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Commitment Level at MBFC Tower 3 Exceeds 83%

Marina Bay Financial Centre (MBFC) welcomes a number of new tenants at Tower 3. Occupying approximately 80,000 sq ft of office space, these new tenants bring the overall commitment level at Tower 3 to 83.6%.

These new multinational tenants are leading companies in the fields of technology, energy trading, financial services, commodities and specialist food providers. They include German software developer Software AG; Bermuda-based Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd. Singapore Branch; French oil and gas company Lynx Energy Trading Pte Ltd.; Swiss specialist food business Aryzta AG and US-based Trammo, which also operates under the trade names Trammochem and Transammonia.

Mr Warren Bishop, CEO of RQAM, the manager for MBFC, said, "The year 2013 started on a positive note with good leasing momentum. MBFC's flexibility in meeting the varied space requirements of companies from diverse sectors has been a key attraction for our new tenants. Combined with our prime location, MBFC continues to build on its reputation as Singapore's most prestigious business address."

MBFC Tower 3, home to a diverse mix of multinational tenants

OH! (Open House) @ Marina Bay

Raffles Quay Asset Management (RQAM) was proud to be the venue sponsor for this year's OH! (Open House) @ Marina Bay, Singapore's only art walkabout. Underscoring its commitment to play a part in shaping the local arts scene, office and public spaces within RQAM developments including Marina Bay Financial Centre (MBFC), One Raffles Quay (ORQ) and Marina Bay Link Mall (MBLM) provided a unique setting for the showcase.

OH! @ Marina Bay took place over three weekends in January 2013. A public event, 2013's exhibition was themed "The Happiness Index" and showcased works by 13 artists across six different locations in Singapore. Highlights of the show included Frayn Yong's delicate miniature architectural sculptures that were exhibited at the travellator space in ORQ, photographs by Nguan Tan that contemplate ordinary life in Singapore displayed at MBLM and Deutsche Bank in ORQ, as well as studioKaleido's pop-up bookstore at DBS in MBFC.

Ms Cynthia Wong, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of RQAM, shared, "RQAM is pleased to contribute to this year's OH! as it encapsulates our support for a different dimension to arts appreciation – "art at work" – that will not only benefit the general public, but also provides us with an opportunity to inculcate an appreciation for the arts among our tenants and residents."

"With our properties transformed into a live canvas for OH!, we aim to continuously enhance the attractiveness and vibrancy of the environment for the office, residential and shopping community here," she added.

Artist Joy Abigail Ho spontaneously doodled on the walls of DBS' office on Level 13 of MBFC Tower 3, in response to the reactions of tour participants

A tour participant interacting with a performer at the experiential piece, The Trial by Evil Empire. Participants rode the travellators at Level 2 of One Raffles Quay as part of the performance.

Fragile Structures by Frayn Yong, displayed at One Raffles Quay. Frayn's work questioned how people encounter and inhabit urban cities.

Singapore-based performance company spell#7 featured a group of 'tea ladies and uncles' singing and dancing to the tune of Bengawan Solo

Channel NewsAsia Begins New Era at MBFC

Channel NewsAsia celebrated its expansion and marked the opening of its new satellite studio at Tower 3 with a launch event on 21 January 2013 at the Ground Plaza of Marina Bay Financial Centre (MBFC). Channel NewsAsia now has a brand new on-air look and round-the-clock programming aimed at helping viewers better "Understand Asia". Given its new direction, the opening of its satellite studio at "Asia's Best Business Address™" could not be more apt.

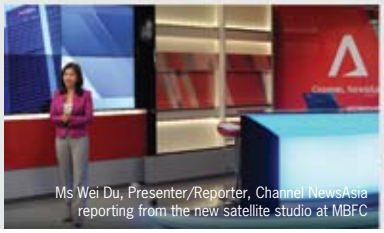
Strategically located in the heart of Singapore's new Marina Bay financial district, MBFC has become the regional hub for many leading companies across multiple sectors. Being housed in a premier address puts Channel NewsAsia in closer proximity to the movers and shakers of the business world, allowing them to have easier access to critical business insights.

As part of the day's celebrations, which included complimentary coffee from Erwin's Gastrobar, as well as games and live performances, office workers in the vicinity were also invited to share their views on Asia's dynamic revolution.

From left: Ms Cynthia Wong, Deputy CEO, RQAM; Ms Glenda Chong, Presenter/Editor, Channel NewsAsia; and Mr Warren Bishop, CEO, RQAM.

MediaCorp Radio personality Tim Oh engages the crowd with games and Channel NewsAsia updates

The opening of Channel NewsAsia's new satellite studio at MBFC


Ms Wei Du, Presenter/Reporter, Channel NewsAsia reporting from the new satellite studio at MBFC

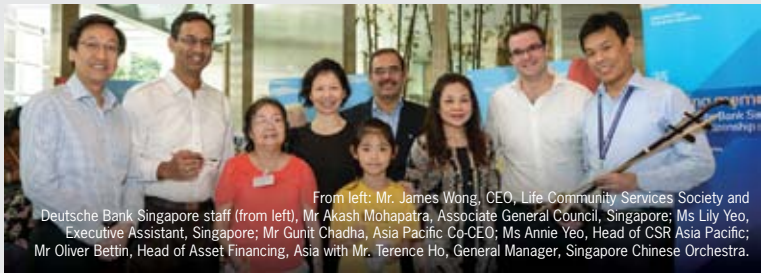
The day's celebrations included live performances

Deutsche Bank Celebrates Charities of the Year

On 28 November 2012, Deutsche Bank hosted the beneficiaries of its 2012 Charities of the Year (CotY) to a lunchtime mural-painting session at the South Tower lobby of One Raffles Quay. The mural, designed by Social Creatives, marks Deutsche Bank's 40th anniversary in Singapore and was jointly painted by the children and elderly folk from Deutsche Bank's CotY 2012, alongside the bank's employees.

The CotY 2012 initiative was led and funded by Deutsche Bank staff in Singapore, who selected the supported charities – Life Community Services Society, St. Luke's Eldercare, Yong En Care Centre and Parivaar Education Society – and volunteered their time to participate in fundraising and other activities.

The event also included a concert by the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) and provided a memorable opportunity to celebrate the achievements of staff volunteers and local charities.


From left: Mr. James Wong, CEO, Life Community Services Society and Deutsche Bank Singapore staff (from left), Mr Akash Mohapatra, Associate General Council, Singapore; Ms Lily Yeo, Executive Assistant, Singapore; Mr Gunit Chadha, Asia Pacific Co-CEO; Ms Annie Yeo, Head of CSR Asia Pacific; Mr Oliver Bettin, Head of Asset Financing, Asia with Mr. Terence Ho, General Manager, Singapore Chinese Orchestra.

Chinese New Year Cheer at One Raffles Quay

On 6 February 2013, the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) filled the South Tower lobby of One Raffles Quay with the joyful strains of Chinese New Year music. This was part of the Deutsche Bank Lunchtime Concert Series featuring the SCO and the second consecutive year that Deutsche Bank is holding the series at One Raffles Quay. The series is also supported by RQAM, which sponsors the staging of the concerts.

Mr Ronny Tan, Chief Country Officer of Deutsche Bank Singapore gave a welcome speech to kick off the first of four lunchtime concerts this year, wishing the orchestra and audience a happy new year. Titled "Dancing with the Golden Snake" to celebrate the upcoming Year of the Snake, the performance consisted of spring-themed pieces as well as traditional Chinese songs. The session was highly interactive as SCO's resident conductor, Mr Quek Ling Kiong, engaged the audience enthusiastically, inviting the audience to clap and sing along to the music.

The Singapore Chinese Orchestra delighting the audience with joyful spring-themed tunes and traditional Chinese songs

Deutsche Bank invited some elderly folk from St Luke's ElderCare, a charity supported by the bank, to enjoy the concert. A lunch reception was also hosted for them and the orchestra musicians.

Those working at and in the vicinity of ORQ can look forward to three more SCO lunchtime concerts this year, on 26 June, 21 August and 26 November.

WORK

ICAP Trades for Charity

Brokers at international financial firm ICAP pulled out all the stops to maximise their trading revenues on 5 December 2012 – all in the name of charity. It was part of the British firm's 20th annual global Charity Day during which 100% of the day's revenues and commissions earned by all its 63 offices were donated to 200 charities globally.

At ICAP's Singapore office in Marina Bay Financial Centre, the atmosphere was electric with brokers taking to the trading floor donned in fancy dress. As part of the day's activities, the charities' patrons, which included President of Singapore Tony Tan Keng Yam as well as celebrities Adrian Pang and Hossan Leong were invited to speak to ICAP's customers and help boost trading volumes for the day.

Proceeds from the charity day went to five beneficiaries – the President's Challenge, Food from the Heart, Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (Star Shelter), Assisi Hospice and Compassion Fund.

President Tony Tan Keng Yam making a call for donations

CORPORATE

Waves of Foliage at MBFC Tower 2

Tenants and visitors to Marina Bay Financial Centre (MBFC) Tower 2 will now be greeted by *Waves of Foliage* by renowned local sculptor Han Sai Por.

Gracing the lobby of Tower 2, the art piece features 32 curved pieces of carved marble, individually assembled to form a wave pattern that reflects the fluidity of nature in an urban environment. Along with Han's other sculpture, *The Tropical Leaf* located next to the South Tower of ORQ, both sculptures inject an added vibrancy to the overall environment at both developments.

Waves of Foliage

International Recognition

As a manager of premier developments, RQAM is committed to maintaining prime quality Grade A office space and facilities that meet world-class standards, as well as ensuring a safe and sustainable environment for its occupants and visitors.

In keeping with its commitment to maximise workplace health and safety and minimise environmental impact, RQAM has obtained the OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001 certifications for all the properties under its management – One Raffles Quay, Marina Bay Financial Centre Towers 1, 2 and 3, as well as Marina Bay Link Mall.

OHSAS 18001, the international standard for occupational health and safety management systems, recognises RQAM's risk management system that effectively minimises work-related accidents. Meanwhile, the ISO 14001 for environmental management systems acknowledges RQAM's efforts towards incorporating energy efficient lighting and water saving systems as well as the use of recycled materials at its offices.

LIVE

Larasati and Marina Bay Suites – An Exquisite Match

From 24-26 January 2013, the Marina Bay Suites (MBS) Sales Gallery became the perfect setting for an art exhibition and auction by premier art auctioneers Larasati. Creating a new style of modern living in the heart of Singapore's New Downtown and epitomised by ultra luxury and exclusivity, Marina Bay Suites was the natural choice for this collaboration.

Larasati's boutique collection of 33 carefully selected pieces showcased the evolution of traditional and contemporary paintings, incorporating artworks by renowned Southeast Asian and Indo-European masters such as Srihadi Soedarsono, Antonio Blanco and Arie Smit. Within the elegant setting of MBS, visitors admired the striking works of art against the backdrop of the stunning view of Marina Bay.

Marina Bay Suites are the largest apartments in Marina Bay, ranging from 1,600 to 2,700 sq ft. Each unit comes with a private lift lobby and a car parking space. For added exclusivity, there are two duplex penthouses, one measuring 4,693 sq ft and the other 8,514 sq ft, each with their own swimming pool. To find out more or for a private preview of the show suite, call 6535 3113.

Larasati CEO Daniel Komala (in tie) introducing the works to a client

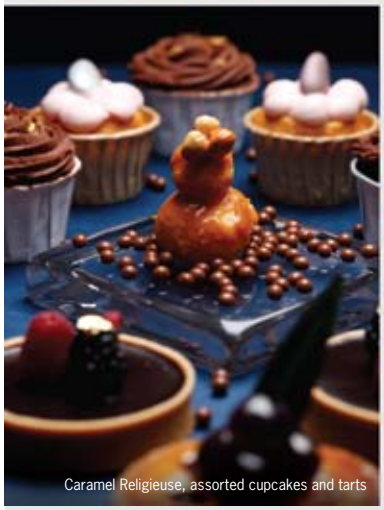
RQAM's Director of Residential Marketing Thomas Tan (in tie) introducing a visitor to the MBFC development, of which Marina Bay Suites is a part of.

Auctioneer Talita M. Teves receiving the bids

The auction was well attended by over 100 people

Foodology Opens at MBFC Tower 3

A fresh new dining experience has arrived at Marina Bay Financial Centre (MBFC) Tower 3 with the opening of the 300-seater, 8,000 sq ft Foodology. Foodology caters to executive appetites for reasonably priced international selections with the best mix of restaurant-quality Western and Asian fare.



Caramel Religieuse, assorted cupcakes and tarts

Seafood Squid Ink Ciabatta

Seared Sesame-Crusted Tuna Salad

Sakura Ebi Capellini

Diners can get a complete meal with drinks at each of its eight self-service food stations, served on china plates with proper cutlery and glasses. Chefs will be on hand to cook everything fresh using world-class kitchen equipment. For instance, the Grills and Burgers section features the famed Spanish Josper Grill, found in the kitchens of some of the world's top chefs, while pizzas in the Italian section are baked in a wood stone pizza oven.

Smoked seafood chowder, borscht, Pernod prawn linguine, sakura ebi capellini and wagyu burger are just a sample of the savoury items on the menu together with delectable desserts such as banoffee tart, yuzu cheesecake and Eton mess.

Foodology is established by the Argentum Group, a privately owned hospitality company based in Singapore. Mr Michel Lu, CEO of Argentum Group, said, "We are excited about launching our retail presence at Marina Bay Financial Centre, where there is a demographic of savvy executives who would fully appreciate the dining experience which we are creating. Foodology at MBFC will introduce innovative ways to order, savour and experience food while engaging the use of world-class equipment used in Michelin-starred establishments worldwide. Offering plenty of variety at affordable prices, Foodology at MBFC will also be a launch pad for the multi-dimensional brand we envision it to grow into."

LeVeL33 Earns HACCP Certification

Urban craft brewery and restaurant LeVeL33 at Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower 1 has achieved the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) certification in recognition of its efforts to deliver the highest standards of food and beer quality assurance.

"The HACCP certification is no easy feat and is usually undertaken by companies of multi F&B operations. It is not common for a single restaurant to go to this extent of undergoing the HACCP programme to ensure food safety standards and processes are in place and maintained. At LeVeL33, we made a commitment to deliver excellence to our customers and hence our decision to invest in this exercise aimed at instilling effective processes and mindset throughout the restaurant," commented Dr Martin Bém, Director, LeVeL33.

The bar area at LeVeL33

Singapore Conversation at Foodfare

The food loft, Foodfare@Marina Bay Financial Centre (MBFC) Tower 3, was abuzz with animated conversation on 27 November 2012 when a group of about 100 people came to participate in the wrap-up session of the 'Our Singapore Conversation' series, organised by the Labour Movement.

The evening saw Singaporeans conversing with each other on issues close to their hearts, covering themes such as 'Flying Singapore', 'Everything Within An Hour', 'Respect for All Working People', 'Making Singapore A Pro-Family, Pro-Living Singapore', 'An Affordable Singapore?', and 'Defining Ourselves – The Singaporean Identity and Our Values'.

The Labour Movement has been organising their own series of conversations with various communities to gather their views and thoughts on what they hoped for Singapore in 2030, and the session at MBFC's Foodfare enabled them to reach out to a different demographic including young working adults and PMEs.

About 100 people participated in the Singapore Conversation at Foodfare

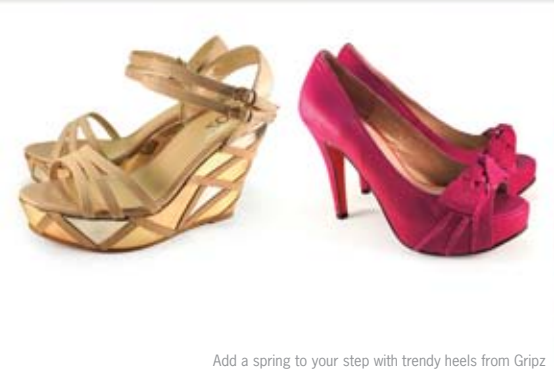
Spring Summer Season at Marina Bay Link Mall

Step into spring and summer with tops and dresses in sunny shades from VEIL and stylish Korean apparel from Miz Apparels. Kick up your heels with the newest collection of trendy footwear from Gripz, armed with gorgeous bags and accessories from ORO. Seek out interesting gifts like vintage-inspired sticky memo pads from Cityluxe or adorable memorabilia from Artists In The Residence. The latest trends and hottest looks of the season are all unveiled at Marina Bay Link Mall!

Adorable memorabilia from Artists In The Residence

Perk up your stationery collection with vintage-inspired sticky memo pads from Cityluxe

ORO's DOLL collection is made using a beautiful pebble-grained cowhide. The semi-structured top handle satchel matches a neutral grey with an electric fuchsia, creating a versatile piece


Add a spring to your step with trendy heels from Gripz

Spice up your wardrobe with bright-hued apparel from VEIL

Stylish Korean fashion for children from Miz Apparels

PLAY

Energise Your Day at Marina Bay

Even the busiest executives will be encouraged to work out in the coming months as Marina Bay comes alive with a host of energising events and activities.

SUNRISE IN THE CITY / FITNESS@WORK

Dates: 8, 14, 22, 29 March 5, 12, 19, 26 April

Venue: The Lawn @ Marina Bay

Website: http://hpb.gov.sg/HOPPortal/programmes-article/HPB044990

Sunrise in the City is a morning workout programme that aims to provide a window of opportunity during the weekday mornings for working adults to energise a day's work with moderate-intensity workouts at the convenience of their workplaces right in the heart of the city.

Workouts are done both indoor and outdoor and include a combination of aerobic and mind-body programmes such as yoga.

EARTH HOUR 2013

Date: 23 March

Venue: The Float

Website: http://earthhour.wwf.sg

Earth Hour is a worldwide event organised by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) that encourages households and businesses to switch off their non-essential lights for one hour, to promote awareness of the need to take action on climate change. RQAM will be participating by switching off non-essential lighting across the Marina Bay Financial Centre and One Raffles Quay building facades and public areas, while ensuring that the safety and security of tenants is not compromised.

JPMORGAN CORPORATE CHALLENGE 2013

Date: 18 April

Venue: Marina Promenade

Website: http://www.jpmorganchasecc.com/events.php?city_id=2

The JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge is an annual 5.6km road footrace owned and operated by JPMorgan, with the aim to promote fitness in the workplace. Starting at Esplanade Bridge and finishing at the F1 Pit Building, the race will see the participation of those from the financial community.

OCBC CYCLE SINGAPORE 2013

Date: 26-28 April

Venue: F1 Race Track/Marina Promenade

Website: http://ocbc.cyclesingapore.com.sg

OCBC Cycle Singapore is a premier mass participation event which saw over 11,000 cyclists participating in the three-day event in 2012. Participants can raise funds and increase awareness of charity causes through various activities at the event.

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