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2014 Awards Of Excellence Recognise The Best In The Food & Beverage Industry

- **29 Awards presented to the epicurean industry's finest in Asia**
- **Awards ceremony at The Ritz-Carlton Millennia, Singapore closes the 18th World Gourmet Summit**

5 April 2014 (SINGAPORE) – Following eleven days of spectacular culinary festivity, the curtain came down on the 18th World Gourmet Summit with the unveiling of Singapore's and the region's very best in the food & beverage (F&B) industry at the 2014 World Gourmet Series Awards Of Excellence (AOE) at The Ritz Carlton Millennia, Singapore.

More than 700 guests, including five of this year's World Gourmet Summit International Masterchefs, came together to celebrate the winners of each of the 29 awards presented. Established in 2001, the Awards Of Excellence are widely regarded as one of the most respected accolades in the regional F&B industry, and are presented to both established and emerging stars in the epicurean scene. This year's awards saw more than 700 entries and 14,000 votes from the public, before a distinguished panel of experts decided which of the finalists was most deserving of their respective honour.

A key highlight of the Awards Of Excellence is **The Macallan Lifetime Achievement Award**, recognising gastronomic visionaries who have constantly strived for higher standards and contributed ideas to influence the development of the F&B industry. This year, two industry stalwarts are being recognised. They are **Mr. Alan Palmer**, a master chef who started his culinary journey 50 years ago, and **Chef Kenny Kong**, the award-winning pastry chef who currently oversees the pastry business unit at Resorts World Sentosa, having joined as the Executive Pastry Chef there in 2012.

Mr. Peter Knipp, CEO of Peter Knipp Holdings, said, "As we close the 18th edition of World Gourmet Summit, today is a reminder that one of the strongest contributors to the relevance and popularity of this event is that we are continually striving to nurture established and upcoming talent. We are thrilled to have received more than 700 entries and the overwhelming 14,000 votes this year, a sign of the public's ever-growing interest and investment in the F&B industry here and around the region."

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“We congratulate not only the recipients, who have come out on top after a thorough judging process, but also all the finalists, each of whom were part of a select group of just three to five fellow entrants nominated in their category,” said Mr. Knipp.

Other distinguished winners walking away with top honours include:

- **Citibank Restaurant Manager Of The Year**, Will Simmons, Osteria Mozza, Marina Bay Sands
- **Asian Food Channel Pastry Chef Of The Year**, Andres Lara, Pollen
- **KitchenAid Chef Of The Year**, Julien Royer, JAAN
- **Indoguna Restaurant Of The Year**, JAAN, Swissôtel
- **Meat & Livestock Australia Rising Chef Of The Year**, Brandon Foo, Le Bistrot Du Sommelier
- **Bernardaud Executive Chef Of The Year**, Christopher Christie, Marina Bay Sands
- **S. Pellegrino New Restaurant Of The Year**, Bacchanalia Singapore
- **Coffex Bar Of The Year**, 28 Hong Kong Street
- **Giorgio Ferrari Sommelier Of The Year**, Max Fedkiw, Le Bistrot Du Sommelier

The Awards Of Excellence Ceremony also saw the presentation of At-Sunrice GlobalChef Academy’s GlobalChef® Award 2014 to five exemplary chefs who have taken the global chef path and are a source of inspiration to young chefs. These global chefs are adept in Eastern and Western cuisines, having travelled widely and accumulating a wealth of global culinary experience, making them exemplary role models for aspiring chefs. This year’s five award recipients for the At-Sunrice GlobalChef Award are:

- **Chef Pierre Burgade**, Executive Chef, Raffles Hotel, Singapore
- **Chef Ryan Clift**, Chef / Owner, Tippling Club, Singapore
- **Chef Sang Hoon Degeimbre**, Chef / Owner, L’Air du Temps, Belgium
- **Chef Massimo Pasquerelli**, Executive Chef, The Ritz-Carlton Millennia, Singapore
- **Chef Cassian Tan**, Executive Pastry Chef, Montreux Patisserie, Singapore

Ms Jacquelyn Tan, Managing Director and Head of Credit Payment Products at Citibank Singapore Limited said, “Citibank is delighted to present the World Gourmet Series Awards of Excellence, and adopt the Citibank Restaurant Manager of the Year Award for the sixth time. Dining continues to be one of our key pillars in rewarding our cardmembers with remarkable experiences and we provide benefits through our Citibank Gourmet Pleasures dining privileges initiative, as well as through our support for the World Gourmet Summit. We understand the importance of recognising the outstanding individuals and enterprises that make a difference in our local culinary industry as they play key contributing roles in ensuring its successful growth and evolution. It is through platforms like the World Gourmet Series Awards of Excellence that we, as a business partner and strong advocate, are able to play our part in putting Singapore on the map as a gourmet capital of the world.”

Finalists were voted for by the public and announced on 5 March 2014 at Bacchanalia Singapore. Winners were then hand-picked by a panel of key industry decision-makers. Incepted in 2001, the Awards Of Excellence honours rising stars in the F&B industry both in Singapore and across the region.

The Awards Of Excellence marked the end of the 18th World Gourmet Summit, which brought together 12 International Masterchefs and 3 Special Guests for an eleven-day extravaganza of food and wine events held across Singapore, themed 'The Classics'. Organised by À La Carte Productions (a division of Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd), the 18th World Gourmet Summit was held from **26 March to 5 April 2014** with presenting partner Citibank Singapore Limited and Singapore Tourism Board.

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ANNEX A – WINNERS OF THE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Inaugurated in 2001, the World Gourmet Series Awards Of Excellence are accolades that acknowledge the efforts of key players in the food and beverage industry who deliver the best dining experience and products to their guests.

Organised by A La Carte Productions (a subsidiary of Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd) and supported by the Singapore Tourism Board (STB), the awards aim to motivate talents in the industry to excel in the culinary profession and promote the appreciation of dining in Singapore, as well as the region, to the next level.

The awards were presented on Saturday, 5 April during the closing event of the 18th World Gourmet Summit.

1. **KitchenAid Chef of the Year**
Julien Royer, JAAN, Swissotel The Stamford
2. **Bernardaud Executive Chef of the Year**
Christopher Christie, Marina Bay Sands
3. **Meat & Livestock Australia Rising Chef of the Year**
Brandon Foo, Le Bistrot Du Sommelier
4. **Scripps Networks Interactive Pastry Chef of the Year**
Andres Lara, Pollen
5. **Vismark Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year**
Chung Lap Fai, Hua Ting Restaurant, Orchard Hotel Singapore
6. **Indoguna Restaurant of the Year**
JAAN, Swissôtel The Stamford
7. **San Pellegrino New Restaurant of the Year**
Bacchanalia Singapore
8. **Citibank Restaurant Manager of the Year**
Will Simmons, Osteria Mozza, Marina Bay Sands
9. **Sia Huat Food & Beverage Manager of the Year**
Christian Gurtner, The Ritz-Carlton Millennia, Singapore
10. **Coffex Bar of the Year**
28 Hong Kong Street
11. **Meiko Asian Restaurant of the Year**
Hua Ting Restaurant, Orchard Hotel Singapore
12. **Giorgio Ferrari Sommelier of the Year**
Max Fedkiw, Le Bistrot Du Sommelier
13. **EuroCave Old World Wine List of the Year**
Absinthe Restaurant Français

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14. **Asia Wine Network New World Wine List of the Year**
Mezza9, Grand Hyatt Singapore
15. **Président Gourmet Retailer of the Year**
FairPrice Finest
16. **epicure Magazine Gourmet Distributor of the Year**
Classic Fine Foods
17. **Miele Wine Retailer of the Year**
Vinum Fine Wines
18. **FoodService Consultants Singapore Wine Distributor of the Year**
The Straits Wine Company
19. **Steelite Outstanding Caterer of the Year**
Gunther's Modern French Cuisine
20. **Sico Asia Banquet Manager of the Year**
William Lee, Capella Singapore
21. **Marrone Culinary Institution of the Year**
Shermay's Cooking School
22. **Faber-Castell Food Writer of the Year**
Ms. Supriya Sundaram
23. **Canon Food Photographer of the Year**
Mr. John Heng
24. **The Macallan Lifetime Achievement Award**
Mr. Alan Palmer & Chef Kenny Kong

Regional Awards

1. **Greenfields Honest Milk Pastry Chef of the Year**
Gunther Wolfsbruber, MGM Macau, China
2. **TungLok Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year**
Tan Kim Weng, Shang Palace, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
3. **Brand New Media Asian Restaurant of the Year**
Baan Khanitha Thai Cuisine, Bangkok, Thailand
4. **Manitowoc Restaurateur of the Year**
Antonio Escalante, Antonio's, Manila, The Philippines
5. **Electrolux Culinary Institution of the Year**
Le Cordon Bleu, Dusit Culinary School, Bangkok, Thailand

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Hall of Fame

The World Gourmet Series Awards of Excellence (AOE) Hall of Fame is an acknowledgement of the accomplishments and contributions of the F&B industry leaders. It is a recognition of their generous and significant work and their success is an inspiration for others. This year's inductees are:

- 1. Culinary Institution of the Year**
At-Sunrice GlobalChef Academy
(2008, 2011, 2013)
- 2. Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year**
Chef Yong Bing Ngen
(2009, 2010, 2013)
- 3. Old World Wine List of the Year**
Les Amis
(2009, 2010, 2013)

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ANNEX B – BACKGROUND

About the World Gourmet Summit

The World Gourmet Summit is an international gastronomic extravaganza organised by À La Carte Productions (a division of Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd), supported by the Singapore Tourism Board (STB), and presented by Citibank. The World Gourmet Summit will celebrate its 18th anniversary in 2014.

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

Since 2000, the World Gourmet Summit has been raising funds through its annual Charity Dinners in support of the Community Chest, the fund-raising arm of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS). The charity dinners have raised over S\$5 million (approximately US\$3.9 million) with the generosity of its distinguished guests through table sales, charity auctions as well as donations.

www.worldgourmetsummit.com

ORGANISERS

About A La Carte Productions

A La Carte Productions, a division of Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd, is an independently owned events company, which provides events planning, conceptualisation, and execution services. The annual gastronomic extravaganza - World Gourmet Summit held from March to April each year, and the Awards Of Excellence, the leading and most comprehensive F&B platform in Asia, which recognises and motivates talents to excel in the F&B industry and promotes the appreciation of dining in Singapore and the region.

About Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd

Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd (PKH) offers a multi-faceted range of services for the food, beverage (F&B) and hospitality industry. Founded in 1996 by Peter A Knipp, the multi award-winning company has grown over the years to include four independent companies, encompassing various aspects of the F&B and hospitality businesses: A La Carte Productions, an events management which provides events planning, conceptualisation, and execution services at the annual gastronomic extravaganza – World Gourmet Series which includes Awards Of Excellence (<http://www.wgsawards.com>), World Gourmet Summit (<http://www.worldgourmetsummit.com>), Gourmet Abu Dhabi (<http://www.gourmetabudhabi.ae>); Food2Print Pte Ltd which publishes Cuisine & Wine Asia magazine, newsletter at <http://www.asiacuisine.com>, and provides marketing communications consultancy services; and Bytes Asia Pte Ltd, IT consultancy.

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