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## Singapore's first Banyan Tree Spa opens at Marina Bay Sands

*Experience the ultimate spa indulgence with the award-winning Banyan Tree*

**Singapore** (20 July 2011) – Unveiling an oasis in the sky, Marina Bay Sands has launched Singapore's first Banyan Tree Spa. This marks the renowned Banyan Tree's debut in its home ground after its phenomenal success globally.

Set to be the tallest Banyan Tree Spa on the 55<sup>th</sup> level of the spectacular Marina Bay Sands Hotel, Banyan Tree Spa Marina Bay Sands opens up a world of tranquility and calm in the heart of town. The Spa infuses the sleek glamour of its modern interior with Banyan Tree's tradition of staging sensual Asian-inspired experience to exude a unique sense of place. Themed on the Tree of Life design, the 1,213 square meters urban spa offers its suite of distinctive treatments in 15 uniquely designed rooms with panoramic views.

"As the leading business, leisure and entertainment destination in Asia, Marina Bay Sands is committed to present no less than the best of Singapore to our guests. We are proud to be the first in Singapore to house the award-winning Banyan Tree Spa in our luxurious space as we welcome the brand back home," said Marina Bay Sands Interim CEO George Tanasijevich. "We have no doubt that Banyan Tree's spa expertise and outstanding service will further strengthen the appeal of Marina Bay Sands as an iconic destination that bears return visits."

"This is distinctively Singaporean in effort and spirit. It combines Marina Bay Sands' commitment to honour local companies, with the deep Asian heritage of Banyan Tree. We aim to make Singapore proud by opening the city's first-ever Banyan Tree Spa at the height of nearly 200 meters in the sky, and welcome Singaporeans to visit this spectacular Spa," added Mr Tanasijevich.

"After spending the last 17 years establishing 64 spas in 26 countries, Banyan Tree is finally returning to its roots in Singapore. We are bringing the best of the Banyan Tree Spa experience to our home ground, and proud to have the stunning location of Marina Bay Sands to plant our first flag. Banyan Tree has always strived to create a sense of place for our guests, and Singapore's national flower Orchid is a unique element in the signature treatment of this spa, as a tribute to our Singapore heritage," said Banyan Tree Holdings Executive Chairman Ho Kwon Ping. "This opening is a key milestone in the history of Banyan Tree. We are confident that our presence will elevate the standards of spa services in Singapore to another level, and exceed our clients' expectations."

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Designed by Banyan Tree's design arm Architrave, responsible for the Group's inspiring designs around the globe, this is the first Banyan Tree Spa to be holistically themed around the timeless concept of the Tree of Life. Decked in earth tones with black as accent, the Spa uses a clever combination of textured materials to evoke the themes of nature in a mystical rainforest.

The distinctive Tree of Life, represented in almost all cultures, symbolises immortality and wisdom. It highlights the importance of preserving and connecting with nature – a reflection of Banyan Tree's vision and commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility and sustainable growth. Nestled in the heart of Singapore, it represents Singapore's renowned position as a flourishing garden city and embraces Banyan Tree Spa's philosophy of a tropical garden spa setting, with a contemporary twist.

At the lush and private confines of the Spa Lobby, an exquisite starry sky is set against an intricate and graceful Tree of Life feature wall artwork. Taking centre stage, a magnificent Arbol de la Vida Tree of Life sculpture from Mexico adds to the imagery of a tropical garden.

Artistic expressions of aesthetics and finishes of the Spa honour its Asian heritage, celebrating creativity and intricate craftsmanship. Leaf-patterned hand-carved timber panels by artisans from Indonesia and abaca woven fiber panels from The Philippines adorn the walls and doors. Natural stones such as travertine marble and onyx as well as solid bamboo are crafted into the floors and wall panels. The spa walkway, beautifully lined with creepers and woody vines, spells adventure in a tropical jungle while acrylic bamboo from Thailand adds contrast and a sense of calm amidst a bamboo garden. Interior furnishings and decor include Chinese and Thai style paintings, Balinese stone carving, modern day laser cut-out screens featuring different elegant styles of the Tree of Life.

Famous for pioneering the tropical garden spa concept with its time-honored Asian therapies and holistic focus on spiritual, mental and physical harmony, Banyan Tree Spa emphasises a non-clinical 'high-touch, low-tech' approach that celebrates the human touch. Guests will reawaken their senses by the intuitive touch of the therapists along with the use of natural ingredients such as herbs, spices and aromatic oils.

## **Signature Spa Treatments**

Exclusive to Singapore, all treatment room names are inspired by Orchid - the national flower of Singapore while the signature treatment - **Harmony Banyan** harnesses the power of the Orchid. This 180-minute indulgent session massage is performed by two therapists who synchronise in physique and movements to bring about a harmonious sense of well-being. It comprises an Orchid Scrub, Harmony Banyan massage using specially concocted Orchid massage oil, Head & Foot massage and concludes with a Therapeutic Orchid Bath.

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The unique 180-minute session **Royal Banyan**, formulated with the high stresses of city-dwellers in mind, highlights the Royal Banyan Herbal Pouch Massage, which uses East-meets-West massage techniques and a herbal pouch dipped in warm Sesame Oil to soothe muscular tension and improve blood circulation.

A Banyan Tree Spa innovation, the 180-minute session **Tropical Rainmist experience** is a rejuvenating combination of Rainmist Steam Bath and cascading Rain Shower to uplift your senses as a prelude to the luxurious body treatment that follows.

All Banyan Tree Spa treatment sessions are inclusive of 30 minutes' Calm Time whereby our therapists will offer the guests a soothing welcome footbath and a herbal drink with refreshments for post-treatment relaxation.

The team of professional spa therapists is trained by the Banyan Tree Spa Academy to ensure fine delivery of high standards of the Banyan Tree Spa experience to all guests. Established in May 2001, the Banyan Tree Spa Academy Phuket is the first of its kind in Thailand, accredited by Thailand's Ministries of Education and Public Health for its rigorous training program, followed by its opening of another two Academies in Bintan, Indonesia and Lijiang, China.

Guests at Banyan Tree Spa Marina Bay Sands have a choice of 35 luxurious treatments and services. Well-loved favourites include a comprehensive menu of 90 or 120-minute session massages, body scrubs, facials and beauty treatments. Acclaimed massages feature traditional Thai, Swedish, Balinese and Hawaiian Lomi Lomi to specialist sports and back massages while beauty therapies feature hand, foot and hair treatments.

In all, the Spa consists of 15 treatment rooms including 2 Royal Double Spa Suites that offer the legendary Tropical Rainmist treatment; a Beauty Salon, a Tea Lounge for post-treatment relaxation; as well as the Banyan Tree Gallery which allows guests to recreate the unique Banyan Tree experience at home. In-room massages are also available for guests staying in the 24 luxurious hotel spa suites at Marina Bay Sands.

The Spa is open to both hotel guests and visitors daily from 10am to 10pm. Gift certificates are also available. For reservations, please contact **+65 6688 8825**, email [spa-marinabaysands@banyantree.com](mailto:spa-marinabaysands@banyantree.com) today or visit [banyantreespa.com](http://banyantreespa.com) (from 22 July 2011).

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## **About Marina Bay Sands**

Marina Bay Sands is the leading business, leisure and entertainment destination in Asia. It features large and flexible convention and exhibition facilities, 2,560 hotel rooms and suites, the rooftop Sands SkyPark, the best shopping mall in Asia, world-class celebrity chef restaurants, a casino, Paiza Club for premium players and an outdoor event plaza. Its two theaters showcase a range of leading entertainment acts, including the resident performance "The Lion King". Completing the line-up of attractions is the ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands which plays host to permanent and marquee exhibitions. For more information, please visit [www.marinabaysands.com](http://www.marinabaysands.com).

## **About Banyan Tree Holdings Limited**

Banyan Tree Holdings Limited ("Banyan Tree" or the "Group") is a leading manager and developer of premium resorts, hotels and spas in the Asia Pacific, with close to 30 resorts and hotels, over 60 spas and over 80 galleries, as well as two golf courses. The Group manages and/or has ownership interests in niche resorts and hotels.

This is centred around two award-winning brands: Banyan Tree and Angsana. Banyan Tree also operates the leading integrated resort in Thailand – Laguna Phuket, through the Group's subsidiary, Laguna Resorts & Hotels Public Company Limited.