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New creative café, *FabCafe*, opening at ArtScience Museum

Coffee and technology combine to offer a bespoke café experience

Singapore (8 September 2016) – Come 12 September, visitors to ArtScience Museum can enjoy premium coffee and innovative new technology, in the stunning surrounds of the museum's foyer entrance.

The newly opened *FabCafe Singapore* brings together art, creativity and technology in a bespoke café experience. It combines hand-crafted food and exceptional coffee, with state-of-the-art new fabrication technology, such as 3D printing and laser cutting. At *FabCafe Singapore* at ArtScience Museum, visitors can sample laser-cut macarons, experiment with 3D printing, and learn about the fabrication revolution that is taking the world by storm - all whilst enjoying a fine cup of coffee.

FabCafe started in Tokyo and has since expanded its presence around the world in cities such as Barcelona, Bangkok and Taipei. It makes its debut in Singapore at ArtScience Museum. The founding team of *FabCafe Singapore*, Brandon Berry Edwards, Wouter van Hest, Adeline Setiawan, and Chris Drury, are four unique talents in the fields of creativity, technology and coffee. The 'Fab' in *FabCafe* stands for both 'Fabulous' and 'Fabrication', with the café aiming to be a vibrant destination for people who want to learn about how technology is changing the

way we make things, and creating new design, manufacturing, as well as economic possibilities.

FabCafe Singapore is part of the Republic's thriving "maker community", a growing group of do-it-yourself technology enthusiasts who are encouraging the public to make products and tools for themselves. The unveiling of *FabCafe Singapore* continues ArtScience Museum's history of working with Singapore's maker community, through its annual participation at Singapore Maker Faire, and its regular collaborations with One Maker Group.

"We are delighted to be launching this major new partnership with *FabCafe Singapore*, bringing amazing coffee and cutting-edge technology into the heart of ArtScience Museum. Our job here is to show what happens when we bring art, science and technology together. Our audiences are going to experience this process in action at *FabCafe Singapore*, with visitors of all ages experimenting with innovative new fabrication technology, whilst enjoying the creativity the museum has to offer. We have been dreaming of having a café, where creative people can meet and make together since we opened. To prepare for the arrival of *FabCafe Singapore*, we have made some bold and exciting changes to the museum, including new concepts in our shops, and new facilities for visitors buying tickets to our shows. We are confident that the opening of *FabCafe Singapore*, and these exciting transformations, will make the museum an even greater destination for inspiration, conversation and innovation," said Honor Harger, Executive Director of ArtScience Museum.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with ArtScience Museum, a place with an unrivaled reputation for inspiring minds. Together we share a common mission - to explore the intersection of art and science, and to illuminate creative and technological innovation for everyone who visits. We'll be bringing open innovation and advanced manufacturing together to enhance ArtScience Museum's programming, and look forward to providing a stage for experts enthusiastic about sharing what they've learned. There's no better place in Singapore to do this important work, bringing events, workshops, great coffee, and passionate people into an amazing design space to showcase the best of the fab movement locally, regionally and globally," said Brandon Berry Edwards, Co-founder of FabCafe Singapore.

Intriguing Programmes at *Fabcafe*

More than just a space that offers coffee and food, *FabCafe Singapore* also aims to be a go-to place for creatives, artists, designers and the maker community. To make that happen, a whole variety of programmes, lectures, workshops and informal meet-ups will be organised by *FabCafe Singapore* and ArtScience Museum. These regular programmes are aimed at everyone – from students, young entrepreneurs, designers, and families and will inspire new makers to come together, network, and learn how to make, using 3D printing and laser-cutting tools.

Bold New Retail Concept and Brand New Ticketing Facilities

Visitors to ArtScience Museum can also look forward to an exciting new retail experience with the new museum shop. Seamlessly integrating with the symmetry of ArtScience Museum's architecture, the newly revamped retail shop fuses modernity, design and art into a curated retail experience. Working in partnership with key cultural players in Singapore, including BookActually, Souvenirs from Singapore, Farmstore and Supermama, ArtScience Museum has carefully sourced a mix of quality books written by Singaporean writers, as well as uniquely Singapore souvenirs and high quality locally-designed ceramics.

Visitors will also enjoy new ticketing facilities, located in the museum's Basement 2 area. The museum's new design, allows visitors to buy tickets and browse at the retail shop with ease.

For more information, visit www.marinabaysands.com/artsciencemuseum

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About ArtScience Museum

ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands is Southeast Asia's leading cultural institution that explores the inter-relationship between art, science, technology and culture. Featuring 21 galleries totaling 50,000 square feet, the iconic lotus-inspired building has staged major exhibitions by some of the world's leading artists, including Leonardo Da Vinci, Salvador Dalí, Andy Warhol and Vincent Van Gogh, as well as major exhibitions which explore aspects of scientific history.

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