

## press release

### **Resorts World Sentosa Grand Opening on 7 December 2012**

#### *Launch of the Marine Life Park by Grand Opening Day*

**SINGAPORE, 24 SEPTEMBER 2012** – Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) today announced 7 December 2012 as its official opening date, with a line-up of celebrations over that weekend to mark the occasion.

Leading up to this festive occasion, is the opening of the second of its two anchor attractions – Marine Life Park. Housing more than 100,000 marine animals of over 800 species in more than 60 million litres of water, this attraction will be the world's largest oceanarium. The Marine Life Park (MLP) inauguration caps a list of 12 major launches in the 49-hectare Integrated Resort's three-year history, which commenced with the ribbon cutting at four of its six hotels in January 2010<sup>1</sup>.

Raising the curtains for the Grand Opening festivities will be a ceremonial launch at the resort's Lake of Dreams, public performances, and a 12-minute public fireworks display at its waterfront promenade. The world's best-selling soprano, Ms. Sarah Brightman, will perform accompanied for the first time by the Singapore Chinese Orchestra, in a gala dinner for 1,600 invited guests at the Resorts World Convention Centre.

Mr. Tan Hee Teck, CEO of Resorts World Sentosa, said: "Resorts World Sentosa set out to be the integrated resort that would transform Singapore's tourism landscape, bring economic benefits to Singapore and contribute to the local community. With unwavering commitment by all stakeholders, we are proud we did it."

"When the new Marine Life Park opens, we believe we will help put Singapore in the pole position as the number one family destination in this region for many years to come. This is the only integrated resort in the world that a visitor can spend over three full days in engaging and fun-filled activities. We have six hotels, a major convention centre, a great Maritime Museum, a world-renowned spa, and two mega attractions – Universal Studios Singapore and the Marine Life Park. "

The world's largest oceanarium will comprise two ticketed attractions, giving guests the option of either getting wet or staying dry. Adventure Cove Waterpark will be the region's only water park with marine life elements, while the Southeast Asia Aquarium (S.E.A. Aquarium) will be the world's biggest aquarium, featuring over 100,000 animals including stars such as manta rays and hammerhead sharks.

Mr. Dennis Gilbert, Senior Vice President of Attractions at Resorts World Sentosa, said that the park is created on an integrated edutainment concept that will give visitors insights into the fascinating marine world.

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<sup>1</sup> Key openings are listed in attachment.

“No other attraction in this part of the world comes close to the Marine Life Park in terms of scope and concept. We believe the Marine Life Park, being the world's largest marine classroom, gives us the opportunity to put Singapore on the world map for innovative marine conservation and education programmes,” said Mr. Gilbert.

Besides international research and conservation projects, the Marine Life Park will also roll out programmes for local students from pre-school to tertiary levels, giving them the chance to interact with marine animals and learn from marine life specialists.

Whether it is the adrenaline rush on the water coasters or a deeper dive into the fascinating world of marine habitats, the Marine Life Park has it all. More details on opening dates and ticketing will be made available closer to the Marine Life Park's opening. For more information and behind-the-scene exclusives, guests can check for updates on the Marine Life Park blog at <http://mlp.rwsentosablog.com>.

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### **ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA**

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Singapore's first integrated resort is located on the resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, the resort opened in January 2010 and welcomed over 30 million visitors in its first two years of opening. RWS is home to the region's first-and-only Universal Studios theme park, the Maritime Experiential Museum, a casino, luxurious accommodation in six unique hotels, the Resorts World Convention Centre, celebrity chef restaurants, a world-class destination spa as well as specialty retail outlets. The resort also offers entertainment including public attractions such as the Crane Dance and the Lake of Dreams. Coming soon is the world's largest oceanarium - the Marine Life Park. Resorts World Sentosa is wholly owned by Genting Singapore, a company of the Genting Group.

For more information, please [www.rwsentosa.com](http://www.rwsentosa.com).

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## More on the Marine Life Park

At **Adventure Cove Waterpark**, thrill seekers can enjoy an exhilarating splash at Southeast Asia's first Hydro-magnetic Coaster – *Riptide Rocket* (a slide that takes riders upwards) or snorkel amongst thousands of fishes in the *Rainbow Reef*. The park will also feature sharks feeding, immersive experiences as well as interaction programmes with Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins next year.

Over at **S.E.A. Aquarium**, visitors will venture on an inspiring journey to discover marine life and habitats that seafarers sailed over, from Southeast Asia to the African subcontinent and beyond. The highlight of this journey, and the centrepiece of the aquarium, is the world's largest aquarium viewing panel.

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The development of the Singapore's first integrated resort - Resorts World Sentosa - transformed Singapore's tourism landscape.



A bird's eye view of the second phase of the 49-hectare Resorts World Sentosa, flanked by lush greenery and sea views.



Guests will get to snorkel amongst thousands of colourful fishes at *Rainbow Reef*, a family-friendly attraction at Adventure Cove Waterpark – the region's only waterpark infused with marine life elements.



Visitors to the world's largest aquarium - S.E.A. Aquarium - will first set sight on the *Shipwreck* habitat. The aquarium will also feature the world's largest aquarium viewing panel, to be unveiled before its opening.

