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#### UOL WINS BEST DEVELOPER AT SOUTH EAST ASIA PROPERTY AWARDS

UOL swept two prestigious awards at the South East Asia Property Awards 2012 organised by Ensign Media. The Group won the Best Developer Award for Singapore and South East Asia.

The event organised by publisher of Property Report South East Asia Magazine was held at Shangri-La hotel on 21 November 2012. Mr Liam Wee Sin, President (Property), received the Awards on UOL's behalf. The awards add to a long list that UOL has received in recent years and affirm our growing reputation as a developer of quality and innovative products.

The Awards showcase the best in the region's luxury residential property sector. The spotlight was cast on high calibre players in the real estate industry and entrants were based on nominations received from the public as well as members of the industry. UOL Group President (Property) Mr Liam Wee Sin said: "We are very honoured by the recognition. The awards speak volumes of our design and quality excellence. Accolades of such significance have definitely raised the profile of UOL and developers in Singapore."

Last year, Nassim Park Residences clinched the titles of Best Condo Development in both Singapore and South East Asia at the same event.



Mr Liam Wee Sin [right], UOL's President (Property) receives the Best Developer Award for South East Asia from Mr Terry Blackburn, Ensign Media's Chief Executive Officer.

## **UOL SPONSORS WORLD BUILDING OF THE YEAR AT WORLD ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL**



Mr Gwee Lian Kheng [middle], UOL's Group Chief Executive and Mr Liam Wee Sin [right], UOL's President (Property) viewing the exhibits with Mr Colin Seah from Ministry of Design.



Mr Liam Wee Sin [far right] presents the 'World Building of the Year' to the team behind Gardens by the Bay.

UOL sponsored the Grand Prix World Building of the Year award at the renowned World Architecture Festival (WAF) 2012 from 3 to 5 October at Marina Bay Sands, Singapore. This was the first time the festival was held outside Barcelona, Spain. Singapore's Gardens by the Bay was crowned World Building of the Year, making it a doubly auspicious event for Singapore on the global stage.

The WAF is the largest festival and live awards competition in the world. It is dedicated to celebrating and sharing architectural excellence around the world and is a Who's Who event, having brought together over 1,500 top international architects. Aside from competing for 37 award categories, the event is also a learning and networking opportunity for property players, and include keynote presentations and seminar sessions.

In the previous WAF Awards, UOL's Newton Suites, Duchess Residences

and PARKROYAL on Pickering were shortlisted as finalists. This year, our Katong Regency Sales Gallery, submitted as UOL Edge Gallery, was shortlisted as a finalist under the "Display" Category, a notable performance in the international spotlight, as the WAF Awards are highly regarded by the architecture industry.

#### UOL GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY



UOL volunteers and Starkidz!

UOL believes in giving back to the community. We continue to contribute to society in the areas of children, youth, education and sports.

On 12 November, 17 UOL staff volunteers spent the afternoon at Anchorvale Community Club, decorating gingerbread men and making friendship bands with 27 primary school children from CARE Singapore's Starkidz programme. United Square, a retail and office mall which belongs to the Group, added to the occasion by sponsoring each child with a goodie bag.

To commemorate the Singapore Children's Society's 60th anniversary this year, UOL also made a contribution to the Society as part of the Group's ongoing corporate social responsibility. The Society's mission of bringing relief and happiness to children and youth in need is a cause close to UOL's heart.

### THE LITTLE BIG CLUB RETURNS TO UNITED SQUARE



Fully-packed atrium show after show

This Christmas season, United Square presented its biggest Christmas show ever in the atrium, which was transformed by vibrant backdrops, props and decorations.

The show was complete with 12 all-time favourite children's characters, such as pre-schooler superstars Barney, Bob the Builder, Wendy, Spud, Pingu, Angelina Ballerina, Alice, Fireman Sam and Norman!

The extravaganza of music and dance bedazzled the kids and was a resounding success, with all performances enjoying full capacity.

Packed with a medley of hit-songs such as Barney's "I Love You Song", Bob the Builder's "Is this the way to Sunflower Valley" and the graceful dance moves by Angelina Ballerina, the high-energy show kept the kids on their toes. Even the parents were caught singing and dancing along to the tunes.

#### **ENCHANTING CHRISTMAS AT VELOCITY**

This year's Christmas at Velocity enjoyed a fairy-tale twist. Instead of conventional winter decorations associated with Christmas, Velocity was given a Pinocchio-style dress over. Shoppers were transported through time to a medieval theme park populated with puppets, mystical cats and crooked clock towers.

The festive season kicked off with an Enchanted Carnival on 24 and 25 November with a mini carnival staged on the ice rink, which offered a variety of nostalgic game booths and carnival rides, where some lucky shoppers won shopping vouchers. Each shopper brought home a free personalised photograph of their carnival experience. Close to 600 participants enjoyed the carnival, a pleasant 40 per cent increase from last year.

Adding to the Christmas cheer, Velocity also hosted special sessions for 15 autistic children from Pathlight School as well as 15 children from Children Cancer Foundation.

The ever-popular ice skating performances filled the mall with spectators from its opening day to the last performance. Performances included a solo item by a young, local skater as well as those from professional figure ice skaters from Australia and Canada. The shows were a major drawcard, and were watched by many shoppers who were mesmerised by the spectacular moves like spins, lifts and jumps. After the performances, the ice rink



Ice rink took centrestage at the mall

was opened to children, who enjoyed a piece of the action in several ice skating sessions.

Adding to the merriment, the Velocity Enchantment lucky draw featured an exciting theme park experience this year. With a minimum spend of \$60, shoppers stand to win a visit to theme parks around the globe in U.S.A, Europe, Australia, Japan or an annual pass to a local theme park.



Spectacular moves on ice

### PAN PACIFIC OPENS TWO REFURBISHED SINGAPORE HOTELS



Pan Pacific Singapore's new lobby

In September, Pan Pacific Hotels Group unveiled two refurbished hotels in Singapore – Pan Pacific Orchard and Pan Pacific Singapore. The now-gleaming Pan Pacific Orchard has enjoyed a \$10 million refurbishment. After being closed for five months, the Pan Pacific Singapore underwent an \$80 million transformation.

Both hotels refreshed their look as part of Pan Pacific's overall rebranding initiative, which includes elements inspired by Pacific cultures and landscapes that will enrich the guest experience.

The refurbishment programme at Pan Pacific Orchard included new Executive Rooms, Studio Rooms and Pacific Club Suites as well as restaurants - 10 at Claymore and Lobby Lounge – as well as public areas such as the entrance, main lobby and meeting facilities. The hotel also welcomed the award-winning St. Gregory spa in addition to facilities that currently comprise a steam room, fitness centre, and Singapore's first mineral water swimming pool. Not only that, but the improved amenities include Wi-Fi services in all rooms and the hotel's public areas, Nespresso machines, while guests in the Pacific Club rooms are further pampered with L'occitane bath essentials.

Come first quarter of 2013, guests can also look forward to hassle-free check in and

registration process via hand-held devices such as iPads for the complete hotel guest experience.

Pan Pacific Singapore's transformation is its biggest investment since its opening in 1987. The hotel now boasts a new lobby, 790 redesigned rooms, innovative new dining concepts and a unique Pacific Club on Level 38. The hotel has also gone high tech with 24-hour service offerings and an upgraded arrival experience that is supported by integrated mobile check-in technology via an iPad.

The unique Pacific Club now occupies the top floor at Level 38, providing spectacular panoramic views of the Marina Bay district



Pacific Club on Level 38 of Pan Pacific Singapore



St. Gregory's treatment room at Pan Pacific Orchard

and the South China Sea, as well as round-the-clock services. Guests can now enjoy 24-hour Internet Protocol telephony and Internet Protocol televisions in the redesigned rooms.

"The transformation of Pan Pacific Singapore comes on the back of comprehensive research on the changing needs of our guests and associates. As Singapore continues to remain a top destination globally, our transformation ensures the delivery of quality hospitality experiences synonymous with the Pan Pacific brand, thereby enhancing our competitive advantage locally as a premier hotel of choice for discerning business and leisure guests," said Mr Scott Swank, General Manager of Pan Pacific Singapore.



Pan Pacific Orchard's refurbished Studio room

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