

Media Release

To News Editors

SAFRA CHOA CHU KANG TO OPEN IN MAY 2023

SAFRA's seventh club will open in May 2023 and will have a range of new facilities for fitness, family bonding, recreation and dining. NSmen and their families can also look forward to a month-long open house in June, where they can enjoy a host of activities and special promotions to try out the club's facilities.

Nestled within Choa Chu Kang Park, the new SAFRA club is part of the government's continuing efforts to recognise NSmen for their contributions towards National Defence. Over 90,000 Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) national servicemen and their families living in the north-west of Singapore will have convenient access to these new facilities and the new club is expected to draw an annual visitation of over 1.4 million visitors once opened.

This was announced by Senior Minister of State for Defence and President of SAFRA Mr Zaqy Mohamad when he went on a hard hat tour of the new five-storey club this morning. He was joined by Minister for Trade and Industry and Grassroots Advisor to Chua Chu Kang Group Representation Constituency (GRC) Grassroots Organisations (GROs) Mr Gan Kim Yong, as well as Member of Parliament for Chua Chu Kang GRC Mr Don Wee Boon Hong.

An Eco-Friendly Club

SAFRA Choa Chu Kang is built to be an eco-friendly club, with the aim of being the first club in Singapore to attain BCA Green Mark Platinum Super Low Energy (SLE) standards.

Over 660 solar panels will be installed on the roof of the club to generate over 450,000 kilowatt hours of electricity annually, which is equivalent to powering approximately 96 units of 4-room HDB for one year.^[1] This is the highest among all SAFRA clubs. To reduce energy consumption, the club also uses a heat recovery system to provide hot water for showers and an intelligent energy management system, coupled with energy efficient LED lights and lighting sensors for the building. Many spaces within the club are also designed to maximise natural ventilation and sunlight.

Beside saving energy, SAFRA Choa Chu Kang will also be the first SAFRA club to harvest rainwater from rooftop collection points to be stored for irrigation purposes, and this is expected to save enough water to fill two Olympic-sized swimming pools annually.

^[1] Based on estimated average monthly household electricity consumption for one 4-room HDB= 390 kWh monthly.

A Unique Fitness Oasis

A unique 'Fitness Oasis', SAFRA Choa Chu Kang will be the first SAFRA club to have a sheltered swimming pool and futsal court, as well as a 150-metre sky running track winding along its fourth level, which NSmen can enjoy, rain or shine.

There will also be an Integrated Fitness and Wellness Hub spanning close to 2,700m². This will house SAFRA's largest EnergyOne gym equipped with the latest range of top-branded training equipment and a Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) arena, along with an academy for Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and a Balinese-inspired spa.

The club will also have a world class indoor climbing facility operated by Climb Central, catering to both novice and advanced climbers. It will feature a 15-meter speed climbing wall, a lead climbing wall and a top rope wall, with selected walls equipped with auto-belay devices, as well as bouldering amenities.

Play, Enrichment & Childcare Facilities for Families

SAFRA Choa Chu Kang will also have a comprehensive suite of facilities dedicated to families. It will be the first SAFRA club to have a sports-themed indoor inflatable park where families can bond through play. The new Bouncetopia outlet by Kiztopia Group will feature specially-customised inflatables offering a variety of fun-filled activities like obstacle courses, slides, ball pits, a basketball field, and a challenging vertical climb, to offer endless hours of family fun.

Parents can also look forward to the club having a NurtureStars Preschool, student care and six enrichment centres, which will offer a wide array of courses ranging from languages, mathematics and science, to arts, dance and taekwondo, for their children.

One-stop Recreational Destination

There will also be an Integrated Entertainment Hub managed by Sonic Bowl to provide an ideal one-stop destination for NSmen to socialise, and for large group activities to be organised. This hub will house an 18-lane bowling centre, karaoke and darts facilities, along with food, all offered within the same area spanning over 2,200 m².

On the same level within the club, there will also be a Clique Gaming café offering LAN gaming, game consoles and pool tables. Separately, there will also be four games rooms which can be booked by SAFRA members to gather for mahjong or various board games.

Plenty of Dining Options Including A Military-themed Café & Bar

SAFRA Choa Chu Kang will offer plenty of dining options for NSmen and their families, including a unique military-themed CAMO Café & Bar jointly managed by Tung Lok Group and SAFRA. A café by day and a chill-out spot by night, the venue will serve a fusion of Asian and Western cuisines and a range of beverages, while offering a unique ambience with military-themed features.

The club will also house a Food Paradise food court and Singapore's only Burger King outlet with a drive-through to provide NSmen with greater convenience in purchasing takeaway meals en route to work or home. There will also be a Texas Chicken outlet and BBQ pits for those who want to have a cook out.

Kindly refer to the attached fact sheet at **Annex A** for more details on SAFRA Choa Chu Kang, along with a summary of the latest artist's impressions of the new club.

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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 six clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Punggol, Tampines, Toa Payoh and Yishun, with a seventh club coming up in Choa Chu Kang. Complementing the modern facilities at SAFRA clubs are a host of quality membership benefits and activities specially packaged for over 500,000 members and their families.

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SAFRA CHOA CHU KANG**FACT SHEET****ABOUT SAFRA CHOA CHU KANG**

1. Location : Along Choa Chu Kang Drive
5-minute walk from Choa Chu Kang MRT & LRT stations



2. Size of Land : 1.4 ha/ 14,000 m²
3. Gross Floor Area : 19,739 m²
4. Number of storeys : 5 storeys and a basement carpark
5. Project Consultant : DP Architects Pte Ltd

6. List of Facilities :

Basement Storey

- Car park

1st Storey

- Bouncetopia by Kiztopia Group
- NurtureStars Preschool
- Burger King (with drive-through)
- CAMO Café & Bar
- Food Paradise
- Texas Chicken

2nd Storey

- Sheltered swimming pool
- Training pool
- Sheltered futsal court
- BlueTree Education
- Canvas Ark
- EduGrove Mandarin Enrichment Centre
- Firstpointe
- PlayFACTO School
- Taekwondonomics
- The Write Connection

3rd Storey

- Integrated Fitness & Wellness Hub
 - EnergyOne gym
 - Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Singapore
 - The UPSARA Spa

4th Storey

- Sheltered sky running track
- Indoor climbing facility operated by Climb Central (spanning 3rd to 5th storeys)
- Integrated Entertainment Hub by Sonic Bowl
 - Bowling
 - Darts
 - KTV
 - F&B
- Clique Gaming
- Games Rooms

5th Storey

- BBQ Pits
- Function Rooms
- Volunteers' Lounge

FITNESS

Facility	Description	Remarks
Sheltered Swimming Pool (Level 2)	6 lanes. 50m in length. 1.2m in depth.	Operating Hours: Weekdays: 7.00am to 9.30pm Weekends & PH: 8.00am to 9.30pm Pool maintenance day: 11.00am to 9.30pm
Training Pool (Level 2)	20m in length, 5m in width, 1m in depth. - Non-sheltered.	Operating Hours: Weekdays: 7.00am to 9.30pm Weekends & PH: 8.00am to 9.30pm Pool maintenance day: 11.00am to 9.30pm
Sheltered Futsal Court (Level 2)	- Size of the pitch is 38m x 20m. - Synthetic turf.	Operating Hours: Daily: 7.00am to 1.00am
Sky running track (Level 4)	150-metre loop. - Accessibly linked to the surrounding park via the Steps of Life. - NSmen can use it for circuit training. For example, they can do calisthenics workouts at the park, climb up the Steps of Life and run along the sky running track, before repeating the loop. The Steps of Life provides seamless connectivity and accessibility between the surrounding park and the various facilities located at storeys 1 to 4 of the club.	

Facility	Description	Remarks
EnergyOne Gym (Level 3)	- Features the latest range of equipment from top brands such as Hammer Strength, Life Fitness and Precor. - First community gym in Singapore to be a Hammer Strength Certified Training Centre, with a range of 15 plate-loaded equipment designed to move with the body's natural path of motion and target every part of the body's muscles. - Features a Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) arena, where training programmes and events can be held.	Floor Area: 1672.25m² / 18,000 sq ft Operating Hours: Daily: 6.30am to 10.30pm Capacity: 240 pax
Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Singapore (Level 3)	Offers Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu classes for self-defence, catering to both adults and children.	Floor Area: 185m² Operating Hours: Daily: 11.00am to 10.00pm Capacity: 50 pax
The UPSARA Spa (Level 3)	- Balinese-inspired spa providing services ranging from massage to skincare, hair and body treatments, to rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. - Exclusive zones for each gender and couple rooms where NSmen and their families can relax and unwind together. - Enjoy access to sauna, Jacuzzi, warm shower and refreshments.	Floor Area: 490m² Operating Hours: Daily: 10.00am to 10.30pm Max Capacity: 60 pax
Climb Central operated by Climb Asia Group (Spans 3 rd to 5 th storeys. Main entrance at 4 th storey)	- Features a total of over 40 climbing lanes across 1,000m² of climbing surface. - Standard 15m speed climbing wall is suitable for advanced climbers. - Lead climbing wall is suitable for advanced climbers. - Top rope wall and bouldering wall are recommended for novice/beginner climbers and young children. - Selected walls are equipped with auto-belay devices.	Floor Area: 622m² Operating Hours: Weekdays: 11.00am to 11.00pm Weekends & PH: 10.00am to 10.00pm Seating Capacity: 100 pax

FAMILY

Facility	Description	Remarks
Bouncetopia by Kiztopia (Level 1)	• Suitable for families, including children aged 3 to 15 years old. • It will feature specially-customised inflatables offering a variety of fun-filled activities like obstacle courses, slides, ball pits, a basketball field, and a challenging vertical climb. • There will also be specially curated learning programmes for children aimed at developing their skills in areas such as sports, speech, music, recycling and environmental preservation, with the guidance of certified instructors.	Floor Area: 630m ² Operating Hours: Sun to Thu: 10.00am to 8.00pm Fri, Sat, PH: 10.00am to 10.00pm Capacity: 220 pax
NurtureStars Preschool (Level 1)	• Jointly managed by Kinderland International Education and SAFRA. • Part of the ECDA Childcare Partner Operator (C-POP) scheme to provide their students with quality and affordable childcare. • Offers quality pre-school education for children aged 2 months to 6 years old. • Beyond enrichment and literacy subjects, it also has a physical education programme in partnership with a Japanese sports academy.	Floor Area: 780m ² Operating Hours: Mon to Fri: 7.00am to 7.00pm Sat: 7.00am to 2.00pm Class Capacity: 130 childcare 16 infantcare Total: 146
PlayFACTO School (Level 2)	• Weekdays: Offers student care for children aged 7 to 12 years old. • Weekends: Offers enrichment classes including Creative Math and Coding Robotics for children aged 3 to 14 years old. • The only Positive Education school in Singapore that is accredited by the Positive Education School Association (PESA).	Floor Area: 203m ² Operating Hours: Mon to Fri: 9.00am to 7.00pm, Sat & Sun: 9.00am to 5.00pm Capacity: 100 pax

Facility	Description	Remarks
BlueTree Education (Level 2)	- Offers academic programmes in Mathematics and Science for Primary and Secondary school students. - Led by ex-MOE teachers and experienced curriculum specialists.	Floor Area: 82m² Operating Hours: Weekday: 10.30am to 7.00pm Weekend: 9.00am to 6.00pm Capacity: 10 - 15 pax per class
Canvas Ark (Level 2)	- Curricula specially curated for children aged 4 to 12 years old. - Offers programmes to develop the creativity and confidence of students to express themselves through art. - Focused on 7 Artistic Processes – Inspiration, Imagination, Emotion, Expression, Experimentation, Materiality and Presentation. - Led by a team of trained visual art instructors.	Floor Area: 130m² Operating Hours: Tue-Fri: 11.00am to 6.00pm Sat & Sun: 9.00am to 5.30pm Closed on Mon & PH Capacity: 40 pax
EduGrove Mandarin Enrichment Centre (Level 2)	- Offers Mandarin enrichment programmes for toddlers as young as 1 years old, students from Kindergarten to Secondary levels, and adults. - Programmes are designed to be fun and engaging, using word games, drama techniques such as improvisation and role-play, as well as stimulating discussion sessions.	Floor Area: 125m² Operating Hours: Weekday: 10.00am to 10.00pm Weekend: 9.00am to 7.00pm Class Capacity: 12 pax per class

Facility	Description	Remarks
Firstpointe (Level 2)	- An established dance school which has supported many students in achieving excellent results for DSA entry to secondary schools, and have won at numerous overseas competitions such as Japan, Malaysia and Indonesia. - Offers a variety of dance programmes.	Floor Area: 200m² Operating Hours: Weekdays: 2.00pm to 9.30pm; Weekends: 9.00am to 9.00pm Capacity: 50 pax
Taekwondonomics (Level 2)	- Offers specialised taekwondo training classes to various age groups from under 5 years old to over 50 years old to develop skills in self-defence and enhance motor skills. - Led by a team of world class and national athletes.	Floor Area: 130.11m² Operating Hours: Tue to Fri: 2.00pm to 9.00pm, Sat and Sun: 9.00am to 7.00pm Closed on Mon & PH Class Pax: 70pax
The Write Connection (Level 2)	- A multi-award-winning MOE-registered English enrichment brand in Singapore. - Offers English enrichment programmes for K2, Primary 1-6 and Secondary 1-4 students.	Floor Area: 148m² Operating Hours: Mon to Fri: 2.30pm to 9.30pm Sat to Sun: 8.30am to 6.30pm Closed on PH Class Capacity: 6 classrooms. 10 Students per class.

RECREATION

Facility	Description	Remarks
Integrated Entertainment Hub by Sonic Bowl (Level 4)	- Offers bowling, darts, karaoke and food and beverage. 18 bowling lanes, inclusive of two private lanes in a VIP room. - Offers a unique cosmic bowling experience with special light effects projected onto the lanes and glow-in-the-dark bowling balls.	Floor Area: 2,212m² Operating Hours: Sun to Thu, PH: 11.00am to 11.00pm Fri to Sat, Eve of PH: 11.00am to 1.00am Seating Capacity: 250 pax
Clique Gaming (Level 4)	- Clique Gaming is the largest VR, Esports, cuesports and console cyber café chain in Singapore. - The branch at SAFRA Choa Chu Kang will be the only outlet in Singapore to offer pool tables, game consoles and LAN gaming at the same venue. - Venue is suitable to host E-sports competitions.	Floor Area: 300m² Operating Hours: Daily: 10.00am to 10.00pm Capacity: 60-70 pax
Games Rooms (Level 4)	Four rooms available for booking exclusively by SAFRA members, where they can play mahjong and various board games.	Operating Hours: Daily: 9.00am to 3.00am

DINING

Facility	Description	Remarks
CAMO Café & Bar (Level 1)	- Jointly-managed by Tung Lok Group and SAFRA. - CAMO is the abbreviation of 'camouflage'. - This brand new, exclusively created, military-themed dining concept with Instagrammable features, aims to provide a sense of nostalgia and bring back fond memories of NS. - Café by day and a chill-out spot at night, it will serve a fusion of Asian and Western cuisines. - The café's menu will include familiar favourites with an interesting contemporary twist, such as 'Coconut Kaya Sour Dough Toasts with Bee Pollen', 'Eggs Benedict with Banana Leaf Otah', 'My Grandmother Pork Dumplings', 'Smash Chicken & Rendang Burger', and more. Pair the meal with a cup of 'CAMO Signature Bullet-Proof Coffee', which uses a unique blend of dark roasted espresso beans. Served with thick-cut butter and virgin coconut oil, giving it a burnt caramel, smooth, and buttery sweet taste. - Being located at Choa Chu Kang Park amplifies its concept of 'blending' into nature and greenery.	Floor Area: 157m² Operating Hours: Daily: 9.00am to 9.00pm Seating Capacity: 80 pax
Burger King (Level 1)	- The only Burger King outlet in Singapore to have a drive-through. - Conveniently accessible via the Kranji Expressway (KJE). - Offers greater convenience for NSmen and their families who wish to purchase takeaway meals to and from home or work.	Floor area: 318m² Operating Hours: Daily: 8.00am to 2.00am Seating Capacity: 100 pax
Food Paradise (Level 1)	- Air-conditioned food court - Comprises 5 food stalls and 1 drinks stall.	Floor Area: 568m² Operating Hours: Daily: 8.00am till late Seating Capacity: 100 pax

Facility	Description	Remarks
Texas Chicken (Level 1)	- Serves original and spicy chicken. - Customers can look forward to conveniently order their meals through digital QR menu and payment or self-ordering kiosks with electronic payment.	Floor Area: 92m ² Operating Hours Daily: 10.00am to 10.00pm Seating Capacity: 80 pax
BBQ pits (Level 5)	- For those who prefer to cook and bond over a hearty meal. 2 x BBQ pits under the shelter. - Choice of electric or charcoal pits.	Operating Hours Daily: AM Slot – 11.00am to 3.00pm PM Slot – 5.00pm to 9.00pm

OTHERS

Facility	Description	Remarks
Function rooms (Level 5)	- Connected to a kitchen to be operated by an appointed vendor. - Rooms can be partitioned into 5 rooms (2 small, 2 medium and 1 big sized rooms) or combined into a large room. - Suitable for weddings, corporate events and more.	Kitchen: 92m ² Event space: 692m ²
Volunteers' Lounge (Level 5)	Exclusive space for SAFRA volunteers	
Basement Carpark (B1)	264 parking lots inclusive of 3 handicap lots, 2 family lots, and 4 to 6 EV lots. 14 motorcycle lots.	Floor Area: 11,510m ² Operating Hours Daily: 6.00am to 5.59am (no overnight parking)

ECO-FRIENDLY FEATURES

(A) Save Energy

Solar Panels

- 661 solar panels to be installed on the roof of the club.
- Expected to generate over 450,000 kilowatt hours of electricity annually – equivalent to powering approximately 96 units of 4-room HDB for one year.¹ This is the highest among all SAFRA clubs.
- Will reduce CO2 emissions by an estimated over 182,000kg per annum.

Heat Recovery System

- The hot water for showers uses recovered heat from the generation of chilled water for air-conditioning, reducing energy consumption by 75%.

Energy Management

- Intelligent energy management system to monitor and manage building energy consumption with Air-Condition Mechanical Ventilation (ACMV) optimisation.

Lighting Technology

- Use of lighting sensors coupled with energy efficient LED lights.

(B) Save Water

Rainwater Harvesting

- Rainwater will be harvested from rooftop collection points and stored for irrigation purposes, a first among SAFRA clubs.
- This is expected to save 5,000 cubic metres, which is enough to fill two Olympic-sized swimming pools annually.

Efficient Water Fittings

- Water fittings of WELS (Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme) 2 ticks and above to achieve more than 20% of water savings.

¹ Based on estimated average monthly household electricity consumption for one 4-room HDB= 390 kWh monthly.

ARTIST'S IMPRESSIONS

Aerial View of Club



Club Facade



Club's Main Lobby with Drop-Off Point



Club Interior with View of Sheltered Swimming Pool and Futsal Court



Sheltered Swimming Pool



Sky Running Track



EnergyOne Gym



The UPSARA Spa



Climb Central (Operated by Climb Asia Group)



Bouncetopia by Kiztopia



PlayFACTO School



BlueTree Education



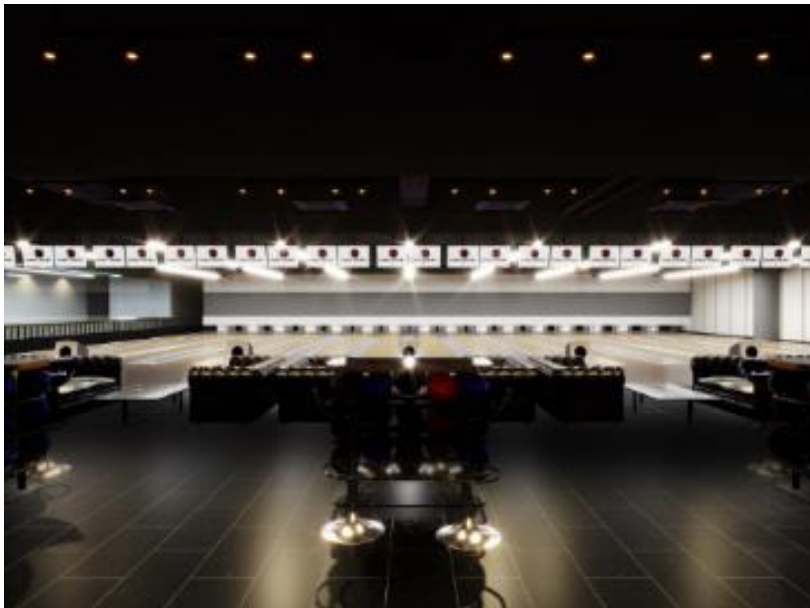
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Integrated Entertainment Hub by Sonic Bowl



CAMO Café & Bar



Burger King



Food Paradise



Texas Chicken



Function Rooms



Volunteers' Lounge



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