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MARINA BAY SANDS RECEIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR ARTSCIENCE MUSEUM AT SINGAPORE TOURISM AWARDS 2026

Marina Bay Sands receives multiple honours at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2026, recognising its contributions to Singapore's arts and culture, Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions industry and tourism innovation



Since its opening in 2011, ArtScience Museum has stood as an iconic symbol of Singapore's creative identity by pioneering experiences at the convergence of art, science, technology and culture

Singapore (9 July 2026) — ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands has received the 'Special Recognition' award at the Singapore Tourism Awards 2026 by the Singapore Tourism Board.

The top honour was received at a ceremony last night. It recognises the Museum's contributions to Singapore's cultural and tourism landscape over the past 15 years and its continued commitment to broadening perspectives through world-class exhibitions, films and programmes at the intersection of art, science, technology and culture.

Marina Bay Sands also took home the 'Outstanding Leisure Event and Experience',

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‘Outstanding Business Innovation’ and ‘Outstanding Event Venue Experience’ awards at the prestigious ceremony, which was graced by Ms. Grace Fu, Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, and Minister for Sustainability and the Environment.

Mr Paul Town, Chief Operating Officer, Marina Bay Sands, said: “As an integrated resort, Marina Bay Sands is uniquely placed to showcase Singapore through world-class experiences that spark curiosity and connection. ArtScience Museum is central to this vision not just as an attraction, but as a cultural anchor that invites visitors to engage more deeply, intellectually, emotionally and creatively. We remain focused on presenting works that are globally relevant and locally resonant, while contributing to Singapore’s ongoing evolution as a leading arts and cultural destination.”

“We are heartened by the recognition Marina Bay Sands has received across the property – from business innovation to event venue experience. More than a mark of excellence, these accolades reflect the passion, dedication and shared ambition of our Team Members, who continue to push boundaries and raise the bar in all that they do. As Singapore’s tourism landscape evolves, Marina Bay Sands remains inspired by the opportunity to shape meaningful experiences, celebrate culture and innovation, and contribute to the next chapter of the city’s growth.”

Honouring 15 years of world-class cultural programming



(from L to R): *Cosmic Bloom* at *Iris van Herpen: Sculpting the Senses*; *RojakLand* at *SingaPop! 60 years of Singapore Pop Culture*; *The Photic Zone* at *Into the Ocean: Journey Beneath* featuring OceanX’s *The Ocean in Motion* and Robertina Šebjanič’s *Echinoidea Future – Adriatic Sensing*

Since its opening in 2011, ArtScience Museum has established itself as a pioneering cultural institution in Asia, presenting landmark exhibitions that feature the works of global artists and thinkers, including the likes of Leonardo da Vinci, Salvador Dalí, Andy Warhol, Vincent van Gogh and M.C. Escher.

Exhibitions such as *Iris Van Herpen: Sculpting the Senses* (2025) and *SingaPop! 60 Years of Singapore Pop Culture* (2025) reflect the continued evolution of ArtScience Museum’s

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thoughtful, multidisciplinary storytelling while supporting local and regional talent across the arts and sciences. Its permanent exhibition, *teamLab Future World*, has attracted close to five million visitors since 2016, underscoring the Museum's ability to engage audiences through immersive and cutting-edge experiences.

Over the years, the Museum's programming has also expanded to explore the defining questions of today, from environmental sustainability and artificial intelligence to space exploration and the human condition.

Its 15th anniversary year has been marked by major presentations such as the world premiere of *Into the Ocean: Journey Beneath* (2026). Created in collaboration with OceanX, the exhibition invites visitors on a cinematic deep-sea journey through marine life and ecosystems while exploring pertinent issues around ocean conservation.

Beyond major exhibitions, ArtScience Museum has continued to diversify public engagement through education initiatives and community-centred programmes. The launch of ArtScience Laboratory in 2025 marked another milestone with the introduction of hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)-driven programmes, designed to spark curiosity and innovation among students, educators and families.



(from L to R): ArtScience Museum welcomed *The World of Studio Ghibli* with a special sculpture from *Ponyo on the Cliff by the Sea* (2008) placed within its lily pond; large-scale installations recreated memorable scenes, such as *Chihiro standing in front of the bathhouse in Spirited Away* (2001)

The Museum was also named the winner of the **Outstanding Leisure Event and Experience** category for *The World of Studio Ghibli* (2024), the first official Studio Ghibli exhibition in Singapore and one of the largest exhibitions staged at ArtScience Museum. Transforming 11 galleries across two levels, the exhibition featured 16 large-scale immersive theatrical sets meticulously crafted on-site in collaboration with a team of Japanese artists, bringing the beloved worlds of Studio Ghibli to life for audiences in Singapore.

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Redefining excellence across the visitor journey

Marina Bay Sands also received honours across the Enterprise Excellence and Experience Excellence categories, a testament to its unparalleled demonstration of business and leisure experiences, as well as enterprise excellence.



Working among humans to do the heavy lifting, 17 Autonomous Mobile Robots operate across close to 70 pre-programmed routes, delivering fresh produce from the loading dock to kitchens and restaurants

The reimaged use of Autonomous Mobile Robots (AMRs) earned Marina Bay Sands the **'Outstanding Business Innovation'** award, which recognises enterprises that develop creative solutions to address pressing challenges to deliver tangible positive outcomes.

Typically used in factories for supply chain environments around the world, these delivery robots were adapted in an industry-first move for the hospitality industry to enhance the integrated resort's large-scale operations. They have not only improved operational efficiency and workplace safety to overcome the manual handling of heavy loads, but also alleviated congestion in back-of-house kitchens caused by frequent deliveries and created upskilling opportunities for Supply Chain Team Members.

Introduced in phases since 2024, the AMRs serve as a successful proof of concept, reducing labour dependency for delivery tasks by approximately 38 per cent and enabling round-the-clock operations. This strategic adaptation addresses manpower challenges, improves operational resilience, and ensures scalability to meet growing business demands.

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Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Centre has grown experiences like TOKEN2049 Singapore into iconic milestones in Singapore's calendar, from 7,500 delegates in 2022 to a record-breaking 25,000 attendees in 2025

Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Centre secured its record 10th **'Outstanding Event Venue Experience'** award, demonstrating its continued commitment to redefining world-class business events through innovation and exceptional guest experiences. As the expectations of modern delegates evolve beyond traditional meetings and exhibitions, the venue has pioneered new approaches to event design that blend business objectives with meaningful experiences. Through its industry-leading Event Design Methodology and Asia's first dedicated Event Design Lab, Marina Bay Sands works alongside organisers to create more purposeful, engaging and impactful events that resonate with today's global business travellers.

A hallmark of this approach is the seamless integration of business, culture, lifestyle and wellness into the delegate journey, in events such as Token2049. From showcasing Singapore's rich hawker heritage and culinary excellence to designing interactive wellness activations such as a rock climbing wall, Marina Bay Sands has demonstrated how curated experiences can foster deeper connections, enhance networking, and create lasting memories.

Marina Bay Sands also places strong emphasis on exceptional service, with 12,000 Team Members undergoing its Brand Service Culture Transformative series. The series empowers Team Members to lead with emotional intelligence, deliver distinctive service, and adopt strategies for trust, accountability and collaboration.

Three of its customer service professionals were finalists for their outstanding professionalism:

- **'Tourism Star for Food & Beverage'**: Lu Yin-Chiao, Assistant Manager at Waku Ghin, was recognised for crafting moments of care and connection that elevate every dish

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at Chef Tetsuya Wakuda's acclaimed Japanese fine dining restaurant, while mentoring junior Team Members to embody the same commitment to excellence.

- **'Tourism Star for Retail':** Ratna Mustika Binte Mohd Roslan, Supervisor, Retail Concierge and Marilou Zabat Santiago, Senior Guest Service Agent, Retail Concierge, were recognised for their exceptional hospitality, bridging guests with stories, recommendations and personal experiences that help bring Singapore's vibrant tourism scene to life.

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About Marina Bay Sands Pte Ltd

Since its opening in 2010, Marina Bay Sands has stood as an architectural marvel and the crown jewel in Singapore's skyline. Home to the world's most spectacular rooftop infinity pool and approximately 1,850 rooms and suites, the integrated resort offers exceptional dining, shopping, meeting and entertainment choices, complete with a year-round calendar of signature events.

Marina Bay Sands is dedicated to being a good corporate citizen to serve its people, communities and environment. It drives social impact through its community engagement programme, Sands Cares, and leads environmental stewardship through its global sustainability programme, Sands ECO360.

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