

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Sentosa launches accommodation on Lazarus Island for the first time with low-carbon “tiny houses”**



*The launch of Tiny Away Escape @ Lazarus Island, five compact ecotourism accommodation units, is the first of a series of new initiatives on Lazarus Island*

A short 15-minute boat ride from the Sentosa Jetty@Cove, new accommodation, amenities and leisure activities will soon be available at the Southern Islands for guests to discover, in phases from April 2023. With Sentosa as a gateway to the wider cluster of Southern Islands, Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) will commence sustainable, “light-touch” activations, which aim to encourage guests to discover, form new connections and strengthen existing ones, against the backdrop of tranquil surroundings and rustic island charm.

Launching its debut in Singapore, Tiny Away Escape @ Lazarus Island will be operated by Big Tiny, the first Singaporean company to integrate the concept of “tiny houses” with ecotourism. Big Tiny reinvents tourism accommodation and challenges guests to re-think their consumption patterns through units which are compact yet retain their functionality. Guests will have access to almost 128 hectares of natural landscapes to explore on the connected islands of Seringat, Lazarus, St John’s and Kias.

## Going small on consumption

The five units will be the first accommodation built on Lazarus Island for short term stay. Measuring between 150sqft and 170sqft, the accommodation will be equipped to function in line with sustainable practices to reduce holidaymakers' carbon footprint:

- **Solar energy as the main source of power**, supported by the grid as a source of back-up for contingency. Energy-efficient electrical appliances are also installed to reduce the overall power usage.
- **High tech food waste recycling systems** in partnership with local start-up Westcom Bio-Tech Pte Ltd to test innovative ways to reduce and recycle food waste from guests.
- **Sustainable composite building materials** which are durable and produced from recycled plastic and wood fibre. At the end of their eventual lifespan, they can be repurposed into composite cladding for the construction of new "tiny houses".
- **Biodegradable shampoo and body wash** will be provided complimentary to guests.

## Innovative solutioning through public-private partnerships

Big Tiny's innovative solution was recognised in Enterprise Singapore's Sustainability Open Innovation Challenge 2021, and had also won support from the Ministry of Trade and Industry's Pro-Enterprise Panel (PEP) under the First Mover Framework (FMF) for public-private collaborations. FMF provides entrepreneurs with innovative ideas a head-start through a direct allocation of public assets, typically land or spaces to testbed ideas. The PEP had facilitated the collaboration between SDC and Big Tiny for a testbed at Lazarus Island.

Ms Thien Kwee Eng, Chief Executive Officer, SDC, said, "For the first time, we are extending the Sentosa getaway for guests through short term stays on Lazarus Island where they can discover a new experience in the idyllic Southern Islands. Aligned with SDC's sustainability goals, these unique accommodation units have utilised innovative, sustainable solutions and technologies to allow guests to lower their carbon footprint."

Other new amenities and activities, which include a convenience store, overnight glamping experiences and non-motorised water activities, will be launched in phases around June 2023. Currently available are bicycle rentals and the Glasshouse, an air-conditioned multi-purpose space which boasts stunning views, providing a unique "out of the boardroom" green MICE experience.

High-res images can be downloaded [here](#).

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## **About Sentosa**

Sentosa, where discovery never ends, 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. Sentosa is also home to Singapore's first integrated resort, Resorts World Sentosa, which operates Southeast Asia's first Universal Studios theme park.

Situated on the eastern end of Sentosa Island is Sentosa Cove, an exclusive waterfront residential enclave bustling with more than 2,000 homes, 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 has hosted a number of high-profile professional and amateur tournaments, including the Singapore Open and HSBC Women's World Championship, welcoming international star players and world-class golf professionals from across the world.

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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## **About Sentosa Development Corporation**

Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) was established on 1 September 1972 as a Statutory Board under the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Its charter since inception has been to oversee the development, management, marketing, and promotion of the island of Sentosa as a resort destination for locals and tourists.

SDC wholly owns its subsidiaries Sentosa Cove Resort Management Pte Ltd and Sentosa Golf Club Pte Ltd. SDC also owns the Singapore Cable Car Sky Network, managed by Mount Faber Leisure Group Pte Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary which operates as an autonomous commercial arm.

As a testament to its commitment to sustainability, SDC has been conferred the Global Sustainable Tourism Council – For Destinations (GSTC-D) certificate, making Sentosa the first island destination in Asia to receive this accolade.

## ANNEX

### About Big Tiny

Founded in March 2017, Big Tiny is the first company in Singapore to integrate the concept of “tiny houses” with eco-tourism. “Tiny houses” are part of an international trend of simplifying lives by reducing the size, and therefore the resource consumption, of homes without sacrificing quality of life.

Big Tiny takes this one step further by placing its beautifully designed compact homes on wheels in spectacular rural settings – amplifying the benefits of the “tiny house” movement by pairing the advantages of a thoughtfully efficient abode with the recharging potential of an intimate connection with Mother Nature.

The brainchild of three Singaporean entrepreneurs - Mr Adrian Chia, Mr Dave Ng and Mr Jeff Yeo, Big Tiny stems from a desire to offer the city dweller a chance to experience the perfect escape from a hectic, digitally-laden lifestyle; and enable anyone and everyone to have a part in this new way of living.

Since its founding, Big Tiny has served 622 clients, with 21,623 bookings across 209 “tiny houses” in 8 countries.

### *Tiny House in Towrang, New South Wales, Australia*



### *Tiny House in Arezzo, Tuscany, Italy*

