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32 OUTSTANDING F&B AND HOSPITALITY PROFESSIONALS HONOURED AT AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2016

6 April 2016 (SINGAPORE) – On 5 April 2016, the prestigious Awards of Excellence (AOE) 2016 honoured 32 outstanding individuals and companies, both established and emerging industry stars, for their unrelenting efforts, creativity and passion in their craft that continue to shape the F&B and service landscape and make Singapore a world-class gourmet and tourism destination. Widely regarded as one of the most respected accolades in Singapore and around the region, the AOE 2016 was held at One Farrer Hotel and Spa, with Guest of Honour Mr. Lionel Yeo, Chief Executive of Singapore Tourism Board, in attendance.

This year's awards saw an overwhelming number of public nominations, indicating the recognition and acknowledgement of the hard work and outstanding service by the industry professionals. The awards were presented under five main categories: Chef Awards, Wine Awards, Industry Awards, Restaurant & Service Awards and Lifestyle Awards, with the addition of new awards including **PestBusters Chef's Choice Award (Asian Cuisine)**, **Sia Huat Chef's Choice Award (Western Cuisine)**, **At-Sunrice GlobalChef Academy Apprentice Chef of the Year** and **Top Wines Sommelier Mentor Award** (given to an individual who, in addition to continually striving for higher standards for the development of sommeliers, guides and inspires aspiring sommeliers on the right path to excellence).

A key highlight of the evening was the unveiling of two recipients for **The Macallan Lifetime Achievement Award**, Mr. Lee Man Tat, Group Chairman of iconic Hong Kong brand Lee Kum Kee; and Mr. Loh Lik Peng, CEO of Unlisted Collection:, purveyor of high quality boutique hotels and restaurants in major cosmopolitan cities in the world. Under Mr. Lee's leadership, Lee Kum Kee has expanded on its mission to successfully promote Chinese cuisines worldwide, now producing and marketing over 200 sauces and condiments to more than 100 countries and regions; while Mr. Loh continues to blaze a trail with his company, expanding its collection of design-driven boutique hotels and restaurant ventures across Singapore, Shanghai, Sydney, Hong Kong, Paris and London. With this prestigious and coveted Lifetime Achievement Award, both are undisputed visionaries and influential to the on-going development of the F&B and hospitality industries both on a local and international level. [Refer to Annex A for full list of Winners]

"We congratulate our winners, who are exemplary in raising the standards of excellence in the F&B and hospitality industries in Singapore and around the region. As the number of our home-grown talents progress each year, we continue to focus on capability development

and productivity enhancement to promote our home-grown talents and push them towards greater excellence,” said Mr Peter A. Knipp, CEO of PKH Pte Ltd, which manages and curates the annual Awards of Excellence and World Gourmet Summit.

“With strong support from Singapore Tourism Board, the Overseas Development Program last year give our finalists and winners an incredible opportunity to gain the necessary international exposure needed to advance in their career. It now plays such an integral part of the epicurean scene here in Singapore and around the region and definitely takes the Awards of Excellence to greater heights as the growing number of individuals aspire to reach the top of their profession and in turn, bring Singapore to the forefront as a dining and tourism destination.”

For more information on the Awards of Excellence or to arrange interviews with any of the candidates or winners, contact Rachel Chan on rachel@heatbranding.com or Karen Heng on karen@heatbranding.com.

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About the Awards of Excellence (www.wgsawards.com/aoe2016/)

Inaugurated in 2001, the World Gourmet Summit Awards of Excellence is an accolade that acknowledges 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 division of Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd) and supported by the Singapore Tourism Board (STB), the Awards of Excellence aim to motivate talents in the industry to excel in the culinary profession and promote the appreciation of dining in Singapore, as well as in the region, to the next level.

About the World Gourmet Summit (www.worldgourmetsummit.com)

The World Gourmet Summit, first launched in 1997, is an international gastronomic festival organised by À La Carte Productions (a division of Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd).

Now, into its 20th year, this annual epicurean festival continues to showcase the intricate craftsmanship of prestigious chefs and is also an exposition of internationally acclaimed wines and spirits. Encompassing a series of events like the special themed dinners, it is a gourmet feast 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. Over the past decade, World Gourmet Summit has raised over S\$5 million for over 200 social service programmes, through the generosity of its distinguished guests through table sales, charity auctions as well as donations. This year, World Gourmet Summit begins a new partnership with the National Kidney Foundation, a charitable organisation providing care for kidney patients and raising public awareness of kidney disease prevention. With Singapore having one of the highest kidney failure cases, this support brings life and hope to needy patients.

ORGANISERS

About A La Carte Productions

À 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. In particular, the annual gastronomic experience, World Gourmet Summit and the Awards of Excellence, the leading and most comprehensive F&B platform in Asia Pacific, which recognises and motivates talents to excel in the F&B industry and promotes the excellence 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 by Mr Peter A Knipp, the multi award-winning company has grown over the years to include four divisions, encompassing various aspects of the F&B and hospitality businesses: À La Carte Productions, an events management firm which provides events planning, conceptualisation and execution services at the annual gastronomic extravaganza World Gourmet Summit, including:

- The Awards of Excellence (www.wgsawards.com)
- World Gourmet Summit (www.worldgourmetsummit.com)
- Food2Print, which publishes Cuisine & Wine Asia magazine, newsletter at www.asiacuisine.com, weekly e-zines since 1996 and provides marketing communications consultancy services
- Foodservice Consultants Singapore Pte Ltd, F&B consultancy and kitchen design to hotels and restaurants (www.fscs.com.sg)
- Bytes Asia which provides IT consultancy

ANNEX A:
AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2016 WINNERS

CHEF AWARDS

KitchenAid Chef of the Year

André Chiang, Restaurant Andre

Majestic Restaurant Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year

Leong Chee Yeng, Jade, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore

KitchenAid Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year (Regional)

Ip Chi Cheung, Summer Palace, Hong Kong

Halton Group Executive Chef of the Year

David Senia, Knolls, Capella Singapore

Meat & Livestock Australia Rising Chef of the Year

Kirk Westaway, JAAN

Academy of Pastry Arts Malaysia Pastry Chef of the Year

Frederic Deshayes, Do.Main Bakery

KitchenAid Pastry Chef of the Year (Regional)

Gunther Wolfsgruber, MGM Macau – Macau, Hong Kong

PestBusters Chef's Choice Award (Asian Cuisine)*

Siu Kong Cheung, Chinese Chef of Summer Pavillion, The Ritz-Carlton Millenia Singapore

Sia Huat Chef's Choice Award (Western Cuisine)*

Lino Sauro, Gattopardo

At-Sunrice GlobalChef Academy Apprentice Chef of the Year*

Wong Chee Yee Aaron

WINE AWARDS

Unique Food and Wine Sommelier of the Year

Alan Au, Iggy's

Culina Old World Wine List of the Year

CUT by Wolfgang Puck, Marina Bay Sands

Culina New World Wine List of the Year

Tippling Club

RESTAURANT & SERVICE AWARDS

Indoguna Restaurant of the Year

Joël Robuchon Restaurant

Sanpellegrino New Restaurant of the Year

Corner House

Chope Asian Restaurant of the Year

Waku Ghin

TungLok Asian Restaurant of the Year (Regional)

Lung King Heen – Hong Kong

Hennessy Bar of the Year

5 on Emerald Hill

Meiko Restaurant Manager of the Year

Kori Millar, Bar-Roque Grill

Luzerne Food & Beverage Manager of the Year

Christian Carminati, Fairmont Hotel

Sico Asia MICE & Banquet Manager of the Year

Bernard Lim, Shangri-La, Singapore

Winterhalter Outstanding Caterer of the Year

Grand Hyatt Singapore

Manitowoc Restaurateur of the Year (Regional)

Will Meyrick, Sarong – Bali, Indonesia

INDUSTRY AWARDS

Kühlbarra Asia Gourmet Retailer of the Year

Fairprice Finest

Gourmet Distributor of the Year

Indoguna

Epicure Wine Distributor of the Year

Crystal Wines & Spirits Pte Ltd

Wine Retailer of the Year

1855 The Bottle Shop

Marrone Culinary Institution of the Year

Temasek Polytechnic

Electrolux Culinary Institution of the Year (Regional)

Sunway Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts - Malaysia

LIFESTYLE AWARDS

The Macallan Lifetime Achievement Award

Recipients:

Loh Lik Peng: Unlisted Collection:

Lee Man Tat, Lee Kum Kee

Top Wines Sommelier Mentor Award*

Ignatius Chan, Iggy's

* *New Awards*

ANNEX B –AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2016 PARTNERS

