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HOTEL STRIPES KUALA LUMPUR CELEBRATES ITS OFFICIAL OPENING IN STYLE

YTL HOTELS' SECOND AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION HOTEL IN MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur, 18 February 2017 – 18 February 2017 marked yet another milestone for YTL Hotels as it celebrated the official opening of Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur, Autograph Collection. The much-anticipated opening was officiated by Tan Sri Dato' (Dr) Francis Yeoh, Managing Director of YTL Corporation and Mr Raj Menon, Chief Operating Officer - Asia-Pacific (excluding Greater China), Marriott International. It was a momentous evening as the hotel hosted an exclusive and vibrant street party attended by VIPs, guests from corporate Malaysia, society's top influencers and members of the media.

The auspicious event was launched with a series of speeches followed by the unveiling of the Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur signage by Tan Sri Francis Yeoh and Raj Menon. Guests were treated to a lively lion dance performance and a glorious display of fireworks which lit up the night sky beautifully. Award-winning and multi-hit band Shakatak was flown in all the way from the UK to entertain while guests savoured dinner which featured delectable local neighbourhood creations and international cuisine. The evening included a pivotal moment where ten Neighbourhood Friends were recognised for the unique businesses that they own and operate in the Jalan Kamunting area and for extending a very warm and generous welcome to the hotel. Each Friend was presented with a red brick as a token of the hotel's appreciation for their presence. Jalan Kamunting is one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Kuala Lumpur. YTL Corporation's very first office was built on the piece of land that the hotel stands. With its individualistic characteristics of the neighbourhood where 1940s shophouses and decades-old family-owned business such as Yut Kee and Ah Loke Tailor still stand, it was a choice location to develop Stripes. Back in the day, Jalan Kamunting was a main settlement for tin mining during the colonial era. At the end of the 19th century, most of the neighbourhood's buildings which had been constructed from wood and thatch were replaced with bricks and tiles as stipulated by the British colonial administration. This resulted in the area's distinct eclectic shophouse architecture many with five foot ways, pedestrian walkways unique to the region. The hotel is designed to showcase the local heritage with a touch of modernity whilst complementing the iconic buildings in the vicinity.

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The long-standing and valued relationship YTL Hotels has with Marriott International has played a prominent role in elevating YTL Hotels' global presence in the hospitality industry. The group had recently acquired Threadneedles Hotel in central London, making it their second Autograph Collection hotel in the UK. With 11 Marriott International luxury properties in its portfolio of 30 worldwide and the affiliation with these distinguished brands, there is no doubt that it has complete trust in Marriott International who will take the group to even greater heights in the years to come. YTL Hotels continues to strive to deliver Malaysian hospitality with global standards in each location that they reside. Its brand promise of 'We don't just build properties. We craft inspired experiences.' is demonstrated with passion in all its hotels and resorts in Malaysia and beyond.

The chic and stylish Stripes is the second Autograph Collection hotel in Malaysia – the first being The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, a YTL Classic Hotel. Stripes exudes a distinctive urban vibe and draws inspiration from the history and heartbeat of its local neighbourhood. The hotel offers a different perspective on the local scene mixed with edge and adventure that appeals to travellers seeking opportunities to experience conceptually innovative and unforgettable travel experiences.

184 bespoke guest rooms and suites are a unique blend of contemporary design and urban chic, reflecting the history and character of the neighbourhood. Brasserie 25 the French-style restaurant showcasing flavourful laid back cuisine, exudes a rustic charm with its red brick arcades, mid-century copper sputnik chandeliers and dark wood floors. In the afternoons, it offers Le Goûter, afternoon tea with a French twist. Cosy with stripped-back walls giving it an industrial edge, The Snug is a great pit-stop for a quick caffeine fix to start the day. Man Tao, the rooftop pool bar with a stunning view of KL Tower, is a trendy spot for soothing tunes and evening drinks accompanied by a captivating sunset.

Six meeting studios offer stylish and creative spaces for both business and social events for up to 80 persons. A rooftop pool overlooking Kuala Lumpur's skyline is the prime spot for those looking to cool down on a hot day or just simply relax with a refreshing beverage. The hotel is also equipped with a comprehensive and modern 24-hour gym. For more information, visit www.stripeskl.com.

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About Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur

Located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur on historical Jalan Kamunting, Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur connects guests to the pulse of an urban neighbourhood, right by the city's business hub, with some of the city's greatest local food, art galleries, shops and legendary landmarks. As an Autograph Collection, Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur features a distinctive vibe and character with a different perspective on the local scene mixed with a bit of edgy style and adventure. 184 bespoke guest rooms and suites are a unique blend of contemporary design and urban chic, reflecting the history and character of the neighbourhood. The Snug, an all-day dining restaurant and Brasserie 25, the French-style restaurant provide guests with a cosy and relaxing ambience to enjoy local and international cuisines. Stylish and creative spaces are available for business and social events.

Today, the neighbourhood of Jalan Kamunting includes the reincarnation of The Row, formally known as the Asian Heritage Row. Twenty-two 1940s shophouses feature great restaurants, a dazzling nightlife, cafés, art galleries and creative businesses. A dynamic mix of old and new, this vibrant atmosphere which fuels the city defines Stripes. Visit www.stripeskl.com for more information.

About YTL Hotels

YTL Hotels owns and manages a prestigious collection of award-winning resorts, hotels, boutique experiences and Spa Villages in Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, China, Japan, Australia, France and the UK, including Pangkor Laut Resort, voted the world's best resort in 2003 by Condé Nast Traveller UK. The group also co-owns the Eastern & Oriental Express luxury train.

2014 brought the launch of Kasara, a new brand of luxury accommodation offering bespoke, one-of-a-kind experiences in Niseko Village. The Gainsborough Bath Spa, the group's latest addition, is the only hotel in Bath to be part of the Leading Hotels of the World's collection of legendary hotels and has recently been named one of the Top 10 Hotel Spas in Europe. Set in the heart of Bath, a World Heritage Site, this unique heritage gem exclusively offers the only natural thermal spa within a hotel in the United Kingdom.

With each new experience that it presents, the company strives to embrace and highlight the natural essence of culture, character and tradition of its surroundings. YTL Hotels is the hospitality arm of YTL Corporation Berhad. Visit www.ytlhotels.com for more information.

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About Autograph Collection Hotels

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