

**ANNEX**

**COMMEMORATIVE ELEMENTS OF GARDENS BY THE BAY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY**



***Dendrobium* Gardens by the Bay 10th Anniversary**

*(Dendrobium Milo x Dendrobium racieanum)*

*Dendrobium* Gardens by the Bay 10th Anniversary, a special commemorative orchid, was bred by Gardens by the Bay's Research and Horticulture Department, under the Gardens orchid hybridisation programme. The programme, which began in 2015, specialises in hybrids that can thrive in both warm and cool conditions. *Dendrobium* Gardens by the Bay 10th Anniversary will be showcased at

Mediterranean Garden in Flower Dome, alongside other orchid hybrids bred by the Gardens.

The orchid is of fine pedigree, drawing upon the best of Singapore's orchid history through its parent, *Dendrobium* Milo, a hybrid created by famous local orchid breeder Mr Syed Yusof Alsagoff. It contains in its lineage well-known species of the antelope-type *Dendrobiums*, famed for their intricately twisted petals that add a touch of exquisiteness to the small but numerous flowers. The hybrid also represents the best of Gardens by the Bay – a beautiful composition of substance and style, it exhibits excellent vigour and exquisite flowers that are mangosteen-purple in colour, associated with the colours of the Gardens' brand.

Elegance in the flowers is further accentuated by the alluring twists in the petals and sepals, while the flowering is prolific and long-lasting, under both warm and cool conditions. The inflorescence comprises 12 to 14 flowers beautifully arranged in a spiraling symmetry along the peduncle – a beauty in nature's perfection. These hybrid qualities are timeless and they symbolise the Gardens' continuous pursuit of excellence.

Orchids have been synonymous with Gardens by the Bay since its conceptualisation. Since then, Gardens by the Bay has continued to bring the world of plants to Singapore, including showcasing a vast collection of orchids from all over the world.

This collection provides the potential for novel genetics to be harnessed in orchid breeding. With the focus of Gardens by the Bay's orchid hybridisation programme being in pioneering new breeding lines from crosses between warm and cool growing orchids, offspring are adapted to grow and flower in both the cooled conservatories as well as the outdoor gardens. Not being limited to their niche climatic conditions is an approach that was novel to Singapore's local breeding efforts.

Through this approach, it is possible to expand the genetic pool from which desirable plant and floral traits could be bred. This approach reflects the innovative spirit of Gardens by the Bay over the past 10 years.



### **Perpetual Blooms sculpture**

An art piece by Cultural Medallion recipient Ms Han Sai Por, this collection of 12 stainless steel sculptures symbolises the state of perpetual bloom of flowers at Gardens by the Bay. Standing elegantly over water, at heights between 1.5m and 3m tall, the highly polished stainless steel of each piece reflects the soothing colours of the sky and the verdant surroundings of Serene Garden, where it stands. The changing colours of nature, are in turn, a reflection of life and vibrancy. Among the blooms are two dragonflies that portray the

harmony of flora and fauna found in the Gardens. Beyond the dragonfly being the logo of Gardens by the Bay, dragonflies are indicators of clean water in a healthy ecosystem, signifying the sustainable foundations of the Gardens.

The sculpture was gifted by Mr Tan Aik Hock to Gardens by the Bay on the occasion of its 10th anniversary.

## **CELEBRATORY EVENTS FOR THE PUBLIC**



### **Seasons of Bloom floral display**

The finale floral display marking Gardens by the Bay's tenth anniversary pays tribute to the various seasons of flowers that Flower Dome has brought to visitors over the past decade. Snapdragons for spring, delphiniums for summer, zinnias for autumn and cyclamens for winter – these are just some of the colourful blooms visitors can look forward to.

In a nod to the year-end season, all things Yuletide-themed take centre stage in the middle of the flower field. Towering over a landscape of snow is a dramatic Christmas tree made out of poinsettias, and an ice cavern houses beautiful seasonal blooms poignantly "frozen" in icicles – a unique collaboration with Ikebana International Singapore. In a season that is about giving, 10,000 Christmas ornaments used in the floral display have been handpainted by beneficiaries from The Salvation Army, It's Raining Raincoats, Migrants x Me and Gardens by the Bay's volunteers. Gardens by the Bay also continues its Christmas tradition of collaborating with the Embassies of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Seasons of Bloom is supported by Bloomberg, who have played a significant role in helping Gardens by the Bay bring back a calendar year of full-scale floral displays on the occasion of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



As part of Seasons of Bloom, there will also be a Nordic Day with Nordic-themed activities including a meet-and-greet with Finnish Santa, as well as a series of Christmas programmes. Visit [www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/whatson](http://www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/whatson) for more details.

**Date:** Thursday, 10 Nov 2022 to Monday, 2 Jan 2023

**Time:** 9am to 9pm

**Venue:** Flower Dome. Admission charges apply.

### **The largest Planters Market in Singapore**

The Waterview Room of Gardens by the Bay will be transformed this weekend into the largest Planters Market in Singapore, bringing together a community of growers, hobbyists and nurseries to spread the joy of gardening. A diverse range of plants awaits plant enthusiasts, including orchids, ferns, hoyas, caladiums, bromeliads, philodendrons, anthuriums and more! There will also be the sale of gardening supplies, substrates and media, grow lights, handcrafted artisan ceramic ware, and terrariums.

**Date:** Saturday, 12 Nov 2022 to Sunday, 13 Nov 2022

**Time:** 10am to 5pm

**Venue:** Waterview Room (entrance is next to Flower Dome). Free admission.

### **Complimentary flowers**

Over this weekend, the public can collect complimentary flowers from selected locations at Gardens by the Bay, on a first come first served basis. Each person is limited to one stalk.

**Date:** Friday, 11 Nov 2022 and Sunday, 13 Nov 2022

**Time:** From 9am, while stocks last

**Venue:** Gardens by the Bay MRT station, Bayfront Plaza information counter and inside Flower Dome

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*Avatar: The Experience*

### **Extended opening hours for Cloud Forest every Friday and Saturday**

Beginning Nov 11, the opening hours of Cloud Forest will be extended from 9pm to 10pm every Friday and Saturday. In the last two weeks of December, opening hours on Friday and Saturday will be further extended to 11pm.

This will enable more visitors to enjoy the ongoing Avatar: The Experience, especially during the peak end-year school holiday period. Avatar: The Experience invites guests to connect with the alien world of Pandora, its

bioluminescent environments, mystical creatures, flora, and the captivating culture of its indigenous people, the Na'vi.

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**Venue:** Cloud Forest. Admission charges apply.

### INITIATIVES FOR THE COMMUNITY



#### Nature and Sustainability tours

Come December, Singaporeans and local residents can look forward to free Nature and Sustainability tours every weekend, which is made possible through a generous \$300,000 contribution from Keppel Corporation through its philanthropic arm, Keppel Care Foundation.

This is part of Gardens by the Bay's objective to nurture a culture of sustainability in the community.

Using the Gardens as a working model of sustainability and conservation, the hour-long tours helmed by professional guides will kick off with the themes of Urban Wetlands and Carbon and Climate in the first year.

The Nature and Sustainability tours will be expanded across three years to encompass five different routes with its own theme. The additional three themes are Biodiversity and Ecosystems, Energy and Water, and Seeds and Senses. Over the three years, the tours are expected to reach more than 28,000 visitors in total.

More details are available at [www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/sustainabilitytours](http://www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/sustainabilitytours).

#### Friends of the Gardens membership for the needy

In line with its objective as a People's Garden, Gardens by the Bay will also launch a new initiative for the less privileged. Working with the Ministry of Social and Family Development, the Gardens will distribute complimentary annual Friends of the Gardens family membership gift cards to needy families living in rental flats. This will allow more people in the community to enjoy the changing floral displays in Flower Dome with their loved ones.

The initiative will roll out in January next year under the ComLink programme, which is a platform for the government, people and private sectors to provide support for families living in rental flats.