cove where everyday is an exclusive five-star holiday.

For enquiries on The Quayside Collection, please contact (65) 6877 1818.



With an architectural design that espouses sophisticated simplicity, Wilkie Studio is an exclusive boutique development perfect for those with an artistic flair.

WILKIE STUDIO

ARTISTRY IN MOTION

AWAY FROM THE BUSTLE OF THE CITY, THE UPCOMING WILKIE STUDIO LOOKS TO ENTICE WITH A PERFECT INFUSION OF NATURE, THE ARTY SIDE OF SINGAPORE AND TRENDY SHOPPING BELTS WITH ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION IN PRIME DISTRICT 9.

Scheduled to be launched later this year, the exclusive 40-unit boutique freehold development will not only appeal to young and trendy professionals but to the flamboyant with a panache for the arts. Enjoy the conveniences of the city nestled amidst nature at Wilkie Studio.

Situated along Wilkie Road, residents can experience the vibrant artistic ambiance being in close proximity to Singapore's heritage art area and fine establishments such as the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts and the upcoming School of the Arts in a modern and contemporary setting. It is close to the Orchard Road shopping belt and within walking distance of the North-South and North-East MRT stations, Dhoby Ghaut and Little India. The Central Business District is also only a short drive away.

Almost like an extension of Wilkie Studio, you can walk the dogs or take a stroll at the nearby tranquil and picturesque Mount Emily Park. A range of one to three-bedroom units as well as penthouses will be available to suit all living needs, making it attractive to investors looking for healthy potential rental yields and capital appreciation.

For enquiries, please contact (65) 6877 1818.

CULTIVATING ECO-CONSCIOUSNESS

THIS YEAR, CDL HAS BEEN HONOURED WITH MANIFOLD AWARD WINS, INCLUDING BEING THE FIRST PRIVATE PROPERTY DEVELOPER TO BE ACCORDED TWO PRESTIGIOUS PLATINUM GREEN MARK AWARDS. THIS AFFIRMS OUR PREMIER QUALITY, INDUSTRY CAPTAINCY AND LEADERSHIP, ESPECIALLY IN GREEN INNOVATION.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (BCA) AWARDS – CDL STANDS OUT WITH GREEN MARK

CDL has been accorded the most number of BCA Green Mark awards since its inception three years ago, garnering more than 40% of all private sector Green Mark awards for new buildings. These 16 honours are testament to CDL's successful business strategy grounded in its commitment towards the environment.

The BCA Green Mark is an initiative to move Singapore's construction industry towards more eco-friendly buildings. It is a benchmarking scheme which incorporates internationally-recognised best practices in environmental design and performance, and provides a meaningful differentiation of buildings in the real estate market.

As Singapore's pioneer developer, CDL understood the critical importance of environmental sustainability and had been developing eco-friendly buildings since a decade ago.

Affirming its industry captaincy in green innovation, CDL is the first private developer to attain the highest recognition of Green Mark Platinum for



With its multiple BCA Award wins, CDL is spurred on to scale greater heights of excellence in property development.



City Square Mall and The Oceanfront @ Sentosa Cove. Other projects that have won the Green Mark award this year include Buckley 18* (GoldPLUS) and Botannia (Gold). With the support of consultants and contractors, CDL has also achieved water savings of 42%, 19% energy savings for construction and reduced waste by 49% at the worksites between 2004 and 2006.

More importantly, CDL has also successfully influenced its consultants and contractors to change their work processes and become more eco-friendly. In fact, with CDL's encouragement and support, more than 50% of our key consultants have obtained ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 certification. To further encourage and recognise contractors for their good efforts, the annual CDL 5-Star EHS Excellence Award was created in 2005 to honour those who have performed outstandingly. Five contractors have since been awarded.

Along with its business associates, CDL will continue on its evolutionary journey to create new benchmarks of green excellence in Singapore; building developments of premier quality and exceptional design with state-of-the-art innovation.

IN CDL'S PROPERTIES



A truly one-of-a-kind development, Savannah CondoPark is the first and only development to have achieved triple successes at the BCA Awards – having been awarded the Green Mark Gold, Best Buildable Design and the Construction Excellence Awards.

TESTIMONY TO CDL'S BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND PRODUCT EXCELLENCE

RoSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents)

As part of CDL's corporate green philosophy, CDL has also led the way in outstanding health and safety management policies. For the second consecutive year, it is the only Singapore developer to be accorded the internationally recognised RoSPA (a leading safety organisation in the United Kingdom) Occupational Health and Safety Award (Gold).

FIABCI Prix d'Excellence 2007

CDL was conferred a FIABCI Prix d'Excellence 2007 this year. This prestigious international real estate competition receives entries from all over the world; projects are judged based on overall merit and excellence. Savannah CondoPark, Singapore's first Eco-Condo, was a finalist in the residential category.

CDL's Achievement of BCA Honours from 2005-2007

Green Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botannia • Buckley 18* • Butterworth 33 • City Square Mall • City Square Residences • Monterey Park • Pantech 21 • Parc Emily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republic Plaza • Residences @ Evelyn • Savannah CondoPark • St. Regis Hotel & Residences, Singapore • The Oceanfront @ Sentosa Cove • The Pier at Robertson • The Sail @ Marina Bay • Tribeca
Best Buildable Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Butterworth 33 • Changi Rise • Emery Point • Goldenhill Park • Goldenhill Villas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monterey Park • Nuovo Executive Condominium • Savannah CondoPark • The Esparis Executive Condominium • The Pier at Robertson
Construction Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emery Point • Goldenhill Park • Goldenhill Villas • Monterey Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuovo Executive Condominium • Savannah CondoPark • The Esparis Executive Condominium
Universal Design (New 2007 category)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pier at Robertson 	

* Project managed by CDL

“CDL's vision and culture to continuously promote new eco-friendly solutions and alternatives have inspired us not only to adopt green practices but to continually search for even better results. We have since been recognised by organisations both local and abroad for our best practices, and today, being mindful of the environment is deeply embedded into our operations.”

Mr Pek Lian Guan, Deputy Managing Director, Tiong Seng Contractors (Pte) Ltd, a CDL 5-Star EHS Excellence Award winner in both 2005 and 2006.

CITY SQUARE MALL –

ENGAGING YOU ALWAYS!

COME MID 2009, CITY SQUARE MALL, WITH ALMOST 500,000 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL SPACE, WILL INJECT MUCH VIBRANCY TO THE CENTRAL PART OF SINGAPORE.



City Square Mall – A perfect place to meet, play and shop.

Developed by CDL, City Square Mall is set to transform the North East precincts of Farrer Road, Serangoon, Balestier, Race Course Road and Jalan Besar. Located at the junction of Serangoon Road and Kitchener Road, it is well-positioned to serve residents who stay close to the MRT stations of the North East, East West and North South Lines.

This includes a catchment of an estimated 1.2 million people including residents who stay within a 3km radius of the mall and a MRT-enabled traffic who commute daily by train for leisure or work. City Square Mall is also easily accessible by buses and linked to major highways like the CTE and PIE.

A WORLD-CLASS MALL WITH A GREEN HEART FOR THE COMMUNITY

The mall is a living organism and CDL's vision is to make it one that is infused with colour, character and eco-friendliness. In line with CDL's corporate green philosophy, City Square Mall is designed to educate and influence the community about the importance of environmental protection. It will boast innovative green features such as being the first mall in Singapore to install an energy efficient lighting system with motion sensors in the carpark and a pneumatic refuse system which separates dry and wet garbage with the former destined for recycling purpose. CDL firmly believes that a commercial development can be financially and environmentally sustainable at the same time. In fact, it is the first commercial project in Singapore to be awarded the prestigious Platinum Green Mark award by the Building and Construction Authority this year.

Apart from pursuing architectural excellence with eco-consciousness in mind, the mall will engage the community in many ways. For instance, outdoor community events will be planned at the 47,000-square feet Urban Park adjacent to the mall. At the mall basement, connected to the Farrer Park MRT station, there is also a venue dedicated to shoppers' enjoyment of bustling events and activities.

Lend Lease, the company behind the world-acclaimed BlueWater shopping mall in the UK, is responsible for the master planning and design of City Square Mall into a notable world-class mall. Felix Lim, who heads retail design and planning in Lend Lease, said, "City Square Mall is envisioned as an ambient mini 'Town Centre' that is the perfect setting for people to

meet, play and shop. With this in mind, the mall layout draws inspiration from the vibrant street-like retail that one sees in London's Oxford Street, and even the adjacent park is integrated with the mall to create a constant community buzz."

City Square Mall will feature a comprehensive range of retail offerings of quality and value, with something for everyone. The vision for the mall is to go beyond commerce and achieve the objective of being "a wonderful place to be at".

A SHOPPING HAVEN FOR ONE AND ALL

With over 300 retail shops, City Square Mall is envisaged to feature a hypermarket/supermarket, a popular department store, entertainment facilities, an international and halal foodcourt, electricals and electronics, a bookstore, fitness centre, hang-out cafes, fast food outlets, Chinese restaurants, fashion and accessories, sporting goods, mothers' and children's essentials and services such as wellness centres, enrichment schools, clinics and salons. This 500,000 square feet green mall will decidedly be a shopping haven with a blend of consumer friendliness, quality facilities and distinctive retail brands under one roof.

City Square Mall is set to become not only a commercially successful retail landmark but also one that promotes eco-consciousness by engaging the community, retailers and business partners.

For leasing enquiries of City Square Mall, please contact Lend Lease Retail at (65) 6258 7116 or email maythen@cdl.com.sg.



A shopping haven with some 300 quality retailers, shoppers will delight in a refreshing experience at this eco-friendly mall.

HONG LEONG GROUP MAKES FORAY INTO EDUCATION



Mr Kwek Leng Beng, Chairman of CES and Executive Chairman of the Hong Leong Group (left) with Mr David Chiem, Chairman, Founder and CEO of MindChamps.

June 4, 2007 marks a historical milestone as the Hong Leong Group, through CES Education Holdings Pte Ltd, a subsidiary of Hong Kong-listed City e-Solutions Limited (CES), made its foray into the education sector by investing S\$7.5 million to acquire a 50% stake in a new joint venture company, MindChamps Holdings Pte Ltd ("MindChamps").

The balance 50% stake in MindChamps is held by MindChamps Pte Ltd, an entity owned by Mr David Chiem, the founder of the MindChamps educational business, and parties affiliated to him, which had transferred the intellectual property and assets to MindChamps as a precursor to CES' investment in MindChamps.

EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES

Speaking of the move into education, Mr Kwek Leng Beng, Chairman of CES and Executive Chairman of the Hong Leong Group said, "For the past few years, we have been exploring opportunities in the out-of-school education market. We did this with only one view: to create a better way of preparing today's youth for the challenges of the 21st Century environment."

"The government has recognised the importance of education and built a solid foundation in the primary, secondary and tertiary schools. We will add to this strong foundation and have found a chance of being involved in an exciting new field, one that can contribute to nation building," he said.

Mr Vincent Yeo, CEO of CES said, "CES has been looking to invest in high growth businesses. Our Group strongly believes that MindChamps has significant potential to further expand its education business in Singapore and be used as a platform to grow globally and in doing so, propagate this unique brand of 21st Century education to the world."

BUILDING THE "CHAMPION" MINDSET

MindChamps' programmes train students in the art of learning and the development of a "champion" mindset, in a way which complements the work of the existing school system.

MindChamps is a leading specialist in mind development programmes with its beginnings in 2002. It was founded by Mr David Chiem, and collaborates with Professor Allan Snyder – a world-renowned neuroscientist and a Fellow of the Royal Society, the prestigious academy that counts Sir Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein among its distinguished Fellows.

MindChamps caters to all learners, from pre-school children to tertiary students, as well as their parents. A vital part of the programming involves imbuing, in the minds of young people, both learning strategies and a championship mentality – the inspiration to excel and to be a champion.

Beginning with an enrollment of about 500 students in 2002, MindChamps' graduate pool has now grown to about 8,500 students.

For more information, visit www.mindchamps.org.

CDL HOSPITALITY TRUSTS — THE BIGGEST HOTEL OWNER IN SINGAPORE

CDL Hospitality Real Estate Investment Trust (“H-REIT”) recently announced the purchase of the 398-room Novotel Clarke Quay for S\$201 million, expanding its portfolio by more than 20 per cent in terms of the number of rooms, from 1,926 to 2,324. This makes CDL Hospitality Trusts (CDLHT) the biggest hotel owner in Singapore, in terms of number of rooms.

The acquisition will also see the value of the trust’s properties grow from about S\$1.1 billion to S\$1.3 billion.

Mr Vincent Yeo, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of M&C REIT Management Ltd, the manager of H-REIT said, “We are pleased to add the Novotel Clarke Quay to our portfolio. It is a good quality asset located strategically near the Central Business District of Singapore and at the doorstep of a rejuvenated Clarke Quay. This is our second acquisition in the ten months since our listing and continues to demonstrate our ability to acquire high quality assets from third-party owners. This acquisition will provide our unit holders with significant yield accretion and further diversification.”

TAPPING INTO “ROOM BOOM”

The trust said the acquisition will increase its market share in Singapore’s strong hotel sector as Singapore Tourism Board (STB) expects a 6.4% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) in visitor arrivals from 9.7 million in 2006 to 17 million in 2015.

The Novotel Clarke Quay is a leasehold 25-storey superior hotel. It is located on the banks of the Singapore River. The acquisition will allow CDL H-REIT to tap into Singapore’s increasingly vibrant entertainment scene – Clarke Quay’s recent S\$85 million redevelopment has transformed it into one of Singapore’s “must visit” food, entertainment and lifestyle destinations and a world-class waterfront destination. It will also allow CDL H-REIT to tap into Singapore’s growing business travel and meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions (MICE) segments.



Poised for growth – The acquisition of the 398-room Novotel Clarke Quay has increased CDL H-REIT’s market share in Singapore’s strong hotel sector.

M&C SPREADS ITS WINGS

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc (M&C) is all geared up to expand the Millennium brand name overseas with the increasing number of five-star hotels under its Millennium portfolio.

FIRST MILLENNIUM FLAG IN MALAYSIA

On June 1, 2007, the five-star The Regent Kuala Lumpur has officially become the Millennium Kuala Lumpur, marking the first Millennium hotel in Malaysia. The Millennium Kuala Lumpur is currently undergoing a US\$30 million makeover to reflect the new brand's style.

Refurbishment works on the hotel façade started in January 2007. Upon completion of refurbishment in October 2007, the Millennium Kuala Lumpur will carry an exclusive yet "happening" atmosphere around the hotel. The hotel will feature 468 elegant and contemporary guestrooms and suites, grand lobby and reception areas as well as exciting dining and entertainment outlets.



The Millennium Kuala Lumpur, formerly The Regent KL, Malaysia's first Millennium hotel is undergoing a US\$30 million makeover to reflect the new brand's style.



The Millennium Hotel Christchurch is one of only three five-star rated hotels in Christchurch.

MARKING THE FIVE-STAR PRESENCE

The Millennium brand name will also spread its wings to China where two new five-star properties – the Millennium Beijing and Millennium Chengdu – are scheduled to open in 2008. The first Millennium property in China, the Millennium Hongqiao Hotel Shanghai, opened in 2006. Other Millennium properties opening in late 2007 include the Millennium Sukhumvit Bangkok and Millennium Resort Phuket, both located in Thailand.

In the Middle East, the Millennium global presence continues to take shape in the form of a "five-star jewel" – the Millennium Towers Hotel Dubai, which is scheduled to open in the summer of 2007. The hotel will be managed by Millennium Hotels and Resorts Middle East and North Africa on behalf of Mr Riad T. Al Sadik, owner of the property and managing partner of the Al Habtoor Engineering Company.

Located next to the Mall of Emirates on the dynamic Sheikh Zayed Road, the Millennium Towers Hotel Dubai will feature 149 furnished suites and 203 guest rooms, signature restaurants and meeting facilities to meet the needs of business and leisure travellers.

In New Zealand, the Millennium Hotel Christchurch has received a five-star rating from Qualmark – New Zealand tourism's official quality mark. The Millennium Hotel Christchurch is also one of only three five-star rated hotels in Christchurch. This rating is an affirmation of the world-class hospitality excellence provided by the Millennium Hotel Christchurch that is intrinsic to the Millennium brand.

For more information, visit www.millenniumhotels.com.

HOUSEKEEPING STAFF

GETS HELPING HAND

Housekeeping is probably one of the most labour-intensive jobs at hotels. In a bid to encourage and retain the older workforce, Orchard Hotel and Copthorne Orchid Hotel have implemented several innovative solutions under the Workforce Development Agency's (WDA) Advantage! scheme that supports initiatives which enhance the employability of mature workers.

The Advantage! scheme provides financial assistance to companies for them to recruit, retain and rehire older workers. Some S\$9 million of the S\$30 million allocated to Advantage! has been used by companies so far.

SMS ALERTS

At Orchard Hotel, for example, work is only a beep away for room attendant Madam Chua Bee Neo, 54, who receives SMS alerts with detailed instructions in English and Chinese whenever a room needs to be cleaned or food delivered. Madam Chua, who has worked for the hotel for more than 25 years, says this system helps her get her tasks done quickly and efficiently.

Previously, Madam Chua depended on a pager which she would call the operator to receive the instructions. Sometimes, this resulted in her getting the instructions mixed up as the operator may not be able to speak Chinese. Madam Chua says the new system helps overcome the language barriers some older workers face at the workplace.



Madam Chua gets SMS alerts in English and Chinese. This is part of Orchard Hotel's efforts to retain older workers.



Copthorne Orchid Hotel's chambermaid, Ms Chan Yeok Kian, 59, finds Molly especially useful when moving up slopes and ramps.

GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY

At Copthorne Orchid Hotel, its chambermaids said goodbye to tired arms with the latest innovation – a motorised trolley dubbed "Molly". The trolley innovation arose through a collaboration with the Singapore Polytechnic and the WDA.

As part of the hotel's effort to help its older employees, Molly allows chambermaids to push trolleys and loads weighing up to a back-breaking 120kg at a speed slightly faster than average walking pace.

Madam Josephine Law, 62, who has been with Copthorne Orchid Hotel for almost seven years, said, "Most of the mature workers depend on Molly for help. When the trolley is filled with soiled linen and wet towels, considerable effort is needed to remove them."

She added that the motorised trolley came in extremely handy, especially up the slopes. With just the push of a button, Madam Law said she only needed five to 10 minutes to get from one floor to another instead of the usual 20 minutes.

CDL GARNERS AWARD FOR SUSTAINED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) was established in 1992 and has been championing many programmes catering to young Singaporeans between the ages of 14 and 25 years to help develop personal qualities of self-reliance, perseverance and a sense of responsibility.

Over the years, CDL has worked closely with NYAA, sponsoring and supporting a myriad of initiatives to bring out the best in young Singaporeans. These included the NYAA Young Entrepreneurs Programme and the Young Photographers Network, of which CDL's Managing Director, Mr Kwek Leng Joo, is its Patron. Mr Kwek also serves as Chairman of the NYAA Board of Trustees and member of the NYAA Advisory Board.

For its continuous partnership and generous support towards youth development, CDL was conferred The Distinguished Partner of the NYAA

in May. The award ceremony, held in conjunction with NYAA's 15th anniversary celebration, was graced by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

CDL will continue to support NYAA's upcoming projects, such as the publication of the "Writing On The Wall" coffee-table book, the ASEAN Young Photographers' Award cum Exhibition and publication of the NYAA Youth Photographers' Network newsletter.



"Young people are our future and it is imperative that we nurture and cultivate their talents to benefit the community. Together with NYAA, we hope to develop more projects that provide critical opportunities to promote and showcase the abilities of the youth in Singapore."

**Mr Kwek Leng Joo
Managing Director, CDL**

Guest-of-Honour Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong presented the award to Mr Kwek Leng Joo, CDL's Managing Director, at the Awards Ceremony.

CDL SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM SOARS FOR ASSISI HOSPICE

IN A TRIUMPHANT SHOW OF EXUBERANT VOLUNTEERISM, ALL 300 CDL EMPLOYEES COLLECTIVELY RAISED ALMOST S\$60,000 IN SUPPORT OF THE ASSISI HOSPICE'S "TEDDY BANK" FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN IN APRIL.

As a long-time corporate supporter of Assisi Hospice, CDL employees came together again to support the fund-raising campaign, infusing its own "CDL style".

There has always been a very strong corporate culture of giving to charity in effort and in kind at CDL. However, the company also firmly believes in doing things differently. In order to "raise the stakes", Staff Connect, CDL's staff welfare committee decided to inject a fun element of ownership and involvement by making the campaign competitive.

Thus, all 300 employees were divided into four different teams, each adopting 15 bears. The winner of the competition will be determined not only by the most money raised during the last month but teams had to use their creativity to specially decorate and "dress up" these special Teddy Banks. What's more, determined to involve the patients from the hospice, the children were invited to be judges of the best dressed bear.

Fun aside, employees raised as much money as they could through the support of their families, friends and business

"My 6 year old niece, sister-in-law and I took three hours to dress the bear with whatever fabric and materials we could find in the house. This activity bonded my family with much joy. I am glad we gave our time and effort wholeheartedly for a good cause, bringing a smile to the children!"
Angela Lee, Senior Marketing Executive, with her "Bride Bear" which came in first at the pageant.



associates – amassing an impressive S\$60,000 within a month! Assisi Hospice had targeted to raise S\$100 for every teddy bank adopted and this was 10 times more!

This has helped Assisi Hospice take one step closer to their target of raising S\$500,000 through this campaign as precious funds that will go towards the palliative care of adult and children patients suffering from cancer and other life-limiting illnesses at the hospice.



"We are impressed with the level of creativity and commitment from the staff of CDL, our long-time supporter. The bears were so well decorated and the children had lots of fun voting for their favourite bear to win the pageant."

Geraldine Lee
Public Affairs & Volunteer Program Manager,
Assisi Hospice

These children from Assisi Hospice were the judges for this Teddy Bank pageant. CDL will be donating back all the decorated bears to Assisi Hospice for the patients' enjoyment.

The first-year design students from Temasek Polytechnic with their creative and inspired art works.



SCULPTING ASPIRATIONS

THE 3RD CDL SINGAPORE SCULPTURE AWARD INSPIRES YOUNG TALENTS

Nature means so much more than just the birds and the bees, or the flowers and trees. As evident from the entries received for the recently concluded The 3rd CDL Singapore Sculpture Award, organic shapes bearing a slight hint of natural elements can be just as effective in capturing the grace and vibrancy in nature.

Held for the third time since the inaugural Award was initiated in 2002, this nation-wide sculpture competition has seen many memorable entries from talented young artists in the Student Category. Amongst the numerous entries received this year were those of Temasek Polytechnic's (TP) first-year Environment Design and Retail and Hospitality Design students.

Introduced to the Award by their lecturer as part of a foundation course module on form exploration, the students worked individually on a project to conceptualise a sculpture based on this year's theme, "Aspirations", for the designated sculpture site at East Coast Park.

According to TP's School of Design lecturers Mr Chin Kean Kok and Ms Rachna Johri, the Award is an excellent platform to ignite their students' creativity and to inculcate the fundamentals of form exploration, albeit in a practical manner.

Beyond injecting an element of interest in the curriculum, "participating in the competition adds value to the students' portfolio and profile," notes Mr Chin.

Though it was the students' maiden attempt at conceptualising and constructing a maquette, they rose to the challenge and created many sophisticated pieces that would impress even veterans. For many, the project also ignited an interest and greater appreciation for the sculptural art form.

Ms Eileen Peh, a first-year TP Environmental Design student said, "When I walk along the streets these days and I see a sculpture, I will stop to admire it but in the past, I would just walk past it."

Winners of the Student category stand a chance to win between S\$1,000 to S\$5,000. Created to nurture artistic talent and encourage creativity amongst youths and local artists alike, as well as to provide a platform to showcase the works of local sculptors, the Award is an extension of CDL's long-standing commitment to the development of the arts and youth in Singapore.

The winning works and selected short-listed entries of The 3rd CDL Singapore Sculpture Award will be exhibited at the Singapore Art Museum from 20 to 26 September 2007.

YOUNG PASSIONS, EARTH MOVEMENTS



All hands were on deck at Catholic High School (Primary) where students immersed themselves in educational and fun green activities in celebration of Earth Day 2007. A fine example of rising eco-consciousness among our youths, their enthusiasm and passion were inspirational. CDL has been "adopting" the school as part of the National Environment Agency's Corporate and School Partnership Programme (formerly known as Adopt-a-School) since 2005. Here are some highlights of the day.

LAUNCH OF THE GREEN VEGETABLE BELT

The Primary Five cohort launched their lovingly tended Green Vegetable Belt. Along with the Eco-Garden and Green Corridor,

not only is greening of the school enhanced, some 50 detailed plant labels sponsored by CDL also provide useful information.

HOME-GROWN AVIARY

Students are taught to breed different types of butterflies for the aviary. On Earth Day, the butterflies were released in a breathtaking synchronised display.

CREATIVE RECYCLING

The students put on their thinking caps and came up with innovative ways to recycle. Cleverly donning recycled fashion, envisioning stunning works of Art or giving some "pre-loved" items a new lease of life, students volunteered and embarked on their tasks with green passion and pride.



"We are so proud of our adopted plot of flowers. We have been taking turns to weed and water these flowers everyday. We took good care of them not because we wanted to win the competition but because we like greenery and flowers. We wanted to ensure that they are free from bugs and diseases as they give us oxygen to breathe and are a pleasure to the eye."

Students of Class 5B



"At first, I was shy about putting on a girl's dress and parading in the Eco-Garden, but I did it with pride during the Earth Day celebration. I am playing my part to show that trash can be recycled to become art. With little effort, our group reused materials that we discard everyday to give it a new life or to better utilise it."

Benjamin Tse, Class 5B (third from left)



Setting the butterflies free are Catholic High School Principal Mr Lee Hak Boon, assisting students, National Parks Board Assistant Director (Streetscape, Projects) Mr Ng Cheow Kheng, CDL Deputy General Manager (Corporate Affairs) Ms Esther An and Mr Edmund Lim from Singapore Environment Council (not in picture).



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