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MARCO POLO PLAZA CEBU

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Deluxe Class Hotel Accreditation

In 2008, barely three years in operation, the Marco Polo Plaza Cebu achieved a major milestone with its Deluxe Class Hotel accreditation granted by the Philippine Department of Tourism Region VII, after having complied with or exceeded the requirements prescribed for a five-star city hotel.

This seal of excellence recognizes Marco Polo Plaza's exceptional degree of service and hospitality; international standard accommodation; most complete facilities and amenities including ample banquet space, a coffee shop, two specialty restaurants, entertainment lounge, fitness gym, swimming pool, spa, beauty salon, ATM and complimentary shuttle service to the business district and shopping malls. The entire property displays an original design, elegant decor and meticulous grounds.

Five-Star Amenities

Dubbed as Cebu City's finest, the hotel has 329 well-appointed guest rooms including 20 suites with spacious bathrooms, fine amenities, and modern features. Room facilities include cable television, voicemail and IDD phones, 32-inch LCD TV, private hot and cold shower, inroom safe, coffee and tea-making facilities, mini-bar and 24-hour room service. Guests are also assured of 24-hour security and safety measures with the hotel's strategically-placed cameras, regular patrols and fire drills.

The Lounge on the penthouse, besides featuring a panoramic view of Cebu City and beyond, offers complimentary breakfast, all-day snacks, happy hour cocktails and wi-fi connection.

For private functions, meetings, and events, 12 function rooms, a Grand Ballroom, and a Grand Balcony, provide the perfect venue for any occasion from 12 to 1,000 persons.

Marco Polo Plaza Cebu provides lifestyle dining and lounging experience in any of its four distinct food and beverage outlets. The famous and award-winning Café Marco buffet restaurant features show kitchens serving a wide variety of Asian, Western, and local cuisine. Blu Bar & Grill offers a one-of-a-kind view and Continental cuisine from the rooftop 1,000 feet high. Hai Shin Lou offers authentic Cantonese cuisine with private rooms for family gatherings and intimate celebrations. Other restaurants and bars are the Lobby Lounge with nightly live entertainment and El Viento Restaurant & Pool Bar which specializes in Italian favorites and original pizzas from a brick oven.



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Press Information

Marco Polo Plaza: A Meeting Destination

A landmark as your backdrop, outstanding culinary delights, and more than a decade's worth of excellent service – these are just some of the compelling reasons why Marco Polo Plaza is an ideal venue for meetings and conferences.

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Marco Polo Plaza has eight function rooms and a grand balcony. These events spaces can be used in 16 different ways depending on guest requirements. The total area available is over 3,600 square meters with the grand balcony having the largest space at 1,480 square meters and the Cebu Grand Ballroom at 1,000 square meters

The Cebu Grand Ballroom underwent a major renovation which involved an expansion and improvements on aesthetics and facilities. From its original size of 756 square meters with the capability to accommodate 500 guests on a banquet set-up, it is now 1,099.6 square meters with the ability to accommodate up to 800 guests. It can also be divided in three different ways, making it a more flexible venue for different kinds of events. The first event held at the newly renovated ballroom was the APEC Summit 2015.

One of the special features that the hotel takes pride in is having a magnificent view of the city. This has been incorporated to some of our event spaces that offer natural lighting and breathtaking views. For a better look, bring your event outdoors! Marco Polo Plaza is the only hotel in Cebu with a grand balcony which offers a refreshing open space and a beautiful view of nature and the city skyline. It is famous for the hotel's iconic New Year's Eve countdown party where one can view the fireworks all over the city from 600 feet above sea level.

Marco Polo Plaza is fully capable of providing requirements for meetings and conferences. The hotel has 309 guest rooms and 20 suites with the best views because of its hilltop location.

It has four outstanding restaurants, known to serve the best food in town. There is a spa, gym and a pool. There's nightly live entertainment, seasonal in-house events and other exciting things crafted to ensure a wonderful stay for the guests.



Finally, the hotel has a passionate team of professionals – from event specialists, to banquet service, to culinary experts, to security personnel and housekeeping associates. They have been trained to give the true Marco Polo Way of service, always putting client’s needs above anything else.

Make it Cebu. Make it Marco Polo Plaza Cebu.

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MARCO POLO PLAZA, CEBU COMPLETES PREMIER ROOMS AND SUITES REFURBISHMENT

Cebu, Philippines, 21 March 2022 – [Marco Polo Plaza, Cebu](#) today announced the completion of its renovation of 60 Premier category rooms and suites at a total investment of PHP 100 million (nearly US\$ 2 million). Owned by Cathay International Resources Corporation, the hotel is popular with business and leisure travellers visiting Cebu City and part of the corporation's continued investment in the Marco Polo Hotels brand.

With the long-awaited news in [Travel Daily](#), citing the easing of Philippines' border restrictions at all entry ports from 1 April 2022, the hotel serves as the perfect destination for solo travellers and family-friendly trips intent on exploring the island-province's Spanish heritage and neighbouring islands.



Reacting to the timely announcement, the hotel's Director of Sales and Marketing, Lara Constantino-Scarrow said, "We appreciate the forward thinking asset management focus of our owners and we're truly excited and set to welcome back the international community with a new design."

The renovation, completed just before the pandemic started in 2020, covered the Premier rooms and suites on levels 19 to 21 of Marco Polo Plaza, Cebu. Conceptualized by Architect Dewey Santos of DSFN Architects together with the hotel's management, the refreshed accommodation are reflective of Cebu's natural beauty, with local furnishings complementing neutral color tones with pops of bright blue.



Premier guestrooms and suites take full advantage of the panoramic city and mountain views, and feature thoughtful amenities, such as:

- Convenient wall outlets and a work space outfitted with USB ports for multiple electronic devices
- Well-lit and large workspace, high-speed Wi-Fi and plug-in panels
- 43-inch flat-panel TVs with premium cable and movie channels to keep guests entertained
- In-room tea and coffee making facilities



To welcome a year of optimism and reinforce that every day is a day worth celebrating, guests can explore Marco Polo Plaza, Cebu's [Spring Escapes](#). Available through direct booking via the hotel or its website only, the offer includes up to 30 percent off Best Available Rate and daily breakfast for two.

For room reservations, call +63-32 253 1111 or email mpplaza@marcopolohotels.com.

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ROEL CONSTANTINO APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER OF MARCO POLO PLAZA, CEBU

Cebu, Philippines, 30 August 2022 - Hong Kong SAR-based [Wharf Hotels](#) announced the appointment of Roel Constantino as the new General Manager of [Marco Polo Plaza, Cebu](#). Roel will lead the operation of the deluxe urban resort hotel nestled on Nivel Hill, sprawled on seven hectares of lush greenery overlooking the historic city 200 meters above sea level.

A seasoned hotelier, Roel started his hospitality career in the sales and marketing and rooms departments. Most recently he served as general manager of Park Inn Davao and as resident manager of Marco Polo Ortigas, Manila. His 30-year career includes postings in China, Thailand and Indonesia with luxury hotel operators Peninsula, Shangri-La and Raffles.

Commenting on Roel's appointment, Wharf Hotels President Thomas Salg said, "With his dedication to service excellence and business acumen in international hospitality, Roel's leadership will be instrumental to continually guide our success and positioning of Marco Polo Plaza Cebu as the destination's top address for visitors.

"It is a privilege to rejoin Wharf Hotels and continue my journey with Marco Polo in a destination as Cebu" Roel says in response. "Being the first international hotel to open in the region, Marco Polo Plaza is a key landmark deeply rooted in Cebu's rich history and culture. I am delighted to take on this role and lead a team committed to deliver our tradition of hospitality, taking guests to discover and cherish experiences only Cebu can offer."

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Marco Polo Plaza Cebu Executive Chef
23 April 2018

MARCO POLO PLAZA CEBU prides itself in being known as a leader in culinary excellence in the city. Because of that, it only follows that they entrust the kitchen to someone who has a heart and passion for food.

The hotel proudly introduced chef Juanito Abangan, the hotel's first Filipino executive chef.

His love affair with the Marco Polo Plaza Cebu kitchen started in 2007 where he began here as a *chef de partie* assigned at the pool bar. He then explored other opportunities outside of the hotel but came back in 2008 to open Blu Bar & Grill as junior sous chef. He then rose from the ranks, being promoted later on as sous chef, then senior sous chef, to executive sous chef, and finally, the hotel's first Filipino executive chef.



Abangan discovered a love for cooking at a very young age. He began his culinary career in fine dining restaurants as a commis, which paved the way for a career in five-star resorts and hotels.

"Through the years, I have learned the value of teamwork, passion and continuous improvement from my past mentors," he said.

Abangan believes that effective communication is key when running the show in the kitchen. He sees being a Cebuano as something that he can use to his advantage in working and communicating with his all-Filipino team of chefs. With hard work, passion and team effort, he believes that he can lead his team into achieving great success by continually creating wonderful dining experiences for hotel guests.

As executive chef, he oversees the hotel's four dining venues, including the hotel's signature restaurant, Café Marco, as well as Blu Bar & Grill, El Viento Restaurant & Pool Bar and Lobby Lounge. On top of it, he also oversees the hotel's in-room dining and banquets, catering to events ranging in size from small meetings to grandiose weddings and conventions.

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MARCO POLO CEBU INTRODUCES NEW HAI SHIN LOU CHEF

17 February 2023, Cebu - Marco Polo Plaza Cebu is proud to welcome Chef Kenny Yong Tze Hin as their newly appointed Chinese Executive Chef.

Coming from over 20 years of experience at the helm of various Chinese restaurants in Malaysia, Australia, Philippines and China, Chef Kenny will lead the Chinese culinary team of HAI SHIN LOU, Marco Polo's Cantonese specialty restaurant.

Fascinated by the delicate nuances of Cantonese cuisine, Kenny started as a budding young cook in 1992 at the Hotel Equatorial's famous Golden Phoenix in Kuala Lumpur. His culinary skills were honed working with the seasoned Cantonese chefs of the hotel group's restaurants in KL and Jakarta. From his first post as a young Executive Chinese Chef in 2002 at the Oriental Garden in Gold Coast, Australia, he has since led Chinese culinary teams in various parts of Asia.

Chef Kenny is no stranger to the Filipinos' love affair with Chinese cuisine. He was the Executive Chinese Chef at the Tea of Spring at Mactan Shangri-La and the Ching Hai restaurant of Jpark Island Resort. Most recently, he was the Chinese Sous Chef at the Solaire Resort & Casino in Manila before joining the Marco Polo.

"These days, Cantonese cooking requires a fine balance between traditional cooking methods and innovative ideas and presentations" says Chef Kenny, "but one must never lose the authenticity of taste, precise timing and freshness of ingredients which make Cantonese one of the top cuisines in the world"

Kenny speaks fluent Cantonese, Mandarin and English. He counts Fujian and Szechuan among other favorite regional cuisines, just a few of many seasonal promotions he plans for Hai Shin Lou this year.

Looking ahead, Chef Kenny is exploring opportunities to advocate healthy eating even in the Chinese kitchen, by looking at slight different ways to season while keeping the core essence of Cantonese flavors.

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Further details on **Marco Polo Plaza Cebu** are available at marcopolohotels.com

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