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China's retail scene goes high-end

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The retail guru's latest concept store in Berlin

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Maison Martin Margiela goes into hospitality

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Archi Feast

ArchiFest '11 takes to the stage again with yet another exciting slew of talks and events that revolve around the theme "Common Spaces". ArchiTours is back with visits to places like 158 Cecil Street for its elaborate green wall and Eco House for its innovative response to sustainable living in the tropics,

among others. In addition,

this year's Forum

speakers will include

Kai-Uwe Bergman

of Bjarke Ingels

Group and Sir Peter

Cook of Crab Studio.

ArchiFest '11 will run

from 3 to 28 October 2011.

archifest.sg



Contemporary Confrontations

Art Plural Gallery has a reputation for its discerning collection of modern and contemporary art and design. Its latest offering, Regards Croisés, "pays homage to contemporary artists whose works confront one another to create a narrative through issues of globalisation, industrialisation, consumerism, environment, identity and individuality," according to Frédéric de Senarclens, CEO of Art Plural Gallery. Regards Croisés runs from 7 October to 10 December 2011.

artpluralgallery.com



FIFTEEN FOR 10

Equinox Complex at Swissôtel The Stamford celebrates its 10th anniversary this year with the return of its annual Chefs with Altitude gourmet festival. This time, it collaborates with Fifteen restaurant in London developed by Jamie Oliver. Head Pastry Chef Dean McClumpha together with Executive Head Chef Andrew Parkinson, Senior Sous Chef Trevor Howard and Restaurant Manager Robin Soutar will present their signature Fifteen menu at Equinox Restaurant from 23 to 30 October 2011.

swissotel.com



DREAM VILLA

Maya (meaning "illusion" or "dream" in Sanskrit) is a five-suite villa restoration of a Sri Lankan Manor House dating from the late 19th and early 20th century. Situated in the rural village of Aranwella and just 8km from Tangalle in the island's lush southern interior, Maya is a gem set amidst a rich landscape of tropical gardens and paddy fields. It is perfect for those weary of over-commercialised resorts and in search of something a little more authentic.

mayatangallesrilanka.com

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ART FOR ALL

Vue Privée presents Democratising China, an exhibition that brings together limited edition artworks by four leading Chinese contemporary artists. Feng Zhengjie, Guo Wei, Huang Yan and Yang Qian collectively present a rich and diverse mixture of aesthetic styles. Yet, in their diversity, there is a common effort to reflect their creative vision of China in the 21st century. The exhibition will be held at the [vp] gallery from 3 to 20 November 2011.

vueprivee.com

BARRY FOR BAKER

The grand dame of all that is elegant and tasteful, Barbara Barry, has collaborated with home furnishings brand Baker for a series of furniture including sofas, armchairs, sideboards and more. In signature soft, pastel tones, the colour palette for this inaugural collaboration was inspired by John Singer Sargent's watercolours of Venice. The Barbara Barry for Baker collection is available at Proof Living.

proof.com.sg



GET AWAY

Le Méridien Koh Samui Resort & Spa opens its doors to guests with its unique blend of Thai hospitality, stylish amenities and stunning views. The resort is located along the exclusive Lamai Beach away from the busy Chaweng area. It features 77 luxurious suites and villas designed in the image of a traditional Asian seaside village. There is also a 224m floating dock that leads to a unique ocean pool.

starwoodhotels.com

Light Up

Celebrating the nation's birthday with heart was Philips as 29 of the lighting company's employees volunteered their Saturday to install new light bulbs in 60 needy households, consisting mainly of seniors who live independently in one-room rented flats in the Bendemeer estate. Since 2007, Philips has sponsored 27,800 light bulbs to more than 4,800 low-income households, and continues to champion the switch to energy efficient lighting.

philips.com.sg



Discovery CENTRE

German home appliance brand Miele reveals the Miele Innovation Centre at At-Sunrice GlobalChef Academy. Replete with appliances from the brand's very own range of premium appliances, the centre was set up to provide chefs in Asia with a platform to experiment and innovate. For example, they have already found that by combining dry heat and a low percentage of steam in the Miele combi steam oven, frozen bread can be regenerated to its just-baked freshness. We're expecting more of such discoveries to come out of the centre.

miele.com.sg