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World Gourmet Summit (WGS) Awards Of Excellence 2011

Public Nominations for Singapore & Regional WGS Awards Of Excellence Open On 23 August 2010

An Opportunity to Recognise Chefs, Sommeliers and F&B Establishments

Singapore, **04 August 2010**: The World Gourmet Summit (WGS) Awards of Excellence 2011 invites the public to nominate their favourite chefs, sommeliers and F&B establishments for various high profile Singapore and regional awards.

Held annually in conjunction with the World Gourmet Summit, the WGS Awards Of Excellence is the only Singapore national awards programme that acknowledges the efforts of key players in the food and beverage (F&B) industry who deliver the best dining experience for their guests.

Organised by Peter Knipp Holdings (PKH) Pte Ltd and supported by Singapore Tourism Board (STB), the awards aim to recognise and motivate talents to excel in professions related to the F&B industry and to promote an appreciation of dining in Singapore and throughout the Asia region.

"The general public plays a vital role in determining the winners of these important culinary awards," says Peter A Knipp, chief executive officer of PKH, "consumers are increasingly dining at quality establishments and are entitled to an avenue for their voices to be heard. The WGS Awards Of Excellence is the F&B industry equivalent of the Oscars, so if someone has had an amazing experience at a particular restaurant, or feels that a particular chef is deserving of recognition for their outstanding culinary skills, then we want to hear from them".

To ensure that results best represent the industry's finest; the awards selections undergo an incredibly detailed and thorough evaluation process. The initial round of nominations, which are open to the public, also includes nominations from 250 industry jurors. The nominations are tabulated with the highest scoring nominees for each award category proceeding to round two. At this level, the public, together with 150 industry jurors for the Singapore awards, and 50 for the regional awards cast their votes. The votes are tabulated with the top three to five highest scoring nominees for each award category proceeding to the third round (finalists), subjected to a final evaluation by the appointed industry jurors.

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A total of 27 awards in the culinary, hotel, industry, restaurant and culinary institution categories will be presented, along with eight others by the Singapore Workforce Skills Qualification (WSQ), and eight scholarships at the 2011 instalment. Of these, 12 awards from the Singapore category and three awards from the regional category will be open to the public for nominations.

Singapore Category

The 12 awards under the Singapore category open to the public are listed as follows:

- S. Pelligrino Chef of the Year
- Meat & Livestock Australia Rising Chef of the Year
- Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year
- Indoguna Restaurant of the Year
- Luzerne Asian Restaurant of the Year
- Nespresso New Restaurant of the Year
- Citibank Restaurant Manager of the Year
- Top Wines Sommelier of the Year
- Bar of the Year
- Gourmet Retailer of the Year
- Wine Retailer of the Year
- Steward's Solution Outstanding Caterer of the Year

Eleven other awards will be judged by jury members comprising industry peers and food critics. They are:

- Executive Chef of the Year presented by Tabasco
- PCB Pastry Chef of the Year
- Sico Asia Banquet Manager of the Year
- Georges Duboeuf Old World Wine List of the Year
- SUTL New World Wine List of the Year
- HEPP Food & Beverage Manager of the Year
- Wine Distributor of the Year
- Tung Lok Gourmet Distributor of the Year
- Leica Food Photograph of the Year
- Montblanc Food Writer of the Year
- Fonterra Lifetime Achievement Award

The public nomination for the Singapore awards opens on 23 August 2010 and closes on 15 October 2010.

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Regional Category

The WGS Awards Of Excellence reaches beyond the shores of Singapore to recognise deserving regional individuals from Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Macau and Vietnam - acknowledging their dedication and talent in the food and beverage (F&B) industry.

For the regional awards, three awards will be open for nominations, while the remaining award will be judged by jury members comprising industry peers and established media personalities.

The three regional awards open for public nominations are:

- Manitowoc Restaurateur of the Year
- Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year
- Vismark Asian Restaurant of the Year

The remaining award is Electrolux Culinary Institution of the Year.

The first round of nominations for the regional awards opens on 23 August 2010 and closes on 12 November 2010.

Members of the public may submit their entries via the public nomination website at www.vote.wgsawards.com.

WGS Awards Of Excellence 2010 Winners

Twenty-ten marked a milestone for the WGS Awards Of Excellence as it celebrated the tenth year since its inception in 2001.

The 2010 winners were:

Singapore Awards

Culinary Awards:

S.Pelligrino Chef of the Year – Roberto Galetti, Garibaldi Italian Restaurant & Bar

Meat & Livestock Australia Rising Chef of the Year – Jason Tan, Mandarin Oriental, Singapore

Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year presented by Foodservice Consultants Singapore – Yong Bing Ngen, Majestic Restaurant, New Majestic Hotel

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Executive Chef of the Year presented by Tabasco – Sam Leong, Tung Lok Group of Restaurants

PCB Pastry Chef of the Year – Pang Kok Keong, Canelé Pâtisserie Chocolaterie

Restaurant Awards:

Indoguna Restaurant of the Year – Jaan par André, Swissôtel The Stamford Singapore

Luzerne Asian Restaurant of the Year - Majestic Restaurant, New Majestic Hotel

Nespresso New Restaurant of the Year – The White Rabbit

Citibank Restaurant Manager of the Year – Timothy Goh, Les Amis

Sico Asia Banquet Manager of the Year – Ricky Ng, Mandarin Oriental, Singapore

Georges Duboeuf Old World Wine List of the Year – Les Amis

HEPP Food & Beverage Manager of the Year – Melinde Lim, Conrad Centennial Singapore

Top Wines Sommelier of the Year – Timothy Goh, Les Amis

Grey Goose Bar of the Year – Morton's Bar

SUTL New World Wine List of the Year – mezza9, Grand Hyatt Singapore

Industry Awards:

Lexmark Gourmet Retailer of the Year – Culina Pte Ltd

Wine Retailer of the Year presented by Bytes Asia – Culina Pte Ltd

Steward's Solution Outstanding Caterer of the Year – Purple Sage Catering

Vinality Wine Distributor of the Year – Culina Pte Ltd

Tung Lok Gourmet Distributor of the Year – Classic Fine Foods (S) Pte Ltd

New Awards Introduced in 2010:

Leica Food Photograph of the Year – *Summer* by Edmond Ho

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Montblanc Food Writer of the Year – *Singapore is reviving its fine dining tradition with less of the stuffy formality* written by Evelyn Chen in South China Morning Post

Regional Awards

Manitowoc Restaurateur of the Year – Roberto Galetti, Garibaldi Group of Restaurants, Singapore

Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year presented by *Cuisine & Wine Asia* – Sam Leong, Tung Lok Group of Restaurants, Singapore

Vismark Asian Restaurant of the Year – My Humble House, Tung Lok Group of Restaurants, Singapore

Electrolux Culinary Institution of the Year – Temasek Culinary Academy (Temasek Polytechnic), Singapore

The finalists of the 2011 awards will be announced at the WGS Awards Of Excellence press conference to be held in March, 2011. The award recipients will be announced at the 2011 WGS Awards Of Excellence ceremony in April.

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Background

World Gourmet Summit

The World Gourmet Summit is an international gastronomic extravaganza jointly organised by Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd (PKH) and the Singapore Tourism Board (STB).

An annual epicurean festival that showcases the intricate craftsmanship of prestigious chefs; it is also an exposition of the internationally acclaimed vintners. Encompassing a series of dazzling events like the vintner dinners and celebrity dinners, it is a gourmet spectacular specially crafted for the discerning individuals who appreciate fine wines and gourmet cuisine.

World Gourmet Summit Awards Of Excellence

The World Gourmet Summit Awards Of Excellence has grown from strength to strength since its inauguration in 2001. It is hailed as the only national accolade that honours the best of Singapore's F&B individuals and establishments. The awards are also a local and regional benchmark of recognition for those who have made significant efforts and contributions to provide world class fine dining experience in Singapore and the neighbouring regions.

Organiser:

Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd (PKH)

Peter Knipp Holdings (PKH) Pte Ltd offers a complete one-stop solution centre for all food, beverage and hospitality concept needs. Founded in 1996 by Peter A Knipp, the multi award-winning company has grown over the years to include four successful divisions, encompassing various aspects of the food and beverage (F&B) business: *Cuisine & Wine Asia* and Culinary Communications (publishing), World Gourmet Summit and Gourmet Abu Dhabi (events management). The diversified portfolio under the Peter Knipp Group of Companies also includes Foodservice Consultants Singapore (FCS) Pte Ltd (F&B consultancy and kitchen design) and Bytes Asia Pte Ltd (IT consultancy for F&B and hospitality businesses).

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Singapore Tourism Board (STB)

The Singapore Tourism Board is an economic development agency for one of Singapore's key service sectors - tourism. The mission of the board is to develop and champion tourism, so as to build the sector into a key driver of economic growth for Singapore. With its strategic tourism units covering the key purposes of visit by tourists, the STB will work towards revitalising traditional segments ranging from sightseeing and attractions to business travel, as well as actively tap into emerging segments such as healthcare and education services.

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Primary Partner of WGS Awards Of Excellence: Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA)

The Singapore Workforce Development Agency enhances the competitiveness of our workforce by encouraging workers to learn for life and advance with skills. In today's economy, most jobs require not just knowledge but skills. WDA collaborates with employers, industry associations, the union and training organisations, to develop and strengthen the continuing education and training system that is skills-based, opened and accessible, as a mainstream pathway for all workers – young and old, from rank and file to professionals and executives – to upgrade and advance in their careers and lives.

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