

# THE EDGE BILLION RINGGIT Club 2023



## Celebrating Corporate Malaysia

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The evening shower and Kuala Lumpur traffic faded away as old friends and business associates caught up at *The Edge* Billion Ringgit Club (*The Edge* BRC) Awards 2023, Corporate Malaysia's biggest and most anticipated awards night, on Oct 23.

As always, the men looked dapper in tuxedos and bespoke suits and the ladies were chic in evening gowns at the black-tie event held at the Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur. Most of the guests were comfortable not wearing masks, mingling and enjoying pre-dinner champagne, cocktails and mocktails as a string quartet played.

Many admired the black Mercedes-Benz S580 at the foyer and Mercedes-Benz EQS 580 4MATIC SUV in the ballroom. A showcase of Cartier 2023 novelties — the Santos, Tank, Ballon Bleu and Panthere de Cartier — was a feast for the eyes for watch enthusiasts and those who appreciate fine timepieces.

The Edge Media Group publisher and CEO Datuk Ho Kay Tat welcomed guests with a speech. This was followed by a keynote address by the guest of honour, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz.

Zafrul presented the top award, flanked by Ho, *The Edge* Malaysia editor-in-chief Kathy Fong, OCBC Bank Malaysia CEO Tan Chor Sen, Mercedes-Benz Malaysia president and CEO and head of region, Southeast Asia II, Amanda Zhang and Cortina Watch Malaysia managing director Tay Liam Khoon.

Mega First Corp Bhd executive chairman Goh Nan Kioh accepted the trophy for *The Edge* BRC Company of the Year 2023. The Value Creator: Malaysia Outstanding CEO award was not given out this year, as in 2011, 2015 and 2020.

Many guests stayed on to take photos with their trophies after the awards presentation as well as to enjoy dessert, coffee and tea as the evening drew to a close.

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Guest of honour Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz (centre) being greeted by Datuk Ho Kay Tat and Tan Sri Tong Kooi Ong of The Edge Media Group

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Mega First Corp Bhd executive chairman Goh Nan Kioh walking up to the stage to accept the Company of the Year award

The Edge TV interviewing OCBC Bank Malaysia CEO Tan Chor Sen

Antony Barragry from IGB REIT (left) with M R Chandran from IRGA Sdn Bhd

(From left) Dillon Tan from Tropicana Corp with Tong and his wife Puan Sri Dawn Cheong

(From left) Shawn Chang, Chris Chong and Teh Chin Guan (IOI Properties Group Bhd) with Wong King Wai (The Edge)

Kevin Choo and Chin Kar Gian from OCBC Bank Malaysia with Goh from Mega First Corp Bhd

Jamalludin Obeng from Perdana Petroleum Bhd (extreme right) taking a group selfie with (from left) Zafrul, Datuk Mohamad Idham Nawawi, Joachim Rajaram and Datuk Kamal Khalid from CelcomDigi Bhd

Lee Chun Fai (IJM Corp Bhd) and Kathy Fong (The Edge)

Tan Sri Tay Ah Lek of Public Bank Bhd being congratulated by Zafrul, as Tong looks on

Mercedes-Benz Malaysia president and CEO Amanda Zhang being interviewed by The Edge TV