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and Holiday Fair

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Catch special activities &
the Festino Market every weekend.
Spectrum Linear Park, Filinvest City, Alabang.



MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER

CHRISTMAS IN THE COMMUNITY

It has been said so many times before—nothing is quite like Christmas in the Philippines. The lights, decors, food, parties and most specially the warmth of the people really make Christmas in our country more heartfelt. Filipinos know how to celebrate it best and the longest.

This year, Filinvest City centers on an inclusive celebration wherein we endeavor to further connect and gather the Metro South community. We have designated our recently completed Spectrum Linear Park to be the epicenter of all our events and activities this Christmas. Appreciate the beauty of this park, a representation of our desire to create more beautiful open spaces for the public, this season as it will come to life with a one-of-a-kind lights show, musical performances and a signature food market. Everyone is invited to come and revel with us.

The celebration won't start and end at Spectrum Linear Park. Our valued locators are with us in bringing the community together. I invite you to go around the city and visit various establishments such as Festival Alabang, Westgate Center, and Crimson Hotel, to take advantage of their special offerings. Likewise, I encourage you to drive around and see the light displays of our locators who joined our first-ever Building Decorating Contest. I wish to thank these companies who participated in making sure that Filinvest City is all lit up this season.

Discover a lot more to look forward to this Christmas as you read this issue. Should you choose to celebrate at Filinvest City, we promise one that is festive, meaningful, and memorable. We hope to be part of your Christmas celebration this year and every year after. We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and may this season remind all of us to be grateful for our blessings and to continuously help others.

Josephine Gotianun Yap
PUBLISHER

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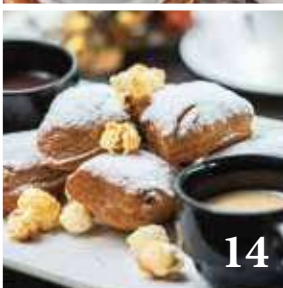
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ERRATUM: On our cover story from the previous issue we mistakenly put the wrong designation of Ms. Mona Lisa Dela Cruz. She is the President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of The Insular Life Assurance Company, Ltd. and not the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Company's CEO is Ms. Nina D. Aguas.



CHRISTMAS IN BLOOM IN FILINVEST CITY

Have a holly, jolly Christmas in Filinvest City! Aside from the presents, glittering lights and sumptuous feasts, expect a more meaningful holiday in the metro with a season full of fun.

Filinvest City, home to thousands in the Metro South, is a community that prides itself in its dynamic development, which embraces the full, unique charm of Muntinlupa. Filinvest City seamlessly brings together modern living, the beauty of the great outdoors and the laid-back vibe of the Metro South, achieving calm and balance that allows residents and visitors to thrive.

And this season, Filinvest City becomes the even more perfect stage and setting for the most memorable Christmas yet as the whole city literally sparkle with lights from locators participating in a Christmas decorating contest initiated by the city. Delight in the festive lights that inspire whimsy and wonder, and catch the great Christmas tableaux and the 40-foot Christmas Tree along Commerce Avenue that become beautiful spots to capture a quick photo-op.

Enjoy the Christmas Lights Shows, held on weekends every 6pm to 9pm, at the Spectrum

Linear Park, which present a mesmerizing visual spectacle that retells your favorite Christmas stories through 3D projection mapping.

Of course, what is a celebration without a bevy of drinks and sumptuous food? And you can have your pick at Festino, the new weekend market, open on all Fridays to Sundays of December, that features a delightful assortment of Christmas fare, drinks, and gift ideas. For those looking for something special for

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day lunches and dinners, head to the exciting River Park, which has new, innovative dining concepts and restos for you and your family to try. Dine al-fresco, feast on delicious cuisine, and delight in the wonderful sounds and scenes of the river.

Filinvest City, which is home to Festival Alabang, becomes an even more exciting shopping destination with the opening of Festival Alabang's new wing, which brings in global brands to excite the fashion-forward community in the South. In addition, Decathlon, the largest sports retailer in the world, and GO Sport open up their expansive spaces, presenting the active individuals of the South with a complete range of sports equipment, apparel and more! At Festival Alabang, Christmas shopping becomes a breeze, thanks to its mega shopping deals and bazaars, and its diverse mix of labels and boutiques.

This Christmas, find more reasons to be inspired and grateful as Filinvest City proves to be the city that keeps on giving.



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FILINVEST CITY QUICK FACTS

Filinvest City has cemented its position as a premier Garden CBD of Metro South, commanding land values reaching ₱230k/sq.m net, representing up to

**248%
GROWTH
IN LAND
VALUES
OVER THE
LAST FIVE
YEARS***

This translates to more than 200% jump in accommodation values from ₱9.2k/sq.m to ₱23.1k/sq.m.

Development in Filinvest City has seen an uptick with almost 50 buildings completed or has commenced construction from 2012 to date.

RETAIL

GROSS FLOOR AREA BUILD-UP:

495,000 sq.m*
(61% growth*)

- SOON TO RISE: 92,000 sq.m**
Festival Alabang expansion and The Landmark

LAND AREA

**244
HECTARES**

SUSTAINABILITY

- Spectrum Linear Park
- Bike Lanes
- FC 360 Eco-Loop for in-city commute
- Waste Management System
- Energy Reduction and Water Conservation Program
- Plant Nursery
- Greenway Systems

RESIDENTIAL

GROSS FLOOR AREA BUILD-UP:

235,000 sq.m*
(25% growth*)

- TOTAL NO. OF UNITS: 3,000
From Studio to 5-bedroom units
- SOON TO RISE: 152,000 sq.m**

TRAVEL ACCESS

- Skyway with Filinvest Entry and Exit
- SLEX with three Entry & Exit points: Filinvest South Station, Filinvest Interchange Exit & Alabang Exit
- Alabang-Zapote Road
- Daang Hari via MCX Exit at SLEX
- Old National Highway

RECENTLY COMPLETED

- Westgate Center Renovation
- Festival Mall Alabang
- River Park and Water Garden
- Crimson Hotel
- Commercenter Alabang
- Spectrum Center
- Filinvest Tent

OFFICES

GROSS FLOOR AREA BUILD-UP:

534,000 sq.m*

CURRENT LEASE RATES:

₱700/sq.m*

NORTHGATE CYBERZONE

- GROSS FLOOR AREA BUILD-UP: 364,000 sq.m (101% growth*)
- NO. OF BUILDINGS: 19
(ranging from 3 to 19 floors)
- REGISTERED COMPANIES: 51 local and multinational
- SOON TO RISE: 84,000 sq.m**

FILINVEST CITY BUSINESS DISTRICT

- GROSS FLOOR AREA BUILD-UP: 170,000 sq.m (38% growth*)
- SOON TO RISE: 12,000 sq.m**

STAYCATIONS IN THE SOUTH

Make this season the most wonderful time of the year for your family and friends with exciting buffet feasts and lovely staycations at the poshest hotels in the cozy Metro South.



CRIMSON HOTEL HOME FOR THE HOLIDAZE

From cozy rooms, festive Noche Buenas, to Santa's Surprises, Crimson Hotel has got you covered. Check in December 23 or 24 and welcome Christmas Day with the hotel's Mistletoe Magic holiday package. For just P14,340++, enjoy a two-night stay in a deluxe room, buffet breakfast for two and a Christmas Eve Dinner at Café Eight. The kids will be delighted as Crimson Hotel rewards you with shopping credits at Santa's Café and an additional Santa's Surprise Treat.

Whatever date you choose to celebrate, find the perfect staycation package at Crimson Hotel. Choose from an array of other options such as the Deck the Halls (an overnight stay in a deluxe room for P7,170++), Bright & Merry (an overnight stay in a deluxe room with buffet breakfast for two and a Christmas Eve dinner at Café Eight); and a 3 Days/ 2 Nights Holiday Staycation (two-night stay in a deluxe room with a Christmas-themed room set-up, buffet breakfast for two, and other perks)—for lovers, couples and larger groups. Book a night and also help a child in need as Crimson Hotel's Stay for a Cause initiative will donate a part of the room sales to the Kids of the Social Service Department of Muntinlupa.

When it comes to preparing for the Noche Buena feast, Café Eight offers convenience with its mouthwatering savory takeaways.



Relish a hassle-free traditional festive dinner at home with your family or at a party with friends. Have your choice of roasted turkey, roasted ham, and roasted beef (good for 4, 6, and 8 pax) that come with different dips and stuffing.

In addition to special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day lunch and dinner buffets, Café Eight's culinary team is preparing the most spectacular ways to welcome 2018 with a New Year's Eve dinner buffet and brunch buffet that come with free-flowing drink, and live entertainment. Book a sweet treat or a cozy staycation at Crimson Hotel, and close 2017 on a high note.

For more information and to book a reservation, visit crimsonhotel.com/manila.



VIVERE HOTEL REVVING UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Viva la 2017! Vivere Hotel helps celebrate Christmas Day and ring in the New Year in style with three exciting holiday staycation packages – Holidrizzle, Cuddle and Holiday Suite Retreat. With the Holidrizzle promo, book a deluxe room for four (two adults and two kids) for only P4,180++, or an Imperial Suite for four adults and four kids at P8,188++. This is inclusive of breakfast buffet at The Nest Dining in the Sky and access to the Lama Pool, Fitness Edge Gym and Kids Playroom. This deal comes with a complimentary umbrella. Enjoy the same perks and privileges with the Cuddle promo that offers an Executive Suite for two adults and two kids at P6,188++, and a regal two-bedroom suite for four adults and four kids at only P9,888++. Snuggle up as this deal comes with two complementary Vivere huggable pillows.

Lastly, the Holiday Suite retreat adds a complimentary one hour revitalizing massage for two adults, on top of the standard offering: overnight room accommodation at a business suite for four (two adults and two kids) for only P6,888++. Book your stay now as the promo period is open until January 6, 2018.



In dining, Vivere doesn't hold back and introduces its specialty dishes and beverages for the season. Feast on a sumptuous holiday pork rib dish perfectly roasted over a bed of vegetables ideal for sharing with friends and family. Get a full slab (good for 4-6 persons) for P6,000 nett and a half slab (good for 1-2 persons) for P1,500 nett. Promo runs until January 31, 2018.

Don't pass up on Vivere Hotel's signature Noel Chocolat, a soothing cup of hot unsweetened chocolate mixed with fresh milk, topped with homemade marshmallows and mint-flavored candy. Noel Chocolat is available until January 31, 2018. Last but not the least – and the one to not be overlooked—get into the Christmas spirit with spirits that will uplift your mood. Taste the parade of holiday drinks: Passion Fruit Escape (P220+), Holiday Dream Iced Tea (P220+), and Christmas Whisky (P290+), which will all surely get you in the festive mood!

For more information, visit viverehotel.com.ph.

ACACIA HOTEL MANILA SPREAD THE LOVE

Acacia Hotel Manila sets the mood for the most wonderful time of the year with daily surprises for its loyal patrons. Be serenaded by the angelic voices of the talented children's choirs as they head to The Lobby on December 16 to 19 at 6:30pm.

As we look back on the hectic year, allow yourself to kick off your shoes and relax with Acacia's Holiday Escape Retreat. Avail of the Cozy Christmas room package, valid December 15-30 and January 1-10, 2018, and enjoy an overnight stay in a deluxe room with breakfast for just P4,588+++. This includes a 15% discount on all F&B outlets, a 15-minute complimentary head and shoulder massage, welcome drinks, all-day WiFi access, and free shuttle service around Alabang.

End the year with a bang with the New Year's Eve room retreat that includes an overnight stay in a deluxe room, buffet breakfast for two, and tickets to the New Year's Eve Countdown party at the Grand Acacia Ballroom for only P10,088+++.

Acacia Hotel Manila continues to spread the love this season with heart-warming cuisine that will fill you up. Catch the special holiday deals at Acacia with lunch and dinner buffets for just P1,095 net from December 1 to 23. The Chef's Holiday Special, an exciting three-course menu, will be served on December 24, 25, and 31 and January 1, 2018 from 6pm to 12 midnight.

For a truly memorable Christmas meal, avail of the Christmas Eve lunch and dinner buffet for P1,488 net, and Christmas Day lunch (P1,388 net) and dinner buffet (P1,288 net). Enjoy other exciting New Year's Eve and New Year's Day feasts at similar prices. Delighting diners further, all meals come with one round of sparkling wine.

For reservation, call 720-2000.





HOME AT LAST

The Yuletide Season is all about giving thanks, celebrating family, and remembering all of the good memories we've been blessed with the past year. So this coming Christmas becomes even more meaningful especially to Rusella Caparas and her family as they welcome family and friends into their brand new home in Palms Pointe at Filinvest City.



"We have been living in the South since 1988, so when we were looking for a new home with my husband, we wanted a place here as well," reveals Rusella, the mother of two. It didn't take long for the young family to find their perfect home in Metro South.

LOVIN' THE SOUTH

"It was a no brainer for us to look for a home in the south," she continues, "because we love the laid-back vibe here. Unlike other congested cities, here you feel in touch with nature and there's a sense of calm. There are trees, expansive spaces, and you can truly live a healthy, balanced lifestyle." When the couple was canvassing property in the different villages, they were specifically on the lookout for a home that would complement the life they wanted for their children.

Soon, they decided on a three-level home, in the posh yet homey community of Palms Pointe Alabang. For their growing girls, there was a lovely garden and backyard for them to play in and a small pool. As people who love to host family gatherings as well, the couple loved the grand patio in the back, where they could set up a barbecue grill and tables for al-fresco dining.

"In addition to bringing us closer to nature, we loved this home because of its location. It's a small gated community, so you enjoy that sense of security, and it's located right by the exit of Filinvest City, making it easier for us to get to Makati, Laguna, BGC, and Ortigas," she adds. But the family doesn't even need to travel farther than a few kilometers as they're just a short drive away from Festival Alabang, Commercenter, schools and Asian Hospital. Filinvest City was built and developed so that everything a resident needs is within reach.





“And because of our location, it’s easier for friends and family to come over, too!” This will prove highly advantageous during the Christmas season as they can avoid the Christmas rush and traffic through the Skyway and South Luzon Expressway (SLEX).

“We usually spend Christmas Eve at my husband’s side of the family. But since we have this new home, Christmas will also be our house warming celebration, too,” she says excitedly. The house is bright and airy, with light streaming in through the windows, which perfectly frame the gardens and trees outside. Indoors, the interiors boast invigorating touches of green and natural wood, perfectly adding color and texture to the spaces. Rusella reveals that she and her husband designed their house to reflect their love for modern, minimalist Scandinavian decor, pointing to the well-curated pieces that add charm and personality to their home.

WINTER WONDERLAND

For Christmas, Rusella had to kick up her decorating skills and proudly shows off their “Winter Wonderland” theme for the holidays. The grand Christmas tree is decked in white and silver ornaments and trimmings, while the table reflects a more traditional yet youthful touch with nutcracker soldiers serving as accent centerpieces. Cute, tiny red Christmas stockings also decorate the table as covers for the utensils.

“We’re truly looking forward to Christmas this year, because this is the start of a new chapter in our lives. It’s exciting to know that this is where we’ll be building a life together and creating memories with our children.” In their new house, Rusella Caparas and her family have found not only the perfect home for the holidays, but a thriving community wherein they can dream big and live out the rest of their lives. 🍷



“IT WAS A NO BRAINER FOR US TO LOOK FOR A HOME IN THE SOUTH, BECAUSE WE LOVE THE LAID-BACK VIBE HERE.”





Actual photo of the Main Lobby in Tower 1

THE NEW WAY TO LUXE LIVING

*With the completion of its first tower,
Filigree's Botanika is now ready to receive
the privileged few who will make
this prestigious address their home.*

Botanika Nature Residences, an upscale, low density vertical community in the dynamic Metro South is finally ready to usher in its distinguished residents as it turns over their units with the completion of its first tower. An exceptional development by Filigree, the newest luxury real estate brand in the country, Botanika stands as a promise fulfilled in keeping with its commitment to complete the project on time and at best quality.

Consisting of superior quality mid-rise condominium towers that offer resort-inspired amenities, Botanika Nature Residences is designed for people with discerning tastes.

To assure utmost privacy and exclusivity, Botanika is a low density development with only 101 units for Tower 1. This means generously-sized condominium units that are tailor fit to your needs and your lifestyle. Select from two-bedroom

suites, three-bedroom flats, three-bedroom with garden bi-level units—with sizes ranging from 123 to 343 sq.m.—and grand penthouse units all offering breathtaking views, exceptional finishes and the finest craftsmanship.

Following the principles of bioclimatic architecture, the development harmoniously co-exists with its environs, earning a three-star rating in design from the Philippine Green Building Council's BERDE (Building for Ecologically Responsible Design Excellence) certification system, even as it offers lavish details like those found in a gated village. From planning and construction down to delivery, Botanika is guided by a special consultant, Ecotektonika, in ensuring that the building's environmental performance is in line with green building, thus forging a milestone in local real estate.

Adding to Botanika's desirability are its first-class amenities and features—at every inch exuding a feeling of opulence and grace. From the landscaped drop-off area that brings forth a dramatic entrance, to the chic and elegant lobby that welcomes you all the way to the scenic elevators that take you to your floor while having a view of the amenity area at the atrium's core. Take a dip or go on an exhilarating swim in the lap pools surrounded by a lush landscape with a sun deck. Let your kids roam free in the outdoor play area with treehouses, frolic in the kiddie pool, or romp around in the children's indoor play area. Conduct important meetings at the business center that's most conducive for productivity or just catch up on the latest bestseller or literary classic. The atrium, on the other hand, has a calming water feature and a 360-degree view of lush spaces.

Behind all the princely amenities, large unit cuts, and verdant landscapes is the building architecture itself which was



Actual photo of Tower 1 facade

conceptualized and executed by a team of experts commissioned by Filigree to create a brand that's a cut above the rest: Leandro V. Locsin Partners, Architecture International, AECOM Singapore, and Miaja Design Group.

Andy Locsin of Leandro V. Locsin Partners shares how they see Botanika's amenities coming to life. "For Botanika it's simple. We designed it to be a resort-like environment. If you notice the center space has a lagoon pool. The idea was for it to be an oasis within a forest," he says.

Armando Casibang of AECOM describes the inspiration behind the design of the buildings, saying that they crafted a beautiful iconic structure inspired by a bud for Botanika. "The

Botanika word itself evokes a sense of nature or a budding flower. That was very interesting," he adds.

With the help of Isabelle Miaja of Singapore-based Miaja Design Group, even Botanika's interior design is intricately planned in. "With Botanika, there is a city feel in another sense because [the structure] is sharp and crisp. But, organic and beautiful classic lines are also combined here. You have to take your time to appreciate what we have done for Botanika. Each piece pops out. These pieces do not necessarily come to you at once, but you love them when you come in and you start to appreciate everything."

Botanika's sought-after location within Filinvest City, Alabang—the premier garden business district in Metro South—makes a variety of establishments and services within reach: Palms Country Club for an afternoon of recreation, Festival Alabang for shopping and dining, Crimson Hotel, Asian Hospital & Medical Center, as well as private academic institutions like De La Salle Zobel, and San Beda College Alabang. The Ninoy Aquino International Airport and Makati City are a mere 15-minute drive away, both accessible by major thoroughfares to SLEX, Skyway, C5, Daanghari, and Alabang Zapote Road.

"We can't wait to warmly welcome the unit owners to Botanika," says Kate Ilagan, Head of Filigree. "Botanika is truly a masterpiece, a manifestation of everything Filigree stands for: excellence, exclusivity, and opulence. It is not likely to be replicated in the South or elsewhere."

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT WWW.BOTANIKA.COM.PH.



Actual photo of a three-bedroom model unit's Owner's Suite

DECK THE HALLS

Christmas is truly the most wonderful time of the year! In addition to decorating the Christmas tree and wrapping gifts with pretty paper, inspire the full Christmas spirit by reflecting the magic and whimsy of the holidays in your home.

Here are a few easy ways to spruce up your home for the holidays:

LIGHT IT UP

Candles are a cheap and easy way to add romantic ambiance to the Christmas celebrations. Place them on coffee tables, mantles, shelves and such to create that Christmas glow. For a more personal touch, you can decorate them however you want with ribbons, and sweet-smelling herbs like cinnamon sticks, or thrown in chic glass containers with coffee beans and citrus fruits to diffuse a warm and pleasant scent.



AN INSPIRED TABLESCAPE

Delight guests not only with a feast for the taste buds, but also the eyes. Add more flair and drama to the Noche Buena dinner by sprucing up the Christmas table with thematic accents.

Go with a white and silver palette for a winter wonderland feel, or blue decor for a "Blue Christmas." You can even keep it simple and traditional with pine cones, candles, and red holly decorating the centerpiece. That added touch and effort goes a long way in building that warm and jolly ambiance.



A HOMEY TOUCH

Make your living room extra cozy by throwing on blankets made from luxurious fabric such as silk, faux fur, or wool. After the Noche Buena feast, everyone will be excited to find their spot on the couch and warm up with a hot cup of cocoa.

Accent pillows in your choice of palette can easily bring more color, charm and personality to your space.



PICTURE-PERFECT CHRISTMAS CORNER

At the end of the day, memories and photos are all we have to remind us of the happy holidays. Make sure that you and your guests get the best photos to remember Christmas by putting together a Christmas corner/station that would serve as the perfect backdrop for your family photos.



PERSONALIZED ORNAMENTS

While we may splurge on our Christmas gifts, there's no need to do so with your home décor. It's all a matter of being creative. Create your own Christmas ornaments to hang on the tree by taking old knick-knacks and small toys, and have your kids paint them over for a more personalized touch. Attach string and they're ready to go on the tree.



MUST-HAVE HOLIDAY PIECES

Visit Festival Alabang and be OOTD-ready with items from H&M perfect for all occasion.

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|  <p>Shoes P9,990</p> |  <p>Pants P4,490</p> |  <p>Dress P1,690</p> |
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KEEP IT CLASSY

Check out H&M's beauty products from makeup, body, and hair care and even nail polish to get that perfect look for any party!

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Home Sign
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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

*Get everyone on your list
a perfect gift fit for your budget!*



Memo Board
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Dining Set
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Department Store



Mugs
P199 each, Robinsons
Department Store



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P150, Decathlon



Yoga Mat
P900, Decathlon



Scratch Target Turtle
P240, Decathlon



12-Piece Golf Balls
P300, Decathlon



Volleyball and Beach Volleyball Net
P1,500, Decathlon



Light Jacket
P650, Decathlon



Roller Skates
P2,000, Decathlon



Running Shoes
P1,800, Decathlon



Microfibre Towel
P300, Decathlon

ALL STORES ARE LOCATED AT FESTIVAL ALABANG

FOOD FOR THE HOLIDAYS

While there's no bigger feast than the Noche Buena, you can still treat yourself and celebrate the merry season by hitting the town with family and friends. It's the season of giving and celebrating so make every day—and every meal—count!

➤ From classically traditional fare to more outstanding, creative cuisine aimed to tickle the palate of the curious gourmand, Filinvest City offers an array of exciting dining concepts that'll help you celebrate the season in style. Here are some of our new favorites:



Certified Organic
New York Steak

A STEAK OF MIND FARM ORGANICS

Farm Organics prides itself in being the first and only restaurant to offer local certified organic beef in the country. Following a farm-to-table philosophy, its steaks are from an exclusive group of cattle raised in Masbate, which are free to roam and graze on green grass. This approach to raising cattle results in richer flavor and more tender steaks that are void of pesticides and antibiotics – which makes you even more confident to order your steaks medium-rare.

Enjoy meaty, savory dishes for as low as P300 that come with delicious sides, such as sweet potato fries, Parmesan mashed potato, house bread, and many more, which are all made from organic ingredients. This is true, clean and good for the body cuisine!

➤ 2nd Floor Commercenter Mall,
Commerce Ave., Filinvest City
Alabang



All Natural Baby Back Ribs



Certified Organic Double Cheese Burger



Fin de Claire Oysters

TOAST OF THE TOWN CAVIAR RESTAURANT & CHAMPAGNE BAR

Dine in style at the cozy, European-inspired Caviar Restaurant & Champagne Bar, which has everything to make your night out extra special. Quiet and laidback, Caviar is perfect for intimate dates and parties, wherein guests can chill and enjoy great food and wine in the company of good friends.

Choose from the restaurant's diverse menu of wines, and, of course, champagnes – spirits

that'll definitely lift your spirit. Pair these delightful wines with Caviar's elevated grilled dishes of prime rib, dry-aged bone ribeye, Wagyu and lamb chops, which taste best with the resto's best-selling side dishes such as the mushroom risotto, horseradish-lime polenta, and Mediterranean couscous, among others.

➤ Unit A-206 Westgate Center,
Filinvest City, Alabang



Caviar



Caviar Restaurant &
Champagne Bar Classy and
Modern Interiors



RED Kitchen + Bar
Interiors

PAINTING THE TOWN RED RED KITCHEN + BAR

While great food is a must, dining should more so be a complete experience. RED Kitchen + Bar fulfills all your wants, offering a menu of exciting dishes, beverages, and atmosphere that will convince you, your friends and your families to book a table on a Friday night. Delight in the smooth tunes as RED Kitchen + Bar invites talented performers regularly, lending a cool, laid-back vibe to the restaurant.

But the food is not to be overlooked! Bite into yummy starters such as Jackstones (Monterey Jack Cheese

poppers with marinara dip), Korean Yin and Yang (spicy glazed grilled squid skewers with Asian soy vinaigrette and soju shots on the side), steak nachos and more. But more than just bar chow, RED Kitchen + Bar serves up a delicious menu of salads, soups and meatier mains. The bestsellers include the Chicken Churrasco, Grilled Salmon Paprika, a tender 72-hour Soy Pork belly, Yankee Ribs and Hanger Bistro Steak.

➤ *River Park, Festival Alabang, Filinvest City*



Beignets



Triad Churrasco



Soy Pork Belly

GOING BIG CHEF'S BARREL

Chef's Barrel rises up to the challenge of feeding big groups with even bigger appetites this Christmas season by presenting delicious pub food and drinks at friendlier prices. The new gastropub is a chill, no-frills place with a straightforward menu, and so you're assured of a good, old-fashioned time.

Fill-up on draft beers from around the world, munch on some tasty morsels, and enjoy an afternoon or evening in

good conversation. Some of the restaurant's must-try, crowd-pleasers include the Crispy Sea-Sig, a lighter, healthier seafood dish that includes octopus; the All-Meat Pissaladiere, which is similar to a pizza that's topped with chorizo, sausage and pepperoni; and the Rib Republic, which is a hearty combo of chicken, pork, lamb, and beef ribs that's made sharing.

➤ *River Park, Festival Alabang, Filinvest City*



Grilled Squid, Pork, Chicken, and Bagnet



Interiors of
Chef's Barrel Restaurant

COMPLIMENTS TO THE CHEF

Chef Hans Rudolf Neukom is a culinary genius, known for whipping up innovative dishes that are elevated comfort food—full of flavor, aroma, and interesting texture. His food philosophy reflects his wide and worldly experience. It beautifully and seamlessly weaves together the different culinary influences—from Indian, Thai, Malay, Middle Eastern, Swiss, and European cuisines.

➤ Ever since he was a young man, Chef Hans knew his life would be spent in the kitchen and in service to a hungry and curious crowd.

At 16, he started his apprenticeship training in a fine dining restaurant in Zurich, Switzerland. He then transferred to The Bahnhof Buffet Zurich, which was one of the biggest F&B operations in the country. But his skills and palate as a chef were best honed when he worked as an executive chef for the Swiss Army, feeding and nourishing 150 soldiers.

“It might seem strange, but that was one of the most important building blocks of my personal life as well as professional career. Being fully responsible for the well-being of 150 people at 20 years old teaches one invaluable lessons in discipline, time management, creativity and responsibility,” he humbly shares.

From that stint, he continued to work, from London to Singapore and Shanghai, before finally finding his current home in The Palms Country Club in Filinvest City, which he has served as chef and general manager, respectively, since 2002.

“With 15 years of service in The Palms Country Club, there have been countless ‘most memorable experiences,’ he says with pride. “Too many to name in fact. But in general, it’s the daily interaction with our members and the staff at The Palms that inspires me and drives me. It makes all the hard work so fulfilling. Working at The Palms is more than a job, it’s a passion and vocation.”

And now with the Christmas season in full swing, Chef Hans has something exciting up his sleeve for new and loyal patrons. “We wanted to bring back a touch of the traditional, and so we aim to create that ‘home away from home’ feeling. All F&B offerings were made to bring back fond memories of years past, and, at the same time, incorporate healthy options.”

For this season, The Palms Deli will also introduce a brand-new set of dishes that you can order and take out for your Christmas feasts at home. “This generous menu is perfect for Christmas gatherings, whether you’ll be hosting an intimate dinner or a large family reunion. There’s something for everyone!” the chef beams.

Christmas time is always the busiest time of the year, and Chef Hans is more than ready to feed the hungry gourmands this season. “Christmas may be the busiest time of the year if you work in hospitality industries, but we look forward to being part of as many Christmas celebrations as possible, because their happiness is our fulfillment. This holiday season, we aim to turn the Metro South into a one-stop destination where you can live, work, and play!”

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BECOME THE GREATEST HOST WITH THIS ROAST!

According to Chef Hans, though we love the traditional *lechón*, no roast is more epic than a Christmas goose, which is rich and full of flavor. “A goose is all dark meat and the fat that drips from that is excellent for roasting potatoes and vegetables. The skin is the most delicious as it turns golden brown and crisp, the equivalent of ‘pork *chicharon*,’” he says.

For those who would like to try something new this Noche Buena—while still delighting in comforting and familiar flavors—Chef Hans shares one of his prized recipes that you, too, can easily prepare in your own home. 🍷



Roast Goose with Potatoes and Braised Red Cabbage

ROAST GOOSE WITH POTATOES AND BRAISED RED CABBAGE

INGREDIENTS:

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| 1 | Goose about 5 to 6kg | 6pc | Medium-sized potatoes cut in wedges |
| 2 | White onions peeled and quartered | 300g | Peeled chestnuts |
| 2 | Apples peeled, cored, and quartered | 300g | Braised red cabbage |
| 2 | Bay leaves | | Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste |
| 100ml | Red wine | | Fresh thyme (optional) small bunch |
| 500ml | Chicken broth | | |

PROCEDURE:

- Heat oven to 350° F.
- Wash and dry the goose, like you would a chicken or turkey. Salt and pepper and sprinkle thyme inside the cavity, and fill with bay leaves, apple quarters, and onions. If they don't all fit, you can cook them alongside the goose in a small, buttered dish.
- Mix 1 tablespoon salt with 1 cup of water and pour that into the roasting pan. Place the roasting rack on top. Pierce the goose skin in several places to let the fat drip out as it cooks.
- Put the goose, breast-side down, on the roasting rack and place in oven for 50 minutes. Use the salt water mixture to baste the goose several times during this period. Add more water to drip pan if necessary. Turn the goose over onto its back and cook, basting as needed, for 50 minutes.
- Let the goose rest for 5 minutes as you make the gravy.
- To make the gravy: Mix 2 tablespoons of the fat drippings with 2 tablespoons flour in a small saucepan and cook for 1 minute. Gradually add the red wine then the chicken broth, stirring well after each addition. Add salt, pepper, and thyme to taste, strain through a fine sieve. Keep warm.
- Serve with roast potatoes, caramelized chestnuts, and braised red cabbage.





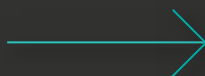
Cherishing Christmas

BY KRISTEL DACUMOS-LAGORZA

The beauty and magic of Christmas is that as one grows and matures, it takes on a different and deeper meaning with every year.

As kids, it's a holiday remembered for the gifts, parties, and playtime with cousins. For adults, Christmas becomes that cherished time when people take a break from their busy schedules to simply be with family. For many, Christmas becomes more than just a time of fun, but also a period of reflection, looking back on the past year with gratitude.

And this is why Christmas continues to be one of Pia Guanio-Mago's most favorite holidays. "It's a time to create memories, to savor the moments with loved ones, and to give thanks to the One who made this all possible," she says.



CHRISTMASES PAST

Pia, the young multi-hyphenate host and mom of two, enjoys looking back on past Christmases of her own childhood as they were full of fun, joy, and merriment.

"When I was just a kid, I remember waking up early Christmas morning to open gifts with my older brother, Joey. Of course, the night before we would have already torn small peepholes in the gifts to take a peek!" she laughs. After the scurry of unwrapping presents, "we would then get dressed in nice outfits and make the rounds with our grandparents, *ninongs* and *ninangs* for the *aguinaldos* (money)." Christmas lunch, she says, would then be the most fun part of the day as the entire family—from grandparents, *titos* and *titas*, and cousins—would come together for a big, loud, and boisterous meal.

"My mom and dad were never big on staying up late, so we're not the type to wait until midnight for the *salubong*," she reveals. So today, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve celebrations are usually spent with her husband's family who love hosting parties. "We spend the eves with my in-laws, and then my family (the Guanios) comes over for Christmas lunch the next day."


Over the years, and most especially for 2017, Christmas has taken on a whole new meaning for the new mom and wife. "When I was a kid I loved opening gifts and getting money. But now as an adult, I really treasure going to Christmas Eve service to hear God's words and reflecting on how good the Lord has been to me and my family this year," she says, always grateful for her husband Steeve James Mago and their two little girls, Scarlet, who is five years old, and Brooklyn, who is five months old.

This Christmas, Pia's trying to celebrate it a little more differently and in a more meaningful manner by heading to the early morning *Simbang Gabi* service at Victory Church. "Christmas for me now is really all about gratitude—thanking God for loving me so much and for giving me the most precious of gifts."

TEACHING TRADITIONS

As her two young daughters are beginning to discover the fun and whimsy of the holidays, Pia too is happy playing Santa and introducing them to the "traditions" of Christmas—from the tree-decorating, gift shopping, and cookie-making. "But I'd also want Scarlet and Brooklyn to also go to Christmas Eve service with us when they're older. I'd want them to continue the tradition of getting together with family, exchanging gifts, putting up the tree themselves, and playing Christmas carols even if it's only November!" she shares joyfully.

While Christmas is about honoring old family traditions, it's also an opportunity to start new ones. "Steeve and I have also started our own of going on a short vacation out of the country after Christmas with our kids. We just make it back to celebrate New Year's Eve with Steeve's family," she reveals, adding that this tradition was inspired by the Guanio's own annual family trips out of town after Christmas. "My mom hates the smoke and the noise during New Year's, so my dad always made it a point to get her out of the country till after the festivities." It is a Guanio tradition that is still upheld today.



"My only wish for my daughters this Christmas is that they grow up knowing and loving God and putting Him first."

CELEBRATING WITH FAMILY

For Pia, it's hard not to smile and light up during the Yuletide season, especially when you get to see your children discover the joys of Christmas. "Scarlet is five years old, so naturally she gets very excited reciting the litany of things she wants from us for Christmas," Pia laughs. "She's also of preschool age, so we're getting busy preparing her for her school Christmas program."

Brooklyn, on the other hand, is a tad too young to remember anything just yet but, "we're very excited to spend our first Christmas together with our little one and to take her on her first airplane ride out of country."

While they enjoy going abroad on family trips, Pia wouldn't mind spending the holidays simply here in Manila. "Actually, I love spending Christmas in the south, because everything is accessible."

"We know traffic is just horrible during the holidays, and it's unavoidable to do last minute Christmas shopping, so having everything you need in the vicinity is key," she says to surviving the hectic season. "I also love the cooler weather here in the south this time of year. We wish it would never end!"



Like hers, many families enjoy the unique Christmas experience in the South. Aside from the fresher air and the beautiful spread of trees and gardens across Fiilnvest City, the South offers a more laid-back vibe and small-community feel that makes the holidays more special and meaningful. “We take full advantage of the (ambiance the South provides) by setting up the outdoors for meals, running, and biking. I also look forward to seeing our village decked out for Christmas, with the huge acacia trees glowing with stars. We also love visiting the *misa de gallo* my in-laws sponsor in their small village parish, and getting our fix of *bibingka* and *puto bumbong*.”

The year 2017 has, indeed, been marked with so many miracles and blessings, and Pia embraces each day with such gratitude. “My only wish for my daughters this Christmas is that they grow up knowing and loving God and putting Him first.

“I also wish that they would always try to keep ties with family, to be kind to others and to take care of each other.” And that’s a Christmas wish everyone’s willing to keep. ♡

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Artist's perspective of Parkway Corporate Center's Main Lobby

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ALL AGLOW FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

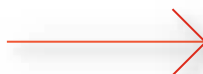
FILINVEST CITY SETS THE TONE FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Nothing says, "Christmas is here!" better than a city all aglow in lights and festive décor. Filinvest City in Alabang sets the tone for a truly merry holidays with its lineup of activities throughout the city for the next few weeks. It all begins the moment you enter Filinvest City, with its tree-lined streets awash in soft lights that will make you feel the spirit of the season. Filinvest City has retained its charming suburban sensibilities despite the thriving industries that have found it to be the optimum location for their business and investments, and as the Christmas season rolls in, it's only fitting that it reflects the revelry of the season. A simple walk or drive through Filinvest City becomes a magical encounter, as each building presents its own Christmas tableau and major thoroughfares are adorned with sparkling lights, enveloping each one with a joy that only the Yuletide brings.

A VISUAL SPECTACLE OF LIGHTS

As everyone enjoys the refreshing southern breeze and a stunning sunset that only the south brings, a synchronized Christmas Lights Show at the new Spectrum Linear Park amps up the Christmas holiday excitement. Spectrum Linear Park is an ideal location for this year's light show as it is centrally located and bridges together the city from north to south, while also emphasizing how Filinvest City brings together residents, workers, and guests in a warm and friendly environment.

The lights show, which starts on November 23, takes place every weekend from 6pm to 9pm, and with the park's laid-back vibe, coupled with its stunning Christmas décor, it becomes the perfect gathering place to round up families to watch and listen to holiday-inspired stories that are told through a visual spectacle featuring a 3D projection mapping. At the heart of the light show is a dazzling 40-feet Christmas tree where the 3D projection mapping will be shown, visible all the way to the lively Commerce Avenue.





COMING TOGETHER

Christmas is all about family and community, and what better way to come together in this laid-back township than through a weekend market and musical performances every weekend of December. While everything you need is already within reach in Filinvest City—a wide range of shopping options, a flourishing dining scene, and an assortment of recreational activities for every interest—a weekend market is a welcome addition to the community. Festino Market, from Friday to Sunday, features a delightful and diverse assortment of food and shopping options for those who live, work, and play within the vicinity, the perfect place to scour for the best products to bring home or gift someone with.

Saturday performances are led by popular acts in the country. Finally, cap off each weekend with a thrilling fireworks display that sets the mood for an unforgettable Christmas that only Filinvest City can offer.

This splendid array of Christmas festivities and community atmosphere only further emphasizes why Filinvest City has become the ideal place to set up a home or business. With its relaxed, easy-going vibe and suburban charm that permeates throughout the community, it's not a wonder why many have come to call it home. ♥





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As one of the biggest malls in the Metro South, Festival Alabang knows how to deliver exciting experiences and present a diverse array of entertainment, shopping, and dining options.

➔ Situated at the heart of Filinvest City, Festival Alabang boasts over 700 stores and specialty shops that occupy an impressive 20-hectare premium retail space.

And this Christmas season, Festival Alabang goes even bigger, introducing its new expansion wing, new mall partners and a month-long Yuletide celebration filled with shopping sprees, musical performances and productions, and other Christmas surprises.

"This season, we want to show our appreciation to the community," shares Joy Pollosa, Senior Vice President of Festival Supermalls Inc. "Christmas in Festival Alabang will be very festive, indeed! We welcome families and *barkadas* to snap photos and selfies at the beautifully lit Christmas Village in River Park, be serenaded by the choir who will take center stage at the Festival Alabang activity center, and enjoy our Christmas production, done in partnership with Ballet Philippines, called the Kingdom of the Dolls."

Through its numerous activities, Festival Alabang highlights the unique Christmas spirit of the South, bringing together modern comforts, exciting entertainment, a relaxed, laid-back vibe, and an appreciation for the arts and the great outdoors.



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It is well known that the South is home to a growing community of passionate athletes and active individuals, which is why Festival Alabang is proud to introduce its new mall partners, GO Sport and Decathlon, two of the world's largest sporting goods retailers.

"With the inclusion of these two global sports brands, Festival Alabang becomes one of the very few malls that can offer a wide-range of sports apparel and equipment in Metro Manila. Given our footprint size, we are probably the biggest mall in the South," adds Pollosa.

AGE OF EXPANSION

Since the mall opened in May 1998, Festival Alabang has grown exponentially over the past two decades, expanding its portfolio of exciting options by introducing new major developments. This includes the recent unveiling of its new expansion wing, and the development of the River Park and Water Garden.

The new wing welcomes H&M, Owndays, Anello, Cotton On, and Pandora, delighting the fashion-forward crowd of the Metro South. On the other hand, the River Park and Water Garden, a must-see and a must-try destinations for families, friends, and foodies as it offers unique dining concepts, from a coffee shop to a number of casual dining and post dinner options in an al fresco set-up one can truly savor. Here, you can experience the full charm of the South, dining under the clear evening sky, feasting on freshly prepared dishes by the river.

"Every year, we aim to present new, exciting experiences to our mall patrons, whether that's through innovative dining concepts, trendy fashion labels or seasonal promos and productions. We look forward to celebrate every moment, holiday, and occasion with you," shares Pollosa. "But more than just being your neighborhood mall, Festival Alabang's goal is to be an integral part of the community and your partner in everyday life. So this Christmas, we look forward to celebrating the most important season with you!"

For more information and to see the complete schedule of Christmas activities, visit www.festivalsupermall.com and facebook.com/festivalmallalabang. 📍



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FINDING FUN IN FITNESS THIS CHRISTMAS

It's okay to indulge this Christmas season—enjoying the holidays and having a drink or two at parties and Christmas dinners—but don't lose track of your goals to maintain your healthy physique and balanced well-being. Temptation may be everywhere, but Snail Runners Alabang, promise to be by your side, supporting you in your health goals.

RACE TO HEALTH

Snail Runners Alabang finds its beginnings as Adination of Runners Alabang, which was a running group that met up seasonally for over a year. The name “Snail Runners Alabang” was coined on October 24, 2010 after the last Adidas King of the Road fun run, recalls *Mamita* Chang Hitalia, one of the pioneers and a senior member of the running group. One of their fellow runners jokingly commented on Facebook that his friends ran as slow as a snail, and so the term “Snail Runner” caught on quickly within the running group. From simply being a term of endearment, the name became a self-empowering title to runners who challenged themselves every day on the road to go farther and faster.

Today, there are 89 official Snail Runners headed by the present Council namely, Dr. Ronel Medina, Rosalia “Dada” Castro, Sherwin Guansing, Arri Ama, Chermine Reyes, Liza Paule and Maui Albaraccin. In order to become a member, official Snail Runners have to pass criteria and achieve certain goals over the year. “We have a diverse group of people, from doctors to nurses, yuppies, college graduates, and entrepreneurs. The whole lot!” shares Dr. Ronel Medina. “They are all either sports enthusiasts, sports instructors, beginner or seasoned runners, triathletes, or persons who maintain a healthy lifestyle.” And though many of the runners are from Alabang; Carmona, Cavite; Calamba, Laguna; Las Piñas and Muntinlupa, there are those who travel from as far away as Fairview, Quezon City. Regardless of how far they live, it's the scenic South that brings them together.



Some of the members of Snail Runners Alabang

“WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LINEAR PARK AT SPECTRUM MIDWAY, WE HOPE TO ENJOY MORE AREAS TO DO CROSS TRAINING AND RUNNING RELATED ACTIVITIES.”



Members of Snail Runners Alabang doing their warm-up

“Running is liberating, free, and it is how a running community should be. The South matches that vibe, which is why we love doing our runs here,” adds Sherwin Guansing.

“There is a slight stigma of Alabang being *alta-ciudad* and only for the elite. But that's a misconception. As Snail Runners, we are a free, happy global community; we don't discriminate,” explains Arri Ama, adding that people are free to join the Snail Runners on their runs which is every Tuesday and Thursday night within Filinvest City.

Snail Runners Alabang, in its seven years of existence, is all about how bringing together a community that sees no barriers and enjoying the suburban city life that is unique to Alabang. “Filinvest City has always been a good training ground due to the open spaces it presents: trails, roads, and hills which are great for training, and closed off roads that provide runners the freedom to enjoy the canopy of Acacia trees,” shares Chermine Reyes.

In Filinvest City, runners can find easy routes, avoiding busy intersections even for a quick evening run. “With the development of the Linear Park at Spectrum Midway, we hope to enjoy more areas to do cross training and running-related activities,” adds Liza Paule.

This Christmas, despite the more hectic schedules filled with parties and family gatherings, the Snail Runners are supporting each other in their fitness goals and inspiring members to stay committed. Maui Albaraccin clarifies: “It's not as if we don't allow ourselves to enjoy and indulge in the holidays. In fact, we do and we usually celebrate with a Christmas party that becomes a fun reunion for all our Snail Runners.”

Christmas may indeed be full of temptations, but the Snail Runners Alabang will keep you inspired and committed to your health goals until the end of the year – and beyond!

For more information about Snail Runners, follow their official Facebook page: @SnailRunners



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Stanford Shaw



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Cafe 2.0



FESTINO: A FESTIVE CELEBRATION

➔ The new weekend market down South, Festino shows how the Southerners go big when it comes to celebrating great food and great company. As the newest lifestyle and entertainment destination located at the heart of the South, Festino promises to be a different kind of weekend market with its tasteful ambiance setting it apart from the frantic, stressful seasonal markets that have sprung up across the metro.

Here, discover a wide selection of goods and food that are unique, fresh and designed to inspire—or satiate the palate! Get ready to experience delightful treats from numerous merchants like Three Guys and a Grill, Cafe 2.0, GMCS Farms, Kapoke PH, Jam Foods Tapa, Thorny Guy and more.

As you drink and be merry, try the different recreational activities as well such as yoga, a photostyling workshop, watercolor sessions and more. The men in your life will also be delighted as Festino brings in the hot rides—including the high-performance Lotus, iconic MINI, Nissan GTR and classic Vespa—which they can test drive on site.

Every weekend offers an opportunity to come together. Bring the family and let them revel at the mesmerizing Filinvest City Christmas Lights Show at 6pm, and enjoy live performances on Saturdays.

The Festino Weekend Market is held Fridays to Sundays, 4pm onwards. Follow Festino Market on Instagram and Facebook for weekly updates.

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WEATHER

It's more fun here in the South because there are less buildings and skyscrapers hence the cold wind can be anywhere, as the old song goes "*malamig and simoy ng hangin*" which makes the whole holiday true to form.

THE FOOD

No diet holiday, because 'tis the season of *hamon*, *lechon*, spaghetti, fruit salads, and a lot more that can be eaten or bought at almost all restaurants and hotels within the Filinvest City.

BAZAAR

Christmas is all about giving and receiving, what would Christmas be like if we don't have the bazaars like the one in Filinvest Tent which offer alternative gift ideas for those budget conscious individuals.

JOANNE TAM

Sales Training Assistant Manager,
Filinvest Alabang, Inc.

“The Filinvest Christmas decors are something I watch out for. Every year they surprise people with a unique theme. My family always look forward to the Christmas Light Show of Filinvest too. We make it a point to watch it at least once. We also enjoy going to the bazaars at the Filinvest Tent because the venue is convenient and air-conditioned.



HOLIDAY MUSINGS

Filinvest City patrons share what they look forward to in the city this Christmas.



MARICRIS SARINO-JOSON

Managing Director, Children's
Environmental Awareness and Action
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“We enjoy Christmas in the South for its chilly weather, well lit and decorated avenues. We also love that we have everything here already—shops, department stores, and restaurants. It makes the holiday season stress-free.

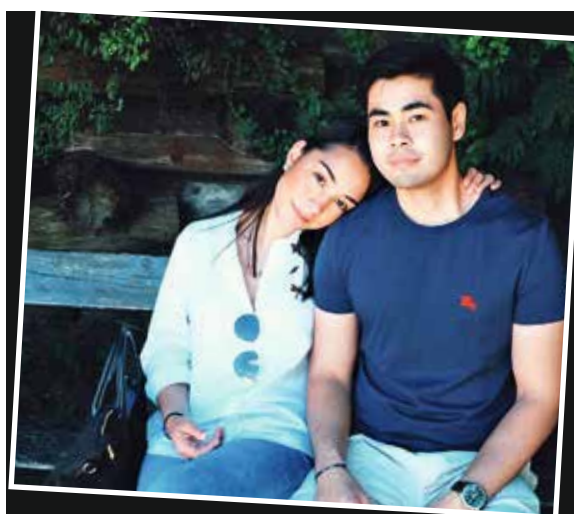


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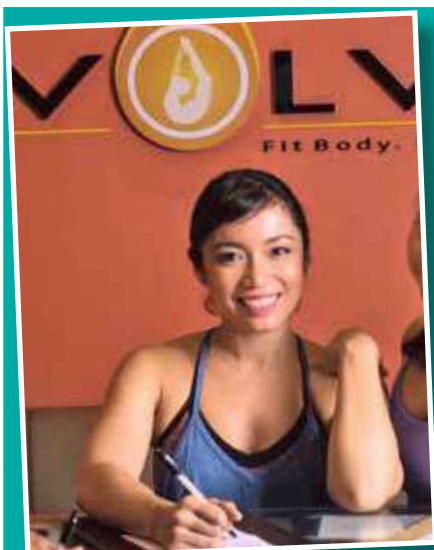
“ I love seeing the festive decorations when driving around Filinvest City at Christmas time, but our family really enjoys the Christmas Light Show at Filinvest City. We usually make sure to catch a show early evening, then we go have dinner at one of the restaurants. There are many new restaurants that opened this year, so we are looking forward to trying those out.



MARCO SYJUCO

Director, Draco Tigris Realty and Development Corp

“ I always look forward to the festive Christmas spirit of the South especially in Filinvest! It is always an experience—from all the Christmas lights and decorations brightening up the area, bazaars, and activities. It is really a celebration to look forward to each year!



GINGER DIAZ-SERRANO

Owner/Studio Director Evolve Yoga and Fitness

“ I look forward to walking around the Filinvest area especially during the Christmas season. The air is cool and crisp, and everything is beautiful with all the lights, decorations, and the random giant Christmas balls. They are such great reminders that the holidays are just around the corner!



MICH DEMAVIVAS

Teacher, Little Apprentice

“ Working in a preschool, I really look forward to Christmas because of my students. It brings me so much joy to see the kids get so excited with the decorations they see everywhere and talk about the gifts that they want to receive. Of course, I also look forward to going on school holiday to spend time with family and friends exploring the malls and attractions here in Filinvest.

PLAY

RACE TO THE FINISH

➤ Offering the active individuals from the South a new challenge, Filinvest City recently hosted the 5th Endurance Weekend race last September 30 to October 1. Almost 400 competitive bikers and cycling enthusiasts headed to Filinvest City's nature trail and biking grounds to test their skills and stamina on the intense race that took them through a winding terrain. Athletes who had participated in previous Endurance Weekend Races were in for a surprise as organizers mapped out a more challenging route.

The Endurance Weekend was first conceptualized in 2012 to cater to the strong and growing community of bikers and cycling enthusiasts who sought opportunities to not only engage in competitive sport, but also meet other passionate, like-minded individuals. ♡



Joey Radovan, Vice Chairman of Santos Knight Frank Philippines and Dolly Macam, Senior Project Development Manager of Filinvest City

BRINGING TOGETHER A VISION

➤ As a growing and burgeoning CBD, Filinvest City invited future and interested brokers and locators to a grand evening at the Crimson Hotel, last October 19. At the event, Filinvest City proudly shared its latest updates and developments, and its grand plans for the growth and expansion of the city in the coming years.

As guests feasted on a sumptuous dinner buffet, Joey Radovan, Vice Chairman and Head of Occupier Services and Commercial Agency of Santos Knight Frank Philippines, a global property consultant firm, presented

the latest central business district market studies.

In a move to lessen the stresses of city living, Filinvest City has reviewed and reassessed its already impressive masterplan to bring about an enhanced and totally invigorated CBD. This is in step with the needs of city dwellers in the 21st century. In addition, Filinvest City had also recently registered with the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system for Neighborhood Development Plan. ♡



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THE METRO MANILA FILM FESTIVAL PARADE IN MUNTINLUPA

Coinciding with its centennial city celebrations, Muntinlupa City is proud to host this year's highly anticipated Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) Parade, which will culminate at Filinvest City's Event Grounds.

Previously, the MMFF Parade was done along Roxas Boulevard, Manila, but now, the larger-than-life parade will make its way around the South, delighting local movie fans of Muntinlupa. While the stars of the MMFF movies are a major draw for the crowds, the designs of the individual floats

are also what many look forward to every year at the MMFF Parade.

This year, catch Coco Martin of *Ang Panday*; Vice Ganda, Daniel Padilla, Pia Wurtzbach of *Gandang Rapido: The Revenger Squad*, and Vic Sotto and Dawn Zulueta of *Meant to Be*, among others. After its tour



around Muntinlupa, MMFF will kick off its festivities at the expansive Filinvest City Event Grounds, which is where the recent Wanderland Music Festival and the Color Blacklight Run were successfully staged. The Filinvest Event Grounds has become the preferred, go-to venue of international event organizers and local businesses for their major, groundbreaking events.

"We're very excited to welcome the Metro Manila Film Festival this year to Muntinlupa, as it coincides with the city's 100th year as well as the celebrations for Christmas," shares Don Ubaldo, Senior Assistant Vice President for Townships. "We know that the MMFF parade is something that people look forward to every Christmas, and we are excited to bring the MMFF experience to the Metro South for the first time." MMFF Parade will be held on December 23, 2017. 🎬

RONDA THE WORLD

As a city designed to promote wellness, Filinvest City takes part in another exciting competitive tour, Ronda Pilipinas 2018, which will be held from March 3 to 17. Promoted to be the biggest national cycling race yet, Ronda Pilipinas 2018 will cover a thousand kilometers throughout Luzon.

Competitive cycling is one of the unique sports that's gaining traction among young athletes. Here, in this athletic discipline, Filipinos are truly excelling, and the principal sponsor behind the sports event, LBC, aims to nurture that talent and passion through opportunities such as Ronda Pilipinas 2018. Apart from helping to develop and discover new, talented Filipino cyclists, Ronda Pilipinas 2018 also aims to promote what is best and most fun in the Philippines. Filinvest City is proud to host the final stage of this prestigious event. 🚴



L-R: Don Ubaldo, Senior Assistant Vice President for Townships; Moe Chulani, Project Director for Ronda Pilipinas; and Norsan Almeda, Director of Sales for NSO Chroma Hospitality



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