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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

To News Editor

### **NEW SAFRA PUNGGOL TO SERVE MORE THAN 80,000 NSMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE NORTH-EAST REGION**

NSmen will soon have access to a new range of recreational facilities when SAFRA Punggol opens its doors in April 2016. Mr Ong Ye Kung, Senior Minister of State for Defence and President of SAFRA, went on a hard hat tour of the new waterfront club located at Sentul Crescent this morning.

With more than 80,000 NSmen living in the North-East region of Singapore and a growing population of young families in Punggol, the five-storey club will house a comprehensive range of facilities for both young NSmen and their family members.

#### **New Fitness and Leisure Offerings**

Seamlessly integrated with the Punggol Waterway Park, SAFRA Punggol will be the first SAFRA club to feature a cycling and rollerblading kiosk. Managed by the same operator that runs the PCN Pitstop kiosks along the Eastern Coastal Loop, **Bikes @ Waterway** offers patrons the convenience of renting and returning bicycles and rollerblades at any of these kiosks. Amenities to support water-based activities such as kayaking are also being explored.

There will be a 16,000 square feet **EnergyOne gym**, the largest gym in the Punggol estate, to cater to NSmen's fitness needs. The gym will also provide Individual Physical Proficiency Test (IPPT) and IPPT Preparatory Training programmes for the benefit of NSmen living in the North-East region.

NSmen can also look forward to a host of **other leisure facilities** such as a 24-lane bowling centre managed by Orchid Bowl, a karaoke outlet managed by K Box, an electronic darts bar managed by iDarts, a yoga studio and a spa and wellness facility.

#### **Extensive Suite of Enrichment, Play and Family Bonding Facilities**

To cater to NSmen with young children, SAFRA Punggol will offer a wide-ranging suite of facilities for play, family bonding and enrichment.

SAFRA Punggol will house **Splash @ Kidz Amaze**, the first indoor water playground in Singapore. Spanning 23,000 square feet and three stories high, this mega play facility, designed with the theme of 'Enchanted Deep Sea', will feature a myriad of interactive and fun water play elements that are suitable for both parents and their children, and that will allow them to create strong bonds and precious memories. It will feature eight different play decks, five slides and a themed splash pad. Families

can also look forward to party rooms – conveniently connected to the playground – which provide creative and exciting venues to host children’s birthday celebrations.

The club will also house a **NurtureStars Preschool** to provide holistic education to pre-schoolers. Jointly managed by SAFRA and Kinderland Educare Services Pte Ltd, it will have capacity for 120 children, and will help to address the demand for child care places in Punggol. Priority to apply to the child care centre will be given to SAFRA members.

**Five enrichment centres** – Artary, BazGym Gymnastic School, StepUp Learning & Dance, Yamaha Music and Tien Hsia Language School – will provide a wide variety of educational programmes that cover subjects ranging from linguistics to gymnastics, with a cluster focused on arts education to cultivate creative expression and instil confidence in NSmen’s children through music, dance and art.

### **An Eco-Friendly Club**

SAFRA Punggol is the first SAFRA club to be awarded the prestigious **Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Platinum award**. The BCA Green Mark Platinum award is the highest rating for green, sustainable buildings that promote energy savings, water savings, healthier indoor environments and the adoption of extensive greenery.

The soon-to-be-opened club will be the first SAFRA club with a naturally ventilated atrium and corridors, full LED lighting, a solar photovoltaic power system and all its vendors adopting a **Green Lease agreement** with SAFRA. Besides designing and constructing a sustainable building, a green lease encourages occupiers to operate in an environmentally-friendly manner. As part of the lease agreement, retailers at the club will be required to make use of highly efficient air-conditioning and lighting systems, adopt recycling strategies, and reduce overall tenancy waste.

### **Widest Range of F&B Cuisines**

SAFRA Punggol will offer the largest variety of cuisines among all SAFRA clubs, and the cuisines range from fast food to Asian delicacies.

It will house **seven F&B outlets** - Bakerzin, issho Family Restaurant, Jack’s Place, McDonald’s, Pin Si Restaurant, Pizza Hut and Siam Thai Tuckshop. A cluster of these outlets are also located along the club’s multi-purpose courtyard. The courtyard is expected to host programmes such as family carnivals, performances and unit cohesion activities.

The club will hold a special soft opening on 24 April 2016, where members can enjoy complimentary access to selected facilities and special discounts at participating merchants in the club.

Kindly refer to **Annex A** for the fact sheet on SAFRA Punggol.

## **About SAFRA National Service Association**

SAFRA was formed in 1972 to provide for the social and recreational needs of NSmen and their families through quality sports, social, educational and cultural programmes to recognise NSmen for their contributions to National Defence. SAFRA currently has a network of five clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Tampines, Toa Payoh and Yishun, with its sixth club slated to open in Punggol in April 2016. Complementing the modern facilities at SAFRA clubs are a host of quality membership benefits and activities specially packaged for over 350,000 members and their families.

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**FACT SHEET**

**ABOUT SAFRA PUNGGOL**

1. Location: 9 Sentul Crescent  
6-minute walk from Punggol MRT station  
1-minute walk from Sam Kee LRT station
2. Cost of Development: \$64.4 million
3. Size of Land: 1.45 ha/ 14,500 m<sup>2</sup>
4. Gross Floor Area: 19,995 m<sup>2</sup>
5. Net Floor Area: 14,013.45 m<sup>2</sup>
6. Number of storeys: 5 storeys
7. Project Consultant: Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd
8. Flagship Theme: Family Recreation & Lifestyle
9. Design Concept:
  - a) The inspiration of the cascading architectural design comes from the natural slope seen on part of the land where the club is built.
  - b) The club is integrated seamlessly with the adjacent Punggol Waterway Park to retain the naturalistic ambience for recreation.
  - c) The interior of the club will adopt curvilinear forms and a primacy of the horizontal plane, representing the movement of water inspired by the Punggol waterway. These aesthetic concepts provide natural sun shading, ventilation and vistas.

## **SAFRA Punggol Development Committee**

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### **SAFRA Punggol Facilities**

| <b>Fitness and Leisure</b> | <b>Play and Enrichment</b> | <b>Food &amp; Beverages</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EnergyOne                  | Splash @ Kidz Amaze        | Siam Thai Tuckshop          |
| Bikes @ Waterway           | NurtureStars Preschool     | Pizza Hut                   |
| The Spa by The Ultimate    | Yamaha Music               | Bakerzin                    |
| Orchid Bowl                | Tien Hsia Language School  | McDonald's                  |
| iDarts Lava                | BazGym Gymnastics School   | Pin Si Superior             |
| Manekineko                 | Artary                     | issho Family Restaurant     |
| Yoga Inc.                  | StepUp Learning & Dance    | Jack's Place                |

\*additional tenants are pending

| No.                        | Name             | Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) | Description of Business   | Other Information  |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Fitness and Leisure</b> |                  |                              |   |  |
| 1                          | EnergyOne        | 1,493                        | <p>The sixth EnergyOne gym will provide NSmen living in North-East a convenient place to maintain their fitness.</p> <p>The gym will also provide Individual Physical Proficiency Test (IPPT) and IPPT Preparatory Training (IPT) programmes to cater to the needs of NSmen.</p>  | <p><b>Operating Hours</b><br/> <u>Mon – Fri:</u><br/> 0630 to 2230</p> <p><u>Sat:</u><br/> 0700 to 2000</p> <p><u>Sun &amp; PH:</u><br/> 0900 to 1900</p>              |
| 2                          | Bikes @ Waterway | 212                          | <p>SAFRA Punggol will be the first SAFRA club to include cycling and rollerblading activities. Bikes @ Waterway is part of the PCN Pitstop network that offers a large variety of bicycles for rent.</p> <p>Customers can conveniently return these bicycles at any of the 'pitstops' located along the Eastern PCN.</p>  | <p><b>Operating Hours:</b></p> <p><u>Weekdays:</u><br/> 1000 to 2000</p> <p><u>Weekends:</u><br/> 0900 to 2000</p>   |
| 3                          | iDarts Lava      | 222                          | <p>iDarts Lava is the latest franchise store of the iDarts Group of darts-bar chain in Singapore.</p> <p>Similar to current iDarts outlets at SAFRA Mount Faber and SAFRA Tampines, iDarts Lava enables players to see and play in real-time against other players around the world via the DARTSLIVE electronic darts board system. These electronic boards have revolutionised the game of darts and have become the trendiest sports hobby in Singapore.</p> | <p><b>Operating Hours:</b></p> <p><u>Sun – Thu, PH:</u><br/> 1200 to 0100</p> <p><u>Fri, Sat, Eve of PH:</u><br/> 1200 to 0300</p> <p><b>Seating Capacity:</b> 100</p> |
| 4                          | Manekineko       | 428                          | <p>Manekineko is one of Japan's largest karaoke chains with over 400 outlets in Japan. Brought into Singapore by K Box, customers can enjoy a self-service bar providing Japanese delicacies and beverages while singing their hearts out.</p> <p>Manekineko can also be currently enjoyed at SAFRA Jurong.</p>   | <p><b>Operating hours:</b></p> <p><u>Daily:</u><br/> 1100 to 0200</p>  |

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| 5                            | Orchid Bowl             | 2,052 | <p>The latest 24-lane Orchid Bowl outlet at SAFRA Punggol will be equipped with top notch sound and lighting systems catering to all bowling activities ranging from International and National Tournaments, schools trainings and championships, to corporate events, social gatherings and kids bumper bowling.</p>   | <p><b>Operating Hours</b></p> <p><u>Sun – Thur, PH:</u><br/>1000 to 0100</p> <p><u>Fri, Sat &amp; Eve of PH:</u><br/>1000 to 0300</p>              |
| 6                            | The Spa by The Ultimate | 264   | <p>Inspired by its location, The Spa by The Ultimate is a sanctuary of indulgence that offers an escape into equanimity. The Spa is part of The Ultimate Group of Companies, one of Singapore's leading spa and wellness groups.</p> <p>SAFRA members and guests can expect innovative treatments whilst enjoying the view of Punggol Waterway through the facility's exclusive floor-length window configuration.</p>  | <p><b>Operating Hours:</b></p> <p><u>Weekdays:</u><br/>1100 to 2100</p> <p><u>Weekends:</u><br/>1000 to 2100</p>                                   |
| 7                            | Yoga Inc.               | 215   | <p>Established in 2013, Yoga Inc. is a boutique yoga studio that offers a variety of yoga classes such as hot yoga and prenatal yoga.</p> <p>The studio is also an international Yoga Alliance accredited yoga school and classes are run by a team of qualified and experienced local teachers.</p>  | <p><b>Operating Hours:</b></p> <p><u>Weekdays:</u><br/>0900 to 1400,<br/>1700 to 2130</p> <p><u>Weekends:</u><br/>0800 to 1730</p>                 |
| <b>Play &amp; Enrichment</b> |                         |       |   |  |
| 8                            | NurtureStars Preschool  | 753   | <p>Established in January 2010, NurtureStars is a joint collaboration between SAFRA and Kinderland Educare Services Pte Ltd to provide holistic education to pre-schoolers.</p> <p>This unique collaboration leverages on SAFRA's suite of clubhouse facilities and Kinderland's expertise in the early childhood industry, to provide a well-rounded education which combines theme-based activities that encourage mental and physical development while developing a child's thinking skills and creativity.</p> | <p><b>Operating hours:</b></p> <p><u>Mon – Fri:</u><br/>0700 to 1900</p> <p><u>Saturday:</u><br/>0700 to 1400</p> <p><u>Sunday:</u><br/>Closed</p> |

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| 9  | Splash @ Kidz Amaze       | 2,300 | <p>Splash @ Kidz Amaze is Singapore's first indoor water playground and it features a single volume area for toddlers aged between 18 to 36 months and a triple volume area for kids 6 years old and above.</p> <p>Themed the 'Enchanted Deep Sea', the playground will also be equipped with three party rooms to host birthday parties.</p>  | <p><b>Operating hours:</b></p> <p><u>Mon – Thu, Sun:</u><br/>1000 to 1900</p> <p><u>Fri – Sat:</u><br/>1000 to 2100</p>  |
| 10 | Artery                    | 129   | <p>Artery is a popular children's art studio that offers art programmes specially designed for children aged three to 14 years old.</p> <p>Students learn and experience art through songs, cartoons, play-groups and games. Classes are also conducted in small groups with a learning ratio of one teacher to four students.</p>   | <p><b>Operating Hours</b></p> <p><u>Tue - Fri:</u><br/>1100 to 2115</p> <p><u>Sat:</u> 0900 to 1930</p> <p><u>Sun:</u> 0900 to 1800</p> <p><b>Capacity:</b> 32 students at any point of time</p> |
| 11 | BazGym Gymnastics School  | 219   | <p>Founded in June 2003 by passionate ex-national gymnasts and gymnastics enthusiasts, BazGym Gymnastics School specialises in gymnastics movement classes catering to pre-schoolers, primary school students and special needs students.</p> <p>The gymnastics programmes aim to develop an enthusiasm for physical activity and love for an active lifestyle in students. BazGym Gymnastics School also holds its programmes at their SAFRA Jurong outlet.</p> | <p><b>Operating hours:</b></p> <p><u>Daily:</u><br/>1000 to 2200</p> <p><b>Capacity:</b><br/>24 participants per hour</p>  |
| 12 | StepUp Learning & Dance   | 157   | <p>StepUp Learning &amp; Dance provides dance and fitness programmes from Zumba to Ballet for the entire family. The studios are also available for rental to host private classes and corporate events.</p>   | <p><b>Operating hours:</b></p> <p><u>Weekdays:</u><br/>1300 to 2130</p> <p><u>Weekends:</u><br/>1000 to 1900</p>   |
| 13 | Tien Hsia Language School | 155   | <p>Established in 1989, Tien Hsia Language School provides Chinese enrichment classes for children aged three to 12 years old.</p> <p>The language school's preschool programme prepares children for Primary School with fun-based learning. The Primary School Programmes are also regularly updated with latest changes in the MOE syllabus, to prepare students for school examination.</p>  | <p><b>Operating Hours:</b></p> <p><u>Mon:</u><br/>Closed</p> <p><u>Tue, Sat &amp; Sun:</u><br/>0900 to 1800</p> <p><u>Wed – Fri:</u><br/>1300 to 2130</p> <p><b>Capacity:</b> 60 pax</p>         |

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| 14                          | Yamaha Music            | 270 | <p>Yamaha Music provides courses designed to engage pre-schoolers and school-age children so that they develop a life-long love for music.</p> <p>Classes are organised according to age groups with classes available for children as young as two years old.</p>   | <p><b>Operating hours:</b><br/> <u>Mon - Fri:</u><br/> 1500 to 2100<br/> <u>Sat - Sun:</u><br/> 0900 to 1800</p>  |
| <b>Food &amp; Beverages</b> |                         |     |  |   |
| 15                          | Bakerzin                | 212 | <p>Bakerzin is one of Singapore's favourite cafes and offers customers a wide range of desserts and savoury dishes.</p> <p>From classical French style cakes to savoury dishes such as pasta, the cafe will have something for everyone in the family.</p>   | <p><b>Operating Hours</b><br/> <u>Daily:</u><br/> 0900 to 2200</p> <p><b>Seating Capacity:</b> 120 pax</p>  |
| 16                          | issho Family Restaurant | 129 | <p>issho Family Restaurant is a casual dining restaurant that offers authentic Japanese dishes and a wide selection of sakes and Japanese beers.</p> <p>On weekends, issho Family Restaurant also serves up an interesting Japanese and Western breakfast menu for the early birds.</p>                    | <p><b>Operating Hours</b><br/> <u>Mon to Thu:</u><br/> 1100 to 2100<br/> <u>Friday:</u><br/> 1100 to 2200<br/> <u>Saturday:</u><br/> 0900 to 2300<br/> <u>Sunday:</u><br/> 0900 to 2200</p> |
| 17                          | Jack's Place            | 222 | <p>Established in 1966, Jack's Place is one of Singapore's most successful home-grown chains of steak house and restaurants.</p> <p>Already operating at SAFRA Jurong, the casual family western restaurant at SAFRA Punggol will continue serving value-for-money set lunches and other quality food.</p> | <p><b>Operating Hours:</b><br/> <u>Weekdays:</u><br/> 1100 to 2200<br/> <u>Weekends:</u><br/> 0900 to 2200</p>  |
| 18                          | McDonald's              | 394 | <p>SAFRA Punggol will be the third SFRA club to house the popular restaurant after SAFRA Yishun and SAFRA Toa Payoh. With a Drive-thru facility at the new club, McDonald's offers convenience for patrons 24 hours a day.</p>   | <p><b>Operating Hours:</b><br/> Open 24 hours</p>   |
| 19                          | Pin Si Superior         | 429 | <p>Established in 2008, Pin Si offers quality Chinese delicacies at affordable prices. The outlet at SAFRA Punggol will serve Cantonese-styled favourites, fresh seafood and Hong Kong Dim Sum.</p> <p>The restaurant can also play to host business meetings and banquets for various occasions.</p>      | <p><b>Operating Hours:</b><br/> <u>Weekdays:</u><br/> 1100 to 1430,<br/> 1830 to 2230<br/> <u>Weekends:</u><br/> 1000 to 1430,<br/> 1830 to 2230</p>  |

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| 20 | Pizza Hut          | 261 | <p>Pizza Hut Singapore opened its first outlet in Singapore in 1981 and the restaurant is now the largest pizza chain in Singapore with more than 60 outlets.</p> <p>Pizza Hut will offer a wide range of pizzas, pastas and other quality western food.</p> | <p><b>Operating Hours:</b><br/> <u>Daily:</u><br/> 1000 to 2200 daily</p>  |
| 21 | Siam Thai Tuckshop | 236 | <p>Siam Thai Tuckshop will serve authentic Thai cuisine with favourites such as Tom Yum soup and Phad Thai.</p> <p>A special drink and dessert kiosk will also be situated by the entrance of the restaurant to better reach out to customers on-the-go.</p> | <p><b>Operating Hours:</b><br/> <u>Daily:</u><br/> 1100 to 1500,<br/> 1700 to 2200</p> <p><b>Seating Capacity:</b> 126 pax</p> |