



Share in the vibrant holiday spirit at the Christmas spectacle and Banchetto at Spectrum Linear Park, Filinvest City starting November 16.

# CATCH YOUR FAVORITE BANDS EVERY SATURDAY!

Nov 17 | BP Valenzuela

Nov 24 | I Belong to the Zoo

Dec 1 December Avenue

Dec 8 Autotelic

Dec 15 Quest

Dec 22 Rivermaya

Dec 29 The Ransom Collective

Wicked Adobo starts each show at 7PM



# IT'S OUR FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR

xcited, overwhelmed, optimistic, rushed. These are just some of the emotions we all feel on the last quarter of the year. Time flies incredibly fast. At Team Vibe, the last quarter signifies a number of exciting things for us. Here are just some that we are most thrilled about:

First, is the release of this issue which helps set the tone for Christmas for all Filinvest Cityzens. Consider this your holiday guide to all the must know festivities taking place this season. Ushering our merry issue, is none other than the tight-knit group The Baby Barangay. Meet these successful young mothers living the much-coveted Metro South life. They share with us the joys of being mothers and their plans for a memorable celebration in the city.

Second, are the exciting community events in December particularly at the Spectrum Linear Park. Christmas is always the perfect time to come together and Filinvest City is paving the way for all of us to celebrate in one place. This year, expect the annual Christmas festivities to go a notch higher from last year's ingenious 3D Mapping Christmas Tree. Mark your calendars and watch the show as Christmas display comes to life on November 16. Food and shopping never go out of style and joining us every weekend until December is the locally renowned food and drink market,

Banchetto Filinvest City. Enjoy all the best grubs while listening to live music from hit OPM artists. Did we mention the Spectrum Linear Park offers free Wi-Fi? Yes! Your neighborhood park now offers easy connectivity so feel free to snap and share your best moments online.

And finally, the reason that puts us in high spirits this time of the year is the cheery atmosphere that naturally emanates in Filinvest City. The cold evening breeze, the lit-up tree-lined roads and building, and the anticipation of this year's glorious outdoor Christmas decors (hint: they're life sized) remind us that the best month of the year is finally here. We certainly hope that you, our readers, appreciate these as much as we do.

As its official bearer of good news, we can confirm that Filinvest City will be a source of joy and festivity this holiday season. We encourage you to step out and appreciate our Garden City as it will be a feast for the senses with the magnificent lights and one-of-a-kind events that were made for everyone to enjoy. As we deliver to you our last issue for 2018, we look forward to a New Year of sharing more inspiring stories and updates that make up the vibrant Filinvest City life.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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# HOLIDAY BLISS IN FILINVEST CITY

When we look back on our favorite holiday memories, we usually flash back to those moments sitting around the dinner table enjoying the Noche Buena feast, or around the glittering Christmas tree amidst the piles of colorful wrapping paper.

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hristmas is mostly spent inside, but this holiday season, Filinvest City excites us with endless possibilities and fun activities, drawing us outside to explore the big Garden City.

Hear from our cover girls, Kelly Misa-Fernandez, Bianca Santiago-Reinoso, Nicole Hernandez-de los Angeles, Patty Laurel-Filart, and Cat Juan Ledesma of Baby Barangay as they share their favorite Christmas traditions and their go-to hotspots around Metro South, whether it's for their baby playdates or grown up get-togethers.

Within this issue's pages, discover as well the special Christmas corners lighting up Filinvest City. Head to Spectrum Linear Park for the 40-foot Christmas Tree, and where you can spot the giant Christmas Village enclosed in a snow globe. Find as well the awe-inspiring displays of a life-sized toy train and hot-air balloon for those picture-perfect moments with family.

As it fills up the CBD with glittering lights, Filinvest City is also filling up the air with sweet, sweet music. Helping to spread

the Christmas cheer throughout the season are special performances by local choirs as well as concerts held every Saturday starting November 17, featuring the country's most talented artists such as Rivermaya, Autotelic, Quest, and BP Valenzuela, among others.

Of course, to help you complete your Christmas shopping, the Filinvest Tent is hosting again two of the highly anticipated bazaars of the season, the annual Noel Bazaar and the Trendsetter's Bazaar. Bring your bags and don't forget to make your Christmas lists and to check them twice!

Food is what truly defines the Pinoy Christmas, and Filinvest City makes sure to satiate the cravings of the curious foodie community of the South at the Banchetto Filinvest City food fair. Have fun and feast with friends and family.

From thrilling sites to bargain buys and an endless array of amazing food, in the Metro South, discover a new way to celebrate the holidays.

# TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Filinvest City has cemented its position as a premiere Garden CBD of Metro South with commanding land values reaching P320k/ sq.m net as of October 2018, representing approximately

23%
YEAR-ON-YEAR
GROWTH IN
LAND VALUES

Development in Filinvest City has seen an uptick with almost 60 buildings completed or has commenced construction from 2012 to date.



# RESIDENTIAL

ACTUAL BUILD-UP AS OF OCT 2018:

# 290,000 SQ.M

- **TOTAL NO. OF UNITS:** 3,900 units. From Studio to 5-bedroom units
- Bristol at Parkway Place,
  Botanika Tower 1, Studio City
  Tower 3
- 3,000 units by 2021 (Studio City Tower 4, Studio City Tower 5, The Levels Burbank Tower, Southkey Place Residences, and Dormitel)

# TRAVEL AND CONNECTIVITY

South Station houses provincial and city buses and vans to bring commuters point to point in various areas of Manila and key provinces. The South Station, together with Spectrum Linear Park, has been equipped with 30 minutes free Wi-Fi daily with bandwidth of up to 100 mbps.

# MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY

AS A
PREMIERE
RESIDENTIAL
AND BUSINESS
ADDRESS,
FILINVEST CITY
WILL SOON BE
HAVING THESE
PROJECTS:

- **Central Park**
- Marian Chapel
- Creekside Park
- Water Recycling Facility

# GREENER CITY

Filinvest City prides itself as the first in the Philippines to be registered in the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)—version 4 under the Neighborhood Development Plan category there are only two certified projects in the same category located in Japan with Platinum and Italy with Gold.



# **RETAIL**

ACTUAL BUILD-UP AS OF OCT 2018: 533.000 SQ.M

RECENTLY COMPLETED:

Festival Alabang Expansion SOON TO RISE: 28,000 sq.m\*

# **OFFICES**

NORTHGATE AND THE REST OF FILINVEST CITY OFFICES

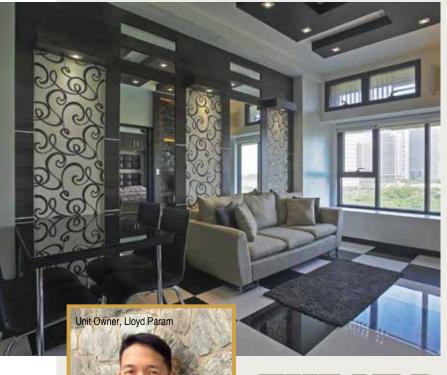
**ACTUAL BUILD-UP AS OF OCT 2018:** 

600,000 SQ.M

**CURRENT LEASING RATES:** 

P780/SQ.M LEASE RATES

**SOON TO RISE: 180,000 sq.m\*** 







# THE URBAN UPGRADE YOU DESERVE IN METRO SOUTH

LLOYD PARAM MAY FIND HIMSELF TRAVELING THE WORLD FOR HIS WORK AS AN IT PROFESSIONAL, BUT IT IS HERE AT THE LEVELS CONDOMINIUM WHERE HE HAS FOUND HIS TRUE HOME.

aram, a 44-year-old Filipino American, is based in Germany, but loves to travel back to the islands with his family for the holidays, so that they too can keep in touch with the traditions.

When in the country, they all reside in their cozy suite at The Levels, located at Pacific Rim, Filinvest City. This modern residence is a high-rise development that features a laid-back suburban vibe in a tropical setting, making it a cozy respite from the fast-paced business district.

Imbibing the "green priority" of the Garden City, The Levels seamlessly brings together the refreshing natural scenes of lush greenery with innovative architectural and landscape concepts to bring to life a one-of-a-kind development.

"I travel all over the world—wherever my work takes me but I decided to invest in a unit here at The Levels because of its location. When I'm in Metro Manila, I find [the other CBDs] too crowded. Filinvest City, on the other hand, is all about maximizing open spaces and greenery, and it showed great growth potential," Param explains.

In addition, Param appreciates how everything is within walking distance from The Levels. "It's close to the Skyway exit, and it's fitted with complete amenities. I love the pool, the gym, the nearby malls." And unlike other congested CBDs, here in Filinvest City, Param can take in the full glorious view of expansive greens and enjoy the fresh air.

"Nothing beats the weather down here." Even in the midst of a modern metropolis, The Levels cocoons you from the stress and offers a quiet sanctuary where you can disconnect and prioritize your time with family.

"I always look forward to celebrating the holiday season here, because there's a different feel. I spent last Christmas here at The Levels with my family, and we really enjoyed it. We can't wait to experience Christmas again in the big city," he ends.



# THE URBAN UPGRADE YOU DESERVE

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that delights the senses and warms the heart.

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t's only been a little over two years when Somerset Alabang Manila opened its doors in the bustling Filinvest City, yet it has become a favored hub among business and leisure travelers alike. The 150-unit serviced residence boasts world-class accommodation and, equally important, a keen attention to details to complete its homey atmosphere.

The warm hospitality can be felt immediately from the time of check in. Friendly and accommodating staff are ever ready to extend assistance to make sure guests have a worry-free stay. Expats who are in the country for a long period of time prefer Somerset's proximity to corporate offices within the Metro South's central business district—Filinvest City—while families on a weekend "stay-cation" fall in love with the property's homey set-up and the nearby shopping malls that complete their quality time.

## **BUSINESS MATTERS**

In addition to being a serviced residence, Somerset Alabang Manila also provides business solutions and facilities to make business travelers as productive as possible. It has 11 Serviced Offices available for lease. With sizes from 13.8 sq.m to 31.3 sq.m, these office spaces can be readily used as one's business address, complete with essential office furniture, dedicated telephone lines and internet connection.

An adjacent pantry is also ready for use, which comes with an "honesty" store with ample stock of snacks and personal essentials.

Business meetings, corporate events and even socials, on the other hand, may be conducted in any of the property's function rooms. Depending on the need, the rooms may be configured to accommodate small meetings, conferences, and cocktails. An F&B outlet is available to cater in-house events.







## **WORK-LIFE BALANCE**

Somerset Alabang Manila gives premium to a well-balanced lifestyle. The property offers facilities that promote physical and leisure activities that can take one's mind away from the stress in the workplace. Over at the 4th Floor, one can find Fitness Center, the Cubbies Kid's Club, swimming pool, and restaurant.

The well-equipped gym, which is a popular hangout of health buffs, opens to a secluded green patch specifically intended for yoga and meditation. Services of a fitness instructor may be availed upon request.

Separated from the gym by a glass window is the Cubbies Kid's Club, a play area designed for the little ones where an Ascott Host personally conduct activities to keep children entertained.

The swimming pool area is another favorite among kids and the sun worshippers, with four different pools to cater one's fancy, including a kiddie pool and a jacuzzi.

Sumptuous fares may be availed at the restaurant, which serves daily Continental and Filipino breakfast, as well as power lunch sets and dinner. It turns into an acoustic music haven during weekend evenings where guests can chill to cap off a tiring week.

For the more adventurous, Somerset also has bikes for rent for guests who wish to sweat it out under the sun while exploring Filinvest City's open spaces.

# THE SOMERSET PERSONAL TOUCH

The pièce de résistance remains Somerset's well-appointed rooms that range from a studio-type unit to a three-bedroom suite with features and amenities that give new meaning to "stay-cation." Each room has a fully functional kitchen complete with induction stove, electric kettle, microwave oven, refrigerator, toaster, glassware, crockery, cutlery and utensils. Selected residences even have their own washing machine.

The rooms also have a home entertainment system, a DVD player, and broadband and wireless internet access, so guests can either do some work, get in touch with family and loved ones, or simply surf the World Wide Web to their hearts' content.

The homey feel is very evident with Somerset's way of treating its guests. A basket of snacks is such a welcome treat, not to mention a personalized reusable tumbler which guests can use and bring even when they check out from the property. Long-Staying Guests (LSGs) can readily whip up something with a pasta maker starter kit waiting in the kitchen.

LSGs can also look forward to a hassle-free way of getting settled into their new home in Somerset. The property offers a personalized Ascott Host Program that includes a familiarization tour of the neighborhood and the city, and a quarterly residents' program to tailor fit the services guests require for their long stay. In addition, Somerset can also plan activities under the Cubbies Program for LSGs with kids.

Birthdays are made even more fun with a delightful assortment of sweets to top off a complimentary ice cream while some staff members, aptly called the SAM (Somerset Alabang Manila) Band, greets the celebrant with Somerset's signature birthday song accompanied by a guitar and cajon.

The SAM Band even has a special song for those celebrating their anniversaries, which is made sweeter with a complimentary bottle of wine and stuffed toy.

Long-staying tenants who are about to check out from the property are serenaded by another original parting song courtesy of the SAM Band, so they can take fond memories of their stay at Somerset Alabang Manila.

With the conveniences of a true home and the relaxing and safe ambience of a hotel, Somerset Alabang Manila sure has what it takes to offer a one-of-a-kind experience. Whether staying for business or leisure, for a weekend or for a year or two, guests are treated with utmost care to make them feel that they found a home right in the heart of the metropolis.



# RING IN THE HOLIDAYS AT CRIMSON HOTEL FILINVEST CITY

Crimson Hotel paints the town red this yuletide holiday with amazing plates to wake up the palate!

hef Plaridelio Adora at the helm of Crimson Hotel's kitchen, is whipping up a feast for all the Southern diners who are looking for something different for their Noche Buena celebrations.

Chef Del Adora, though a master of flavor and taste, was oddly enough an engineer who turned into restaurateur. Taking his keen eye for detail, he applied his meticulousness to cooking, elevating his favorite dishes from his home province. It was at the town's fiesta that he first got a taste of the exciting role a chef played in the community, because what is a fiesta without a spread of amazing dishes.

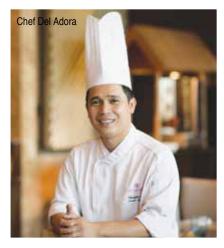
At the age of 22, he chose to work in a Japanese restaurant, before working abroad as a Chef de Cuisine at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, a luxury hotel and resort in Saudi Arabia. His skills and knowledge in Asia and Middle East cuisines were best honed there, immersed in different cultures.

Since 2017, he's claimed Crimson Hotel Filinvest City, Manila as his home and is sharing his recipes to elevate your own celebrations at home.

He promises an exciting new feast this holiday season. Inspired by "food exploration," Chef Del is set to delight the loyal patrons of the hotel by bringing a unique Christmas vibe through little plates of discovery.

And one of these delectable treats is the Foie Gras Pate en Croute, a French dish that he learned from his first Christmas in Dubai. "This simple mouthwatering dish is perfect for Christmas gatherings, simple dinners or a family reunion. It's suited for everyone's taste!" Head on to Crimson Hotel with family and friends for a unique Christmas dining experience.

"Christmas is the busiest time of the year, and my favorite holiday," shares Chef Del. "Because nothing brings me more joy than being part of each customer's Christmas celebration."



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# A FEAST FOR THE SENSES

Having a hard time thinking of the perfect gift or menu for your family Noche Buena? Worry no more as Crimson Hotel Filinvest City, Manila has everything you need to make your family reunions and Christmas parties a success—from Christmas hampers to easy dinner buffets and more!

Check out what Crimson has in store for you!

#### HO HO HOLIDAY HAMPERS

Wonderful for family, friends, or corporate gift-giving, Crimson's holiday hampers brim with all sorts of seasonal delights such as premium cakes, delectable chocolates, and fine wines. Prices range from P2,300 to P2,900 net.

#### JOYOUS TREATS YULE LOVE

Bring a little Yuletide cheer to every person you love who has a sweet tooth with Crimson's array of handmade goodies such as chocolate Santa Claus and Snowman biscuits, gingerbread, fruitcake, stollen bread, pistachio biscotti, Christmas pudding, brownies and a whole lot more!

#### CATCH ME IF YOU CAN TAKEAWAY

Delight your guests with this stunning table centerpiece for your party or dinner with family and friends. Indulge in a roasted whole turkey, roasted ham with honey and mustard, and roasted Angus striploin. Each order comes with your choice of three side dishes.

#### **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA**

November 8 – December 31 | Rate for two persons: P750 net Tea time and Christmas time come together at The Lobby Lounge, where a holiday-inspired afternoon tea menu inclusive of beef bresaola palmiers, Santa Claus cookies, mini pudding, pistachio macaron tree, gingerbread caramel, and pear trifle are served all throughout the festive season.

# FILIPINO MERIENDA BUFFET AT THE LOBBY LOUNGE

Every Friday and Saturday | 2PM-5PM Buffet rate per person: P700 net

No Filipino Christmas is ever complete without a *bibingka* and *puto bumbong* that's why Crimson is giving you a valid excuse to 'eat all you can' on traditional Filipino delicacies.

## MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

#### December 2018

Keep the holiday revelries with sips of hot or cold Christmas beverages such as Café Mocha and Hot Choco Mallows, Berry Ornament, Snowflakes Martini, Plum and Thyme Prosecco Smash, and Salted Butterscotch Bourbon Eggnog.

# THANKSGIVING DINNER BUFFET AT CAFÉ EIGHT

November 22, 2018 | 6PM - 10PM | Rate per person: P1,600 net Gather the family around the bountiful feast at Café Eight and celebrate a memorable Thanksgiving. The dinner features the classic Thanksgiving menu such as roasted turkey, honey roasted ham, and baked wrapped whole grouper—a perfect way to give thanks this holiday season.



#### CHRISTMAS FAMILY TRADITIONS

December 24 | Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet | 6PM – 12MN | Rate per person: P2,100 net | Activities: Santa Meet & Greet and Live Entertainment

Make merry and feel the magic of family togetherness at Café Eight where you can savor all the holiday feasts in one charming location. From classic roasted beef, turkey, Yorkshire pudding and succulent duck rillettes to white truffle cake and pumpkin pies, the holiday menu fully complements your Christmas experience.

December 25 | Christmas Brunch Buffet 12PM - 3PM

Rate per person: P1,500 net

Activities: Santa Meet & Greet, Magic and Tricks, and

**Face Painting** 

December 25 | Christmas Day Dinner 6PM - 10PM

Rate per person: P1,500 net Activities: Live Entertainment

#### **NEW YEAR FEASTS**

December 31 | New Year's Eve Dinner Buffet 6PM - 12MN | Café Eight Rate per person: P1,900 net Activities: Live Entertainment

Ring in 2019 with more than a dozen special buffet selections meant to help you end 2018 on a high note! These include Filipino favorites and international gourmet recipes such as pork lechon, pata tim, lobster medallion, salmon coulibiac, roasted prime rib and so much more.

# TOTALLY 80'S NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN PARTY

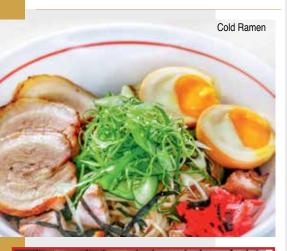
December 31 9PM | Grand Ballroom

Rate per person: P2,800 net inclusive of dinner buffet

# A CHRISTMAS FEAST!

During the Christmas holidays, people flock to the malls for their last-minute shopping in search of the perfect gifts and the most amazing deals. While giving gifts are thoughtful, let us not forget that this is the season of celebrating moments together as well. And what better way to make that happen than at new restos at the foodie hub of Metro South, Filinvest City.

iscover the perfect venue and opportunity for reunions, merry-making, and bonding at Festival Alabang's expansion wing dining spots. From whipping up flavors that bring up the familiar and the new, here are some of our new favorite establishments that are serving amazing grub, and which can host your next Noche Buena dinners and grand family gatherings.







# **JAEU BISTRO** & RAMEN BAR **WORLDS APART**

Though it carries a Japanese sounding name, JAEU Bistro and Ramen Bar is a unique F&B that offers both European and Japanese cuisines. The owners quickly clarify that JAEU is not a fusion restaurant, but rather an establishment that offers distinct and authentic European and Japenese flavors.

To cater to the different cravings, JAEU offers two menus—one dedicated to European cuisine and another for Japanese picks.

High on the list in the European menu is the bestselling, French-inspired L'Entrecote's steak and frites. Ensuring a sumptuous bite, the restaurant uses certified USDA tenderloin beef that's cooked to tender and topped with their own special sauce. Frites are always cooked to crispiness, and given that extra zing with a generous dusting of their secret mix of spices. Here, hearty steaks of different weights and cuts can be served with a refreshing mixed green salad and artisan bread. To cap off the amazing meal, it is recommended to try their frozen catalana, a Spanish custard, or profiteroles, a pastry choux stuffed with crème chantilly and drizzled with creamy, dark chocolate sauce.

When it comes to their Japanese menu, they are incredibly proud of their Tonkotsu Ramen, most especially their signature IEKKEI "Yokohama style" ramen, which warms you with its rich broth. Their tonkotsu broth is prepared in-house from freshly sourced ingredients, which create that intense, full-bodied broth that's served piping hot each time. For those with curious palates, they also recommend the spicy miso, Hell Ramen or jigoku, and a selection of special house ramen which includes the chicken curry, spicy kimchi, vegetarian and gluten-free ramen for those who want a healthier option.

Perfect for big families, the Bistro boasts a generous dining space, which can accommodate a seating capacity of 78, with al fresco options. It also has provision to host private functions of up to 30 people.

Upper Ground Level, Expansion Wing











# **SKEWERED**PICKS FOR EVERY PALATE

If you want the sumptuous flavors of your mother's cooking—without you having to slave away in the kitchen, then book a reservation at Skewered. This Pan-Asian restaurant offers your culinary Filipino favorites, as well as those famous delicacies across Pan-Asia.

Among the crowd favorites is its Chinoy XL Crispy Pata, which was featured on a local television show. This Crispy Pata is slow-cooked for 30 hours, creating that incredibly tender

and tasty pulled pork meat. While the meat falls off the bone, Skewered adds more exciting texture with the perfectly crisp skin that's made more flavorful with the secret mix of Chinese spices. Another Pinoy bestseller is the Kalderetang Baboy, which is served with charbroiled Miso-marinated Pork Belly.

For more exotic, yet still familiar flavors, there's the amazing Pad Thai, which has become an instant favorite among diners, thanks to its addictive sweet and sour balance of flavors.

As indicated by its name, it also offers various Asian-style skewers such as the Singaporean Shrimp Satay with Peanut sauce, Szechuan Chicken, Xinjiang Lamb, Japanese Pork Belly, Shanghai Beef and so much more!

For your Noche Buena, whether you're looking for something familiar (like your mom's homemade cooking) or something new, Skewered delivers delicious plates to satiate every palate.

Ground Floor, Water Garden



# THE COOK BY HONGLEEPARK

# **REGARDS TO THE CHEF**

After an epic meal, we always give regards to the chef. And at The Cook, you're sure to do the same thing as they deliver the most satisfying Korean dining experience.

Offering a unique twist, this dining spot serves Korean-Italian fusion, an interesting marriage that is sure to tickle the palate and fire up the senses. For a light-hearted eat, you can order the tried-and-tested bacon carbonara, which is a sure win for kids and picky eaters. It's creamy, warm and familiar, and the tasty bits of bacon just bring the dish altogether.

For those who are seeking a healthier fill with some kick, the Spicy Chicken Steak is a must-try. Here, chicken is sautéed in a homemade spicy sauce that brings you the subtle heat you love from Korean cuisine. This is then tossed with fresh, subtly pickled veggies for that satisfying crunch.

Lastly, another dish for first timers is the Seafood Olive Spaghetti, bringing together simple ingredients—pasta, olive oil, chicken broth and squid, shrimp and clams—to create an amazing tasty dish.

At The Cook, discover dishes that deliver, and which are great for sharing, too!

Ground Floor, Water Garden



## THERE'S NO TIME OR PLACE MORE WONDERFUL TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS THAN IN THE BLOOMING

# Garden City of Metro South that brings together modern living, laid-back vibe, and the

BEAUTY OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS

s soon as October rolls around, Filinvest City transforms into a homey holiday destination that reverberates the season's joy and energy.

"I especially love Metro South during Christmas time because of the lights and the décor; you can easily get into the Christmas spirit," shares Kelly Misa-Fernandez, one of the model moms of the widely loved mommy group, Baby Barangay.

For this shoot with The Vibe Magazine, the whole gang-Kelly along with Bianca Santiago-Reinoso, Nicole Hernandez-de los Angeles, Patty Laurel-Filart, and Cat Juan Ledesma-got together for a picture-perfect afternoon around Festival Alabang.

At the Water Garden of the mall, the girls were delighted by the relaxing scene of the river and the great expanse of green where mall-goers and guests are welcome to sit, take a walk, and even lay down for a chill picnic. Along the river, one can already see the grand displays and décors that make for beautiful, Instagram-worthy

During the shoot, the southern belles enjoyed themselves immensely taking selfies and reminiscing their childhoods spent in Metro South.

"Metro South is really our comfort zone," shares Kelly, who, along with the other young moms, grew up in the area. "It's safe; everything is here and it's family-friendly," she adds. The moms of Baby Barangay agree that there really is no place like home, and no better place to raise a family than in the South.

Cat, who previously lived in Australia, shares: "When my husband and I were considering moving back to the Philippines, I told him that I didn't want to live anywhere else but the Metro South. That was my non-negotiable, because I love the area."

Over the years, the ladies have witnessed how Metro South specifically Filinvest City has grown exponentially. And though the progress has been fast, they're thoroughly impressed by the masterplanned development-most particularly when it comes to the preservation of trees, gardens, and open space.

Cat adds, "It's greener, cleaner and there's so much more space here, which is great for our growing family. I've heard of kids who live in other cities who have asked their parents if they could see grass! That's not the life I think we all dream for our kids."

There's no celebrating the yuletide holidays like in the Metro South with a community like Filinvest City going full blast with its Christmas festivities lighting up the CBD with its signature twinkling lights to usher in the season of fun and merriment. Families can head to the beautiful 40-foot Christmas tree and life-sized displays, located at Spectrum Linear Park, for their unique family photo.

The girls are undoubtedly excited, especially as they'll be bringing along their husbands and young ones. "For me, it's exciting to be a mom during Christmas because you get to see Christmas through



the eyes of your kids," says Patty. "The little things that you used to do or take for granted—like opening presents, decorating a tree and all that—take on a whole new meaning because you have kids to share

The season also becomes an opportune time for honoring family traditions, as well as starting new ones. "Christmas Eve has always been a big thing for us," shares Bianca. "Ever since I could remember, my mom and dad would prepare the house for Santa time. They would wake us up around 11PM to reveal a house that looked like Santa really dropped by. After, we'd open gifts, eat and enjoy Noche Buena. I've continued this tradition with my kids, and seriously, Christmas is even more special now."

For Nicole, Christmas becomes a time of learning as well as sharing, and encourages her children to reflect on their blessings and be more compassionate towards others. "I just want my children to learn that Christmas is not just about receiving, but also giving," she says. Recently, they've started a new tradition—led by the children wherein the whole family cooks and distributes food to families outside the village, with the kids even giving away their pre-loved toys to the kids on the street.

As the girls agree, Metro South—more than just a fun place for the holidays-allows families to celebrate the season in a way that's meaningful and exciting to them.





# THE BABY BARANGAY SHARES THE REASONS WHY THEY LOVE METRO SOUTH AND THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.



#### **KELLY**

Personally, when I think of the South or Alabang, it has a chill and relaxed vibe. You don't really need to dress up so much, and even your walk should be slower. My tip: take your time to check out the stores, malls, parks, establishments around the area. The South is known for our foodie destinations!

- Bean & Yolk for all-day breakfast food, Da Gianni Cucina Italiana for dinner, dessert, and wine and Bugsy's, a great place to have a beer or two with your friends, all located in Westgate Center.
- Bar Pintxos because of their amazing food (all bite-sized)!

#### WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

For me, it's a time for family, and Christmas has always been about family and being together. Just spending as much time as you can, eating and being together, that's the sort of tradition that we have in our family and which I want to continue with my own brood.



#### **NICOLE**

I like working out, so I love that I can basically do my cardio outdoors here in Metro South. I also love taking my kids outdoors and watching them play soccer. I like to hangout in malls like Festival Alabang and get pampered at Belo Medical Group located in Westgate Center.

## WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS **MEAN TO YOU?**

Christmas is not just about receiving, but also giving.

#### **PATTY**

Filinvest City is booming, but I appreciate how they're able to keep the charm of Metro South, by keeping the open spaces and giving space for more greens. There's that balance of progress, and though we see immense developments, they're working with the environment and not against it by not overbuilding and overcrowding the city.

#### WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

It's exciting to be a mom during the holidays because you get to see Christmas through the eyes of your kids. The little things that you used to do or take for granted like opening presents, decorating a tree, and all that take on a whole new meaning because you have kids to share it with.

For me I love the feel of this area because we have Shared Zone. So the kids, my husband and I, we get on our bikes, we bring our dog, and use Shared Zone as the way to start our Sunday. This is just one of the many things I know we can't find up north.

#### WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS **MEAN TO YOU?**

The holidays for me are a time of reflection. At the end of the year, you can look back and say what did I do this year? What do I feel with my learnings from this year as a family? And how do I plan to spend now my next year? Christmas is a time to pause and say okay as a mom, as a work colleague, as a wife.

#### **BIANCA**

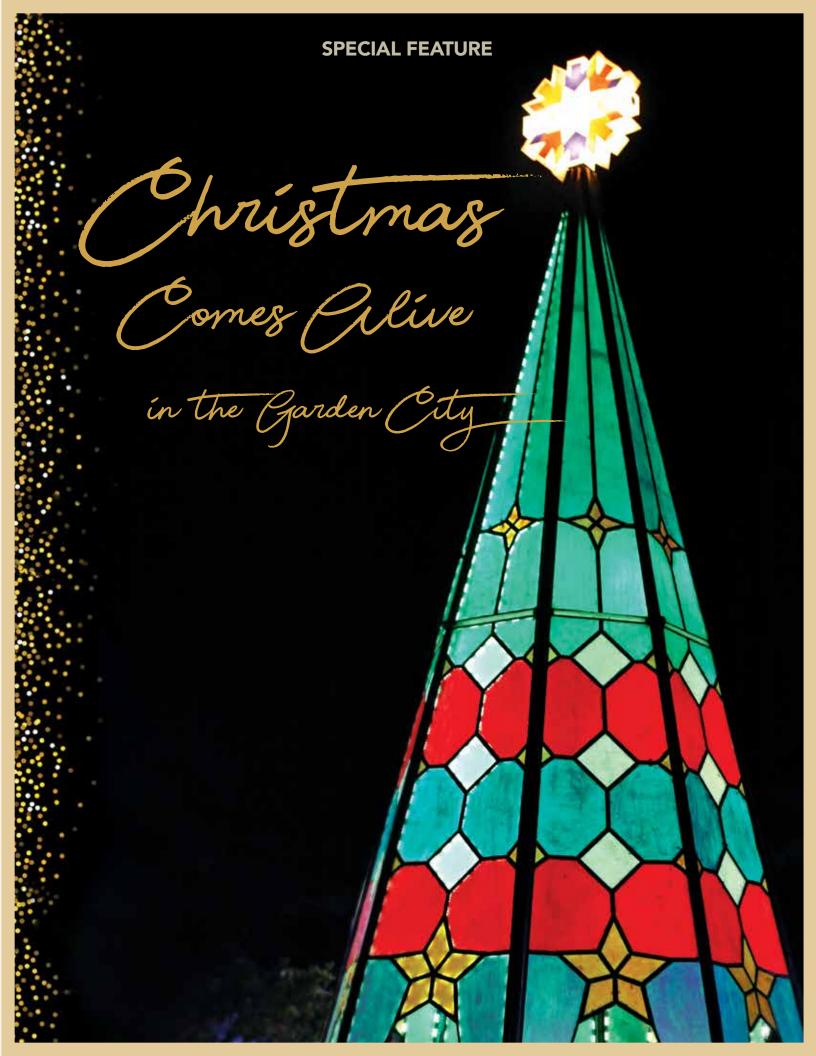
I've been a South girl for almost all my life. It's so chill here and we basically have everything we need.

- I love Centro Holistico in Commercenter. I get my acupuncture and ventosas there.
- I do my grocery in Landmark.
- · For southern eats, Bean and Yolk in Westgate Center is love! My family and I love Mama Lou's and Akitaya, Drive by Tacos, La Chinesca and Tavern Asia, which are all located in BF Parañaque.

## WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS **MEAN TO YOU?**

Christmas is my favorite season; it was also my mom's. She had passed away in 2011, so it's like she's with us even more during this time of the year.







FILINVEST CITY HAS BECOME THE **ULTIMATE HOLIDAY DESTINATION** IN METRO SOUTH WITH ITS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITION. NOW ON ITS SIXTH YEAR, FILINVEST CITY IS KICKING IT UP A NOTCH HIGHER AS IT **BRINGS CHRISTMAS TO LIFE WITH** MAGNIFICENT DISPLAYS AND ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

Filinvest City brings the Christmas vibe to the outdoors with its bright and colorful displays, as well as fun weekend performances and bazaars for the whole family. Every detail is planned to ensure that every Filinvest Cityzen can feel and welcome the most wonderful time of the year.

Filinvest City becomes an even more perfect stage and setting as it transforms into a true Christmas destination. Here, find everything you need to make this the most memorable and meaningful holiday yet!

Experience a more stress-free Christmas here in the Metro South. Unlike other CBDs where traffic and congestion is extra heavy, Filinvest City brings you closer to everything you need entertainment, shopping, Christmas parties, and even a quick reprieve to enjoy the cool southern breeze.

Filinvest City also pulsates with positive energy and gives you more reason to be inspired and grateful with its numerous activities. Find the perfect opportunity to meet up, catch up, and share good food and good times.

The one-kilometer Spectrum Linear Park becomes the epicenter of the Christmas festivities. Testament to the CBD's desire to create more beautiful open spaces within the city, the park comes to life with life-sized Christmas installations and merry music, with OPM performances and bazaars held every weekend.

The holiday display will feature life-sized installations so goers can feel the Christmas spirit on a more experiential level. These displays are not merely to be viewed, but to be enjoyed by the audience. It's a complete production-with lights and sounds and magical effects to delight the kids and the kids-at-heart.

A staple in every home and CBD is the Christmas tree, and Filinvest City goes big and bold with theirs. The 40-foot tree will be erected, decorated in bright blues, reds and yellows. Leading up to the Christmas Tree is a walkway, which is lined with lampposts and spotlights that twinkle in a variety of playful colors. As the guests get closer, they'll stroll through archway made of tubular lighting. Feel the Christmas spirit grow and glow with a musical backdrop to this beautiful Christmas corner.

Filinvest City further delights with its Once Upon a Christmas Dream display where you'll find Santa and his pile of Christmas gifts. The corner becomes the perfect photo op for selfies and groufies with family and friends. Nearby, you'll also see the massive snow globe, which encases a Christmas Village, the home, and haven where beautiful memories are made.

Another impressive highlight is the life-sized Christmas Train, inspired by The Polar Express. The train resembles the











and views from this interactive display. Under the sparkling lights, with the music softly playing in the background, you'll feel closer to the North Pole than you think!

Christmas is all about new experiences, and so Filinvest City surprises the community with its unique Up, Up, and Away hot-air balloon display, which helps to celebrate the season of new highs!

In Filinvest City, enjoy the Christmas of your dreams, filled with the expected and the unexpected. It's a home of hope and wonder.

While everything you need is already within reach in Filinvest City—a flourishing dining scene—a weekend market is a welcome addition to the community. Banchetto will be open every Friday and Saturday, and will feature a delicious and diverse assortment of food options for those who live, work, and play in the city and neighboring provinces.

Head to the park every Saturday as well and listen to the amazing tunes of some of the country's most talented performers like Wicked Adobo, BP Valenzuela, I Belong to the Zoo, December Avenue, Autotelic, Quest, Rivermaya, and The Ransom Collective. The concerts will be capped off with a thrilling fireworks display that sets the mood for an unforgettable Christmas that only Filinvest City can offer.

The celebration doesn't start and end at Spectrum Linear Park. The city's valued locators are also doing their part in bringing the community closer together. Take a magical drive around the CBD and lay your eyes on the beautifully lit, treelined roads and buildings that have been spruced up to reflect the festive vibe of the holidays.

"Year after year, we aim to bring the Filinvest City community closer together through fun, engaging events. This year is no different as we make our city even more festive and enjoyable with Christmas Comes Alive. Families and friends will surely enjoy the exciting activities that we have slated in the coming weeks as part of our continuing effort to give back to this community," says Don Ubaldo, Head for Townships.

In Filinvest City, Christmas truly comes alive, bringing together not only the residents of the CBD but the entire Metro South community. Here, make long-lasting and meaningful memories.







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o give its city-dwellers the best experience, Filinvest City enhanced its already impressive master plan. All this to provide the convenience of having everything within reach-from residential areas, retail and lifestyle hubs, business centers, learning institutions, to green recreational spaces-giving Filinvest citizens an unmatched quality of life to be savored and enjoyed.

As part of the enhanced master plan, Filinvest City has earmarked its megablocks-parcels of land that Filinvest is retaining to become value enhancers to the city. Part of the master plan is the maximization of Festival Alabang as the city center with its major phase-by-phase expansion and the Filinvest Axis Towers that will define Filinvest City's skyline.

#### **BUILT FOR BUSINESS**

The direction of the design for the interiors of Filinvest Axis Towers is to create a modern and sustainable space, that will provide world-class office spaces, retail options, and an open green park at the center.

The Filinvest Axis Towers, located in Northgate Cyberzone the campus IT Park of Filinvest City—is a mixed-use development with office and retail components. In the midst of the whole complex is the landscaped feature which will also serve as a nexus to the four buildings in the Axis, an experiential link that offers a park-like setting for the varied users of the development.

Complementing the four surrounding towers, it will mirror the strong symmetrical language signifying stability, while also incorporating forms and lines skewed away from the norm, signifying energy and progressiveness. The hardscape makes use of the timelessness and durability of natural stone, and the softscape makes use of endemic species, which gives vibrance and color to the surroundings. In the central plaza is a water feature showcasing a sculpture that seems to defy gravity. The landscape is also infused with ample lighting, which makes the area usable in the daytime as well as at night.

As with the buildings surrounding it, the landscape was designed in compliance with U.S. Green Building Council's LEED standards, with low consumption LED lights designed into the landscape to leave the endemic species of plants minimally disturbed.

Having achieved the coveted LEED Gold Certification for the first tower-while pursuing the same certification for the other three towers—this building also uses materials that are sustainable such as Mereyra Limestone, agglomerates and wall covering that makes use of recycled materials like old newspapers. Furthermore, it has water-saving toilets, faucets, lighting that emit low wattage LEDs, and cove lighting which add to the energy efficiency of the building.

Further incorporating green design and green architecture, the respective buildings have made use of floor-to-ceiling accents of walnut crown wood veneer, artificial grass lines at the lobby, which effectively brings the outdoor-feel to the indoors, and other furniture made from renewable, recycled and/or reclaimed materials.

Filinvest Axis Towers One and Two are the first towers of the master-planned megablock complex, boasting approximately 44,000 sq.m of office floors and retail space each. The two 25-storey office buildings are each supported by eight highspeed elevators, which aim to serve an estimated population of about 6,000 persons. There are also three basement parking levels good for over 1,000 cars. The first tower has been completed in the first quarter of this year, the second tower in the first quarter of 2019, while the third and fourth towers will rise in the next two years. Upon completion of the complex, the four towers will be laid-out on an X-pattern with the office spaces facing on a north-south orientation to maximize the availability of natural lighting and minimizing heat gain from the east-west solar exposure. Both towers 1 and 2 are provided with 100 percent emergency backup power, which is designed to operate continuously for 48 hours.

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# HOLIDAY FUN

Filinvest City becomes the place to be this Christmas being a home and a hub for many exciting activities for the holidays! From shopping at hip Christmas bazaars for your holiday gifts to biking around the Promenade, and hanging out with family and friends in state-of-the-art theaters for the season's blockbusters, Filinvest City, indeed, brings more joy to the holidays!

## OUTDOOR BIKING AT PROMENADE





# CORPORATE, AND SOCIAL EVENTS

madding crowds of the mall? Head to The Filinvest Tent which brings together the latest trends and unique finds to help you wrap up your Christmas Shopping List. The Filinvest Tent is set to gather sellers and host the famous Noel Bazaar and Trendsetter's Bazaar.

conditioned, so you're assured of hours comfortable and hassle-free shopping!

The Filinvest Tent also boasts of a pre-function area, which doubles as a registration area; VIP lounge; and drop-off lobby built with a canopied driveway. Outside, there are gardens where cocktails can be held. And no worries about having a difficult time booking a ride home as Filinvest City has ample parking space, too.

## FESTIVAL ALABANG GOLD CLASS CINEMA

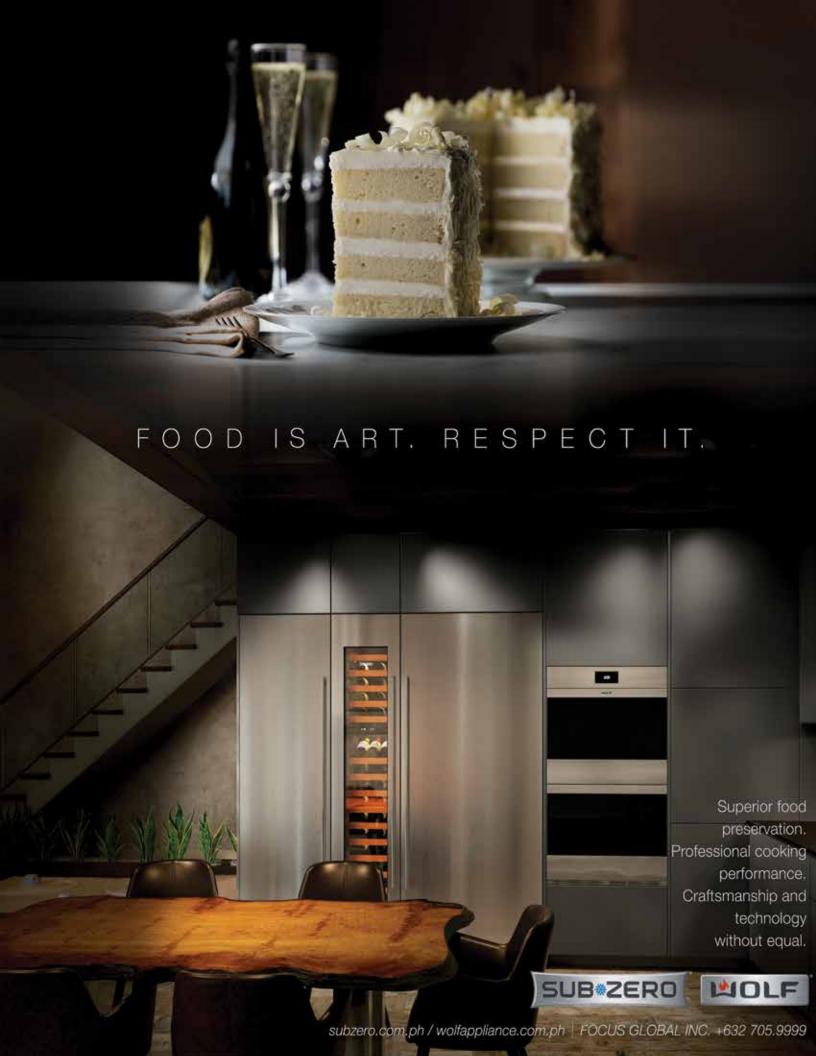
Festival Alabang, the heart of Filinvest City, continues to expand its selection of lifestyle concepts with the opening of the Gold Class Cinemas at the mall's chic Expansion Wing.

Equipped with Dolby Atmos technology, the two new Festival Alabang theaters will be using the latest Dolby SLS Speakers and Dolby Multichannel Amplifiers. With Dolby Atmos immersive audio technology, moviegoers will feel like they are inside the action as the sounds of people places things and music

come alive with breathtaking realism and move throughout the theater space.

Each gold class theater has a 186-seating capacity, with choice of seats such as regular rocker seats made from plush regular rocker seats made from plush eco-leather, and twin-seating eco-leather seats equipped with motorized footrests, retractable armrests, and a side table. The posh lobby also boasts of minimalist-industrial-meets-old-Hollywood furnishings set against the lively mall area with the newest and most loved global brands today.









My fondest Christmas memory in Filinvest City actually happens every year. It's getting into that annual Christmas spirit with everyone. Just watching families come together, picking out gifts for their loved ones, is a priceless moment for me.

> **ARTHUR MORI** Part-owner **Deftac Alabang**

Since Filinvest City is a pet-friendly community, my hubby and I can walk our dog while enjoying the Christmas lights and decors around the area. This makes our bonding extra special without spending too much.

**KLEA SOLOMON-OLVIDO Business Dev't Manager** Royal Canin Phils.



Having lived in the South all my life, Filinvest City has always been a part of my Christmas tradition. I love that we have everything here already—shops, department stores, and restaurants—within an accessible location. It makes the holiday season stress-free.

> **CATH CAYANAN Makeup Artist**



Driving along Commerce Avenue and seeing the magnificent Christmas lights and decors are the fondest Christmas memories I have of Filinvest City during the holidays. It's an indication that Christmas Season is here! I love the Christmas lights show, fireworks display, tiangge, and, most of all, the street food. I'm so excited and am looking forward to see their Christmas displays this year.

**KATHERINE LANACA-NOBLE Administrative Coordinator Asian Eye Institute** 



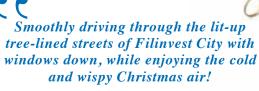


MARIA EMMA LORIN CEO Mediane Diagnostic Solutions Inc. (The Levels Resident)



Some people say that there's something about Christmas that makes them feel melancholic, but it's a totally different kind of Christmas atmosphere when you're in Filinvest City. With all the sparkles and glitters around, it gives you the feeling of warmth and joy. It also gently reminds us that Christmas is not only a time to be with family and friends, but also a time to share your blessings and give back to the community.

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CARISSA GOMEZ
Marketing Officer
Picasso Boutique Hotel



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My fondest Christmas memories in Filinvest City are full of anticipation, excitement and thrill. I love the spectacular Christmas Season in Filinvest City, especially with the lights display within the area. The whole Christmas feeling is amazing; the whole experience is magical and exciting.

DEONILLA GREGORIO
President
Beyond Care Wellness & Aesthetic Inc.



JERICHO MEDEL
Psychologist I
DSWD-Psychological Service

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One of my fondest memories in Filinvest City was when I brought the children with special needs of Elsie Gaches Village to the lights show. The streets are wide and it was safe. The kids enjoyed the night full of lights and music. Looking forward to doing that again this year!

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# **HELLO KITTY RUN MANILA 2018**

at Civic Drive and participated in "the

Tokyo Gets Co., Ltd.—a Japan-based entertainment agency—through its local affiliate Ten:22 Business Solutions, and Affinitea Races joined forces to bring together a memorable fun run filled with sweet surprises. At each marker, which divided the fivekilometer route, exciting games and Instagram corners were found so that the runners could pose and play. At the finish line, runners were greeted with more kawaiithemed activities, games and a party!



"As we continuously promote a healthy, active lifestyle, we have positioned Filinvest City as the haven for outdoor activities in the Metro," says Filinvest City head Don Ubaldo. "We support fun and exciting activities such as the Hello Kitty Run Manila, and we're more than happy to host this year's run. This will once again showcase Filinvest City as a green and lively community that brings families and friends together."

# **VIBE EXCLUSIVE**



# **RUNNING WILL NEVER SOUND** THE SAME AGAIN

Vitality returns to Manila this Filinvest City Events Grounds.

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# THE 19<sup>TH</sup> TOUR OF THE FIREFLIES

For the first time in nearly two decades, the Tour of the Fireflies goes South of Metro Manila! The Firefly Brigade is being hosted and co-presented by Filinvest City.

This is a first for the Metro South and the 19th edition of this pioneering Bicycle Advocacy event that has inspired many other groups and efforts here and abroad. The "19th Tour of the Fireflies: SEENZONE – Be Wise, Be Safe, Be Seen," is an Advocacy and Fun/Social Ride not a race, a Ride for All, for All Ages, Gender, Ability and Bike Types. It will cover approximately 25 km. within Filinvest City which continues to go green by maintaining and expanding its Shared Zones and Bike Lanes and is always a welcoming venue for Cycling events. The Ride will be paced by volunteer bicycle riding marshals whose other colleagues help guide and shepherd the mass ride. The "No Helmet, No Ride" policy will be strictly implemented as this year's theme emphasizes Safety whatever time of day for any rider and is also in conjunction with the

UN Declared World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash/Traffic Victims. Prior to the Bicycle Ride a Silent Prayer and Candle Light Ceremony will be done. As always, the Tour may not be a race but is a Costume Competition for riders and their bicycles dressed to win following this year's theme—SAFETY.

The 19th Tour of the Fireflies will happen on Sunday, November 18, 2018.





# THE BULL RUNNER 2019

When the going gets tough, the tough get going! The Bull Runner (TBR)–Sun Life Dream Marathon 2019 is coming to Filinvest City this coming February 2019, challenging the athletes of the Southern community to test their strength and stamina in this grueling race.

The TBR, as many already know, is not your typical marathon. Dedicated to first-time and second-time marathoners only, the TBR entails 22 weeks of training and a running experience that is set to transform your life. The race will be taking runners on a challenging 42.2 km route, with only one percent of the population ever finishing the marathon.

This year, there will only be 2,000 slots available and application will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

# CITY NEWS

# **DECATHLON WORLD** CLEANUP DAY

FROM SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS TO LEAD AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE, DECATHLON IS NOW ENCOURAGING THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Last September 29, over 60 participants joined the Eco Run 2018 part of the World Cleanup Day activities, which took runners along a four-kilometer route around Filinvest City MTB Trails. This race was different from other fun runs as it promoted a particular advocacy—"promote the planet to protect our purpose." Instead of vying for a medal, the runners-from little juans as young as three to senior marathoners—were motivated to collect trash and clean up the community!

The group was able to further save the environment by picking out trash and recyclables. To cap off the successful event, Decathlon heads led a groovy, heart-thumping fitness dance session with the runners.

Due to the eco-run's great success and reception, Decathlon and Filinvest City proudly shared that they aim to host more eco runs and will provide more venues for sports and activities, such as the new skate venue for scooter and skateboard enthusiasts.

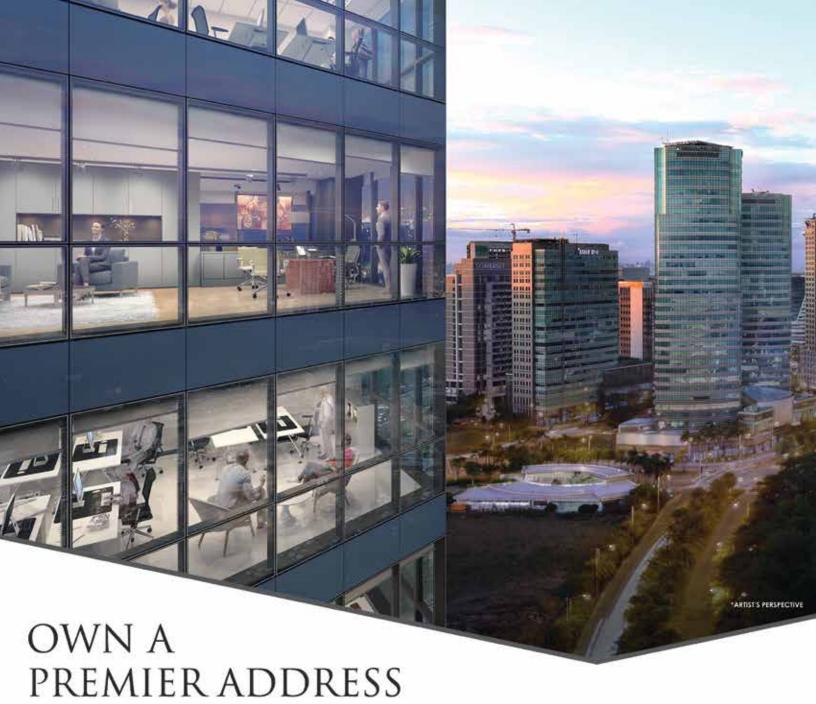
# FEU ALABANG STARTS CLASS

FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY ALABANG, HOME OF THE TAMARAWS, PROUDLY OPENED ITS DOORS TO ITS FIRST STUDENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020.



FEU Alabang in Filinvest City, will cater to the senior high school and college students in Metro South. The 1.7-hectare campus will be able to accommodate up to 18,000 students and features a 15-floor academic building with laboratory facilities and classrooms as well as a seven-floor administration building with a centralized library, gymnasium, and a separate 200-seat chapel. This campus utilizes sustainable structures that encourage natural lighting and ventilation conducive to learning.

FEU Alabang is offering the following academic tracks for Senior High School: STEM, ABM, HUMMS, and GAS. For college, diverse degree programs in engineering and technology will be available.



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