

HIGH Life CULTURE

Feng Shui *in Harmony with* *Nature*

Resorts World Sentosa



Universal Studios Singapore
Power and adventure, a good spot for scholars.

Hotels
Power and fame await guests.

Resorts World Casino
Good "qi" for the casino and players.

Crane Dance
The place to find love and romance.

An ancient Chinese practice, feng shui has been practiced for generations, and at its heart is the belief that positive energy or qi from one's surroundings will enhance one's fortune. With the opening of the much anticipated Resorts World Sentosa in 2010, HIGH Life talks to renowned feng shui advisor, Master Victor Li, to find out what guests can expect as he analyses the feng shui of the resort.



Master Li's first impression of the overview of the resort was that it is shaped like a bat, an auspicious symbol in feng shui. The two structures to the north of the resort resemble the 'eyes' and the 'mouth' of a bat which symbolises good fortune and will benefit the resort and its guests.

The origin of luck

According to Master Li, the island of Sentosa gathers the good 'qi' which flows from the Malay peninsula to Singapore, from the mountains located on the spine of the peninsula, thus bringing good luck to the resort. Studying a map of Malaysia and Singapore, he revealed that one will see that the landforms resemble a dragon clutching a pearl, with the dragon symbolizing Malaysia and Singapore being the pearl. The Dragon's Lair is at Mount Faber on the main island of Singapore just opposite Sentosa, and the qi will accumulate ultimately on Sentosa.

He also mentioned that the qi is clustered along Singapore's coastline and that is probably why the developments along Singapore's coast are mostly successful with Singapore's port, Changi Airport, and even the properties along its East Coast as prime examples. He also noted that the bridges from the main island to Sentosa also bring in the good energy. And as a bonus for Resorts World Sentosa, it will be opened during the 'Age of Eight', which will stretch from the year 2004 to 2023. This is an auspicious time for the Integrated Resort as it is in the exact south of Singapore

Two dancing cranes are part and parcel of the scenery at Resorts World Sentosa. These noble birds are associated with long life and wisdom in feng shui.



where, as mentioned above, the qi from the Dragon's Lair will accumulate.

Furthermore, the layout of the resort itself bodes well for its future. "When I first saw a plan of Resorts World Sentosa, my first impression was that it is shaped like a bat, which is an auspicious symbol in feng shui," Master Li said. According to him, there are two structures to the north of the resort which resemble the 'eyes' and a 'mouth' of a bat. These features are fortuitous as they symbolise fortune and will therefore be good for the resort and its guests. This will prove to be a lucky charm for casino punters. As Master Li studied the site closely, he realised the energy of the water is fantastic. Since there will be many water features at Resorts World Sentosa such as fountains, a lake, a marine life park and WaterWorld at the Universal Studios Singapore theme park, it is a positive sign.

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The youngest of a family of three boys, Master Victor Li was born in Hong Kong and moved to Singapore in 1993. The 49 year old feng shui expert followed the footsteps of his geomancer father and began his career at the age of 23. Since then, he has serviced corporate clients such as Singapore's Grand Hyatt Hotel, Raffles Hotel, Lucas Film, Pfizer Pharmaceutical and Standard Chartered Bank.

Appearance matters

Looking at the centre of Resorts World Sentosa, Master Li noted that there is a part that resembles the Chinese symbol for Ying and Yang and this is another favourable design feature which will bring good fortune to people who come to the 'tai chi' area. The axis of the Merlion's gaze is another positive point mentioned by Master Li. The Merlion is Singapore's icon and symbolizes wealth and power. As

the Merlion faces the resort, it will bring good energy to the property which will also benefit those who stay at the resort. Furthermore, this positive energy will follow players at the casino and bring them luck. While there are some casinos with advantageous feng shui, the orientation of these casinos only brings benefits to the operator and not the players.



According to Master Li, the resort's feng shui is highly positive due to its design and this encourages the positive flow of energy.

Rooms facing the sea and guests who enter the casino from the North will benefit from this positive flow of energy. The feng shui of the resort also brings advantages to people seeking romance. The best area for this is at the mouth of the bat, along the sea front. The master recommends that the 'eyes' of the bat be kept bright at night and should be clearly visible from the harbour front area.

There is also an area of the resort which is good for budding scholars as the master found out at Universal Studios Singapore.

The scholastic orientation of the water features and the roller coaster make it good for children and young adults as it will promote a sense of power and adventure, and encourage them to pay more attention to academia. Master Li concluded that the feng shui at Resorts World Sentosa is highly positive due to the resort's design. The flow of qi will be easily accessible to its guests and will make them feel in harmony with the environment.