

DUCHESS RESIDENCES AIMS FOR TOP MIPIM ASIA AWARDS



DUCHESS RESIDENCES UP FOR COVETED MIPIM BEST RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

UOL's prime District 10 property, Duchess Residences, was selected by an international jury of experts to be one of the three winners in the Best Residential Development category at the MIPIM Asia Awards 2012.

This year's MIPIM saw a total of 117 entries from 12 countries competing in 11 categories. There are three winners in each category and final rankings will be announced on 8 November 2012. Winners of these prestigious awards were selected for their innovative technical, environmental, and architectural qualities. The Award affirms the

overall excellence of Duchess Residences which is built ingeniously on difficult terrain. The development features clean building lines arising from a fluid landscape organised around a central garden, and irregular shaped water features that weave between the apartment blocks, creating a tranquil and private sanctuary.



Flowing landscapes between the apartment blocks provide the tranquillity synonymous with living in nature.



HANDS-ON LEARNING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS AT A FARM



Say "Starkidz"!

As part of UOL's ongoing corporate social responsibility efforts, we are working with CARE Singapore to reach out to primary school children under its Starkidz Programme.

On 13 July 2012, staff volunteers accompanied 31 students on an educational tour to a farm on Sungei Tengah Road. Prior to the tour, our staff prepared giant worksheets that explained the life cycles of quails and goats. Through working on the worksheets together with the volunteers, the students reinforced what they saw and learnt that day.

Starkidz is a school-based programme by CARE Singapore to provide motivational life skills and counselling support for primary school children at risk of academic failure, behaviour problems, emotional maladjustment, self-harm, or delinquency.

UOL PLEDGES TO MAKE SINGAPORE A GREAT PLACE TO WORK IN

UOL has joined close to 2,000 companies to sign the Employer's Pledge of Fair Employment Practices, part of the Tripartite Alliance comprising Ministry of Manpower, NTUC, and the Singapore National Employers Federation, in an ongoing effort to make Singapore a great place to work in.

The five principles of this Tripartite Alliance are merit-based recruitment, fair treatment for employees, respect for employees, equal opportunities to develop talent, and rewards based on merit.

We believe that implementing these best practices will bring about a more harmonious and progressive environment that will benefit employers and employees.

At the end of the day, it is all about making Singapore a great place to work in.

HUMAN FOOSBALL KICKS OFF MOU ON FREE HEALTH TALKS FOR SHOPPERS

They came. They signed. They played.

On 4 September 2012, Minister of State (Health and Manpower) Ms Amy Khor was Guest-of-Honour at the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between UOL President (Property) Mr Liam Wee Sin and Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) Chairman of the Medical Board, Associate Professor Thomas Lew, to hold free monthly lunch-time talks on health and sports-related issues at Velocity@Novena Square for a year.

To symbolise the new partnership, management staff from both corporations worked together to score a goal in a gigantic mock-up goalpost at Velocity. Both teams then got together for a friendly foosball match. Foosball is one of the world's most popular table-top games that is based on soccer.

Professionals from departments such as the Sports Medicine & Surgery Clinic and Allied Health Services at TTSH will give these talks. TTSH will also provide



(From left) Minister of State (Health and Manpower) Ms Amy Khor, UOL Group President (Property) Mr Liam Wee Sin and Tan Tock Seng Hospital Medical Board Chairman Thomas Lew.

articles to be posted on Velocity's social media platforms.

The talks will be held at Velocity on every first Monday of the month (12.45 – 1.15pm) to promote health education, nutrition, and safety issues for sports enthusiasts. Members of the public can refer to www.velocitynovena.com for updates for the list of upcoming talks.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND COMES ALIVE AT UNITED SQUARE!



"Meet and Greet" the cast of Alice in Wonderland

The atrium at United Square was transformed into a wonderland with a spectacular garden setting decorated with a giant snazzy floor sticker that created an optical illusion, with hanging balloons and flowers suspended from above.

And guess who came to visit? None other than Alice herself, together with the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, and the ever impatient White Rabbit as they performed an exciting and never-seen-before live musical for families and children during the September school holidays.

Everyone enjoyed themselves as the kids sang and clapped along with the songs and music. Many families had the opportunity to take photos with the cast as well.

United Square also hosted 33 students from the Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home to a special Wonderland Tea Party as part of the mall's anniversary celebrations. Specially-organised activities like Make your Hat, Balloon Sculpturing, Face Painting, and Photo Taking, kept our young guests very happy. All the children were given goodie bags to take home.

HUMAN FOOSBALL MANIA AT VELOCITY

Something unusual took place in September at Velocity@Novena Square. A gigantic inflated foosball arena took centre stage as participants, harnessed to a pole, tested their agility and speed to score goals in a staging of Human Foosball.

Yes, we brought one of the world's most popular table games to a whole new level as sports enthusiasts took up the challenge at the Velocity Human Foosball Battle. The games had four categories; Men's Under 16, Men's Under 19, Men's Open, and Mixed Open.

The games were refereed by the Football Association of Singapore and attracted soccer and foosball enthusiasts who were drawn to the action on the arena and the lively commentary by the emcees. Despite playing under a scorching sun, with the occasional drizzle, the players enjoyed themselves tremendously.

Shoppers who preferred a little less action tried their luck indoors at a mini-soccer game. Those who spent \$180 or more were also rewarded with an exclusive foldable soccer-shaped chair.



Gigantic inflated foosball arena



Challengers battle for the top prize

PAN PACIFIC NINGBO NOW OPEN

Pan Pacific Hotels Group, a UOL Group subsidiary, opened its newest hotel in Ningbo, China, on 28 August 2012.

The 415-room Pan Pacific Ningbo is just a two-hour drive from Shanghai in the eastern New Town of Ningbo and commands a magnificent and panoramic view of the Yongxin River and the skyline.

Located within the central business district, beside the Ningbo International Conference and Exhibition Centre, the hotel is ideal for meetings, conferences, banquets and weddings. It has a 2,000-square metre column-free ballroom, one of Ningbo's largest, as well as nine spacious venues, each with flexible room configurations.

Within the stunning and modern façade of its two towers – Pacific Tower and Ocean Tower – the hotel's public areas are bright and spacious while guestrooms are decorated in an Oriental theme.

Chris Ong, the hotel's General Manager, said: "The fusion of modern comforts and traditional Oriental charm is what we believe sets Pan Pacific Ningbo apart from other hotels."

"Together with our sister hotels, Pan Pacific Suzhou and Pan Pacific Xiamen, we look forward to winning over more fans in China."

The Pan Pacific Ningbo will offer all the culinary delights that the Group is renowned for in its six restaurants.



Stunning and modern facade of Pan Pacific Ningbo



The hotel lobby

The brand's award-winning restaurant Hai Tien Lo will add a Ningbonese touch to its cuisine, while retaining its many signature highlights such as prawn balls tossed in wasabi mayonnaise and beef fillet in sesame sauce.

The other award-winning restaurant is Keyaki, famous for its Japanese cuisine. Expect only the freshest seasonal imports from Japan – from sushi and sashimi to teppanyaki and robatayaki – at Keyaki.



The hotel guestroom

Other dining options include the Avanti Culina, an Italian restaurant, as well as the Lobby Lounge and Patisserie where guests can enjoy special Pacific-blend cocktails and freshly-baked pastries. Guests will also enjoy authentic Asian cuisine at Café Pacifica.

The Pan Pacific Serviced Suites Ningbo will also be opened soon within the same location. Business travellers can look forward to the flexibility of one, two and three-room suites with integrated kitchenettes. The 175 Suites will be fully integrated with the hotel. Guests will enjoy convenient access to all hotel facilities and restaurants, including a state-of-the-art fitness centre, outdoor tennis court, squash court, indoor swimming pool, and a rejuvenating spa.

For more information, visit panpacific.com/ningbo.