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Raising a glass for International Iced Tea Day at Marco Polo Ortigas Manila

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MARCO Polo Hotels' Signature Iced Tea had just arrived as Marco Polo Ortigas Manila celebrated International Iced Tea Day with the unveiling of the Earl Grape Iced Tea, and Manila's largest iced tea.

Held on June 10th in the halls of Marco Polo Ortigas Manila, General Manager Frank Reichenbach kicked off the event with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a surprise: Manila's largest iced tea - a tank filled with Marco Polo Ortigas Manila house blend iced tea which was also opened to the public.

After revealing the largest iced tea came the unveiling of Marco Polo Hotels' Signature Iced Tea, a ridiculously refreshing and utterly delicious Earl Grape Iced Tea presented by Director of Restaurants, Bars, and Events, Mirko De Giorgi. The Earl Grape Iced Tea is a modern take on a traditional recipe that was selected out of all Marco Polo and Niccolo hotels who participated during



the recent Restaurants, Bars, and Events Conference's iced tea competition, whose goal was to determine who could make the most unique and refreshing iced tea concoction.

"The Earl Grey tea was carefully chosen as it perfectly symbolises the connection between the East and the West, being used by the British since the 19th century which was inspired by expensive Chinese teas, a very important connection for our inspiration, the traveller Marco Polo," said Mirko De Giorgi.

The amount of care and detail that goes into creating each Earl Grape Iced Tea drink can only be surpassed by its taste. Cold Earl Grey tea provides the base of the beverage and is poured over seedless green grapes and elderflower-infused ice cubes. The grapes are slightly pressed so the combination of flavours can meld together, completing the thirst-quenching drink hailed by many as the perfect summer refreshment.

Every Earl Grape Iced Tea is presented with a freshly baked lokum or Turkish delight. The sugar-based confection is the perfect accompaniment to the Earl Grape Iced Tea, as it helps to accentuate the various flavours resulting from the beverage.

Enjoy this refreshing beverage in Cucina, Lung Hin, and Vu's Sky Bar and Lounge, as well as through in-room dining at only Php 275.

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Notes to the Editor:

About Marco Polo Ortigas Manila

After two decades, a welcome transformation to the Ortigas skyline is finally unveiled with the opening of the brand new Marco Polo Ortigas Manila.

Nestled in the vibrant and growing commercial business district is the first purpose-built 5-star Marco Polo hotel in the country offering distinguished guests 316 large and well-designed rooms and suites, including two (2) Continental Club floors that accords unrivalled privileges and benefits. Adjudged to be the most beautiful in town and one of the best among Marco Polo hotels in the world, it is exclusive for guests who desire a higher level of luxury on top of our impressive new Continental Club lounge.

The hotel, a product of sophisticated design and well-planned development, is bestowed as the first sky hotel in the country with dedicated floor areas exclusively for business and recreational use. The floors are accessed via high-speed elevators including a wellness hub called Flow which houses a full-service spa, indoor infinity pool and fully-equipped fitness center plus the first sky lobby in the Philippines nestled at the 25th level of the hotel tower offering unparalleled views of the cityscape.

Adding to Manila's best dining destinations are four (4) specialty outlets that your guests can choose from. Cucina, the all-day dining restaurant that features live show kitchens; Lung Hin , the contemporary Chinese restaurant serving traditional and authentic Cantonese cuisine in a new, fresh and modern style; Café Pronto, the relaxed and friendly coffee area offering a wide range of designer coffee, specialty teas and freshly baked items good for dine-in or to go; and VU's, the first of its kind sky bar and lounge located at the topmost 45th floor of the hotel, offers Mediterranean tapas, signature cocktails, wines, sprits, and champagnes amidst awe-inspiring vistas.

For momentous social events and corporate meetings, the Marco Polo Grand Ballroom can accommodate up to 600 guests. In addition, the eight (8) state-of-the-art function rooms can accommodate 250 guests. Complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi internet service is available all throughout the hotel to provide savvy business and leisure travelers a balanced lifestyle of work and play seamlessly.

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About Marco Polo Hotels

A wholly owned subsidiary of The Wharf (Holdings) Ltd, Marco Polo Hotels currently operates 14 owned or managed upscale, full-service hotels throughout Hong Kong, China and the Philippines. Niccolo by Marco Polo was recently added to the group's portfolio as the new luxury collection. In addition to 3 more Niccolo hotels, the group has a Marco Polo hotel currently under development, bringing the group to 18 hotels in total. Marco Polo properties are well-known and established addresses for business and leisure travellers throughout the Asian region, with a proven reputation for exceptional service and an appreciation for their local identity. The brand maintains its long-standing ethos of discovery, creating unique guest experiences and drawing on the key philosophies of its namesake, Marco Polo: an adventurer, a traveller, an entrepreneur and a connoisseur of culture - just as Marco Polo's modern travellers are today.

Further details on Marco Polo Hotels are available at: marcopolohotels.com

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