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# Wisma Atria to join YTL Group in cross-border marking of Earth Hour

- Wisma Atria, majority-owned by YTL-sponsored Starhill Global REIT, will mark Earth Hour 2009 with YTL Group's stable of properties in Malaysia for the first time
- Wisma Atria retailers and F&B operators in collective effort to heighten public awareness on climate change with slew of activities at the mall on 28 March 2009

**SINGAPORE, 12 March 2009** – Wisma Atria, majority-owned by YTL-sponsored Starhill Global REIT, will mark Earth Hour 2009 on 28 March alongside YTL's other properties on the famed Bukit Bintang stretch in neighbouring Malaysia, including the iconic Starhill Gallery, JW Marriott, The Ritz-Carlton, The Residences at The Ritz-Carlton and Pangkor Laut Resort in Malaysia. Wisma Atria, together with several key malls on Orchard Road, will also for the first time, switch off its façade lights for one hour at 8.30pm, to demonstrate its commitment to Earth Hour.

During Earth Hour 2009, Wisma Atria, with the collective support of its retailers and F&B operators, will offer its shoppers romantic candle-light dining, star gazing opportunities, acoustic music performances as well as a "bring-your-own shopping bag" initiative to heighten public awareness on climate change. Similar dining experiences and performances will be held concurrently at YTL properties across Malaysia, as a demonstration of the YTL Group's solidarity to the cause.

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Tan Sri Dato' (Dr) Francis Yeoh, Executive Chairman of YTL Pacific Star and Managing Director of YTL Corporation Berhad, said, "The YTL Group has been an active champion for protecting the environment and reducing the carbon footprint of our operations for more than a decade. We have sponsored and worked closely with WWF on their conservation and sustainability projects in Malaysia since 2007, and are delighted that Wisma Atria in Singapore is coming on board to join in cultivating environmental awareness.

"While Wisma Atria's cross-border participation is symbolic of YTL's increased commitment to the cause, we are even more excited by the strong visual impact and message that Wisma Atria will create with other key malls on Orchard Road when the lights are switched off for an hour along one of the world's most iconic shopping streets," Yeoh added.

To illustrate how emissions can be cut, shoppers will be treated to outdoor performances by *Samba Masala*, a youth percussion band from the Singapore Management University. Being a 'Late Night Shopping Saturday', participating F&B operators including Food Republic, Cosmopolitan and Indochine will be playing their part by raising awareness amongst the increased shopper traffic, offering their patrons an opportunity to dine by candle-light. Several retail tenants, including Nike, Bebe, BCBG, Warehouse, Karen Millen, Lanvin, Jayson Brunsdon, Bread & Butter, Longines, Aspial, Lee Hwa Diamond Gallery, Charlotte, Ms Selfridge, Dorothy Perkins, Body Shop, Rayure and Sasa have also agreed to operate with minimal lighting during Earth Hour.

Meanwhile, office tenants at Wisma Atria have been encouraged to take part by switching off nonessential electrical devices, instead of leaving them on standby mode over the weekend. As an additional gesture, Wisma Atria will set up a page on its website <u>www.wismaonline.com</u> from 16 - 28March 2009, for members of the public to pledge commitment to act against global warming. Shoppers can also sign in the "Wisma Atria Earth Hour" pledge book at the mall's concierge.





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In 2007, Starhill Global REIT enlarged its asset base and geographical footprint with the acquisition of seven properties in the prime areas of Roppongi, Shibuya-ku, Minato-ku and Meguro-ku in Tokyo, Japan and a premier retail property in Chengdu, China. Starhill Global REIT's portfolio now comprises 10 properties in the three countries, valued at about S\$2.1 billion. Starhill Global REIT remains focused on sourcing property assets in Asia, while driving organic growth from its existing portfolio, through proactive leasing efforts and creative asset enhancements.

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