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## **GOODWOOD PARK HOTEL COMMEMORATES SINGAPORE'S BICENTENNIAL**

**A tribute to the city's rich multi-ethnic food culture  
From 29 January 2019**

Singapore, January 2019 – The year 1819 marked a significant milestone in Singapore's journey with the arrival of Sir Stamford Raffles. 200 years on, the Singapore Bicentennial is a time to reflect on the island's rich history – not just from 1819, but going as far back as 700 years ago, to understand how Singapore has evolved from a place with a strategic geographical location to a nation with a unique identity.

To commemorate Singapore's bicentennial, Goodwood Park Hotel pays tribute to the city's rich multi-ethnic food culture that reigns supreme in the hearts of both locals and visitors. Walk down memory lane with a thoughtfully curated menu of nostalgic local delights from the early days and the Hotel's signature durian cake adorned with a white chocolate mosaic of imprinted historical scenes of Singapore and the Hotel's illustrious past.

### **Local Hawker Fare of Yesteryear**

#### **Singapore Commemoration Local Degustation Menu**

#### **At Coffee Lounge**

**Available during lunch and dinner**

**\$40++ per person**

**29 January to 30 April 2019**

Sir Stamford Raffles' plan for Singapore as a free port-of-call saw immigrants from around the world travel to the island, and with them came a myriad of exciting and diverse cuisine. Street peddling by hawkers of different races in the 1800s formed a street food heritage that has greatly influenced the local food landscape, shaping the nation's culinary tapestry of today. Many dishes, which have become celebrated Singapore hawker dishes, have evolved over time through the integration of cultures and traditions.

In celebration of Singapore's hawker culture, the Coffee Lounge presents a 5-Course Singapore Commemoration Local Degustation Menu (\$40++ per person) of iconic multicultural hawker delights that have become perennial must-haves at this favoured haunt.



Singapore Commemoration Local Degustation Menu at Coffee Lounge

Prepared with traditional recipes, authentic local dishes on the menu include starters like the **Chicken Satay with Peanut Sauce**, skewers of grilled chicken that were brought over as kebabs by the Arab traders with the burgeoning spice trade, and later adapted to the Asian palate. The **Freshly Tossed Singapore Rojak**, a tropical fruit and vegetable salad dressed with tangy prawn paste teeming with piquant flavours, melds influences by the Malays, Chinese and Indonesians.

Hearty mains satiate with **Hainanese Chicken Rice**, a dish that was created by Chinese settlers from Hainan. Tender poached chicken and fragrant rice are accompanied by an addictive homemade garlic chilli sauce and flavoursome broth. Originated from Laksa Lemak which has Peranakan roots, Coffee Lounge's **Laksa Singapura** brims with a spicy coconut prawn gravy, prawns, fish cake, shredded chicken, fried beancurd and hard-boiled egg. Thick rice noodles are cut into shorter lengths to be eaten the traditional way with a spoon.

Introduced by the Indonesian immigrants, **Bubur Pulut Hitam** is a black glutinous rice porridge enriched with coconut milk, and was back then, a popular choice as a snack or for tea time, supper and breakfast. At the Coffee Lounge, it is served as a comforting dessert to complete the meal.

Exuding charm within the historic Grand Tower wing – a gazetted national monument, the Coffee Lounge is perfect for reminiscing over lunch or dinner with business associates, family or friends.

Guests may call (65) 6730 1746 or email [coffee\\_lounge@goodwoodparkhotel.com](mailto:coffee_lounge@goodwoodparkhotel.com) to make a reservation at Coffee Lounge.

## **A Mosaic of History with Goodwood Park Hotel's Signature Durian Cake**

### **D24 Singapore Commemoration Cake**

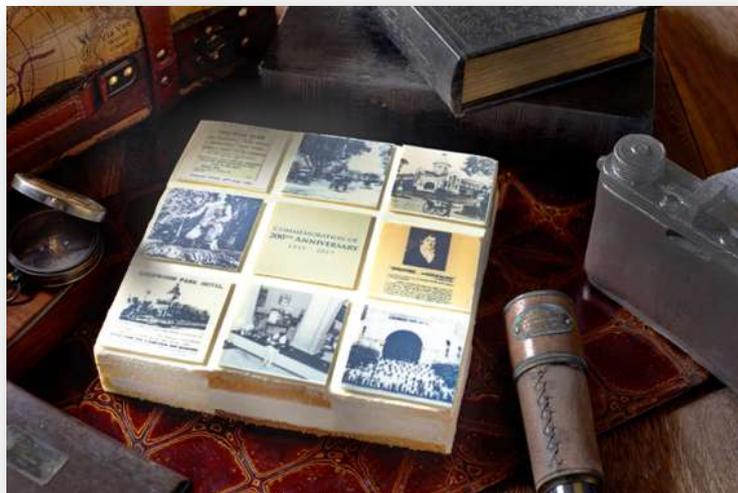
**From The Deli**

**\$88nett, 1kg**

**15 March to 14 July 2019**

A gem of nature, durian is highly sought after in South-East Asia for its creamy fruit and intense flavour that varies in sweet and bitter notes with each variety. Native to the region and integral to the local way of life, durian is often shared and indulged in communally, bringing people together.

Widely enjoyed in Singapore, the 'King of Fruits' made its debut in 1983 at Goodwood Park Hotel with its star creation, the Durian Mousse Cake. The repertoire has since grown over 36 years to a collection of 14 sweets from puffs to ice cream and many other enticing choices; establishing the Hotel as a long-standing institution renowned for elegant durian treats, relished by aficionados of the fruit and the uninitiated.



D24 Singapore Commemoration Cake

To commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the British in Singapore, Goodwood Park Hotel will launch the D24 Singapore Commemoration Cake (\$88nett) on 15 March 2019 in conjunction with the Hotel's annual Durian Fiesta. Featuring four flavours – gula melaka, coffee, pandan and durian mousse, the 1-kilogram cake is adorned with a mosaic of white chocolate squares imprinted with eight historical scenes of Singapore and Goodwood Park Hotel's illustrious past. Limited to only



200 cakes, an advance order of five days is required, subject to availability. *Please refer to the appendix for information on each scene.*

Durian lovers may visit The Deli from 9am to 9pm daily, call (65) 6730 1786, email or send the order form (available at the Hotel or at [www.goodwoodparkhotel.com](http://www.goodwoodparkhotel.com)) to [festive@goodwoodparkhotel.com](mailto:festive@goodwoodparkhotel.com). Takeaway orders can also be placed online at <http://festivepromotions.goodwoodparkhotel.com>.

## Appendix – A Goodwood Heritage

The mosaic of imprinted white chocolate squares that adorns the D24 Singapore Commemoration Cake depicts key moments in time for Singapore and Goodwood Park Hotel’s illustrious past.



From left to right: Sir Stamford Raffles’ Letter, Scotts Road back in 1900s, Advertisement in Straits Times

### Sir Stamford Raffles’ letter citing “Singapore... a child of my own”

An extract from his letter to Princess Charlotte citing the importance of Singapore to him and referring the country as a child of his own.

### Scotts Road back in 1900s

Scotts Road back in the day when rickshaws were one of the key modes of transportation.

### Advertisement in Straits Times, 20<sup>th</sup> July 1907

Goodwood Park Hotel was first opened as the Teutonia Club on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1900, founded by the expatriate German community in Singapore.

As Singapore developed, the German community grew and the membership at the Teutonia Club increased. At the turn of the century, functions of the musical and dramatic nature were commonly held at the club. Records show that in July 1907, a musical farce called “The Rajah of Stengahpour” was presented at the club and an advertisement was placed on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1907 in the Straits Times.



From left to right: Man and Tiger, Advertisement in Straits Times in 1939, Picture of Goodwood Park Hotel Staff with the First Hotel Manager

### Man and tiger

Tigers were often sighted during the mid-18<sup>th</sup> to early 19<sup>th</sup> century in Singapore. They frequently appeared when large areas of Singapore's forests were cleared for roads and plantations. Tiger attacks increased so drastically from the early to the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century that financial rewards were implemented by the government for every tiger killed.

In those early years of Singapore, the Teutonia Clubhouse was opened regularly up to 11 o'clock every night, even though it was not safe to stroll through Scotts Road after dark for fear of the odd tiger.

### Advertisement in Straits Times in 1939

In April 1929, the Manasseh brothers took their development of the Goodwood property to its natural culmination, fully converting the premises into a hotel named Goodwood Park Hotel. This was to prove profitable in the years to come, with the rooms eventually to be billed at a rate of S\$3,000 a day for the most opulent suite in South-East Asia. In 1936, though, the room rates were somewhat more modest, beginning at St\$6 a day. Singles and doubles came with attached bathrooms and hotel representatives met all steamers and mail trains to escort guests to the Goodwood Park. The hotel stood on 11 acres of grounds, with private suites, 30 lock-up garages, 14 tennis courts and riding facilities.

### Picture of Goodwood Park Hotel Staff with the first Hotel Manager, Mr Walter Ingold

Goodwood Park Hotel was returned to its rightful owners after the World War II. The Hotel was incorporated as a public-listed company on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1947, and was opened for business

six weeks later, led by their first Hotel Manager, Mr Walter Ingold, a Swiss. The hotel was run by an all-male staff, except for one lady housekeeper.



From left to right: Pre-Renovated Hotel Reception Foyer, Teutonia Club in 1900

### **A look back at the pre-renovated hotel reception foyer, circa 1960**

Hotel Manager, Mr Lawrence Dunn, from the United Kingdom, presided over two phases of extensions within the hotel that took Goodwood Park into the next few decades. The hotel was establishing its own style and reputation that competed well with the host of hotels, which sprang up around the Orchard Road area catering to the rising number of tourists.

### **Teutonia Club in 1900**

On 21<sup>st</sup> September 1980, a grand celebration was held for the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of the tower block. Amongst a line-up of activities, a 50-kilogram cake in the shape of the tower wing was exhibited and awed at by many. The cake was later cut up by guest of honour, Mrs Goh Keng Swee, wife of then First Deputy Prime Minister, and distributed to various charity homes. The hotel also commissioned Royal Doulton of England to manufacture a special commemorative plate for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with a gold rim framing a 1900 picture of the Teutonia Club. The plate was made available to guests at a nominal price of S\$12.

**Singapore's Bicentennial Commemoration 2019**  
*Singapore Commemoration Local Degustation Menu*  
*At Coffee Lounge*  
*29 January to 30 April 2019*

Chicken Satay with Peanut Sauce 鸡肉沙爹  
*Served with Onions, Cucumbers & Ketupat*

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Freshly Tossed Singapore Rojak 新加坡式罗惹  
*Sweet Turnip, Pineapple, Cucumber, "Tau Pok", Fried Dough Fritters, Kang Kong,  
Bean Sprouts and Peanut in Tangy Black Prawn Paste*

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Hainanese Chicken Rice 海南鸡饭  
*Tender Boneless Chicken with Fragrant Rice served with Chicken Broth*

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Laksa Singapura 新加坡式叻沙  
*Rice Noodles with Prawns, Bean Sprouts, "Tau Pok", Fish Cakes,  
Shredded Chicken and Egg in Spicy Coconut Prawn Gravy*

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Bubur Pulut Hitam 椰奶黑糯米  
*Black Glutinous Rice Dessert*

**5 courses at \$40++ per person inclusive of coffee or tea**  
**Available during lunch and dinner**

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**Summary**

An icon on Scotts Road, Goodwood Park Hotel is housed in a uniquely designed building that dates back to 1900. A distinguished institution in hospitality circles, the hotel is one of the most reputable pioneers of the tourism industry. Much of her original beauty has been faithfully restored and her majestic air artfully accentuated with fluted columns, delicate woodworks, decorative plasterwork and graceful archways. Through the years, she has gained recognition for her exquisite elegance, legendary charm and tradition of excellence, with her Grand Tower gazetted a national monument in 1989. The Hotel has five distinctive restaurants, each providing an exquisite dining experience, along with a deli, a bar, two outdoor swimming pools and a fitness centre.

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**Summary**

Since 1977, Coffee Lounge has been a favoured haunt of Singaporeans and tourists, who enjoy its authentic local fare and international favourites. Housed in the prominent Grand Tower wing of the hotel which was gazetted a national monument in 1989, it was revamped in 2007 and now welcomes guests to classic and contemporary surroundings with the same stellar cuisine and service that have garnered many fans over the years. Perennial favourites like the local high tea buffet and Taiwan Porridge remain. The local degustation menus were also introduced then and quickly became popular with many locals and foreigners alike.

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