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FOREWORD

VENTURING INTO NEW BEGINNINGS

In this exciting issue of UOA Jewels, our pages are filled with a line-up of noteworthy news and achievements that are infused with much-needed positivity amid challenging times. To start, we bring you the cover story of Komune Living & Wellness, a uniquely welcoming development that is set to become the largest integrated co-living and wellness hub in Southeast Asia catering towards the lifestyle and medical needs of the elderly.

Browse further and discover our latest collection of residential options. Laurel Residence, which aspires to offer the ultimate in convenient urban living to city folks, and The Goodwood Residence with its nature-inspired multi-generational living concept, are both newcomers to Bangsar South. Also, adding excitement to the thriving community here is the enticing list of new lifestyle offerings.

For those who enjoy the pleasure of leisure reading, check out our local lifestyle stories on scenic hiking spots, homegrown brands and food escapades. And, we invite you to explore Bamboo Hills, an all-new dining enclave surrounded by nature, and soon to be a foodie destination of choice in Kuala Lumpur.

Finally, we are thrilled to share that UOA has been named the No. 1 developer for The Edge Malaysia Top Property Developers Awards 2021 (TPDA). This is the first top spot win for UOA and the eighth time it has been placed on the top ten list for TPDA. UOA also emerged as the top winner for the Highest Return On Equity Over Three Years Award for the fourth consecutive year at The Edge Billion Ringgit Club Awards 2021.

We hope you enjoy this issue as we cap the year on a positive note, and venture into new beginnings together.





Exterior Façade

komune living & wellness

IN THE PARK • CHERAS

THE GOLDEN AGE

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF SENIOR CARE

An exciting new conceptual direction for Komune Living & Wellness heralds the arrival of a fully integrated, community-focused approach towards senior living - one that revolutionises the idea of active ageing in Malaysia.

Whether Malaysia is ready or not, we - as a country - are well on our way towards becoming an ageing nation. According to figures released by the national Department of Statistics in 2020, an estimated 3.5 million people - that is 7 percent of Malaysia's population - are now aged 65 years and above, while the World Bank has predicted that these numbers will rise to 14 percent by 2044, and 20 percent by 2056.

It is a projection that puts the country on course to achieving aged nation status in a rapid amount of time, bringing to the surface issues such as old-age dependency in households and the urgent need to construct resilient aged care systems. With an eye on the future, UOA has unveiled its new vision for Komune Living & Wellness in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur in which its co-living concept will be merged with high-quality senior care.

The development, which is situated within an expansive 2.06-acre site next to Taman Tasik Permaisuri - Cheras' biggest public park - has positioned itself as the largest integrated co-living and wellness hub in Southeast Asia, with an emphasis on senior care facilities and services. Although the property will continue to welcome tenants and guests of all generations, Komune Living & Wellness' rooms, amenities, and community spaces will be specially tailored to the needs and requirements of elderly residents.





Swimming Pool*

Across approximately 900 rooms, the majority will be offered as independent living studios for mobile, dynamic retirees, while 260 studios will stand as assisted living units for seniors who require caregivers and close monitoring. Like the entire property, all studios have been designed with universal accessibility in mind - for instance, grab bars in bathrooms and non-slip tiles are standard features - while assisted living units come with hospital-grade medical beds and sufficient space for wheelchair users.

Beyond Komune Living & Wellness' fully serviced private living studios, a 40,000 square foot area filled with over 20 different types of community spaces, wellness amenities, and recreational facilities creates an engaging and enriching atmosphere. Seniors can interact with each other in a safe, secure environment, spending meaningful

social time in craft studios, a rooftop farm, a community kitchen, mahjong and KTV rooms, or even paddling in a warm swimming pool.

Another unique highlight is the property's senior daycare facility, which is a convenient option for those who have chosen to reside with their families, but still require care and specialised attention during daytime hours. The 6,000 square foot space can accommodate up to 60 senior citizens, enabling families to drop off their elderly loved ones for the day, confident in the knowledge that they will experience essential care and activity-driven programmes, and have access to nursing stations and rehabilitation areas. Nearby, a 20,000 square foot traditional chinese medicine (TCM) centre will provide complimentary consultations, along with an assortment of medical specialists' clinics.



Community Kitchen & Dining Area*

Besides a comprehensive variety of facilities and amenities, a heightened focus on community-building underlines all activities at Komune Living & Wellness, with residents encouraged to both participate in and help organise them. Full use will be made of Taman Tasik Permaisuri with daily morning and evening workouts, tai chi sessions and group walks, while the property's warm, inclusive community spirit will be enlivened with regularly scheduled workshops, talks, courses, and external excursions.

It is not just Komune Living & Wellness' proximity to the park that makes it so well-positioned within Cheras. Its excellent public transport links and accessibility through major highways make it easy for senior citizens to venture out if they so wish, and families or friends can easily travel over to pay a visit. Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz UKM, Pantai Hospital Cheras, and Cheras Rehabilitation Hospital are all close by, making the property ideal for residents who require regular medical check-ups or swift access to advanced medical care - and even for those seeking post-hospitalisation monitoring.

In line with the World Health Organisation's definition of healthy ageing, what Komune Living & Wellness offers senior citizens - besides meeting their lifestyle and medical needs - is the ability to continue determining their own lives, staying as mobile as possible, building and maintaining relationships, and contributing to their community. It is a concept rarely seen - if ever introduced - in Malaysia, ensuring that an integrated network of care services, wellness facilities, and social interaction makes the golden years of senior residents shine that much more brightly.

komunewellness.com



Facilities Area*



Room (Park View)*

*Artist's Impression

CRAFTED WITH PRIDE

THANKS TO THESE FIVE HOMEGROWN BRANDS, WHICH PLACE 'MADE IN MALAYSIA' PRODUCTS SQUARELY IN THE SPOTLIGHT, THERE IS NO NEED TO CAST AN EYE OVERSEAS FOR EVERYTHING FROM HEIRLOOM RICE GRAINS TO ARTISANAL CERAMICS



LANGIT COLLECTIVE

Established by four Malaysian founders as an impact-driven enterprise, Langit Collective works with smallholder farmers in East Malaysia's rural communities to promote heirloom agricultural produce, offering them to larger markets on a fair trade basis. Rice, Sarawakian pepper, and ground ginger are sourced directly from farmers and procured at a price that benefits those communities, ensuring a minimum of 35 percent of the retail price goes back to the farmers.

Through Langit Collective's six-year journey to improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and encourage sustainable, chemical-free farming practices, a total of over RM320,000 has been channelled to 69 partners across three rural communities. Besides Langit Collective's fascinating selection of rice, which includes its own heirloom black glutinous rice grown by the Lun Bawang farmers of Long Semadoh in Sarawak, the brand's website also sells artisanal soy sauce and Sarawakian gula among sweetener.

RE{ME}DY

For a brand that focuses on using only Malaysian-origin ingredients in its products, Re{me}dy's range is impressively vast. Fragrant anti-bacteria body wash, toning green coffee scrub, cajeput- and May Chang-infused moisturiser, and alcohol-free hand sanitising cream are some of its most popular items - but there's more to its appeal than simply going local.

Two more factors make Re{me}dy's concept an incredibly admirable one. Firstly, this brand is completely committed to using non-synthetic ingredients in its skincare and bath products, with the explanation that they are much safer for our bodies and the environment. Secondly, sustainability is a serious matter at Re{me}dy as it practises a packaging-free policy without offering plastic or paper bags, working only with materials such as glass bottles and aluminium cases, which can both be topped up at the in-store refillery in central Kuala Lumpur.



RATTAN ART

Run by a fourth-generation family member Tay Cek Xin, Rattan Art lays claim to the title of Malaysia's oldest rattan furniture makers. Its origins date back to 1954, when the family began selling rattan handicrafts in a little village in Muar.

Since 2004, the brand has moved far beyond small rattan baskets and now produces high-quality rattan furniture for private purchase, as well as commercial and residential projects. Visit hip city spots like The Hungry Tapir or JungleBird bar, and you will find its marvellous rattan creations there, such as barstools and woven pendant lights. Taking great pride in making comfortable rattan furniture from the best Malaysian materials, Rattan Art's success stands as proof that - far from being a sunset industry - rattan furniture is back in style, and very much alive and kicking.



WEEDS & MORE

It seems almost ludicrous that many high-end restaurants and hotels in Southeast Asia typically work with cold climate European vegetables that are grown in Europe or Australia, and then flown to destinations such as Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. It's not just an issue of leaving a larger carbon footprint, but also of freshness - imported air-flown produce takes around seven to 10 days from harvest (or longer) to reach those restaurants.

Weeds & More offers a far more attractive and sensible alternative, working with four ethical smallholder farms in Cameron Highlands to grow edible flowers, garnishes, herbs, and vegetables which can go from harvest to table in under 24 hours. Biodiversity is also an important part of Weeds & More's ethos: heirloom or open-pollinated seeds are favoured, allowing for vegetables that are tasty, far more nutritious, and well-adapted to the Malaysian climate.



BENDANG ARTISAN

One of the best known tableware brands in Malaysia's rapidly evolving artisanal ceramics scene, Bendang Artisan has been championing its 'clay-to-table' movement ever since its foundation in 2010. A collaborative project between ceramic artist Rozana Musa and designer Imaya Wong, Bendang Artisan's handmade ceramics are crafted with the intention of incorporating joy and fulfilment into everyday life - or as the brand puts it, 'We design and make happiness'. Its sources of inspiration are as wide-ranging and diverse as the Japanese printmaker Hokusai, an aurora-filled sky, shades of raw earth, and polka dots, all of which result in collections that encourage an appreciation of functional, contemporary ceramics. Ever-mindful of conscious consumption, Bendang Artisan occasionally holds reject stock sales at its bricks-and-mortar store in central Kuala Lumpur - a retail event that often proves overwhelmingly popular - giving collectors a chance to pick up some truly unique pieces.

ABUZZ WITH EXCITEMENT

FEATURING AN ENTICING LIST OF NEW LIFESTYLE OFFERINGS



TONG XIN TANG TCM CENTRE

Established in 2008, Tong Xin Tang is a modern and professionally managed traditional chinese medicine (TCM) medical centre that is designed to help patrons reinvigorate and restore their health with a holistic healing approach.

Having successfully treated thousands of patients over the past decade, its dedicated team of TCM practitioners are committed to supporting patrons in their journey to optimal health by diagnosing and treating today’s prevalent and challenging health issues with a strong emphasis on illness prevention and health restoration for patients with chronic conditions.

Tong Xin Tang features a unique set of therapy methods with long-term health benefits including herbal medicine, acupuncture, chiropractic care, tui na massage, pulse diagnosis, gua sha and cupping therapy. In addition, it offers personalised and tailored programmes to suit individual needs.

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FIVE O’CLOCK BRASSERIE

This brasserie-themed restaurant offers you brunch, all-day dining comfort foods and local favourites, paired with a glass or bottle of wine. Its name is simply derived from the idea that it is always five o’clock somewhere around the world and this restaurant is the best place to enjoy that moment in time.

Surrounded by abundant greenery and open spaces, Five O’Clock Brasserie offers the real taste of Italy in a modern contemporary setting, an ideal venue for private events and functions. With an extensive menu of fusion and authentic Italian food, and wine selection coupled with a refreshing scenery, Five O’Clock Brasserie is set to deliver a dining experience that will delight your senses.

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TONKATSU BY MA MAISON

Tonkatsu by Ma Maison is a chain of restaurants from Japan that specialises in tonkatsu, one of Japan’s most loved dishes. Rated as “Top 10 Tonkatsu Restaurant in Tokyo” by Savor Japan, the brand opened its first Kuala Lumpur outlet in 2013 and has since become a frequent favourite with the locals and the Japanese community in Klang Valley.

Praised for the quality of meat cuts and authenticity of food preparation, Tonkatsu by Ma Maison exclusively serves up a variety of tonkatsu dishes using only the highest grade ingredients. With a special traditional Japanese meat ageing technique, juices and flavours of the meat are sealed to ensure its tenderness and bring out the umami flavour. Its set menu is also generously complemented by refillable Japanese rice, cabbage and tonjiru (miso soup).

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MBE

With a motto of “Great customer service makes life easier for everyone”, it is no surprise that MBE fosters a company culture dedicated to enhancing customer satisfaction and building strong customer relationships.

Offering value and convenience, MBE is the ultimate one-stop solutions centre for a variety of courier, postal, packaging, digital printing, document and business services, as well as PUDO (Pick Up, Drop-Off, Return Services).

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JOYS BEAUTY GARDEN

With over a decade of experience in the beauty industry, Joys Beauty Garden is well versed in providing effective skincare treatments that are revitalising and refreshing. Using the best and reputable brands of skincare and equipment, it endeavours to provide professional high standards of pure relaxation and pampering experiences with a host of facial therapy and well-being services, from microdermabrasion, oxygen and ultrasound to body massage, foot massage, pedicure and manicure.

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BT BARBERSHOP

This no-frills barbershop prides itself on delivering the best haircare services at a price that is affordable. Outfitted with retro décor, the team of friendly and experienced hair stylists are ready to display their skills to ensure that you walk away satisfied. From a simple haircut to a relaxing detox treatment, you can leave all your haircare worries in good hands at BT Barbershop.

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KRISPY KREME

Creating doughnuts that melt in your mouth has always been what Krispy Kreme is known for. Its iconic yeast-raised doughnuts have been in popular demand since 1937 and they have stuck with their original recipe throughout the years, proving that original is truly the best.

Whether you prefer the hot Original Glazed doughnuts or any of the other 18 varieties, Krispy Kreme is sure to satisfy your sweet tooth.

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LLAOLLAO

As one of the top frozen yogurt brands in Europe and Asia, llaollao encourages consumers to adopt this healthier alternative of a delicious dessert. Since its first store opened in Spain in 2009, llaollao now has hundreds of outlets spanning four continents.

It serves the freshest frozen yogurt, using the finest ingredients to maintain both the authenticity and health benefits of yogurt. With a wide variety of toppings to choose from, llaollao will certainly excite your taste buds.

Unit LG-12A, Lower Ground Level, The Sphere



NAKAMURA BASHI

Serving unique ramen dishes that bring together the tastes of Japanese and Chinese cuisine, Nakamura Bashi delivers the best of both worlds to you.

With the ramen as a base that is easily paired with a variety of toppings and side dishes, this restaurant aims to achieve harmony in the two cultures’ cuisines. On top of that, its special pork bone broth is boiled for 13 hours to bring out the deep and rich flavour for diners’ enjoyment.

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CHURITTO’S FRESH MEX

Offering distinct Tex-Mex flavours made from only the freshest ingredients, Churitto’s Fresh Mex is the first-of-its-kind in Malaysia. The brand specialises in tacos and burritos, as well as nachos and quesadillas which you can customise to your liking.

For every meal that is sold, Churitto’s Fresh Mex has pledged to donate a meal to someone in need. With delectable food and a charitable mission, this place is definitely worth a visit.

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DAILY POTION

On a mission to promote the ‘coffee-to-go’ lifestyle, Daily Potion strives to create more accessible coffee shops throughout Malaysia to accommodate the busy urban lifestyle of city dwellers.

It can serve deliciously satisfying coffee in just a minute with the pressurised brewing method from London. So, start your day with a rich, aromatic cuppa at this little heaven for coffee lovers known for its affordable range of coffees, from americano and pandan macchiato to hand-pressed options.

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YUM THONG SUI

Bringing you traditional flavours reminiscent of home, Yum Thong Sui is your go-to store for delectable local tong sui desserts that are conveniently packed with freshness and goodness.

Made from simple yet nourishing ingredients, a bowl of Yum Thong Sui is a cool and refreshing treat regardless of the time of day. Expect nothing less than deliciousness here, and take your pick from a menu that promises to delight and bring you back to the nostalgia of enjoying tong sui in a convenient way.

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THE GRILL BOX

If you are looking for food on the go, The Grill Box is the place for you. You can choose from grilled meat options such as lamb, beef, chicken and even seafood that all come in boxed meal sets with rice, vegetables and different sauces. This restaurant also offers different flavours of milk tea.

When you cannot decide where to eat, The Grill Box gives you the convenience of a delicious boxed meal paired with variety so you are sure to find what you want here.

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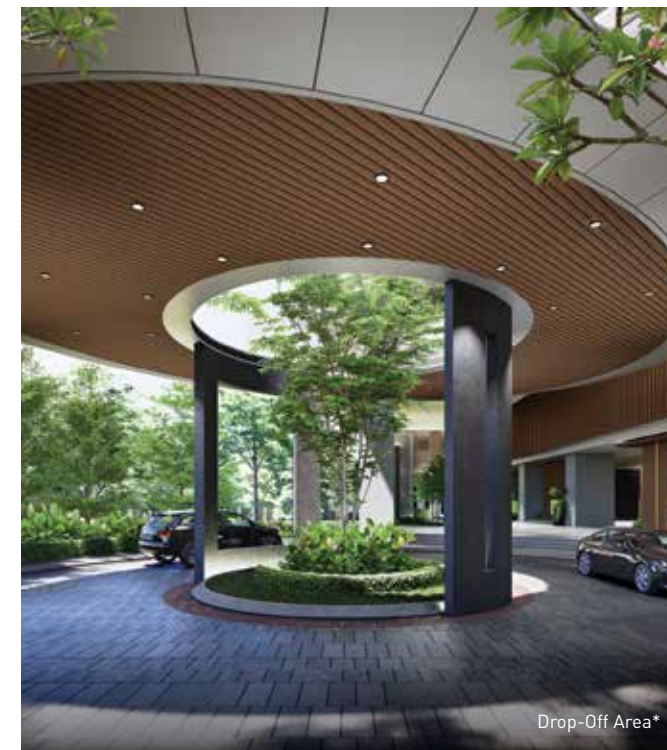


WHERE COMFORT MEETS CONVENIENCE

AN URBAN OASIS OF SERENITY IN BANGSAR SOUTH



Exterior Façade*



Drop-Off Area*



Pre-Function Area*

Located within the vibrant district of Bangsar South, Laurel Residence is a dual-tower, 42-storey residence that sits on 2.1 acres of land. The tranquillity of nature and the conveniences of urban living are reflected in the flourishing community surrounding the property as well as in its prime and accessible location. The residence is filled with an abundance of green landscapes and pocket alcoves where one can spend time appreciating the serene atmosphere.

The residential units of Laurel Residence feature a practical range of styles and plans to suit lifestyle-oriented residents. With a modern aesthetic of clean lines, neutral colours, complementary materials such as wood, stone and concrete, as well as a fine balance between greenery and building structure, Laurel Residence offers a haven of calm and the warmth of a modern home designed to make life better for its residents and their families.

Laurel Residence also presents recreational facilities in a variety of settings, both outdoors and indoors, giving rise to enjoyment and relaxation for its residents. Whether it is reading in the Zen Garden, working up a sweat at the Zen Yoga Deck, rejuvenating in the Hydrotherapy Spa or lounging by the Garden Pool, these facilities, among others, are thoughtfully planned to complement the residents' lifestyles.

Flanked by excellent transport connections, Laurel Residence is seamlessly linked to a plethora of lifestyle conveniences which are within easy reach including a burgeoning range of restaurants, cafés, eateries, retail shops, supermarket, gymnasium, healthcare and childcare centres, and a 6-acre central park. Residents can enjoy all the benefits of inner-city life in a community that is already thriving, and where their living experiences will be heightened by the ultimate in urban comfort and city convenience.

uoa-laurel.com



Bedroom



Dining & Living Area

*Artist's Impression

ALL IN THE FAMILY

WITH NATURE-INSPIRED MULTI-GENERATIONAL HOMES



Clubhouse - Discovery Pond

The notion of multi-generational homes has always been imbued in Asian culture but recently, this practice is becoming popular around the world. The Goodwood Residence at Bangsar South showcases everything you need in a family-focused home that is capable of housing several generations, with units ranging from 947 square feet to 2,002 square feet.

Its harmonious living concept is well equipped with designated spaces for both time alone and time together such as the clubhouse - for recreation and fitness activities, the lap pool - where you can enjoy the jacuzzi and take in the cityscape views, the heated pool - to relax

and stay warm even on a cold, rainy day, and the fragrance garden - a place that invites you to stimulate your sense of smell and touch.

The lush landscaping has been carefully crafted to reflect a nature-inspired experience for family and friends to enjoy. And, UOA has taken the experience to a whole new level by completing the landscaping as well as the facilities ahead of time to allow its purchasers to witness firsthand the inviting lush green surroundings and recreational offerings at The Goodwood Residence.

uoa-thegoodwoodresidence.com.my



Lap Pool



Heated Pool - Aqua Fit



Fragrance Garden

ANCHORED FOR SUCCESS

A NEXT-LEVEL WORK SPACE AT THE HEART OF HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM



Exterior Façade

Holding one of Ho Chi Minh City's most desirable zip codes, is Phu My Hung City Center in District 7, where UOA Tower stands tall. The area is known as an international commercial and financial district, and the second economic centre of Ho Chi Minh City. Developed as a model urban area, this address is fully equipped with complete infrastructure, convenient transportation and a host of facilities including work spaces, malls, restaurants, banks, medical facilities, educational institutions and residences. On top of that, the green spaces, public parks and recreational zones all play a role in improving the lifestyle quality of residents and visitors of the area.

With all that Phu My Hung has to offer, the popular location complements the prestige of UOA Tower, a modern high-rise Grade A office building that is complete with an MOC Certificate. It features efficient office layouts spanning 23 levels that are sure to provide spacious and dynamic environments for fostering productivity. Home to UOA Group's corporate office, UOA Tower is equipped with a multi-tier security system that covers 24-hour CCTV surveillance, and installed with six high speed lifts to reduce waiting time, while its 4-level parking facility provides direct, convenient building access for visitors and employees.

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UOA Group Office



Grand Lobby

FINDING SOLACE IN NATURE

UNCOVER & EXPLORE SCENIC HIKING TRAILS IN KLANG VALLEY

In light of the times, more and more people are taking to the great outdoors in an effort to avoid cramped and crowded indoor spaces. The appeal in spending time outside with nature is the fresh air, interesting sights, peaceful ambience, not to mention the health benefits of exploring and hiking.

If you are looking for a good place to hike, it is not necessary to travel far. There are plenty of great locations within Klang Valley itself with a variety of landscapes, levels of difficulty, hiking durations, environments and wildlife. So, you are likely to find a suitable location to enjoy no matter your age, lifestyle or interests.

BROGA HILL - SEMENYIH

Experience standing on top of the world at Broga Hill, which offers uninterrupted, incredible views from its three peaks. Its great vantage points are due to it being one of the only hills in Peninsular Malaysia that is covered in a smattering ofalang grass as opposed to trees. Standing at 400 metres tall, Broga Hill can be climbed in about an hour but its steepness is challenging enough to get your heart rate up. As such, it is an easy to moderate hike that attracts people of all ages in droves, especially in the morning to catch the sunrise.



KUTU HILL - KUALA KUBU BAHRU

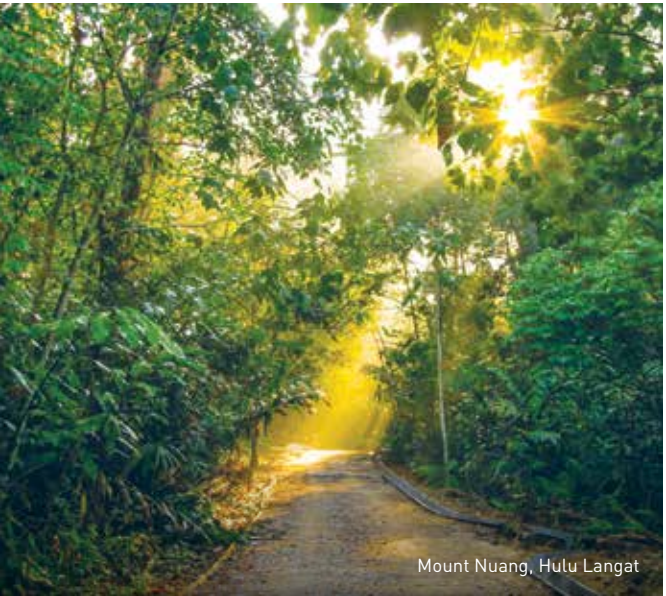
For a more challenging hike, try out this 1,053-metre-tall hill that takes about three to four hours to climb before finally reaching the summit to amazing panoramic views of the clouds, valleys and mountains. Kutu Hill is an abandoned colonial hill station founded by William Hood Treacher in 1893. Today, what remains of this station is the ruins of a chimney and veranda steps of one of the bungalows. Along the trail, you get to experience various terrains and obstacles including walking through a shallow river, climbing up tree roots and crawling under fallen trees. All in all, this is an exciting hike that will peak your interest the whole way up.

TABUR WEST HILL - TAMAN MELAWATI

One of the more difficult hikes that requires a permit is at Tabur West Hill. This two to three-hour hike has elements of rock climbing and bouldering with steep narrow trails. In fact, a large part of the hike is climbing up a rocky terrain with short shrubs and moss. Although the hike is moderately hard, the views make it all worth it. Even while going up the hill, you are greeted with magnificent bird’s-eye views of Klang Gates Dam and Kuala Lumpur. Upon reaching the summit, the surreal landscape before your eyes is that of mountain peaks, lakes and the city skyline that stretches out far into the horizon. In the morning, the views are even more majestic amid the cloudy mist that surrounds the hill.

KIARA HILL WALK - TAMAN TUN DR ISMAIL

One of the most explorable forests surrounded by the urban city is Kiara Hill Walk. There are always new trails to discover and a wide variety of interesting wildlife to spot at this fairly easy hiking trail. Along the walkways, there are exercise workstations and rest areas for meditation and yoga as well as a concrete cycling lane running through the middle of the walkways. While hiking, you may encounter several fascinating points of interest including the Bamboo Eye or Cat Eye – a bamboo grove where bunches of bamboo trees arch into tunnel-like openings, the Yellow Rock – a rock covered in moss that changes color depending on the season, Penchala Tunnel – an iconic viewpoint, and the Great Canyon.



MOUNT NUANG - HULU LANGAT

The hike up Mount Nuang is an interesting combination of even ground, steep incline, forest, mud, water and even ladders. This mountain is situated on the border of Selangor and Pahang, and is about 1,493 metres tall. There are two trails you can hike but the one accessible from Selangor is via Pangsun that takes about 11-12 hours. Hiking the Pangsun trail is a test of endurance as it is a pretty gruelling hike that can be broken up into stages. The first stage is a lengthy path lined with bamboo groves that some have dubbed the ‘never-ending road’. This stage also includes five shallow river crossings. The second stage starts from Camp Lolo, the third from Camp Pacat and the last stage starts from Puncak Pengasih.

GASING HILL (BUKIT GASING) - PETALING JAYA

Bukit Gasing, also known as Gasing Hill, is a forest reserve spanning close to 250 acres nestled between Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya. This urban forest hike is hugely popular as it is more like a nature park where you can have family outings or recharge with your pet while appreciating nature. Not only does it have easy-going hiking spots, where you can walk on a tarmac road leading to a park and stream,

but there are also many different hiking trails, ranging from easy to moderate or slightly challenging. The hiking experience is made more enjoyable by amenities such as benches, shelters, a watch tower and suspension bridge as well as platforms for camping, barbecue pits and fire pits in the main park area.

FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE MALAYSIA (FRIM) - KEPONG

An amazing site of natural beauty, FRIM is centred within a lush forest reserve that spans 1,300 acres. It contains seven different arboreta that are home to up to 2,500 different species of trees. There are designated jogging and cycling paths throughout that take you through lush secondary jungle to Kroh River. The Forest Skywalk offers



breathtaking panoramic views of the city skyline, the lake and jungle greenery from its eight towers of varying heights ranging from 18 to 50 metres. Visitors can also explore the forest library with over 12,000 books, five nature trails, four mountain biking tracks, ethnobotanical and herb gardens, a wetlands area, camping grounds, a research gallery and Malay traditional housing compounds.

CHILING WATERFALL - KUALA KUBU BAHRU

As one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Selangor, the stunning 80-metre Chiling Waterfall boasts clear streams and rivers, exotic plants, and various aquatic creatures. The waterfall and its river are also part of the Mahseer Fish Sanctuary managed by the Selangor Fisheries Department and Selangor Forestry Department, making it an important habitat and a natural breeding ground for mahseer fish. The trek to the waterfall is easy but adventurous as it requires you to cross the river six times. The journey is definitely rewarding, as there are three waterfalls along the way, each one as impressive as the next. At the final upper waterfall, you can have a picnic, swim, dip and enjoy the atmosphere with the roaring sound of water, cool breeze and nature all around you.

A VERDANT DINING ENCLAVE

INTRODUCING KUALA LUMPUR'S NEWEST FOODIE DESTINATION

BAMBOO HILLS
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Embarking on the journey of creating a destination escape filled with exceptional food scenes, quirky café cultures, gourmet dining experiences, and fresh local produce, Bamboo Hills is set to be a refreshing respite with plenty of options to keep everyone's food diaries brimming.

Occupying a 16-acre site, Bamboo Hills is slated to be Kuala Lumpur's latest dining enclave upon completion. Designed to be hip and modern yet verdant with a relaxing atmosphere, the development is centred around a lush bamboo landscape and pockets of greenery at every corner with unique dining pavilions and vast outdoor spaces.

A breath of fresh air in the city of Kuala Lumpur, Bamboo Hills also offers a great space for city folks to kick back, slow down, and immerse in its beautiful park surroundings just minutes away from the city centre. Fronting the DUKE Highway and bordered in the east by Jalan Ipoh as well as in the west by Jalan Kuching, its prime location and accessibility make it easy for visitors to get there. In addition, the development will also be directly linked to the new MRT 2 line via Kentomen Station.

With all the makings of a great foodie getaway, another highlight of the Bamboo Hills blueprint is that the various food and beverage (F&B) concepts available will be housed across ten unique dining pavilions charmingly



built across the development, creating exclusive one-of-a-kind experiences for diners. As with the times where space has become an essential luxury, especially in Kuala Lumpur, each pavilion is designed to freely accommodate patrons without overcrowding while also having ample car park bays right next to it for the comfort and convenience of patrons.

The vast and green Bamboo Hills will also be home to a local organic urban farm. From organic vegetables to herbs such as mint and sweet basil, the homegrown farm will be supplying freshly farmed greens and produce directly



to F&B establishments in the development. This farm-to-table concept provides an excellent opportunity to marry the best in restaurant fare with all the right ingredients, the love of great quality food and a wellness-based lifestyle.

Beyond being an edible escape, Bamboo Hills will be a place that visitors love for more than just the food. An oasis of calm in the bustling city with fresh air, natural fragrances, soothing visuals, light splashing sounds from surrounding water features, and all that lush green foliage, this venue perfectly sets the scene for outdoor events too. All set to be a landmark and a statement development in Kuala Lumpur, the addition of a special glasshouse with elegant and ornate architectural features completes the thematic landscape for magical garden weddings as well as intimate outdoor receptions and parties.

Whether as a gathering spot for daily brunches or dinners, weekend trips or hangouts, or even as a date on the calendar for foodies, Bamboo Hills is perfect as an exciting alternative for destination dining. As there is so much to see, taste and explore, food connoisseurs and the public alike can look forward to a great food experience when visiting this special food escape.

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MARKS OF EXCELLENCE



YB Dato' Sri Reezal Merican Naina Merican (centre) presents the two awards to UOA General Manager, Projects Stephanie Kong (left) with The Edge Media Group Publisher & Group CEO Dato' Ho Kay Tat (right).

UOA Development Bhd (UOA) won the highest accolade by clinching the No. 1 spot in The Edge Top Property Developers Awards 2021 (TPDA). This marked the first year UOA has made it to the top spot for TPDA, and the eighth time it has been placed on the top ten list. UOA also emerged as the top winner in the Best In Quantitative Award category for the fourth consecutive year.

The awards took place at a celebration gala dinner in December graced by YB Dato' Sri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Minister of Housing and Local Government, and showcased an outstanding list of property developers that has demonstrated unparalleled success in the industry.

The top honours serve as acknowledgements of the achievement of UOA, reaffirming our standing as one of the leading property developers in Malaysia. It is also testament to the hard work and commitment of our staff and business associates who have all contributed to our success amid challenging times. In addition, our gratitude and appreciation go to our customers for their support and confidence in our product and services.



UOA Development Bhd (UOA) garnered the Highest Return On Equity Over Three Years Award at The Edge Billion Ringgit Club Awards 2021 (The Edge BRC Awards). Held in December, the prestigious annual awards event celebrates the significant achievements of the 'best of the best' in diverse industries. This is the fourth consecutive year that UOA has been selected as the winner for the award under the RM3 billion and above market capitalisation category.

Established in 2002 to recognise corporate excellence, The Edge BRC Awards celebrates Corporate Malaysia's best performing listed companies and top responsible organisations. Companies with at least RM1 billion market capitalisation each year are evaluated on growth in profit, return to shareholders and corporate responsibility (CR) commitments, among others.



UOA Senior Manager, Sales & Marketing Frankie Choo (right) accepts the award from The Edge Malaysia Editor-In-Chief Kathy Fong (left).

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

RM1 MILLION ICU EQUIPMENT DONATION TO HTAR

UOA donated RM1.03 million worth of intensive care unit (ICU) equipment to Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah (HTAR) in Klang in July as part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. Ventilators, oxygen tanks and respiratory monitoring devices

were handed over to the hospital. The contribution was made in response to a drastic hike in the number of Covid-19 patients with severe respiratory distress in the ICU wards.



HTAR Deputy Director Dr Md Razis bin Ramli (right) receives the ICU equipment donation from UOA Manager, Property Sam Khoo (left).

The donation was made after it was brought to UOA's attention that the hospital was in urgent need of the medical devices to treat patients amid critical Covid-19 situation. UOA had moved swiftly to support the ongoing efforts by the hospital in fighting against the virus by stepping up to help ease the burden of the hospital in coping with the surge in Covid-19 cases and ensure that the patients have timely access to life-saving care and treatment.

With the pandemic, the ICUs in hospitals nationwide were experiencing acute shortage in medical resources. HTAR was one of the country's designated hospitals that was operating at near full capacity and in critical need of the necessary medical supplies to augment its capacity to treat patients suffering from Covid-19.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES WORTH RM90,000 FOR SCHOOLS

A total of RM90,000 was contributed by UOA to Star Media Group in September to sponsor the Kuntum magazine and The Star Digital Access for primary and secondary schools in Klang Valley. The sponsorship of RM60,000 worth of Kuntum magazines was intended to help children from the ages of six to 12 increase their knowledge on a wide range of topics from mathematics and science, to robotics and languages. Recognised by the Ministry of Education, the monthly Bahasa Malaysia children's magazine has enriched young minds since 1980.

The contribution of RM30,000 worth of The Star Digital Access was utilised to provide secondary school students with online access to all the news available on The Star. By linking students to reliable content and information on local and global news, it aimed to not only increase student engagement and interest in world affairs, but also provide them with online learning opportunities and accelerate their rate of learning.

With the contribution, primary and secondary school students were able to gain access to the educational resources to enhance their learning experience that extended beyond the classroom. This also serves as part of UOA's educational outreach initiatives to support the continuation of active learning through reading materials and online access to information.



(From left): The Star Chief Business Officer Lydia Wang; The Star CEO Alex Yeow; UOA Director, Property Cecelia Chan; and UOA General Manager, Human Resources Haikal Akmar, during the mock cheque presentation ceremony at Menara Star.

RAYA FOOD HAMPERS FOR 250 SINGLE PARENTS & OKUS

In line with UOA's tradition of spreading cheer during the Ramadhan month with the Kerinchi community, food hampers and duit raya were distributed to 250 single parents and orang kurang upaya (OKU)s in the presence of YB Fahmi Fadzil, Member of Parliament for Lembah Pantai.

The Raya hamper distribution was conducted in April with strict adherence to the established Covid-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs) and guidelines. Each hamper comprised food items such as rice, cooking oil, sugar, flour, coffee, biscuits and canned food. Although Hari Raya was different with many facing hardships and struggles due to pandemic-related circumstances, the contribution was intended to help to spread some festive joy to the single parents, OKUs and their families.



COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME



In July, UOA initiated a Covid-19 vaccination programme for the community at designated sites in Bangsar South, in line with the government's efforts to curb the spread of Covid-19 and achieve herd immunity in the country. The vaccination exercise was a proactive measure taken by UOA in support of the Ministry of Federal Territories efforts to accelerate mainstream vaccination as well as to complement the government's national Covid-19 immunisation programme (PIKAS) and to facilitate positive progress in the national recovery plan (NRP).

BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN

In the spirit of helping the community and contributing to society, UOA continued its support to the blood donation drive that was jointly organised by Lions Club of Kuala Lumpur and United Point for January, July and November.

Complemented by free health check (BMI, glucose and diabetic test), eye check and organ pledge services, the campaign garnered positive response from the public and drew a total of more than 160 blood donors.



TRASH TO CASH INITIATIVE

Organised by SW Corp, the Trash To Cash campaign was held at United Point in April with overwhelming response from residents in Segambut. In addition to creating awareness on the importance of hygiene and utilising recyclable resources, the campaign also aimed to educate the public on caring for the environment and managing solid waste well. A total of 1,500 kilograms of recyclable waste were successfully collected including cooking oil, electronic items, paper, plastic, iron, copper and metal aluminium.



FOOD PARCELS DISTRIBUTION



UOA sponsored 100 sets of food packs in support of a community initiative by Pusat Khidmat Rakyat YB Hannah Yeoh in partnership with BMW Malaysia in June. The food packs were delivered to residents in Segambut who were ordered by the Ministry of Health to be quarantined at home during the movement control order (MCO) 3.0 period.

In July, a total of 2,000 food parcels were also donated to residents in two enhanced movement control order (EMCO) areas in Lembah Pantai (Kerinchi) - EMCO Taman Bukit Angkasa and EMCO PPR Pantai Ria - who are severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

FEED THE HUNGRY CAMPAIGN

In collaboration with SOS Food Bank, UOA set up three food donation points (United Point, The Sphere and Sentul Point) to collect food and non-food items from the general public for distribution to the community in need amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Over 7,500 families, schools and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Klang, Selayang, Old Klang Road, Cheras, Segambut, Kepong, Pudu and Jinjang benefited from the meaningful cause.



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HOSHI, JOHOR

Ensnconed in the slick, sophisticated beach resort of One&Only Desaru Coast, Hoshi's extraordinarily creative omakase menus are unlike any other in the country. Chef Aziz Abduraimov crafts his dishes according to seasonal ingredients and concepts, and then presents them with such visual flair that you will remember your meal long after it is finished. Expect a certain degree of playfulness from the young and superbly talented Uzbek chef, which comes in the form of modern culinary techniques - although he always remains respectful of Japanese culinary traditions too.

As the Winter season approaches, keep an eye on his use of air-flown seafood from Japan ("The colder temperatures bring out a different texture and flavour, particularly in fish," Abduraimov explains), while next Spring, he will lighten a luxurious sea urchin chawanmushi with touches of yuzu dashi, which imparts a lighter and more refreshing note.

ADELPHI & CO., SABAH

Only the warmest hospitality awaits diners who stop by Adelphi & Co. in Kota Kinabalu. After all, it is named after the Greek word for 'brothers', and the restaurant prides itself on the idea of 'being a brother, or family' to the local foodie community. Adelphi & Co. puts a polished spin on casual dining, featuring produce that has been consciously sourced so that they can channel top-notch ingredients into their modern European dishes.

While you might be tempted to dive straight into the saké baby lamb rack and premium steaks, it is worth having a thorough look at Adelphi & Co.'s one-of-a-kind menu, which is full of fiery creative spirit and a focus on seasonality. Do consider the selection of French wines and the highly original cocktails on offer as well, which come with inventive toppings such as gold-flecked honeycomb and a 'fluffed' meringue.

GEN, PENANG

A shining star in Penang's dining scene ever since it first opened in 2018, Gen has already made The World's 50 Best Discovery list and received recognition on the longlist for Asia's 50 Best Restaurants for 2021. Try one of the produce-driven tasting menus, and you will see why it has made waves as chef Johnson Wong reaches deep into Malaysia's culinary culture ('gēn' is the Chinese word for 'ground roots') to present his interpretation of local flavours, shaped by nostalgia and bold, inventive cookery.

In his quest to remain true to his roots, Wong centres his tasting journeys around the theme of 'My Malaysian Stories'. As a result, at Gen, you might encounter sardine rendang, black chicken with banana hearts, calamansi kombucha, and a horkasai drink made with locally sourced chocolate from Chocolate Concierge.



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COMMONS, SARAWAK

Presenting an excellent excuse to combine sightseeing with some seriously good eats, Commons is situated in a historical courthouse in Kuching that dates back to the 1870s, when its construction was commissioned by Charles Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak. Beneath the Old Courthouse's iron wood roof, Commons satisfies its customers' cravings for hand-crafted coffee, specialty iced teas, and Malaysian crowd-pleasers such as Hainan-style chicken chops, mee mamak, laksa lemak, and a classic nasi lemak. (Those with a sweet tooth, take note - they offer a wide range of cakes on a daily basis too, many of which often prove difficult to resist.)

Design enthusiasts will also appreciate the respectful way in which Commons' interiors have been selected to match the existing aesthetics of the heritage-listed property, with mid-century pieces that complement the building's high ceilings and untouched hardwood flooring.

RIMBA, LANGKAWI

Comfortable, breezy, and genuinely enjoyable open-air dining spots are still a rarity in Malaysia, but fortunately, Rimba fulfils all of those criteria, making the alfresco dining experience an unrivalled pleasure. Perched in a prime position at island retreat Ambong Pool Villas (non-guests are very much welcome to dine here too), the restaurant rises above a lush rainforest canopy, serving up a tantalising view of Pulau Tepor and the sunset sliding below the shimmering waves.

At the core of Rimba's menu is freshly caught seafood, which - quite rightly - should be the highlight of any eating trip to Langkawi. Gado-gado with Andaman prawns, ikan bakar rubbed with lemongrass, and squid ink sambal spaghetti are some of the signature dishes at Rimba. If you love dinner with a view, request a table in Rimba's rooftop dining space, which has panoramas that stretch from the sea to the stars.

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