



ORCHARD ROAD'S NEWEST STAR BECKONS

ION Orchard opens today, ready for the shopping hordes and curious visitors who simply cannot resist a new mall.

About 70 per cent of the shops are ready for business at the mall, which occupies a prime spot above the Orchard MRT station. More than 70 per cent of its 335 stores are appearing in Singapore for the first time. They include upmarket jeweller Harry Winston, Chinese sportswear label Li-Ning and Australia's Rubi Shoes.

Aside from new stores and an array of food haunts, Ion Orchard also boasts some of the poshest loos in town, though not everyone will get to use them. Two restrooms for the exclusive use of VIP shoppers come with black and gold wallpaper, chandeliers and \$10,000 toilet bowls.

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