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11th Annual TTG China Travel Awards Reflects 11 New Titles, Pays Homage to 58 Outstanding Organisations

Shanghai, 22 March 2018 – Greater China travel trade’s biggest annual industry awards announced 11 new titles in its 58 awards line-up this year, reflecting timely changes in the region’s hotel, serviced residence and travel services sectors.

Best Business Hotels and Best City Hotels awards in regions outside of Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou/Shenzhen, Hong Kong, and Macau saw geographical merges that resulted in stiffer competition among contenders. The new grouping formed the following 3 territories: “East and Northeast China”, “North and Northwest China”, “Central South and Southwest China”, with a total of 6 winners in the category.

This year also saw the debut of the “Best Serviced Apartment in China” award, as well as 4 brand new travel services awards, “Best New Cruise Ship”, “Best Theme Attraction (Local)”, “Best Theme Attraction (Overseas)”, and “Best Airport (Overseas)”. These additions reflect the rise of longer-staying travellers in China, a sprouting cruise industry, and the sizeable economic clout generated by the country’s domestic and outbound travel.

With the exception of two, all winners in the 11 new awards made their inaugural entry into the TTG China Travel Awards. Hong Kong Disneyland Resort as “Best Theme Attraction (Overseas)” is the only defending winner. Before the award segmentation to local and overseas this year, the resort had won the Best Theme Attraction for 8 years running. Sofitel Xian on Renmin Square is also returning as “Best Business Hotel in North and Northwest China” after having last won “Best Hotel in Northwest China” in 2013.

Collectively, TTG China Travel Awards 2018 welcomed 22 debuting winners who took the Hermès trophy – a signature trademark of the awards, home for the first time. Notable mentions include Lanson Place Jinlin Tiandi Serviced Residences (Best Serviced Apartment in China), Genting Dream (Best New Cruise Ship), Wanda Reign on the Bund (Best Luxury Hotel in Shanghai) and Rosewood Sanya (Best Resort in China (Beach)).

7 winners proved their worth by making a comeback into this year’s awards. Among them are Sands Resorts Macao and The Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong, reclaiming their titles as “Best Resort in China (Non-Beach)” and “Best Luxury Hotel in Hong Kong” respectively.

Demonstrating to the industry that consistency is key in service excellence, half of this year’s winners held onto their titles. Among them are veteran organisations such as Tourism Australia and Chimelong Hotel Guangzhou who have asserted their reign once again over the “Best Overseas NTO in China Promoting BT-MICE” and “Best Theme Hotel in China” awards respectively.

All winners were selected through an industry-wide voting process spanning from November to December last year. Voters comprised of readers of TTG China, TTG-BTmice China, TTG Asia, TTG India, TTGmice, TTGassociations, and TTG Asia Luxury, as well as the travel trade at large, who are travel consultants, tour operators and destination management companies.

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The TTG China Travel Awards is a TTG Travel Trade Publishing Event organised by TTG China, held annually in Shanghai, in conjunction with The Leading International MICE Event in China, IT&CM China and The Leading Corporate Travel Management Conference for China, CTW China.

This year, the ceremony and gala dinner was held at Wanda Reign on the Bund, the official venue sponsor of the event.

Voting for the TTG China Travel Awards 2019 will open in November this year. More information on the TTG China Travel Awards can be found at: awards.ttgchina.com

Please refer to Annex A for the full list of 2018 winners.

About TTG China Travel Awards

The TTG China Travel Awards has been recognising the best of Greater China's travel industry since 2008. This prestigious annual event honours stellar Travel Suppliers across Airlines, Hotels & Resorts, Serviced Residences and Travel Services segments in the region. This TTG Travel Trade Publishing event is proudly organised by TTG China, with the support of TTG-BTmice China, TTG Asia, TTG India, TTGmice, TTGassociations and TTG Asia Luxury.

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Annex A

Award Title		2018 Award Winners
Airline Awards - For airlines serving and operating in Greater China		
1	Best China Airline	China Eastern Airlines
2	Best Asian Airline	Singapore Airlines
3	Best European Airline	Finnair
4	Best American Airline	Delta Air Lines <small>NEW VS. 2017</small>
5	Best Middle Eastern Airline	Qatar Airways
Hotel Chain Awards		
6	Best Global Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China	Hyatt Hotels & Resorts
7	Best Local Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China	Wanda Hotels & Resorts
8	Best Luxury Hotel Brand in Greater China	Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts
9	Best Mid-range Hotel Brand in Greater China	Holiday Inn Hotels and Resorts
Individual Hotel Awards		
10	Best Luxury Hotel in Beijing	NUO Hotel Beijing
11	Best Luxury Hotel in Shanghai	Wanda Reign on the Bund <small>FIRST TIME</small>
12	Best Luxury Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Sofitel Guangzhou Sunrich <small>NEW VS. 2017</small>
13	Best Luxury Hotel in Hong Kong	The Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong <small>NEW VS. 2017</small>
14	Best Luxury Hotel in Macau	JW Marriott Hotel Macau <small>FIRST TIME</small>
15	Best Mid-range Hotel in Beijing	Baozhigu International Convention Center Beijing - A Gloria Hotel <small>FIRST TIME</small>
16	Best Mid-range Hotel in Shanghai	The QUBE Hotel Shanghai Hongqiao <small>FIRST TIME</small>
17	Best Mid-range Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Holiday Inn Guangzhou Shifu
18	Best Mid-range Hotel in Hong Kong	Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees
19	Best Mid-range Hotel in Macau	Holiday Inn Macau
20	Best Business Hotel in Beijing	New World Beijing Hotel
21	Best Business Hotel in Shanghai	The Westin Bund Center Shanghai
22	Best Business Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	LN Garden Hotel, Guangzhou
23	Best Business Hotel in Hong Kong	W Hong Kong <small>NEW VS. 2017</small>
24	Best Business Hotel in Macau	MGM Macau
25	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Beijing	Crowne Plaza Beijing Lido <small>FIRST TIME</small>
26	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Shanghai	Kerry Hotel Pudong Shanghai
27	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Hilton Shenzhen Shekou Nanhai <small>NEW VS. 2017</small>
28	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Hong Kong	Grand Hyatt Hong Kong
29	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Macau	Grand Hyatt Macau
30	Best New Hotel in Beijing	Pan Pacific Beijing <small>FIRST TIME</small>
31	Best New Hotel in Shanghai	Hyatt Regency Shanghai Global Harbor <small>FIRST TIME</small>
32	Best New Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Hard Rock Hotel Shenzhen <small>FIRST TIME</small>
33	Best New Hotel in Hong Kong	Kerry Hotel, Hong Kong <small>FIRST TIME</small>
34	Best New Hotel in Macau	The Macau Roosevelt <small>FIRST TIME</small>
35	Best Theme Hotel in China	Chimelong Hotel Guangzhou

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Hotel Awards in Other Regions within China		
36	Best Business Hotel in East and Northeast China NEW	Hilton Quanzhou Riverside FIRST TIME
37	Best Business Hotel in North and Northwest China NEW	Sofitel Xian on Renmin Square NEW VS. 2017
38	Best Business Hotel in Central South and Southwest China NEW	Shangri-La Hotel, Chengdu FIRST TIME
39	Best City Hotel in East and Northeast China NEW	W Suzhou FIRST TIME
40	Best City Hotel in North and Northwest China NEW	TRYP by Wyndham Xian FIRST TIME
41	Best City Hotel in Central South and Southwest China NEW	Grand Hyatt Changsha FIRST TIME
Resort Hotel Awards		
42	Best Resort in China (Beach)	Rosewood Sanya FIRST TIME
43	Best Resort in China (Non-Beach)	Sands Resorts Macao NEW VS. 2017
44	Best New Resort in China	Shenzhen Marriott Hotel Golden Bay FIRST TIME
45	Best Spa Resort in China	Banyan Tree Sanya FIRST TIME
Serviced Residence Awards		
46	Best Serviced Residence Operator in China	Ascott China
47	Best Serviced Apartment in China NEW	Lanson Place Jinlin Tiandi Serviced Residences FIRST TIME
Travel Services Awards		
48	Best Travel Agency in China	China International Travel Service
49	Best City in China (Leisure Travel)	Suzhou
50	Best City in China (BT-MICE)	Shanghai
51	Best Cruise Operator	Royal Caribbean International
52	Best Inspirational Cruise Operator	Costa Cruises
53	Best New Cruise Ship NEW	Genting Dream FIRST TIME
54	Best Theme Attraction (Local) NEW	Chimelong Ocean Kingdom FIRST TIME
55	Best Theme Attraction (Overseas) NEW	Hong Kong Disneyland Resort
56	Best Overseas NTO in China	Singapore Tourism Board
57	Best Overseas NTO in China Promoting BT-MICE	Tourism Australia
58	Best Airport (Overseas) NEW	Singapore Changi Airport FIRST TIME