

How to choose new curtains

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NEED new curtains for the upcoming Chinese New Year but not sure how to go about it? Check out this handy buying guide.

(1) Look at the big picture

Do you have curtain poles or old-fashioned curtain tracks? Curtain poles generally allow you to hang curtains in soft wide folds whereas curtain tracks tend to go hand in hand with thin pencil pleat folds. If you want to change from one type to another, this is the time to do it.

(2) Do you want voiles?

Voiles or nets are thin hangings that allow you to look out while people outside can't look in. If you want these, you need two sets of hangings, and they should be complimentary. For example, you may go for lace voiles and plain outer drapes.

(3) Lining or not?

Lined curtains hang better and if you depend on the air conditioning a lot, curtains prevent hot sunlight



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from coming in and give you a bit of extra insulation at night. However, they are usually more expensive.

(4) Measure across

To get the width, measure along the track or pole and then add at least one inch for curtain overhang.

Pleated panels are "pre-gathered" and designed to drape so you need only use the span of the rail.

For poles or plain panels the total width of curtain should be two to two and a half times the width of the track or pole. As curtains come in packs of two, halve that measurement. If the track width is 2m, you will need 5m of fabric, which is two curtains measuring 2.5m each.

(5) Measure the length

For floor length curtains, measure from the track or pole half an inch off the floor. If you have a windowsill, measure to one inch below the sill. Tip: you can lengthen the look of a window by having longer curtains, and you can puddle curtains on the floor for a baroque look.

(6) Read the packet

Curtains usually come with good descriptions detailing track length, individual curtain size and total curtain size. While you're checking, also check the care label in case your curtains need special laundry.



Savour the different types of yee sang at Ti Chen.

Feast like an emperor

IT'S time for a feast! Usher in the prosperous Lunar Year of the Goat at Ti Chen, or better known as the "Emperor's Palace", as it offers imperial gourmet indulgence with three "decadent" set menus signifying prosperity, good luck, good fortune, health and longevity.

Available from now until March 5, experience a prosperous Lunar Year of the Goat with a sumptuously elegant feast fit for an emperor at Ti Chen, The Saujana Hotel KL.

Rich in tradition and symbolism, Chinese New Year is a time for families to come together. Chicken served whole represents completeness; fish represents something coming or excess; and oysters signify wealth.

With each dish representing good fortune in the coming year, Ti Chen's Chinese New Year Set Menu features three unique menus for a table of 10 persons:

> **Nine-Course Auspicious Good Luck Set** at RM1,168++ (free flow of soft drinks) and RM1,368++ (with alcoholic package) - Salmon yee sang, braised crab meat seafood treasure soup, steamed river patin with hot and sour sauce, braised seasonal vegetables with dried oyster and duo mushrooms.

> **Nine-Course Auspicious Good Fortune Set** at RM1,468++ (free flow of soft drinks) and RM1,688++ (with alcoholic package) - Double boiled cordyceps, flower with spring chicken soup, homemade roasted sesame pei pa duck, steamed Sabah sea groupa with tong kwai soya sauce, braised fish maw, sea cucumber and dried oysters with broccoli flower.

> **Nine-Course Auspicious Good Health Set** at RM1,968++ (free flow of soft drinks) and RM2,168++ per table of 10 persons (with alcoholic package) - Double boiled free range chicken

with ginseng soup, stewed chicken with chestnut, shiitake mushrooms and young bamboo shoot, steamed white pomfret with superior soya sauce, wok fried prawns with butter sauce.

The set menus are also available for a minimum of five persons.

For many, the Lunar New Year represents a time to remember our past, come together as a family, and look forward to what the next year will bring.

Gather around the table with family and friends and experience Ti Chen's Chinese New Year Set Menu which include appetisers such as Salmon Yee Sang and Abalone Yee Sang, mains such as Stewed Duck with Chestnut, Shiitake Mushroom and Young Bamboo, Steamed White Pomfret with Superior Soya Sauce, Braised Fish Maw, Sea Cucumber and Dried Oyster with Broccoli Floret, as well as desserts such as Chilled Mochi with Shanghai Lotus Pancake and Lotus Paste Mini Bu with Salted Egg.

Enjoy chef Lai Chong Seng's yee sang creations such as Seasonal Fruits Yee Sang Vegetarian, Seaweed and Jelly Fish Yee Sang, Sea Bird's Nest Yee Sang, Salmon Yee Sang and Abalone Yee Sang drizzled with Ti Chen's new signature Cherry Sauce.

Yee sang is available in small, medium, or large portions and are priced from RM38++ to RM238++, available for dine in or takeaway with discounts of 20% for SGCC members and Lifestyle By Saujana (LBS).

■ For details of The Chinese New Year Promotion or to book, online log on to www.shr.my - promotions, contact 03-7843 1234 ext 6122 or e-mail dine@thesaujana.com. Log on also to www.thesaujanahotel.com or find them on www.facebook.com/TheSaujanaHotelKualaLumpur.

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