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YTL HOTELS AND BLACKROCK FUND TO TRANSFORM LIFESTYLE HOTEL AT CHINA SQUARE INTO HOTEL STRIPES SINGAPORE CHINATOWN, AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

Acquisition creates opportunity to reposition the 304-room property and introduce the Hotel Stripes brand to Singapore



SINGAPORE – 1 OCTOBER, 2026 – YTL Hotels today announces that a lifestyle hotel located at 181 South Bridge Road, Singapore will be transformed into Hotel Stripes Singapore Chinatown, Autograph Collection, following the acquisition by YTL Hotels and a private fund managed by BlackRock (“BlackRock”).

The acquisition creates an opportunity to reposition the 304-room, 16-storey property as an upper-upscale hotel under Marriott International’s Autograph Collection, while bringing the Hotel Stripes brand to Singapore for the first time. The property will transition to new management and begin its transformation on 1 October 2026.

Located at the intersection of Singapore’s Central Business District (CBD) and historic Chinatown, Hotel Stripes Singapore Chinatown will build on the ethos of its sister property while developing its own distinct identity. It will blend urban edge with local heritage, offering a chic, design-forward hotel that honours the neighbourhood’s rich architectural tapestry while serving the needs of the modern, tech-driven global traveller. Guests can expect thoughtfully designed spaces that reflect the storied character of Chinatown reinterpreted through a contemporary lens.

"We are thrilled to expand our footprint into Singapore alongside BlackRock and deepen our long-standing relationship with Marriott International," said Dato' Setia Mark Yeoh, Executive Director for YTL Hotels. "The remarkable success of Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur proved beyond doubt that today's travellers crave distinct stories and deeply localised experiences. They want to feel connected to a place, not just stay in it. Hotel Stripes Singapore Chinatown will deliver exactly that, weaving Singapore's unique cultural narrative into a cosmopolitan hotel experience that redefines the boutique landscape in the Lion City."

"This acquisition underscores our conviction in Singapore's enduring appeal as a leading global business and leisure hub," said Andrew Lee, Head of Singapore, SEA & South Korea for APAC Real Estate, BlackRock. "Together with YTL Hotels, we see a compelling opportunity to transform a prime asset into an Autograph Collection hospitality offering for modern travellers. We aim to create a distinctive boutique hospitality experience in the heart of the city for the long term."

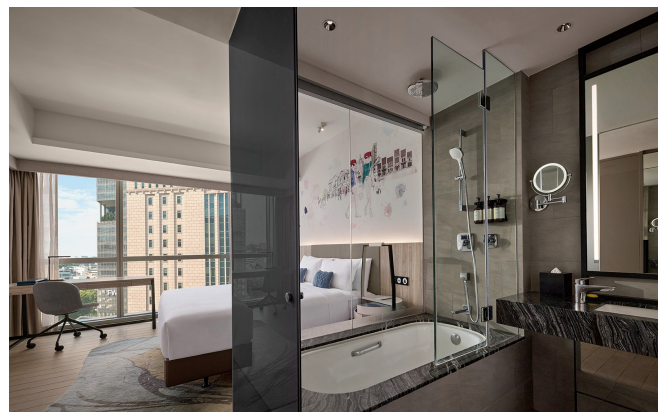
A Powerful Institutional Partnership

The acquisition marks YTL Hotels' second major hospitality investment in Singapore alongside BlackRock in less than 18 months. It follows the purchase of the 299-unit Citadines Raffles Place in May 2025, which was subsequently rebranded as Oakwood Premier Raffles Place Singapore earlier this year.

The partnership builds on BlackRock's local market knowledge and disciplined approach to asset repositioning with YTL Hotels' hospitality operating and brand expertise. The latest investment builds on their established collaboration and shared confidence in Singapore's attractiveness and resilience as a leading destination for both business and leisure travellers.

Expanding the "Stripes" Brand: From Kuala Lumpur to Singapore

Hotel Stripes Singapore Chinatown will join Marriott International's Autograph Collection, a curated portfolio of independent hotels celebrated for their distinct perspectives, rich character, and design-led excellence. Through its affiliation with the Autograph Collection, the hotel will benefit from Marriott International's global distribution networks and the powerhouse Marriott Bonvoy loyalty programme, broadening its reach among international travellers and supporting its repositioning for discerning guests who value authenticity, design, and a sense of place in their travel choices.



The launch of Hotel Stripes Singapore Chinatown draws directly from the success of Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, also part of the Autograph Collection. The original Kuala Lumpur location successfully captured the vibrant, urban grit and artistic pulse of the historic Heritage Row neighbourhood, appealing to modern travellers seeking authentic local narratives. Since its debut, Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur has become a reference point for design-forward hospitality in Malaysia, earning acclaim for its bold architecture, curated art programme, and immersive guest experiences that celebrate the surrounding community.

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Further details regarding the property's design concept, dining offerings, and guest amenities will be shared in the coming months. A dedicated property website will be launched on 1 October 2026.

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About YTL Hotels

YTL Hotels curates a prestigious portfolio of over 35 award-winning resorts, hotels, and boutique villas and more than 8,000 rooms; across Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, the United Kingdom, Europe, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand. The group is dedicated to redefining luxury through authentic experiences, bringing its promise of "Treasured Places, Treasured Moments" to life by embracing the culture, character, and tradition of its surroundings; including through its renowned Spa Village, found across select destinations across the globe.

Its collection features some of the world's most acclaimed destinations. The iconic Pangkor Laut Resort—once voted the 'World's Best Resort' by Condé Nast Traveller UK—is now ranked among the Top 15 Resorts in Asia in the 2025 Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards. It is joined by The Gainsborough Bath Spa, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, which was listed among the top 15 Hotels in the UK. Further cementing this prestige, both The Gainsborough Bath Spa and Japan's Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, have been consecutively awarded the prestigious Michelin Key in 2024 and 2025.

The accolades continue with The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, which was not only placed among the Top 15 Best Resorts in Thailand by Condé Nast Traveller but was also voted the 'Best Resort in Thailand' in the DestinAsian 2025 Readers' Choice Awards. Adding to this impressive record, Monkey Island Estate, Gaya Island Resort, and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui have all been distinguished by their inclusion in the 2025 edition of Fodor's Finest.

YTL Hotels' global footprint is powered by key international partnerships. A long-standing alliance with Marriott International encompasses the ownership and management of distinguished city properties, including The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur; JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur; The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Autograph Collection; Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur, Autograph Collection; Moxy Hotels and AC Hotels. This partnership also extends to marquee luxury resorts such as The Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Niseko Village and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui.

YTL Hotels further solidifies its legacy through a major partnership with Hilton, anchoring its presence in the world-class ski destination of Niseko Village. This alliance is represented by three distinct properties: Hilton Niseko Village, The Greenleaf Niseko Village as part of the Tapestry Collection by Hilton, and Hinode Hills Niseko Village from the Curio Collection by Hilton. The group's collaboration with IHG extends its offering in New Zealand with Hotel Indigo Auckland. In a move that diversifies its urban holdings, YTL Hotels, in partnership with BlackRock Investment, has reimagined Singapore's Oakwood Premier Raffles Place, joining the Ascot Hospitality Group portfolio.

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About Autograph Collection Hotels

Autograph Collection Hotels advocates for the original, championing the individuality of each of its over 330 independent hotels located in the most desirable destinations across more than 50 countries and territories. Each hotel is a product of passion, inspired by a clear vision, soul, and story that makes it individual and special: *Exactly Like Nothing Else*. Hand-selected for their inherent craft and distinct perspectives on design and hospitality, Autograph Collection properties offer rich immersive moments that leave a lasting imprint. For more information, please visit www.autographhotels.com, and explore on social via [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [Facebook](#) to be inspired by immersive moments that are #ExactlyLikeNothingElse. Autograph Collection is proud to participate in Marriott Bonvoy®, the global travel program from Marriott International. The program offers members an extraordinary portfolio of global brands, exclusive experiences on [Marriott Bonvoy Moments](#) and unparalleled benefits including free nights and Elite status recognition. To enrol for free or for more information about the program, visit marriottbonvoy.com.

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