

# CITY OF DREAMS MANILA HONORED AT THE PH-ASEAN TOURISM STANDARDS AWARDING CEREMONY AND WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS

December 18, 2023 – City of Dreams Manila shines in the regional and international scene as it bagged three accolades that recognize the resort's sustainability program and five-star hospitality and gaming service. The resort's three Forbes-rated hotels Nüwa Manila, Nobu Hotel and Hyatt Regency Manila were each presented with the ASEAN Green Hotel Award at the PH-ASEAN Tourism Standards Awarding Ceremony held in late November. A week later, the integrated resort was honored as the World's Leading Fully Integrated Resort, and World's Leading Casino Resort at the 2023 World Travel Awards (WTA) held in Dubai.

City of Dreams Manila Property President Geoff Andres remarks, "We are honored that our commitment to sustainable operations and five-star hospitality service have been recognized with the ASEAN Green Hotel Awards. Our 2030 goal to be a carbon neutral and zero waste resort exemplifies our company, Melco Resorts and Entertainment's dictum that a sustainable future is a better future. We are also proud of the two distinctive 2023 World Travel Awards, recognizing our professionalism in gaming as an integrated resort."

## **ASEAN Green Hotel Award**

Spearheaded by the Department of Tourism (DOT)'s Office of Tourism Standards and Regulation – Standards Development Division, the PH-ASEAN Tourism Standards Awarding Ceremony puts into spotlight outstanding industry stakeholders and local government units for compliance with ASEAN standards on the categories of sustainability and inclusivity.

Under the auspices of the region's national tourism organizations, the ASEAN Green Hotel Award recognizes hotel industry players whose operations are based on the achievement of sustainable tourism through environment-friendly principles, resource consumption reduction, and local community involvement. The initiative reflects the DOT's enduring commitment to be globally competitive and as part of its National Tourism Development Plan for 2023 to 2028.

Nüwa Manila, Nobu Hotel and Hyatt Regency Manila, all situated in City of Dreams Manila, are recognized for their various environmental and CSR projects geared towards contributing to a more sustainable future and the upliftment of communities they serve. Their collective numerous green initiatives are focused among others, on plastic waste reduction with the replacement of single-use plastics across the property and installing onsite a water filtration and bottling system to divert waste away from landfills; building a sustainable supply chain through local and sustainable sourcing, the colleagues' continuing CSR volunteerism initiatives, and other health and education programs, to name some. City of Dreams is also the first luxury integrated resort in the country to install solar panels.

City of Dreams Manila's Director of Hotel Operations Steve Sasso together with the property's Director of Engineering Lorgel Tabaniera, Director of Rooms Kelly De Guia, Kaizen Site Leader and Head of Sustainability Committee Bernie Matubis received the awards of Nüwa Manila, Nobu Hotel and Hyatt Regency Manila.



#### 2023 World Travel Awards

City of Dreams Manila joins the roster of winners at the 30th Annual World Travel Awards where it was named as the World's Leading Casino Resort (its fourth since 2020), and the World's Leading Fully Integrated Resort. In a related gaming recognition, the resort also prides itself with its Responsible Gaming (RG) practices. It is the first integrated resort in Manila to achieve the RG Check, an accreditation by the Responsible Gambling Council presented to properties in all jurisdictions of Melco Resorts.

Dubbed the Oscars of the travel industry, WTA is a London-based award-giving body established in 1993. It recognizes excellence in travel and tourism on three levels: national, regional, and global awards in gaming in several categories. At the WTA awards ceremony, the Philippines also bagged four major awards, received by the Department of Tourism's Undersecretary Shalimar Hofer Tamano and Assistant Secretary Rica Bueno, reclaiming the win for World's Leading Dive Destination, World's Leading Beach Destination, World's Leading City Destination for Manila, and the Global Tourism Resilience Award. The awards were presented by WTA President and Founder Graham Cooke.

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### About City of Dreams Manila

City of Dreams Manila, which opened in February 2015 is at the gateway to Entertainment City in Parañaque and part of the Aseana City township development.

The resort features: modern gaming spaces including VIP and premium mass gaming facilities Qi Long and Sky Gaming; three Forbes Travel Guide(FTG)-rated luxury hotels: Nüwa Manila (Five-Star since 2018), Nobu Hotel (Four-Star since 2018) and Hyatt Regency Manila City of Dreams (Four-Star since 2017); health and wellness facilities that include Nuwa Spa (FTG Five-Star since 2020) and Nobu Spa; more than 20 restaurants and bars; The Shops at the Boulevard; and distinctive entertainment venues -- DreamPlay, the world's first DreamWorks-themed family entertainment center, and CenterPlay a contemporary entertainment bar at the focal point of the main gaming floor.

FTG also named City of Dreams Manila in 2022, the winner of the Work Here, Work Happy, an accolade which distinguished the resort's "employee love" initiatives at the annual Best of the Year Awards. It also named the resort in 2023, a Finalist in the inaugural 2023 Responsible Hospitality Award for outstanding commitment to sustainable practices at the luxury level, a recognition which amplifies the prestigious ASEAN Green Hotel Award for 2022-2024 earlier presented to the resort's three luxury hotels. The resort is also recognized with RG Check for Responsible Gaming through the accreditation received by Melco for its properties in all its jurisdictions of operations.

For more information, please visit www.cityofdreamsmanila.com.



### About Melco Resorts and Entertainment (Philippines) Corporation

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