

## Media Release

### Sentosa embarks on next stage of growth with redevelopment of Merlion Gateway and Imbiah precincts

- *Merlion Gateway revamp to strengthen connectivity and guest experience along Sentosa's north-south axis*
- *New adventure attraction on Imbiah Hill to offer more thrills to fun-seekers*
- *Rejuvenation of existing attractions - Skyline Luge Sentosa & Sentosa Merlion - near completion*
- *Long-term plans in the works*

**Singapore, 13 June 2017** – More fun and strengthened connectivity is in store for guests at Sentosa - *The State of Fun* - with the rejuvenation of the island's Merlion Gateway and Imbiah precincts underway. The upcoming highlights include the redevelopment of Sentosa's key north-south axis, a new adventure attraction on Imbiah Hill, and the rejuvenation of existing attractions such as the *Skyline Luge Sentosa* and *Sentosa Merlion*. The projects are part of Sentosa Development Corporation's (SDC) continuous efforts to enhance guest experiences through the rejuvenation of offerings and upgrading of infrastructure.

#### Merlion Gateway Precinct

The Merlion Gateway Precinct encompasses the main pedestrian thoroughfare that connects guests between various transport nodes and attractions in *The State of Fun*, starting from *Resorts World Sentosa (RWS)*, past the Merlion Plaza and onto Sentosa's beaches. Spanning some 12 hectares, it is also the pedestrian link between key transport nodes including the Merlion Cableway Station, Imbiah and Beach Sentosa Express Stations as well as Beach Carpark & Coach Terminal, from where guests can access other parts of Sentosa. At present, guests can stroll through this north-south spine via an overhead bridge.

As part of plans to strengthen connectivity and guest experience, SDC has embarked on the revamp and called for an Expression of Interest for the redevelopment of the Merlion Gateway Precinct, through which an architect-led multi-disciplinary consultancy team will be appointed later this year to prepare a comprehensive design development plan to develop the requirements of the redevelopment. A separate tender will be called for the construction works.

As the redevelopment will take place in a high-traffic area, it will be conducted in phases to minimise inconveniences. When completed by 2021, the redeveloped Merlion Gateway Precinct will offer a brand new guest experience through more intuitive wayfinding, universal design, and wider vistas with refreshed design elements that are unique, fun and interactive. With an elevated walkway and greater pedestrian capacity, highlights of the redeveloped thoroughfare are expected to include features to engage visitors such as photo points and break-out spaces, aerial views of the beaches, and spots where guests can have fun with water as well as participate in programmes and events.

“The redevelopment of the Merlion Gateway Precinct is a key near-term project that will pave the way for Sentosa’s next phase of growth. It forms an integral part of our constant efforts to enhance guest experience through improving accessibility and strengthening connectivity, amongst our various initiatives to rejuvenate Sentosa’s offerings to sustain our appeal to locals and tourists,” said Mr. Quek Swee Kuan, CEO of SDC.

### **New adventure attraction**

In tandem with the redevelopment of the Merlion Gateway Precinct, plans are also underway to refresh Imbiah’s offerings with a new adventure attraction set within Imbiah Hill’s natural environment.

SDC has launched a tender for proposals on an approximately one-hectare site between Imbiah Lookout and Siloso Beach. Situated on a slope, the attraction will be able to leverage the site’s gradient to provide an entertaining and interactive experience, giving thrill-seekers, youths and families another activity to look forward to in *The State of Fun*. More details will be available at a later stage, after the evaluation of tender proposals.

“Sentosa has come a long way since 1972. As we work to bring even more fun to our guests, we are excited by the upcoming developments which will play a key role in ensuring that we sustain our position as the choice leisure and lifestyle treat for both locals and tourists in the years to come,” said Mr. Quek.

He added: “For Sentosa’s longer-term development, we have also sought the interest of international and local urban planners, architects, and their allied consultants in working with us to develop Sentosa’s 2030 Masterplan. Through this effort, we aim to further strengthen our position as a world-class leisure destination by enhancing the attractiveness of our various offerings and transport connectivity, while ensuring the efficient use of land, environmental sustainability, and protection of our popular beaches.”

### **Other upcoming developments**

In other developments in and around the Imbiah precinct, Southeast Asia’s first-ever Luge, *Skyline Luge Sentosa*, is set to launch two new tracks later this year, offering guests more thrills. These new tracks are in addition to the hairpin corners, long straights and exciting slopes on the existing 628m-long Jungle trail and 688m-long Dragon trail. Guests can also look forward to enhanced experiences at the iconic 37-metre-tall *Sentosa Merlion*, after the completion of its revamp later this year. On Siloso Beach, a multitude of adrenaline-pumping activities from bungy jumping to the world’s first duo giant swings and commercial vertical skywalk will literally bring fun to new heights, with the targeted opening of *AJ Hackett Sentosa* in August.

For more information on Sentosa’s various offerings, visit [www.sentosa.com.sg](http://www.sentosa.com.sg).

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### **About Sentosa**

Sentosa is Asia’s leading leisure destination and Singapore’s premier island resort getaway, located within 15 minutes from the central business and shopping districts. The island resort is managed by Sentosa Development Corporation, which works with various stakeholders in overseeing property investments, attractions development, and operation of the various leisure offerings and management of the residential precinct on the island.

The 500-hectare island resort is home to an exciting array of themed attractions, award-winning spa retreats, lush rainforests, golden sandy beaches, resort accommodations, world-renowned golf courses, a deep-water yachting marina and luxurious residences – making Sentosa a vibrant island resort for business and leisure. Making Sentosa its home, too, is Singapore’s first integrated resort, Resorts World Sentosa, which operates South East Asia’s first Universal Studios theme park.

Situated on the eastern end of Sentosa Island is Sentosa Cove, an exclusive oceanfront and residential enclave bustling with some 2,000 homes, romantic quayside restaurants, retail and specialty shops. The Island is also proud to be home to Sentosa Golf Club and its two acclaimed golf courses, The Serapong and The Tanjong. Sentosa Golf Club hosts the SMBC Singapore Open and the HSBC Women’s Champions, featuring some of the world’s best golf professionals.

Welcoming a growing number of local and international guests every year, Sentosa is an integral part of Singapore’s goal to be a global destination to work, live and play. For more information, please visit: [www.sentosa.com.sg](http://www.sentosa.com.sg).

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