

Montigo Resorts, at Charlton House opens in Somerset

(LONDON, 11 July 2023) [Montigo Resorts, Somerset, at Charlton House](#) has opened in the idyllic market town of Shepton Mallet, in the Mendip District of Somerset, England. Moments away from the rolling hills of Frome, Wells and Glastonbury, the hotel is a discreet country retreat, with a relaxed, informal vibe.

The opening ceremony was graced by the Rt Hon James Heapey, Minister of State for the Armed Forces and MP for Wells, Mr Mayor of Wells, Cllr Tanys Pullin, Mayor of Glastonbury, Cllr Indra Donfrancesco, and Chairman of The Street Parish Council, Cllr Bryan Knickerbocker.

The Regency period estate, featuring an historic 28-room country house hotel and spa, three restaurants, and beautiful gardens, is heralding its new future following its recent acquisition by luxury hospitality experts KOP Limited.

Dating back to the early 1600s, it is said that the King of Thailand often graced its oak floorboards, as did the Duke of Edinburgh. The Grade II listed estate was bought and refurbished in 1996 by Roger and Monty Saul, the founders of the Mulberry Design Company – many of their signature craftworks have been kept in place. Since purchasing the estate in March this year, considerable investment, and effort to improve the facilities has already been made by KOP Limited, using local businesses and materials wherever possible, with even more stunning restorative refurbishments still to come.

Speaking at the opening, Ms Chih Ching ONG, Executive Chairman and Executive Director of KOP Limited, said: *“We are thrilled to be introducing Montigo Resorts’ warm, welcoming blend of excellence in Asian hospitality to Somerset, where our guests will feel cherished, and pampered for generations to come’. Charlton House is an impressive property of distinction, and we are committed to honouring its history, and working with the local community to thoughtfully restore the estate to its full potential.”*

A bright botanical conservatory restaurant, a charming bistro, and an al fresco bar and grill make for three exciting on-site dining options. A thermal spa with bathhouse, with therapy treatment rooms and a fitness centre can also be enjoyed by Charlton House Members and hotel guests, as can the bucolic grounds and lounges. With 28 individually designed bedrooms and suites, and notable charms such as the glorious Regency Orangery, a whimsical folly, and Charlton’s own apple orchard, the country house is a highly desirable pet and family-friendly escape for mini-breaks, foodie and wellness retreats, weddings, and celebrations.

Rooms

Individuality abounds, and accents vary throughout this Montigo Resorts’ 28 bedrooms and suites. Spread across the house’s floors and grounds, charming curiosities await behind every door: from grand wood panelling and unique Mulberry furniture, to neutral, modern suites, with open rolltop bathtubs. The well-proportioned Courtyard Rooms feature mezzanine bathrooms, and open out onto a furnished, private patio space, some with exclusive late-night access to the jacuzzi and spa pool. Whereas spacious Garden Rooms boast spectacular views across the lawns and flowerbeds, and towards the apple orchard. Room refurbishments are expected to be completed by Q1 2024.

Dining

The hotel provides a selection of different dining options. **Charlton House Restaurant** is set within the estate’s botanical conservatory, and the focal point for guests to enjoy a range of culinary offerings including the introduction of Asian favourites like Lionel’s Chicken Rice and a traditional

afternoon tea. **Bobo's Bistro** serves a tempting menu of delicious, simple dishes, made well - with Bistro classics like the minute-steak ciabatta, nourishing salads, an all-day brunch and viennoiserie. Using the expertise of the F&B team, all menus will change with the seasons, exchanging light summer fruits and salads, to favoured hot Sunday Roasts with fresh, root vegetables towards the colder months.

The walled garden is home to **TIIGO Bar & Grill**, an exciting, laid-back al-fresco BBQ diner, under a seasonal cover, that oozes rustic charm. Dine on exquisite, fresh meats, fish, and vegetables, paired with delicious soft drinks, fine wines, beers, or locally produced artisan ciders.

Meetings and Events

Montigo Resorts, Somerset at Charlton House is an idyllic rural oasis for special occasions. A beautiful venue for weddings, birthday showers, family gatherings, birthday or celebration festivals and corporate retreats, the house and grounds are also available for exclusive, private hire.

The glorious Regency Orangery has spectacularly grand iron windows, stunning chandeliers, and beautiful parquet flooring, as such it makes a fine backdrop for a wedding, but it is not the only space in Charlton's repertoire. The orchard lends itself to engagement picnics and ceremonies, TIIGO Bar & Grill provides a welcome air of informality with its walled kitchen garden - ideal for BBQs and hog roasts, and the conservatory represents a strong choice for a wedding breakfast.

Wander down kooky hallways, and rest in sumptuously furnished lounges; and with bedrooms and suites on-site, there's plenty of space for family, friends or colleagues to stay. Additional onsite experiences include a thermal spa and bathhouse, spa treatments and fitness facilities as well as effortless access to Somerset's finest, most creative local artisans for additional distinctive touches.

Charlton House Membership

The newly launched Charlton House Membership offers premium benefits such as a gym and the Montigo Spa, with its Asian massage treatments and thermal spa facilities including an advanced hydrotherapy pool, and outdoor hot tub. Using local wellness products from Somerset, and leading British skincare and wellness brand Elemis, facials, body wraps, body scrubs and body treatments are available - as are treatment rooms for couples. Montigo Spa is also equipped with a sauna, laconicum and a steam room. Members can also enjoy exclusive use of the hotel's upgraded facilities and special discounts for F&B.

Final refurbishments to the spa are expected to complete by early 2024 and exciting programmes are in the pipeline including a 'dog grooming spa' in association with celebrity dog groomer, Kelly Davis.

Images of VIP guests in attendance are available:

L-R in the ribbon cutting photograph at the official opening of the Montigo Resorts Somerset, at Charlton House.

1. Mr Mayor of Wells, Cllr Tanys Pullin
2. Chair of Street Parish Council, Cllr Bryan Knickerbocker
3. Minister of State for the Armed Forces and MP for Wells, Rt Hon James Heapey
4. Mr Mark Battle, Director of KOP Properties UK
5. Mayor of Glastonbury, Cllr Indra Donfrancesco;
6. Ms Leny Suparman Group Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of KOP Limited
7. Ms Ong Chih Ching, the Executive Chairman and Executive Director of KOP Limited

Montigo Resorts Somerset, Charlton House

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About KOP Group

A private company that invests in real estate and real estate related companies. The Group has quickly built a reputation as a developer of niche, iconic and award-winning projects such as The Ritz-Carlton Residences (Singapore), Hamilton Scotts (Singapore) and 10 Trinity Square (London). Today, KOP Group operates all its real estate interest through its public arm, KOP Limited. KOP Group is a substantial shareholder of KOP Limited.

About KOP Limited

Listed on the Catalist board of the Singapore Securities Trading Limited (“SGX-ST”), KOP Limited has a business portfolio covering real estate investment, development, and management. KOPL’s hospitality arm, Montigo Resorts, operates two award-winning resorts in Indonesia and a country hotel in Somerset, United Kingdom. Through a broad range of iconic and award-winning real estate and hospitality projects, KOPL provides unique living and leisure experiences to its clients.

About Montigo Resorts

Montigo Resorts are upscale, fun-filled family getaways and purveyors of upscale leisure properties located in inspiring environments. Providing ultimate getaways for all generations and grounded in an ethos of dedication and attention to detail, the Montigo Resorts service promises excellence today, and ‘For Generations To Come’. In addition to Montigo Resorts, Somerset, the Montigo Resorts portfolio also includes Montigo Resorts, Nongsa in Batam Indonesia, and Montigo Resorts, Seminyak in Bali, Indonesia.

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