



## City of Dreams Sri Lanka - A Landmark National Transformation

**Colombo, Sri Lanka – 2 August 2025:** Sri Lanka’s largest investment and South Asia’s first integrated resort opened its doors, heralding a bold new chapter in the nation’s economic journey. Positioned at the crossroads of modern luxury and local artistry, [City of Dreams Sri Lanka](#) (COD SL), is a living showcase of Sri Lankan ambition, creativity and global vision.

The transformative destination set to redefine the skyline, economy and future of Sri Lanka is the proud product of John Keells Holdings and Melco Resorts & Entertainment (Melco). It is where innovation, opportunity and national pride, converge to shape a modern and globally admired Sri Lanka.

**“This is a defining moment for Sri Lanka,”** said Krishan Balendra, Chairperson of the John Keells Group. **“City of Dreams is the largest private investment in our country’s history—an ambitious national vision brought to life. More than a development, it is a world-class destination designed to catalyse economic growth, elevate our global profile, and help shape a modern, forward-looking Sri Lanka that inspires generations to come.”**

Lawrence Ho, Chairman and CEO of [Melco Resorts & Entertainment](#) stated, **“We are honored to partner with John Keells Group on this visionary project. City of Dreams Sri Lanka reflects a remarkable collaboration, combining Melco’s expertise with the warmth and culture of Sri Lanka.**

**“Through our role in operating NÜWA and the entertainment and gaming offerings, we are proud to contribute to a destination that celebrates Sri Lanka’s unique identity while setting new standards for luxury and hospitality in South Asia.”**

Behind COD SL’s gleaming façade lies a story of collaboration and craftsmanship. Over the last year, more than 500 local artisans, hospitality professionals, and creatives, partnered with international designers and Melco’s global experts to bring this vision to life. From hand-carved interiors to curated art pieces, the resort is a canvas of Sri Lankan talent elevated for the world stage.

The opening event brought together acclaimed international and local artistes, immersive multimedia installations, and culinary showcases, reflecting the integrated resort’s promise to create moments that are as inspiring as they are unforgettable.

### A New Chapter for Colombo

City of Dreams Sri Lanka is not just a luxury opening—it represents a symbol of resilience and renewal. As Colombo evolves into a vibrant, urban tourism hub, City of Dreams Sri Lanka is set to lead the way by hosting marquee events, attracting high-value travelers, and fostering a thriving ecosystem of local businesses.

City of Dreams Sri Lanka is the region’s first fully integrated resort, offering an ecosystem of experiences under one roof. This includes:

- **[Two landmark hotels:](#)** *Cinnamon Life @ City of Dreams* (687 rooms) and *NUWA @ City of Dreams* (113 ultra-luxury rooms).
- A **state-of-the-art casino and entertainment zone**, operated by Melco, to international standards and governance

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- **Seventeen signature restaurants and bars** curated by globally acclaimed chefs, introducing innovative menus inspired by Sri Lanka's vibrant culinary heritage.
- **Luxury retail promenade** featuring designer brands alongside artisanal Sri Lankan boutiques.
- **Expansive event and MICE facilities** with state-of-the-art technology, redefining Colombo as a destination for conferences, exhibitions, and cultural festivals.
- **Residences and Offices** are also a part of the COD SL.

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#### *About John Keells Holdings PLC*

*John Keells Holdings PLC (JKH), is the largest conglomerate company listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange in terms of market capitalisation, operating with over 80+ companies in 7 diverse industry sectors. With a history of over 155 years, The John Keells Group provides employment to over 16,000 persons and has been ranked as Sri Lanka's 'Most Respected Entity' for 20 Years by LMD magazine. John Keells Holdings PLC was ranked first for four years in the 'Transparency in Corporate Reporting Assessment' by Transparency International Sri Lanka. Whilst being a full member of the World Economic Forum and a participant of the UN Global Compact, JKH drives its CSR vision of "Empowering the Nation for Tomorrow" through John Keells Foundation.*

#### *About Melco Resorts & Entertainment Limited*

*The Company, with its American depository shares listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market (Nasdaq: MLCO), is a developer, owner and operator of integrated resort facilities in Asia and Europe. The Company currently operates City of Dreams ([www.cityofdreamsmacau.com](http://www.cityofdreamsmacau.com)) and Altira Macau ([www.altiramacau.com](http://www.altiramacau.com)), integrated resorts located in Cotai and Taipa, Macau, respectively. Its business also includes the Grand Dragon Casino, a casino located in Taipa, Macau and Mocha Clubs ([www.mochaclubs.com](http://www.mochaclubs.com)), and the largest non-casino based operator of electronic gaming machines in Macau. In addition, the Company operates Studio City ([www.studiocity-macau.com](http://www.studiocity-macau.com)), a cinematically-themed integrated resort in Cotai, Macau. In the Philippines, the Company operates and manages City of Dreams Manila ([www.cityofdreamsmanila.com](http://www.cityofdreamsmanila.com)), an integrated resort in the Entertainment City complex in Manila. In Europe, the Company operates City of Dreams Mediterranean, an integrated resort in Limassol, in the Republic of Cyprus ([www.cityofdreamsmed.com.cy](http://www.cityofdreamsmed.com.cy)) and licensed satellite casinos in other cities in Cyprus (the "Cyprus Casinos"). For more information about the Company, please visit [www.melco-resorts.com](http://www.melco-resorts.com).*

*The Company is majority owned by Melco International Development Limited, a company listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, which is in turn majority owned and led by Lawrence Ho, who is the Chairman, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.*

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