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IHG Hotels & Resorts to unveil premium voco Hotels brand in South East Asia on Singapore's world-famous Orchard.

IHG Hotels & Resorts and long-term partner Hotel

world-famous Orchard Road.

The premium brand was launched in 2018 and has already reached the 50-milestone for signed and opened hotels in more than 20 countries –

known shopping and entertainment district.

IHG vice president, development, Southeast Asia and Korea, Serena Lim said: "We are delighted to grow our partnership with long-term partner

will join other voco properties in Australia and China, with further openings set for Vietnam, Thailand, South Korea, New Zealand and Saipan.

The 423-room hotel will open to guests from January 2022 following a rebranding of what was previously the Hilton Singapore.

HPL Hotels & Resorts Pte Ltd chairman Stephen Lau commented: "We are delighted to expand our trusted partnership with IHG, and we believe voco, will bring renewed interest to the hotel and allow us to transition smoothly through the rebranding process. We look forward to a successful launch of voco in 2022."

The voco Orchard Singapore will be IHG's 12th hotel in Singapore and its seventh brand in the country. It joins Regent, InterContinental, Crowne Plaza, Hotel Indigo, Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express.



Properties Limited (HPL) announced the first voco hotel in Southeast Asia would open in January 2022 on Singapore's

marking IHG's fastest-ever global expansion.

Now, the voco brand is heading for Orchard Rd, Singapore's best-

HPL and expand our brand portfolio in Singapore with the signing of voco, the first in Southeast Asia.

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Singapore Airlines Group pledges to hit net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Singapore Airlines pledged to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 across all of its operations, the airline's CEO announced last week.

Singapore Airlines chief executive officer Goh Choon Phong said: "With today's pledge to achieve net-zero emissions, we... reinforce our commitment to finding ways

apartments in Singapore per year.

Last year it rolled out a new regional economy class meal concept that offers increased food choices for customers. It features tableware comprising sustainable paper packaging and bamboo cutlery, reducing the amount of single-use plastics in the cabin. This packaging weighs 50% less, helping to lower fuel consumption. Everything from the tableware to the food waste will be sent to an eco-digester to be converted to refuse-derived energy pellets to replace fossil fuels and coal.

"Today, the most effective

San Francisco to Singapore that incorporated sustainable aviation fuels, fuel-efficient aircraft and optimised air traffic management measures. In 2020, SIA worked with Stockholm's Swedavia Airport to uplift sustainable aviation fuels on flights departing from the city.

These activities have helped to improve the group's understanding of the logistics and procurement of renewable fuels.

The SIA Group is a participant in the International Civil Aviation Organisation's Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA),



to tackle our impact on the environment."

It will involve all business units, including the parent airline Singapore Airlines, low-cost Scoot and SIA Cargo.

In the statement, the airline confirmed it would invest in new-generation aircraft, achieving higher operational efficiency, adopting low-carbon technology such as sustainable aviation fuels, and sourcing for high-quality carbon offsets.

SIA Group recently completed the installation of solar panels on all of its office buildings in Singapore. The project generates renewable energy that provides up to 18% of its electricity demand, or enough to power around 2,300 four-room



and direct way for an airline to materially lower carbon emissions is by operating a young fleet of aircraft", the airline's CEO argued.

Last year the airline retired 45 older aircraft and will replace them with new-generation aircraft that are up to 30% more fuel-efficient models such as Airbus' A350-900 and A320neo and Boeing's 777-9, 787 Family and 737-8 Max.

In 2017, SIA launched a series of green package flights from

which seeks to cap the industry's growth in carbon emissions from 2020. While offsetting is particularly important in the mid-term, it is also expected to remain relevant in the long run to mitigate residual emissions.

In order to secure high-quality carbon offsets, the group will continue exploring pathways through a partnership that will allow us to source high-quality carbon offsets.

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Malaysia My Second Home alive and well

A surge in interest for Sarawak's Malaysia My Second Home evident at a regional virtual business event organised by STATOS

The Sarawak Trade and Tourism Office Singapore (STATOS) has spearheaded a new marketing push to attract home buyers and long stay visitors to Sarawak.

The strategic partnership between the Ministry of Tourism Arts and Culture of Sarawak (MTAC), Sarawak Housing and Property



social media campaign and through Tourism Malaysia's regional offices reaching out to their database contacts.

In welcoming attendees, Tourism Malaysia senior director, Manoharan Periasami, said: "Malaysia is currently ranked seventh in the World's Best Places to Retire by International Living, and there are five very important elements that contributed to that ranking – language, security, low cost of living, tropical climate and the friendly people."

The Ministry of Tourism Arts and Culture (MTAC) Sarawak is responsible for administering the S-MM2H visa program under which more than 1,300 long-stay visas have been granted to families and retirees in the last 14 years. To date, citizens from the United Kingdom, China, Taiwan, Indonesia and Singapore make up the top five source markets for Sarawak.

MTAC permanent secretary, Hii Chang Kee, who spoke at the event, explained: "Sarawak is currently the only state in Malaysia still accepting applications for the S-MM2H programme and to speed up the approval process we have formed a new 'one-stop-panel' made up of multiple agencies to fast-track approvals within 90 days."

Sam Lion, a Singaporean who originally spent two years in Kuching

on a working visa, explained to the audience that when his family returned to Singapore, they struggled as they missed the relaxed pace of life in Sarawak and kept finding excuses to return.

They were accepted into the S-MM2H program in 2016 and had been moving between their homes in Singapore and Kuching ever since. Sarawak's comparatively low cost of living, education and health care costs were a major drawcard for them.

Lion explained, "In Sarawak, MYR600,000 can secure a spacious home or apartment whereas in Singapore it costs that much for a three-room HDB flat."

Regal International Group chairman Dato Dominic Su represented the Sarawak Housing and Property Developers Association (SHEDA). He pointed out: "SHEDA members can be found throughout Sarawak and are able to assist buyers in finding the right home. Buyers should make sure they also tell their chosen agents what kind of lifestyle they are seeking in order to get the best possible advice on location and property types within their price range."

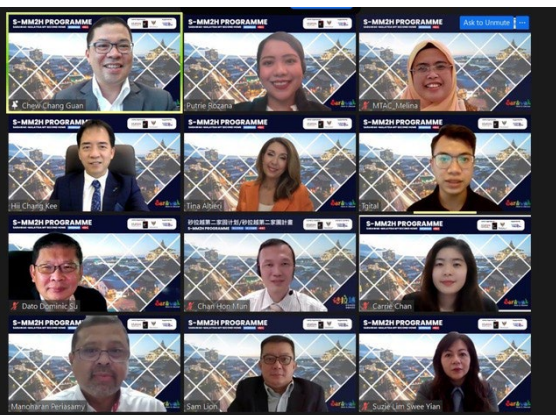
The event attracted many questions from participants about the variety of affordable properties available for buyers looking to purchase or rent a second home.

Developers Association (SHEDA), Tourism Malaysia and STATOS saw the successful staging of the first "Sarawak-Malaysia My Second Home (S-MM2H) Webinar" last week.

The event attracted registrations from 285 potential investors and retirees from across the region, including Singapore, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea and Australia.

Deputy CEO of STATOS, Putrie Rozana, explained: "I believe our campaign message struck a chord with our target market. People everywhere are spending more time at home making it the perfect time to review their lifestyle choices".

The event was promoted throughout Southeast Asia with a





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As Phuket ramps up efforts to ensure safety for travellers and local residents when international borders reopen in July 2021, Centara invites guests to rediscover the tropical wonderland with a free third-night offer with every two nights stay, plus 100% of the room rate back as hotel credit.

Under Thailand's Tourism Sandbox scheme, the kingdom is gearing up to welcome fully vaccinated travellers from around the world for a quarantine-free visit, starting with the tropical island of Phuket on 1 July 2021, when at least 70% of the host province's population has also been inoculated. All eligible Centara staff working in Centara hotels and resorts on Phuket have been fully vaccinated.

Centara Hotels & Resorts is inviting travellers to experience this island getaway with recurring free third night offers, including "Stay 3 Pay 2", "Stay 6 Pay 4", and "Stay 9 Pay 6", complete with 100% of the room rates back as daily hotel credits redeemable for room upgrades, culinary and spa experiences at five distinct resorts.

Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket

Nestled between the white sands of Karon Beach and a lush green hill, Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket is the perfect place to spend time with family and loved ones, relaxing at the beach club and making memories in the resort's own waterpark with a lazy river. The design of the family-friendly resort is evocative of the destination, drawing inspiration from the classic Sino-Portuguese architecture that characterises Phuket Old Town.

Centara Karon Resort Phuket

Along with Centara Grand Beach Resort Phuket, Centara Karon Resort Phuket is also renowned as one of Thailand's best family resorts. The tropical resort is located a few minutes' walk from Karon Beach, one of Phuket's finest beaches known for its white powder-soft sand and turquoise waters. Ideal for families, couples, and solo travellers, the resort has something to offer everyone with a choice of facilities, including three pools with a waterfall and waterslide.

Centara Kata Resort Phuket

Set in a lush tropical environment with easy access to the white sands and clear lapping waters at Kata Beach, Centara Kata Resort Phuket offers all facilities that travellers may require and provides leisure activities that have a strong appeal for families, including family suites, a Kids' Club, three pools with water play area, waterfall and waterslide.

Centara Villas Phuket

Nestled in lush tropical greenery, Centara Villas Phuket is a romantic ocean-facing hideaway made for couples or small groups. Each villa is styled as an intimate oasis nestled within its own tropical gardens, with some offering the choice of either a private pool or Jacuzzi. Spacious terraces offer guests the opportunity to reconnect with their loved ones in absolute privacy and enjoy in-villa dining experiences overlooking the Andaman Sea.

Maikhao Dream Villa Resort & Spa, Centara Boutique Collection

Maikhao Dream Villa Resort & Spa, Centara Boutique Collection is an all-pool-villa resort offering a choice of spacious one- to three-bedroom villas and personalised wellness programmes. The resort is ideal for families and small groups travelling together while enjoying the luxury and privacy of self-contained villas, complete with an outdoor lounge, living room, dining area, and fully equipped kitchen.

Centara's Rediscover Phuket offer can be booked until 24 December 2021 for stays from 1 July - 31 December 2021. For bookings visit www.centarahotelsresorts.com.

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