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Breakfast Is Served



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TOP OF THE MORNING

As life begins to pick up its pre-pandemic pace, the Club is buzzing once again with face to face events. After two years of virtual events, it's such a joy to partake of wine tastings and food pairings with like-minded company. Recently, we hosted separate whisky events - whisky seems to be the tipples of choice for many of our Members - and both Chivas and Dalmore attracted a nice crowd of whisky enthusiasts.

The month of August promises even more engaging face to face events, from food pairings and cooking workshops to international business forecasts. Please check the calendar on page 31 for a listing of what's happening at Manila House. And we're gearing up for live music coming your way in September. Watch this space!

Meanwhile, rain or shine, we're starting the day with a hearty breakfast! Our new breakfast menu brims with the tastiest and most luscious treats, perfect for your breakfast meetings or leisurely coffee mornings. Check out our specials on page 11.

We look forward to seeing you soon. 🌿



Bambina Olivares
*Director of PR and Arts,
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HOW TO SIGN UP

Manila House Rewards is easy and convenient to access. The attached hyperlink <https://manila-house.eber.co> takes you to the registration/login page.

You will be able to log in to your account using the primary email or mobile number connected to your Club membership.

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Inside the Club, it's raining style

JOHN ANTHONY LUAYON

Service Captain

Members fondly call him Johnny. He began as a server but **John Anthony Luayon** has risen through the ranks and is today Service Captain. His focus is quality service delivery in all the Club's F&B outlets

What was your job before joining Manila House?

I worked at Italianni's Restaurant for eight years as a food server. Then I finished a full contract working onboard at Carnival Cruise Lines.

What's your favorite part of being the Club's Service Captain?

I like that I now have new responsibilities such as coordinating with my team, checking the event orders and handling complaints.

How do you unwind after a long day of service?

I prepare my coffee then watch movies on Netflix. Sometimes I play Mobile Legends.

If you could go back in time, what would you tell your younger self?

If i can go back to meet the younger me, I will tell him to spend quality time with my family everyday. Because I didn't do it that often before. I always hung out with my friends.

If your life were to be made into a movie, who would play you and why?

Daniel Padilla! He's just one of the actors I admire right now.



POP QUIZ

My favorite Manila House drink is...
Next Please

The last show I binged-watched is...
2 Good 2 Be True

My go-to karaoke song is...
You and I by Kenny Rogers

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MEMBER REFERRAL AND REWARDS PROGRAMME

We're accepting membership applications again. Refer a friend, family member or business associate for membership to Manila House and we'll reward you!

For every new Member you refer, you will receive a P10,000 voucher that is

- redeemable against food and beverage consumption for dine-in and takeaways
- non-transferrable and not convertible to cash
- valid for six months from date of issue
- valid for single transaction and shall not be claimed with any discount and promotions

The voucher is released only upon the payment of membership joining fees by the new Member. The value of the voucher is fixed, regardless of membership type.

For inquiries and more information regarding Member Referral Programme, please call +63 917 805 5941 or email membership@manilahouseinc.com

2022 ANNUAL DUES AND CONSUMABLES

Annual Dues must be settled within the first month of each year. Annual Dues are inclusive of P700 and P500 monthly consumables. Founding, Regular, and Associate Members will be entitled to P700 in monthly consumables. For Junior Members, the monthly consumable amount is P500. The consumable amounts may be used in all F&B outlets and takeaway (subject to minimum spend).

If unused, the monthly consumable amount will be forfeited at the end of every month.

After February 28, 2022, unpaid Annual Dues for 2022 shall be charged late payment interest of 2% per month.

For more information regarding Membership concerns, please call +63 917 816 3685 or email membership@manilahouseinc.com.

F&B VOUCHERS

We continue to encourage Members to purchase in advance the P10,000 F&B vouchers that are fully consumable and may be used for dine-in and takeaway. They may also be used as payment for webinar registration fees which include food delivery options.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Please take note of these important updates to our safety protocols:

THREE-HOUR MAXIMUM TABLE RESERVATION

Due to our limited seating capacity under the IATF and LGU guidelines for social distancing, we are constrained to impose a maximum meal time of three (3) hours per reservation to make room for other other Members who wish to dine.

FULL VACCINATION

We only allow entry to fully vaccinated Members and Guests. Please present your proof of vaccination at the reception upon entry.

SUPPORT MANILA HOUSE VIA TAKEAWAY

Our Takeaway service is open to all Members and the public.

For your convenience, we offer several ways to order Takeaway:

Order from our website (shop.manilahouseinc.com), through food delivery services (Pick-a-Roo, Grab Food and Foodpanda), or by calling us directly (+63 917 816 3685).

Thank you for being part of the Manila House community, and for supporting your Manila House family.

QUICK GETAWAYS

Where to go when you need to escape from city life

STAY WELL AT THE FARM AT SAN BENITO

Detox, de-stress and emerge refreshed. Special rates at **The Farm** await Manila House Members.

Room rates begin at P10,000++ per night and includes Nutrient-rich vegan breakfast for two; Holistic Health Orientation with our integrative Doctor; Participation in Mindful Movements: Yoga Sessions, Mandala Flower Meditation, Immune Boosting Juice and Blends Prep Class, Wellness Talks, and Nature Walks; Use of facilities; Complimentary WiFi

To ensure a safe and comfortable stay, all guests are required to take a 15-minute FDA-approved rapid test on-site prior to entry at P2,500++ per person additional fee.

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ESCAPE TO BANWA ISLAND

Banwa Private Island is Palawan's most talked about new all-villa holiday destination for discerning guests seeking the ultimate in contemporary luxury, privacy and bespoke service.

Located within a marine protected area and home to an abundance of rare and vivid flora and fauna, Banwa Private Island has six magnificent beach-front villas, each with their own infinity pool providing the utmost in privacy and tranquility. World-class amenities include a stunning open kitchen restaurant and terrace bar, a spa pavilion featuring floodlit tennis court, gym, massage suite, Pilates/yoga studio and juice bar. There's a dive centre and short-game golf course, too.

Remote, yet not removed, the 6.5-hectare island is accessible via helicopter or seaplane direct to the island from Manila, or via private jet to San Vicente or Puerto Princesa. Furthermore, short-hop heli transfers from San Vicente, Puerto Princesa or El Nido make for a stunning guest arrival experience on the Banwa Private Island's heli-lawn, after a 1-hour commercial flight from Manila.

Voted 'Private Island of the Year' in the Destination Deluxe Awards, Banwa Private Island's sought-after exclusivity is more timely and important than ever before. Guests can opt to stay in any one of Banwa Private Island's six beach-front villas or, for the ultimate friends and family escape, the entire island can be chartered on an 'exclusively yours' basis.

For more information, please visit www.banwaprivateisland.com



BANWA PRIVATE ISLAND

EXCLUSIVELY YOURS MANILA HOUSE MEMBERS BENEFIT

Manila House Members enjoy a US\$ 300 Island Credit per night of stay, for every 2 guests in any villa category. Complimentary villa upgrade, subject to availability.

Seasonal villa rates start from US\$2,300 for 2 guests, inclusive of meals and selected activities.

Terms & Conditions:

- Minimum of 3 nights stay
- Island credits are applicable for spa treatments, activities, food & beverage
- Travel period through to December 2021. Booking period is 14 days prior to check-in
- Offer is based on full pre-payment at time of booking, non-cumulative or combinable with other offers.

UNVEIL THE SECRET OF EL NIDO: Experience Luxury in Simplicity at Lihim Resorts

In the Philippine lingua franca, Lihim directly translates to secret.

A secluded lagoon on Bacuit Bay reveals an expansive gradient of turquoise waters. Its surface sparkles like gems under rays of the sun. Some parts of the day, it is a looking glass that bares the storied underwater life of Palawan.

The luxury of experiences is something that unfolds itself at Lihim. In this well-kept secret, tucked in the depths of paradise's last frontier, senses go on a journey where myth, magic, and mystery come to life. The curator, mastermind, director, and grand host behind all these: nature.

The exclusive experience in-property and on-location menu curated by Lihim Resorts promises to astonish.

Built in the tradition of Philippine huts, accommodations echo the warmth and brand of hospitality distinct to the country and reflect a design sensibility deeply anchored on local culture and everyday life. All sixteen villas on the property offer unparalleled views of El Nido's storied vistas. With the opulent touch of personal butler, the team offers bespoke services tailored to cater to guests' desires – from in-room check-in to hanging clothes in your walk-in wardrobe to organizing private parties to planning all activities within and outside of the property and to addressing every need and qualm.

For inquiries, contact Jeremy Aguilar at +63 915 104 9607 or email jeremy.aguilar@arawhospotality.com



LIHIM
RESORTS

SANIVIR SMOKE DISINFECTANT

Manufactured in Spain and tested according to stringent standards to assure its effectiveness against the Coronavirus, other types of viruses, bacteria, fungi and spores, **Sanivir Smoke** contains Glutaraldehyde and Orthophenylphenol which are both FDA and CDC approved active ingredients ideal in killing viruses.

- Ideal for all enclosed spaces
- Easy to use, no residue, non-corrosive
- Can penetrate hard to reach areas such as crevices, air vents, ceiling as well as surfaces
- It can be used every two weeks depending on the area

Manila House Members enjoy specially discounted prices for Sanivir Smoke

	Discounted Price per can
Sanivir Smoke 25g 50 m ³ (15 to 30 sq. m)	P1,200 SRP: P1,500
Sanivir Smoke 1kg 2,000 m ³ (500-550 sq. m)	P4,800 SRP: P6,000

Prices are exclusive of 12% vat and exclusive of delivery charges. Price of this item is subject to change without prior notice. For more information, please call 371-3936, 411-2627 or 411-2592



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Richmond



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London
United Kingdom



EIGHT CORE
London
United Kingdom



EIGHT MOORGATE
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Kingdom



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USA



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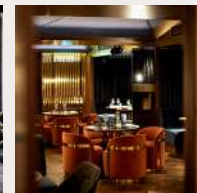
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Bangkok
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Cape Town
South Africa



CANDELA NUEVO
Melbourne

Please note that all requests for visits to and bookings at our reciprocal clubs must be coursed through Manila House at least three (3) days before your intended visit. Please include the dates of your visit, as well as the number of guests you wish to bring, as each club sets its own limits. We kindly remind you to wait for email confirmation that your visit has been approved before proceeding to the reciprocal club. Please refrain from calling the reciprocal club directly to announce your visit. You may also be required to present your Manila House Membership Card when you arrive at the reciprocal club.

LLEBRE

Tempranillo

“Round, soft and expressive”

Dark red cherry colour with garnet edge. Clean vivid nose with red fruit compote tones, sweeties, balsamics, spices, vanilla, white pepper, clove and oak tones well integrated. Velvety, fresh and elegant in the mouth with nice and gentle tannins and liquorice hints. Red fruit and spiced tones on the finish.

Drink between 16 and 18°C

The vines are supported by vase and trellis, in a calcareous and franc-clay soil.

Hand harvested and cooled in cold-storage rooms before going through the selection table.

Fermentation takes place at a temperature of 22-24°C. There is a short skin soaking.

A three months ageing in French oak barrels.

14% alcohol by vol.

Drink between 16 and 18 °C

Llebre 2013	Parker	90
	Vinous (Tanzer)	90
	Valkirie	90
Llebre 2012	Stephen Tanzer	90
Llebre 2011	InternationalWine Guide	Plata/ Silver
	Stephen Tanzer	89
Llebre 2009	Parker	90
	Stephen Tanzer	90
	Peñin	87



RUSH HOUR

The dangers of smoking are well-known. Vaping delivers the rush of nicotine without the toxins of tar. Explaining what we need to know about e-cigarettes and the new IQOS flagship at the Luna Lounge are **Blair Carabuena** and **Jearick Burgos** of Philip Morris Fortune Tobacco Corp (PMFTC)



Blair Carabuena
Manager, B2B Activations



Jearick Burgos
B2B Activation Executive

How is vaping different from smoking?

The difference is simple. Smoking involves combustion. Vaping does not.

So when you smoke, you deliver nicotine by burning tobacco.

When you burn something you get smoke which contains thousands of harmful chemicals.

On the other hand, vaping with smoke-free alternatives like e-cigarettes and heated tobacco products or HTPs does not burn tobacco or produce smoke but still delivers nicotine. Rather, it produces aerosol. It also produces no ash and has less smell.

Nicotine is not the problem. Smoke is.

What are the health risks?

We want to be clear that the best choice a smoker can make is to quit cigarettes and nicotine completely. But some people really have difficulty quitting or don't want to quit, which is where smoke-free products come in. These contain nicotine which is addictive and not risk-free.

Were you smokers before?

Blair: I was a smoker for 15 years before I switched to IQOS. I used to consume 10 sticks a day!

Jearick: I smoked for 8 years. Usually I stuck to 3 sticks on a daily basis, unless I've had a few drinks outside. Then that number could go way up.

Why did PMI introduce IQOS?

IQOS is our flagship heated tobacco product. This was developed as a result of PMI's shift towards a smoke-free future. We are a tobacco company working to achieve a smoke-free world by developing smoke-free products, including IQOS.

It really is as incredible as it sounds — we are disrupting our own industry by taking the smoke out of smoking. Why? Because it's the right thing to do and we believe we can do it.

Actually, smokers are quitting cold turkey at a rate of only 4%. By 2030, there will still be around a billion smokers. The challenge for us is how to make the lives of those 1 billion smokers better. So with science and innovation as the foundation, our bold vision is to transform our business by replacing cigarettes with better alternatives as soon as possible.



Why did you choose Manila House for the flagship lounge?

PMFTC has been a long-time Corporate Member of Manila House. Here you have the movers and shakers of society all gathered in one place. We've had the tremendous privilege to meet a lot of friends and partners here. Eventually, feedback reached us of some members clamoring for a space where they can vape. The chance to engage and make IQOS known to a wider audience presented itself. So it was a no-brainer opportunity.

Even when it was just an idea floated around meeting rooms and company dinners, it was so easy to envision the Luna Lounge within this elegant and exclusive space. It's one of those places which remind you why BGC is a great place to be or, if you're not already here, helps make a case for why you should visit it.

What can members expect from the IQOS Lounge?

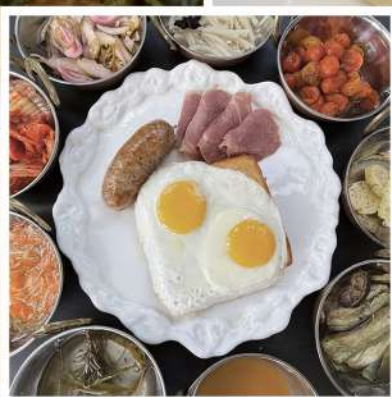
Luna Lounge by IQOS is open daily for Manila House Members and guests who want to vape in a cozy yet sophisticated space. If you're a Member or guest of Manila House who vapes, we highly encourage you to go it allows for intimate conversation and the ambiance is as relaxed as it gets. It's definitely an experience for the books.



BREAKFAST CLUB



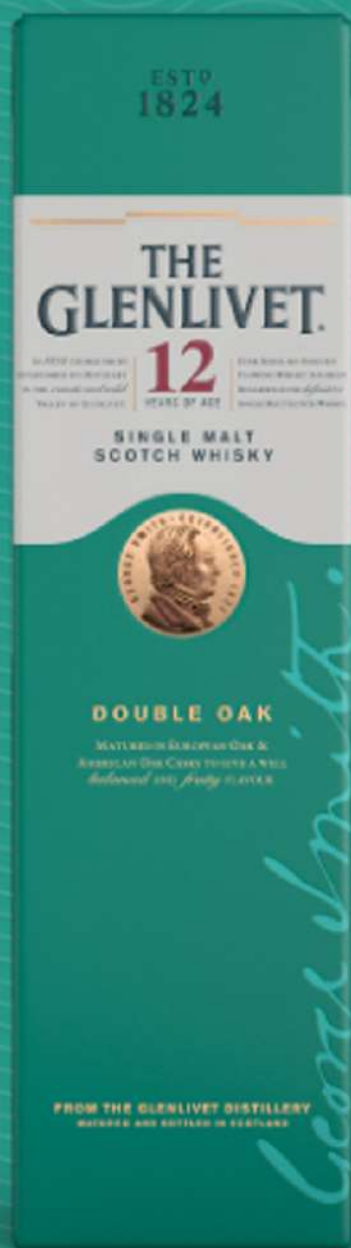
Mornings are better than ever at the Club! Wake up to an all new breakfast menu this month. Our French Toast, Eggs Benedict, Souffle Pancakes and Rosti-Florentine are just some of the delicious headliners.



Served daily from 8AM to 11AM starting August 15.
Available for dine in only.

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STOPOVER DUBAI

The next time you find yourself in this Middle Eastern emirate, you might like to take a few days to enjoy what Dubai has to offer beyond the airport.



Burj Khalifa

Standing 828m high, the **Burj Khalifa** is the tallest building in the world, and one of Dubai's must-visit attractions. The majestic building is located in the heart of the city and is a hub of activity day and night. Just looking up in awe at the sheer scale of this magnificent structure is memorable in itself, but it's definitely worth venturing inside too. You can capture perfect views of the city from the observation deck at level 124, or have a bite to eat at the At The Top Sky Lounge. For special occasions, you'll want to treat yourself to fine dining with European flair at At.mosphere, or a sunset session at the highest lounge in the world, The Lounge, Burj Khalifa.

Located at the base of Burj Khalifa is one of the world's largest choreographed fountain displays, where powerful jet streams soar as high as 150m in the air and sway in time to musical numbers. Stop by in the evening when displays begin at sundown and take place every 30 minutes, until the final song plays at 11pm. Diners can also sit back and enjoy the show at an array of restaurants at The Dubai Mall or Souk Al Bahar, both commanding prime positions near the fountain arena.



The Dubai Fountain



Palm Jumeirah

Palm Jumeirah is one of the largest manmade islands in the world and a triumph of human ingenuity. Locals and tourists alike flock to The Palm's vast array of high-end hotels –Waldorf Astoria, Fairmont, One&Only, Jumeirah Zabeel Saray and, perhaps most notably, Atlantis, The Palm. Getting here is simple, thanks to the monorail running down the 'trunk', which connects to the mainland's tram system. You can also stop by for a meal at The Pointe – home of the record-breaking Palm Fountain.

The city has a rich culture to explore. Modern developments have added a contemporary touch to old establishments, of which **Dubai Creek** is a fine example. Located in the heart of the city, this saltwater estuary is the original site where the Bani Yas tribe established their first settlement. While at the Creek, a traditional abra ride is a must. At an unbelievable AED1 per ticket, it's easily the best value tourist attraction in the city. Afterwards, visit the labyrinthine alleyways of the gold, spice and textile souks, to experience Dubai like a local.



Dubai Creek



Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood

The **Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood** in Bur Dubai is one of the oldest neighbourhoods in the city. Best seen on foot, this area offers nostalgic views of a bygone era with traditional windtowers and a maze of winding alleyways, positioned along the historic waterways of Dubai Creek. Visit Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Centre for Cultural Understanding (SMCCU) to appreciate local culture with Arabic classes, heritage tours and guided mosque visits. After exploring, take an atmospheric abra boat ride to the souks on the other side of the creek.

Less than 20 minutes drive from the modern streets of Downtown Dubai, lies the mystique-filled Arabian desert. Go on a Dubai-style desert safari, complete with thrilling activities such as quad biking and sandboarding. Those looking for luxury can book a safari with leading tour companies Platinum Heritage and Arabian Adventures. From the unforgettable offroad drive to cultural fun with henna painting and camel rides, and a feast of local cuisine under the stars, it's an only-in-Dubai treat. Want to stay a little longer? Treat yourself to an unforgettable night amid the dunes at Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa.



The Dubai desert



The Dubai Mall

The **Dubai Mall** is the world's largest destination for shopping, entertainment and leisure, located next to the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa. Featuring over 1,200 retail stores, two major department stores and hundreds of food and beverage outlets, The Dubai Mall covers more than 1 million sqm – an area equivalent to 200 football pitches. Even an entire day spent here is not enough to see it all. Along with its 1,200-plus shops and 150 restaurants, the venue is home to a range of other fun attractions.



Capital Club

Relax in the city oasis that is our newest reciprocal club. **Capital Club** is a club that offers curated business experiences and private dining venues, not to mention social networking opportunities.

GOOD MORNINGS

Our Members share their daily morning routines



George Tagle

"Every day I get up early in the morning at around 5.30 a.m. I brush my teeth and wash my hands and face. After that I go out for my dogs to walk and do some physical exercises. When I come home, I take a bath and get ready to paint and eat breakfast. After an hour or two I vocalize my voice as I am a painter/singer. Classical Pop Tenor!"



**Mary Jade
Divinagracia**

"There are three things I can't do without in the morning: mobile phone for emails, meticulous skincare routine and coffee! Sometimes when I'm not too lazy, I do a few minutes of yoga or pilates."



Minsu Chu

"My typical day starts as early as six in the morning. First item on my list is to hit the gym where I'd usually spend one hour doing cardio and weight training. This helps boost my energy which I will need for the rest of my busy day. By 8am, I am already in the office to attend to company-and business-related matters. But first things first, I need a good cup of coffee while I keep myself up to date with current events both local and around the world. I try to follow my routine as consistently as possible as it helps me set the pace for the rest of the day."

**Chandru Mahtani**

"I enjoy doing yoga every morning as I do believe, after practicing for around 50 years, yoga is the key to maintaining a healthy body and mind. It gives me the energy to run Speedo Philippines of which I am the President and CEO. And swimming goes well with yoga."

**Maria Theresa Ramos**

"I usually start the day with a walk along the Greenway in BGC when the weather permits or I have a cup of tea or coffee after my daily stoic morning reading. If I am meeting clients or colleagues or seeing close friends, I schedule brunch at the Club for a visual feast!"

**Christopher Cachuela**

"My morning usually starts at 5 AM. First things first, I thank God for another day and to guide me through the day. Then I do meditation. After this, I drink a glass of water to rehydrate, wash my face and brush my teeth. Next, I do a 30-minute work out to boost my energy for the day. Then I finally take a cup of coffee and proceed answering work emails."

**Deepak Bhatia**

"I wake up around 6:45 am after getting at least eight hours of sleep each night. The very first thing I do after getting up from the bed is thank God for the gift of life. I start my day by reading company financials, marketing materials, some financial journals, investor reports and bullet points of the Philippine news and if something catches my eye then I read it thoroughly. A bit of stretching, shower, breakfast to energize myself for the day and then by 8:45 am I'm ready to head to the office which is minutes away."

Dr. Aivee and Dr. Z Teo

answer the Manila House Questionnaire

“Success for us is about having an impact and making a difference in the lives of the people.”



Tell us what you do.

Dr. Aivee: I am a board-certified dermatologist who runs the Aivee Clinic along with my husband, Dr. Z Teo. Over the years, the Aivee Clinic expanded and branched out, becoming the Aivee Group that handles a series of other businesses like the Aivee Skin, Aivee Cafe, Dr. Food, A-Star Laboratory, Luxuri Pets, and Keli Devices.

How do you define success?

A: Success for us is about having an impact and making a difference in the lives of the people. Knowing that you have provided them a positive and uplifting outcome and purposeful life without having any regrets.

Z: If I may add, if you are happy about what you do and the people around you are happy as well, I think that is also success.



What life lessons did you derive from the pandemic?

A: That is a profound but interesting question. Well, there are a lot of lessons that this pandemic has taught us. But for doctors like us, it helped us find a much deeper meaning in our profession and the purpose as to why we have taken an oath to do our best as medical practitioners.

A: It also taught us how to really value what matters most, right? It taught us to be more humane: how to care, to love more, to listen to other people, to help and reach out to others, and to have self-awareness that it is not always about us, but other people matter as well.

Z: We also learned that we have no control over everything. In this fast-paced life, you are bound to have control over certain things that we want to achieve, but because the pandemic happened, things have changed, and with these changes, we are forced to learn how to let go and adapt to these changes.

What's the last movie/series you watched?

Z: It is an action-thriller movie, *Ambulance*, starring Jake Gyllenhaal, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II and Eiza Gonzales. The movie is about two adoptive siblings that turned into robbers, hijacked an ambulance and held captive two emergency responders.

What book is on your bookshelf but you've never read?

Z: It's the book written by Joel Osteen entitled *Your Best Life*. I think it's been sitting on our shelf for quite some time now.

What song you can't get out of your head?

Z: It's *What's Up? (What's going on?)* by Non Blondes. I like that song because of its straightforward message on how difficult one has to fit-in in our society and the overall beat of the music.

What would you like to see in the "next normal?"

A: I guess an enhanced quality of life for everyone who was affected by the pandemic. I mean, more jobs for the jobless and easy access for affordable health care services to those who can't afford quality health care providers.

Z: For me, I would like to see the return of all industries that were affected by the pandemic. Though the economy is now slowly recovering as per the directives of the government for most businesses to open, when a business recovers, there are opportunities for people who seek jobs, and their lives could improve.

What's your favorite thing about Manila House?

Z: We love the Manila House Fried Chicken. It's a staple food that we always order whenever we come and dine.

If you had to be quarantined (again) which country would you choose to be in?

A: Yes! Our family had a marvelous time when we had a vacation in the South of France quite recently. The kids loved staying there, it would be a nice place to stay while being quarantined, but I do hope that being quarantined again will never happen.

Z: Hmm. That's an interesting question. I'm thinking, the South of France would be a pleasant place to stay if we were to be quarantined again. We enjoyed the weather, the food, the scenery and being outdoors. It's a good place to relax and unwind.

SHADOWLANDS

Norman Dreo takes us on his pandemic ponderings on art, faith and life with this massive wall installation



NORMAN DREO
BEHIND THE SHADOWS
7X20FEET (5 PANELS)
OIL ON CANVAS
2022



“This pandemic cast a shadow and stretched it further to spread darkness, affecting every aspect of our lives. In a span of two years, all galleries and museums became empty and silent spaces, art exhibitions were brought to a halt. These piles of old canvasses reflect how we’ve become hopeless, uninspired, and lost. These symbolize all those feelings of emptiness and disarray, where our heads just seem to linger in the dark.

“But I would like to believe that this is not a sad story. It is true that there may still be darkness lurking about, and we may still be immersed in our own shadows; but it gives me comfort believing that behind these shadows there is light, faith, and hope.

“Inspired by the works of Peter Paul Rubens, the most commissioned artist for altar pieces, I would like to show how faith played a big role in my life and how it gave me, a devote Catholic, hope to conquer my own shadows. His mastery of his craft reflects well in his detailed figures of the church and Christianity. His works filled my soul with the light it needed during these difficult times.

“After all, Art is very much alive in our hearts. Art is here to stay, Art always stays. That is why despite difficulties, we artists keep creating. We make every day count. We keep on moving forward, challenging ourselves to be better humans not only for us but for others as well. We keep stretching that blank roll of canvas, sand it, prime it, prepare it for our first strokes. We finish what we started. We dream, we take action, we inspire and we help others.

“Have faith. If there is darkness, there is light behind the shadows.”

The exhibition runs throughout the month of August

Whispering Angel

Today's reference for Provence rose. The pale color is pleasing to the eye, and the rewarding taste profile is full of freshness and lush, with a smooth finish.

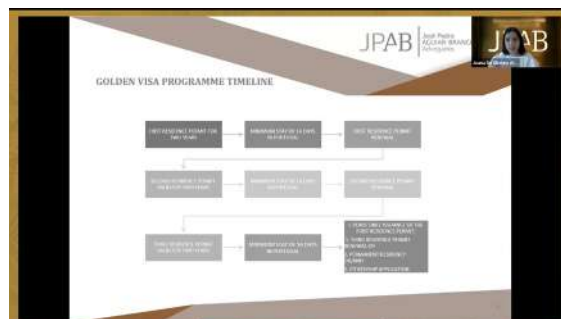
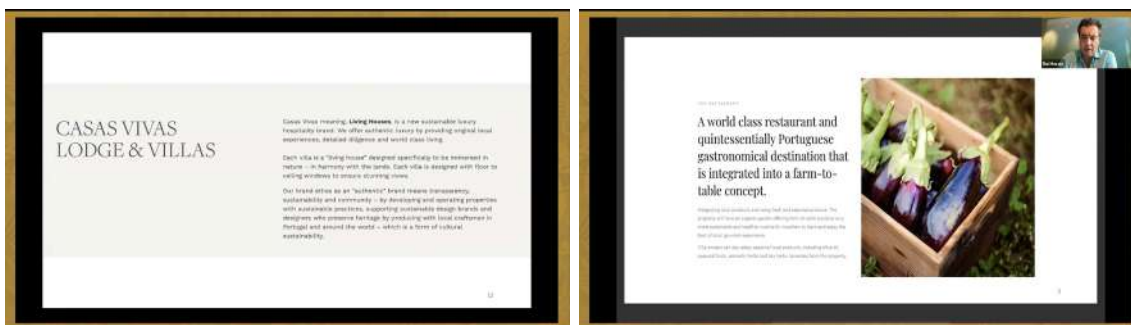


WHISPERING ANGEL

Whispering Angel is today's worldwide reference for Provence rosé. Made from Grenache, Cinsault and Rolle (Vermentino), its pale color is pleasing to the eye and draws one in. The rewarding taste profile is full and lush while being bone dry with a smooth finish. A blend of the best free run juices and press juices, fermented and aged in stainless steel with temperature control.

LIVING IN LUXURY IN PORTO

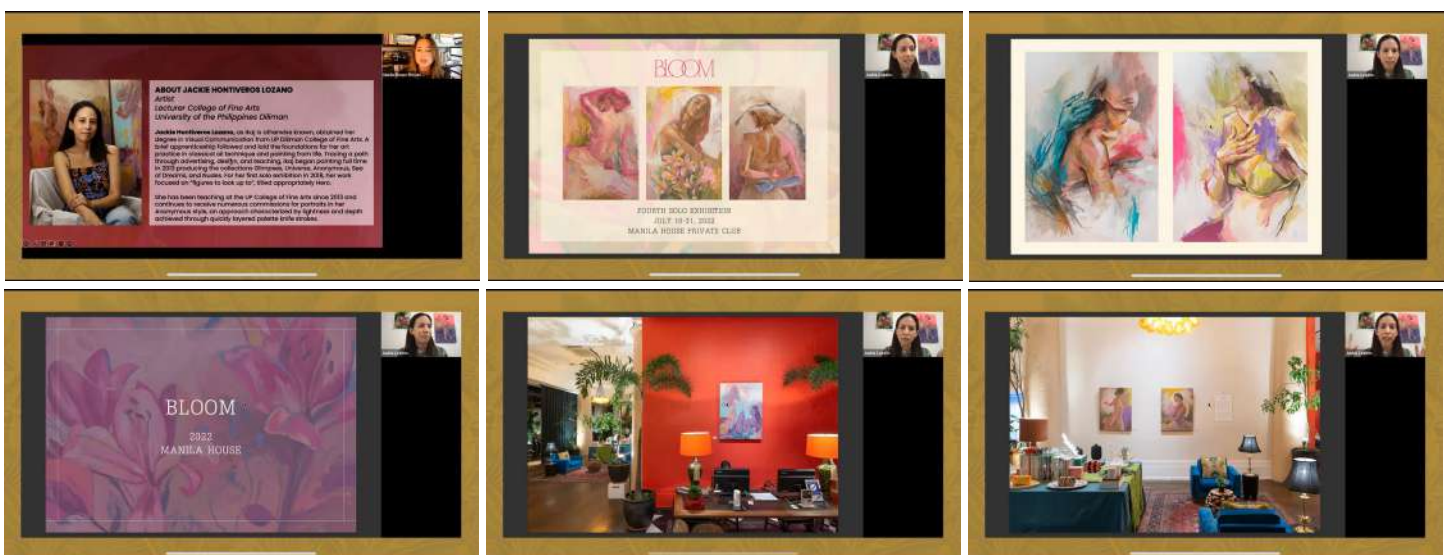
Many countries are open to what is known as a Golden Visa scheme, subject to an investment in property. Portugal's Golden Visa scheme is particularly accessible, and it's no wonder that it's so popular. Members were afforded an exclusive peek into the beautiful Casas Vivas development, consisting of only eight luxurious units in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Porto, in the historic Douro Valley region, in a presentation by Casas Vivas Partner **Claire Chung**, Managing Partner **Rui Afonso de Morais**, and JPAB Lawyer **Joana de Oliveira**



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AN ARTIST IN BLOOM

Jackie Hontiveros Lozano, the artist known as **Ikaj**, spoke about her ongoing exhibition at Manila House, entitled *Bloom*, as well as her previous work, providing a candid insight into how an artist conceptualizes and executes her work. She took attendees through a virtual of the exhibition, consisting of 14 paintings which exude serenity and lyricism, and are expressive of the divine feminine.



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A NIGHT WITH CHIVAS

Chivas Ambassador **Owen Roberts** gave a brief introduction to the Chivas brand and expressions, leading to a guided tasting session. Attendees took home their own bottle of personally-blended whisky to cap off this unique experience.



SOLAR SOLUTIONS

Rising oil and electricity prices demand a rethink of alternative energy sources. **Quintin Pastrana**, President of WEnergy Power Pilipinas offered some realistic options to fossil fuels



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A FINE ART

George Schulze, The Dalmore Resident Whisky Expert in Asia, introduced three expressions of Dalmore in a masterclass that demonstrated exactly why the fine spirit has been called the definitive luxury single malt since 1839





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**AUG
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2022
MONDAY
5:30 PM
RIZAL ROOM

PORTUGAL ARRIVES IN MANILA: GOING FOR GOLD PART 4

THE PORTUGUESE GOLDEN VISA



VICKY LUIS
President
Golden Visa Centrale
Philippines



ROSALIA TORRES
Head of Sales and
International Markets
Arish Capital Partners



RAKESH MAJITHIA
Chief Investment Officer
Arish Capital Partners



LAURA TIQUE
Associate Lawyer
Pinto Ribeiro

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Why and how has Portugal become the gateway to Europe for those who are seeking citizenship and residence in the EU? Learn more about the visa process that will allow you and your family to live, work, study and do business in 27 European countries.

REGISTRATION IS FREE

**AUG
04**

2022
THURSDAY
4:30 PM
AVENUE BAR



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AUG
10

2022
WEDNESDAY
8PM
RIZAL ROOM

THREE FOR THE ROAD



OWEN ROBERTS
The Glenlivet Brand Ambassador
for the Philippines



PIYA SUTHASIRI
Manila House Executive Chef



Presented in partnership with: **THE GLENLIVET**

Good things come in threes. Join Brand Ambassador **Owen Roberts** in this in-person masterclass, featuring three expressions of The Glenlivet paired with food from Manila House Executive Chef **Piya Suthasiri**.

REGISTRATION

MEMBERS: P2000 | **NON MEMBERS:** P2300

AUG
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2022
WEDNESDAY
8PM
AVENUE BAR

MANILA SOUND



TRIVIA NIGHT

Get your geek on and test your music IQ!

REGISTRATION

MEMBERS: P700 | **NON MEMBERS:** P850

**AUG
23**

2022
TUESDAY
8:00 PM
RIZAL ROOM



Experience an affair like no other, from down under. Join us in this pairing of Australian wine and Australian beef, in partnership with Berton Vineyard Metal Label and Jack's Creek.

REGISTRATION

MEMBERS: P3000 | **NON MEMBERS:** P3500

**AUG
29**

2022
MONDAY
12NN
BONIFACIO
DINING



Join J.P. Morgan Private Bank for an engaging in-person session in Manila House, where we will address the current macro environment, geopolitics, and the challenges currently confronting central banks and investors alike.

REGISTRATION IS FREE. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

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AUG 30

2022
TUESDAY
10 AM
AVENUE BAR

A MAD BRUNCH



SIMRAN SAVLANI
Cookbook Author & Spark Girl

Presented in partnership with:



Be part of the grainy bunch. Hong Kong-based Simran Salvani of A Spark of Madness brings her fun and zany vegetarian cooking workshops to Manila House.

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