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Changi Airport unveils revamped T3 Central Piazza and new Louis Vuitton duplex store

Singapore – Passengers at Changi Airport Terminal 3's Transit Hall are now greeted to the refurbished Central Piazza, featuring the airport's latest feature garden made up of elegant glass dandelion sculptures – the Crystal Garden.

The Crystal Garden is brought to life by tiered garden beds incorporating a curated selection of flowering plants and 12 spheres of artisan dandelion glass sculptures in varying sizes. Inspired by the flora and fauna of the other gardens in Changi Airport, the glass sculptures glow with luminance, creating the illusion that they are floating on pools of water or swaying in a breeze – these offer passengers a captivating and unforgettable experience amidst a garden of lights.

Prominently nestled in the heart of the Central Piazza behind the Crystal Garden is the brand new Louis Vuitton store which opened its doors on 15 December 2017. As the luxury brand's first duplex airport store in the world, it is a travel destination itself with its unique architectural elements. Joining the ranks of The Shilla Duty Free's Cosmetics & Perfumes duplex and the DFS Wines & Spirits duplex at the Central Piazza, Louis Vuitton's arrival at Changi Airport completes the trio of duplexes at T3's Central Transit Hall, lifting passengers' retail experience another notch up. A linkway at the mezzanine level above the Crystal Garden connects all the duplex stores and offers passengers the luxury of browsing seamlessly across the three retail spaces.

Specially conceptualised for the Central Piazza, the Crystal Garden is the seventh feature garden at Changi Airport. It comprises 1,735 Bohemian glass components hand blown with different finishes, giving the sculpture richness and texture. Embracing



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the philosophy that nature soothes, the Crystal Garden gently integrates nature into the Central Piazza, presenting travellers with an interesting juxtaposition of poetic calm amidst a burst of colour and activity. The seeds of the dandelions floating across the Crystal Garden represent passengers on their onward journeys, spreading out to different corners of the world, as seeds would travel.

Behind the Louis Vuitton duplex store, the Central Piazza also offers a new open lounge with plush seating and soft lighting, a dedicated working area and individual charging points, all carefully designed to enhance the T3 experience for all travellers.

ARDEX & QUICSEAL hold grand opening of Johor Bahru plant

Singapore – ARDEX & QUICSEAL held a grand opening ceremony for their new manufacturing plant in Johor Bahru, Malaysia on 9 February 2018. This manufacturing plant in Johor Bahru is a joint investment between the ARDEX Group and QUICSEAL Construction Chemicals Pte Ltd.

Guest of Honour Encik Md Eharay Abd Majid – Vice President, Economics & Investment of Iskandar Regional Development Authority graced the grand opening of the plant. Invited guests at the opening included ARDEX Group's CEO – Mr Mark Eslamlooy, Group CFO – Mr Uwe Stockhausen, Director of QUICSEAL Construction Chemicals – Mr Jimmy Lim, and close business partners (suppliers, local and overseas customers and distributors).

At the beginning of 2012, ARDEX acquired a majority stake in QUICSEAL Construction Chemicals in Singapore. QUICSEAL Construction Chemicals is a leading manufacturer of specialty construction products for waterproofing, tiling, concrete repairing and joint sealing needs.



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