

Sentosa-Brani masterplan

Long-term plans to reshape the resort island and the adjacent Pulau Brani into a premier leisure and tourism destination.

BY THE NUMBERS

5

Number of distinct zones in the redeveloped islands.

2022

Target completion of first milestone project, Sentosa Sensoryscape.

\$90 million

Cost of Sentosa Sensoryscape, which will link Resorts World Sentosa with the island's beaches.

30,000 sq m

Total area of Sentosa Sensoryscape, approximately the size of 5½ football fields.

TWO ISLANDS TO BE SPLIT INTO FIVE ZONES

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Vibrant Cluster
It spans the two islands, will have large-scale attractions.
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Island Heart
It will feature hotels, conference spaces, dining and retail shops.
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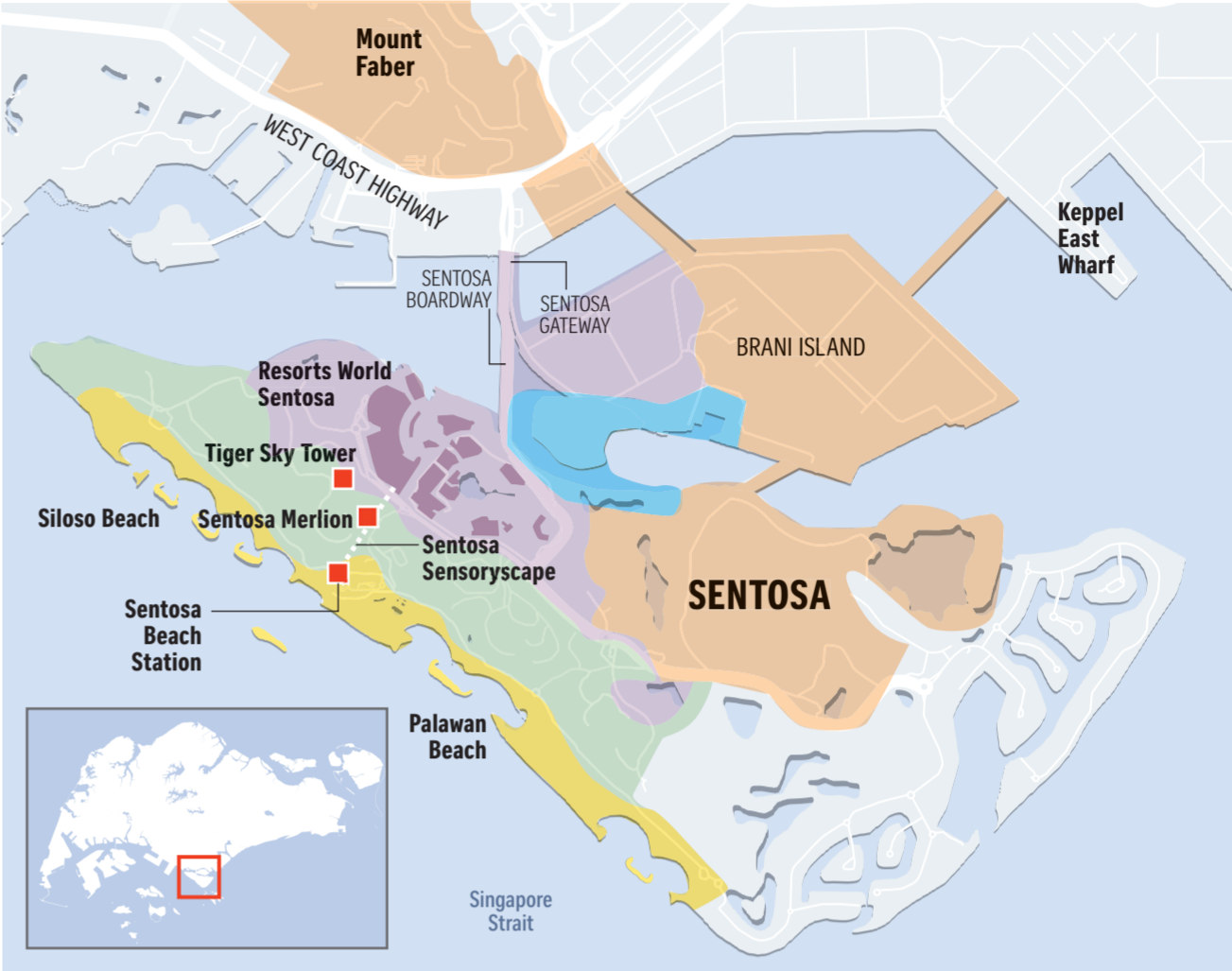
Waterfront
On Pulau Brani, it will house a "futuristic" Discovery Park.
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Ridgeline
It will connect green spaces from Mount Faber to Mount Imbiah and feature nature and heritage attractions.
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Beachfront
It will be rejuvenated with a water show, fairgrounds and other attractions.



New attractions will sit alongside Resorts World Sentosa.



Indoor and outdoor activity spaces in the heart of the island.



Bird's eye view of Sentosa Sensoryscape.



Pulau Brani will house a "futuristic" Discovery Park.



Expanded nature and heritage trails and attractions.



Sentosa's revitalised beaches will be connected to the mainland.

NOTE: Photos are artist's impressions.

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\$90m project to link Sentosa's north, south shores

Merlion to be demolished as Sentosa and Pulau Brani are reshaped

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One of Sentosa's famous structures will be making way for a themed thoroughfare that will link its north and south shores.

The demolition of the Merlion statue is part of long-term plans to reshape the resort island and the adjacent Pulau Brani into a premier leisure and tourism destination. The last day of operations for the Merlion will be on Oct 20.

Work to demolish the towering 37m statue, located in the heart of Sentosa, will begin by the year end, when construction on the \$90 million Sentosa Sensoryscape project will commence. The new double-level thorough-

fare, which will occupy about 30,000 sq m, will connect the mainland-facing Resorts World Sentosa with the beaches in the south, and replace the existing walkway.

Lookout points, water features and other architectural elements will create a multi-sensory experience for visitors strolling across the island, Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) said yesterday.

Its completion by 2022 will mark the first milestone of the blueprint for the two islands, to be rolled out in phases over the next two to three decades.

Details of the Sentosa-Brani masterplan, announced by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong during the National Day Rally last month, were revealed at a media briefing on Sentosa yesterday.

The two islands will be divided into five zones. The Vibrant Cluster zone, which spans the two islands, will have large-scale attractions. Island Heart will feature hotels, conference spaces, dining and shops, while the Waterfront zone on Pulau Brani will house a Discovery Park.

The Ridgeline zone will connect green spaces from Mount Faber to Mount Imbiah and feature nature and heritage attractions, while Sentosa's beaches will be rejuvenated with a water show, fairgrounds and other attractions in the Beachfront zone.

Transport connectivity will also be enhanced, and a "Downtown South" resort modelled after the labour movement-run Downtown East in Pasir Ris will likely be built on Pulau Brani.

The 1.22 sq km Pulau Brani, about a quarter the size of Sentosa, now houses a port terminal, which will move to Tuas by 2027, along with the terminals in Keppel and Tanjong Pagar.

SDC chief executive Quek Swee Kuan said that rather than having distinct identities, the islands will be linked and integrated in their development, leveraging their island charm and proximity to the city.

When the Merlion statue was constructed in 1995, visitorship to Sentosa was between four million and six million, compared with more than 19 million last year, said Mr

Quek. There is thus a need for a wider thoroughfare, and the Sensoryscape will double the current pedestrian capacity, he said.

"We won't relocate the Merlion because of its size, but we are considering how to commemorate it," said Mr Quek.

A new icon for Sentosa is also being considered, he added.

He confirmed that the Police Coast Guard headquarters on Pulau Brani will remain, but said that other plans for the island are still being developed.

Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry Chee Hong Tat, who revealed plans to reshape the two islands in line with plans for the mainland last year, said that the blueprint aims to position Singapore as a leading tourist destination over the coming decades.

"There are also plans to see how we can, in the short and medium term, enhance the value of... the Southern Islands for eco-tourism, for families to visit and learn about a part of Singapore," he said.

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