

59 Greater China Industry Leaders Unveiled at the 6th Annual TTG China Travel Awards

Shanghai, April 19 2013 – 3 months of voting culminated in the 6th Annual TTG China Travel Awards 2013 Ceremony and Gala Dinner, where 59 of Greater China’s best travel trade organisations were lauded for their outstanding achievements over the past year.

These 59 winners were decided through over 38,000 valid votes cast by travel trade professionals such as travel consultants, tour operators and destination management companies, who named their organisations of choice for each award title online and on print forms provided in TTG China and TTG-BTmice China.

20 organisations were first-time winners at the TTG China Travel Awards this year, including American Airlines, Best American Airline Servicing China, which made its way into a category dominated by a majority of long-time winners such as Air China (Best China Airline), Singapore Airlines (Best Asian Airline Servicing China), and Air France (Best European Airline Servicing China).

In the Resort Hotel category, Banyan Tree Hangzhou clinched the Best Resort in China, while Holiday Inn Resort Changbaishan’s win as Best New Resort in China marked the Changbaishan region’s debut in the TTG China Travel Awards. Chengdu also made its debut as Best City in China (Leisure Travel), positioning itself against other top destination front-runners.

“The diversity and dynamism of China in its entirety is what makes it one of the leading players in the industry today,” says TTG Asia Media managing director Darren Ng. “It’s exciting to see destinations like Chengdu and Changbaishan opening up and developing at such a rapid rate.”

Despite Chengdu’s growing popularity in the MICE industry, Shanghai still retained its Best City in China (BT-MICE) award title for the 6th year running. On the outbound front, Tourism Australia’s focus on MICE has helped it snag the Best Overseas NTO in China promoting BT-MICE, yielding the Best NTO in China award to Macau Government Tourist Office.

Notably, two of last year’s Best New Hotels, Sheraton Beijing Dongcheng Hotel and St. Regis Shenzhen, sustained their standards of excellence, and went on to clinch the Best Business Hotel in Beijing and Best Luxury Hotel in Shenzhen respectively. Some of the Best New Hotels include a Luxury Collection Hotel, Twelve at Hengshan, Shanghai (Best New Hotel in Shanghai) and the Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East (Best New Hotel in Hong Kong).

This year’s awards also saw 7 long-time winners (having won since the TTG China Travel Award’s inauguration in 2008) defend their titles – Air China, Singapore Airlines, Shanghai, Ascott China, Holiday Inn Macau, The Garden Hotel, Guangzhou, and The Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel.

“These organisations are undisputedly the leaders of the industry. It is no mean feat to stay on top in this competitive climate,” said Mr Ng.

The TTG China Travel Awards is a TTG Travel Trade Publishing Event organised by TTG China and held yearly in Shanghai, in conjunction with IT&CM China in Shanghai. Voting for the TTG China Travel Awards 2014 opens in January 2014.

More information on the TTG China Travel Awards can be found at: www.ttgchina.com/ttg-awards

Please refer to Annexe A for the full list of 2013 winners.

About the 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.

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About TTG Asia Media

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ANNEX A

Award Title	2013 Winner
Airline Awards	
1. Best China Airline	Air China
2. Best Asian Airline Servicing China	Singapore Airlines
3. Best European Airline Servicing China	Air France
4. Best American Airline Servicing China	American Airlines
5. Best Middle Eastern Airline Servicing China	Qatar Airways
Travel Services Awards	
6. Best Travel Agency in China	China International Travel Service
7. Best City in China (Leisure Travel)	Chengdu
8. Best City in China (BT-MICE)	Shanghai
9. Best Cruise Operator Servicing China	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.
10. Best Theme Attraction in China	Hong Kong Disneyland Resort
11. Best NTO in China	Macau Government Tourist Office
12. Best Overseas NTO in China promoting BT-MICE	Tourism Australia
Hotel Chain Awards	
13. Best Global Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China	Starwood Hotels and Resorts
14. Best Local Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China	Jin Jiang International Hotel Management Co. Ltd.
15. Best Luxury Hotel Brand in Greater China	Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts
16. Best Mid-range Hotel Brand in Greater China	Holiday Inn Hotels & Resorts
17. Best Budget Hotel Brand in Greater China	IBIS
Resort Hotel Awards	
18. Best Resort in China	Banyan Tree Hangzhou
19. Best New Resort in China	Holiday Inn Resort Changbaishan
20. Best Spa Resort in China	Mandarin Oriental Sanya
Other Hotel Awards	
21. Best Boutique Hotel in China	Hotel Indigo Shanghai on the Bund
22. Best Theme Hotel in China	Chimelong Hotel Guangzhou
Serviced Residence Award	
23. Best Serviced Residence Operator in China	Ascott China
Individual Hotel Awards	
Best Luxury Hotel	
24. Best Luxury Hotel in Beijing	China World Summit Wing, Beijing
25. Best Luxury Hotel in Shanghai	The Peninsula Shanghai
26. Best Luxury Hotel in Guangzhou	The Ritz-Carlton, Guangzhou
27. Best Luxury Hotel in Shenzhen	The St. Regis Shenzhen
28. Best Luxury Hotel in Hong Kong	Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong
29. Best Luxury Hotel in Macau	Grand Hyatt Macau

Best Mid-range Hotel	
30. Best Mid-range Hotel in Beijing	Novotel Beijing Peace
31. Best Mid-range Hotel in Shanghai	Courtyard by Marriott Shanghai Xujiahui
32. Best Mid-range Hotel in Guangzhou	Holiday Inn Guangzhou Shifu
33. Best Mid-range Hotel in Shenzhen	Four Points by Sheraton Shenzhen
34. Best Mid-range Hotel in Hong Kong	Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees
35. Best Mid-range Hotel in Macau	Holiday Inn Macau
Best Business Hotel	
36. Best Business Hotel in Beijing	Sheraton Beijing Dongcheng Hotel
37. Best Business Hotel in Shanghai	Kerry Hotel Pudong, Shanghai
38. Best Business Hotel in Guangzhou	The Garden Hotel, Guangzhou
39. Best Business Hotel in Shenzhen	The Westin Shenzhen Nanshan
40. Best Business Hotel in Hong Kong	Langham Place, Mongkok, Hong Kong
41. Best Business Hotel in Macau	MGM MACAU
Meeting & Conventions Hotel	
42. Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Beijing	The Westin Beijing Financial Street
43. Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Shanghai	The Longemont Shanghai
44. Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Guangzhou	Sofitel Guangzhou Sunrich
45. Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Shenzhen	InterContinental Shenzhen
46. Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Hong Kong	Grand Hyatt Hong Kong
47. Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Macau	The Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel
Best New Hotel	
48. Best New Hotel in Beijing	EAST, Beijing
49. Best New Hotel in Shanghai	Twelve at Hengshan, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Shanghai
50. Best New Hotel in Guangzhou	Four Seasons Hotel Guangzhou
51. Best New Hotel in Shenzhen	The Langham, Shenzhen
52. Best New Hotel in Hong Kong	Crowne Plaza Hong Kong Kowloon East
53. Best New Hotel in Macau	Conrad Macao, Cotai Central
Hotel Awards - Other Regions within China	
54. Best Hotel in Northeast China	Conrad Dalian
55. Best Hotel in North China	The Astor Hotel, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Tianjin
56. Best Hotel in Northwest China	Sofitel Xian on Renmin Square
57. Best Hotel in East China	Le Meridien Xiamen
58. Best Hotel in Central South China	InterContinental Foshan
59. Best Hotel in Southwest China	InterContinental Century City Chengdu