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World Gourmet Summit Awards of Excellence 2009

**Saluting the Luminaries in the Food and Beverage Industry and
Celebrating the Spirit of Life-long Learning**

Amid much anticipation, co-organisers of the World Gourmet Summit – the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) and Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd (PKH) - revealed the names of the finalists for the World Gourmet Summit (WGS) Awards of Excellence (AOE) 2009.

The World Gourmet Summit Awards of Excellence commends the crème de la crème of Singapore's food and beverage (F&B) industry; lauding these highly-esteemed individuals and establishments which have made Singapore a world-class culinary destination of unparalleled status.

Celebrating Diversity in the Singapore's Food and Beverage Industry

Introducing eleven brand new awards across the Singapore and regional categories the WGS Awards of Excellence now boasts a record high of twenty-five awards. Some of the new inclusions are Gourmet Retailer of the Year, Wine Distributor of the Year, Outstanding Caterer of the Year and Restaurateur of the Year.

Explaining the rationale behind the additions, Peter A Knipp, chief executive officer of PKH said, "Besides chefs and restaurants, a diverse mix of other personalities and enterprises play a pivotal role in the success of the food and beverage industry. Drawing up an all-encompassing awards list allows us to accord credit to these well-deserving figures of inspiration, and to share in their joys of achievement."

"The WGS Awards of Excellence is the only industry awards that recognize quality service and quality wine and dine experience to bring the food and beverage and hospitality industry to greater heights. We are extremely pleased that sharing this vision is the World Gourmet Summit presenting partner, Citibank, who has taken a leading stance in reinforcing this ideal by adopting the Asian Chef of the Year Award"

"It is an honour to collaborate with Citibank, as part of their continued commitment to bring the best cuisine and the latest dining trends to their cardmembers" added Knipp.

Regarded with much anticipation is the advent of March 2009, when the online public nomination system for the awards will open for its final round. In addition to the evaluation from industry jurors, these nominations from the public will help to determine the final winners of 15 award categories.

Celebrating the Spirit of Life-long Learning

Budding talents who endeavour to pursue a vocation in pâtisserie, culinary arts and wine are not forgotten. Bond-free courses and apprenticeships at renowned establishments, inclusive of return air-tickets and accommodation, are awarded to recipients of the WGS Awards of Excellence Scholarships. This year, the scholarships have grown from three to four.

They are: At-Sunrice GlobalChef Academy and Johnson & Wales University Culinary Scholarship; Bodegas Torres Wine Scholarship; Pierre Hermé Paris Scholarship; and Paul Jaboulet Aîné & Château La Lagune Scholarship.

“The growth in the scholarship is a good sign. We hope that more industry partners will see the longer term value in offering budding talents a rare opportunity to undergo apprenticeship at their establishments. By endorsing the spirit of continuous learning, everyone can continue to pay it forward ensuring that the future of the F&B industry’s flame burning brightly” says Knipp.

For further information on AOE2009, please visit www.wgsawards.com

Please refer to Appendix A for the list of awards and their finalists (excluding the WSQ Awards finalists which are still being tabulated).

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Background

World Gourmet Summit

www.worldgourmetsummit.com

The World Gourmet Summit (WGS) is jointly organised by the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) and Peter Knipp Holdings (PKH). WGS is an exclusive platform that showcases the vibrancy of Singapore's epicurean culture and lifestyle. WGS highlights the concept of gastro-tourism, positioning Singapore as a world-class culinary destination.

Supported by Singapore Tourism Board

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The Singapore Tourism Board (STB) 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. The STB aims to differentiate and market Singapore as a must-visit destination offering enriching experiences through the "Uniquely Singapore" brand.

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| World Gourmet Summit Awards of Excellence 2009 Finalists (Singapore Category) | |
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| <p><u>S. Pellegrino Chef of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gunther Hubrechen, Gunther's - Roberto Galetti, Garibaldi Italian Restaurant & Bar - Yong Bing Ngen, Majestic Restaurant, New Majestic Hotel <p><u>Executive Chef of the Year presented by Tabasco</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brian Cleere, Grand Hyatt Singapore - Eric Teo, Mandarin Oriental, Singapore - Frédéric Colin, The St Regis Singapore <p><u>Meat & Livestock Australia Rising Chef of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alexandre Lozachmeur, Hilton Singapore - André Chiang, Jaan, Level 70, Swissôtel The Stamford Singapore - David Warren, Zambuca Italian Restaurant & Bar - Jason Tan, Julien Bompard at Ascott Raffles Place <p><u>PCB Pastry Chef of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kenny Kong, Swissôtel The Stamford Singapore - Laurent Bernard, Laurent's Café & Chocolate Bar - Nicole Wong, Swissôtel The Stamford Singapore - Pang Kok Keong, Canelé Pâtisserie Chocolaterie <p><u>Citibank Asian Chef of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chan Chen Hei, Chef Chan's Restaurant - Chan Kwok, Hua Ting, Orchard Hotel Singapore - Ronnie Chia, Tatsuya Japanese Restaurant - Yong Bing Ngen, Majestic Restaurant, New Majestic Hotel <p><u>Indoguna Restaurant of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Au Petit Salut - Garibaldi Italian Restaurant & Bar | <p><u>Asian Restaurant of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chef Chan's Restaurant - Hua Ting, Orchard Hotel Singapore - Majestic Restaurant, New Majestic Hotel - My Humble House, Tung Lok Group of Restaurants - The Song of India <p><u>Classic Fine Foods New Restaurant of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gunther's - Long Beach @ Dempsey - Privé <p><u>Le Cordon Bleu Restaurant Manager of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alessandro Calabro, Garibaldi Group of Restaurants - Timothy Goh, Les Amis - Zyron Schoniwitz, Morton's of Chicago, The Steakhouse <p><u>Hepp Food & Beverage Manager of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lawrence Yeo, Meritus Mandarin Singapore - Melinde Lim, Conrad Centennial Singapore - Roger Chan <p><u>Top Wines Sommelier of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alessandro Calabro, Garibaldi Group of Restaurants - Rachel Aw, La Strada, Les Amis Group - Timothy Goh, Les Amis <p><u>Bar of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Balaclava - Post Bar, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore - Privé Waterfront Bar |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OSO Ristorante - Iggy's | |
| <p><u>Old World Wine List of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Iggy's - Les Amis - Raffles Grill, Raffles Hotel Singapore <p><u>Gourmet Retailer of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Culina Pte Ltd - Jasons The Gourmet Grocer - Jones the Grocer <p><u>Wine Retailer of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Culina Pte Ltd - Denise the Wine Shop - Vinum Fine Wine Merchants <p><u>Sico Asia Banquet Manager of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jayandran Ramasamy, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore - Joel Lau, Sheraton Towers Singapore - Ricky Ng, Mandarin Oriental, Singapore | <p><u>New World Wine List of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mezza9, Grand Hyatt Singapore - The Cellar Door - WineGarage <p><u>Gourmet Distributor of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classic Fine Foods Ltd - Culina Pte Ltd - Indoguna Singapore Pte Ltd <p><u>Wine Distributor of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Culina Pte Ltd - Hock Tong Bee Pte Ltd - Top Wines Pte Ltd <p><u>Outstanding Caterer of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Garibaldi Group of Restaurants - Les Amis Catering - Purple Sage Catering |
| <p>Finalists (Regional Category)</p> | |
| <p><u>Restaurateur of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris Salans, Mozaic Restaurant Gastronomique (Indonesia) - Michelle Garnaut, M at the Fringe (M Restaurant Group) (Hong Kong) - Roberto Galetti, Garibaldi Group of Restaurants (Singapore) <p><u>Asian Restaurant of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eest, The Westin Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) - Imperial Court, MGM Macau (Macau) - Li Bai Cantonese Restaurant, Sheraton Towers Singapore (Singapore) - Imperial Treasure (Singapore) | <p><u>Asian Chef of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chan Kwok, Hua Ting Restaurant, Orchard Hotel Singapore (Singapore) - Heinz Von Holzen, Bumbu Bali (Indonesia) - Sam Leong, Tung Lok Group of Restaurants (Singapore) - Takashi Kimura, Cilantro Restaurant & Wine Bar (Malaysia) <p><u>Electrolux Culinary Institution of the Year</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Hong Kong) - Le Cordon Bleu Dusit Culinary School (Thailand) - Taylor's College (Malaysia) |

Awards of Excellence Scholarships Finalists

At-Sunrice GlobalChef Academy and Johnson & Wales University Culinary Scholarship

- Daniel Ong – Il Lido
- Denise Tsi Hui Mei – Zambuca Italian Restaurant and Bar
- Jacklyn Kong Ai Ling – The Cliff, The Sentosa Resort and Spa
- Kenneth Tan Qi Xue – Saint Pierre
- Lua Chang Yung – Gunther's

Pierre Hermé Paris Scholarship

- Heng Hui Wen - Canelé Pâtisserie Chocolaterie
- Joseph Tan Wei Jun – Mandarin Oriental, Singapore
- Juliana Tan Yu Hui – Zhou's Kitchen
- Michael Lau - Sarika Connoisseur Café Pte Ltd
- Nurain bte Sa'ip – Centre Ps
- Tan Sie Sie – Institute of Technical Education

Bodegas Torres Wine Scholarship and Paul Jaboulet Aîné & Château La Lagune Scholarship

- Anakathil Deepak Sugathan – Mandarin Oriental, Singapore
- Gho Wei Jie Alvin – Morton's of Chicago
- Shireen Sheikh – The White Rabbit
- Valappil Biju Virakan – Mandarin Oriental, Singapore
- Wong Chek Leng – Singapore Airlines

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S. Pellegrino Chef of the Year



Citibank Asian Chef of the Year



Classic Fine Foods
New Restaurant of the Year



Electrolux
Culinary Institution of the Year



Fonterra Lifetime Achievement Award



Georges Duboeuf
Old World Wine List of the Year



Hepp Food & Beverage
Manager of the Year



Indoguna Restaurant of the Year



Le Cordon Bleu
Restaurant Manager of the Year



Meat & Livestock
Australia Rising Chef of the Year

N K & Melina Yong

Official
Wine Consultants



PCB Pastry Chef of the Year



Official Trophy Provider:
RAK



Sico Asia
Banquet Manager of the Year



Executive Chef of the
Year presented by
Tabasco



Top Wines
Sommelier of the Year

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