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### 59 Organisations Crowned at Greater China Travel Trade's Biggest Annual Awards Night

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Shanghai, 21 March 2019 – About half of 2019's winning organisations have defended their awarded titles for yet another year running.

Among this year's 29 defending winners are notable veteran organisations such as Ascott China, Holiday Inn Macau and Singapore Airlines which have held on to the *"Best Serviced Residence Operator in China"*, *"Best Mid-range Hotel in Macau"* and *"Best Asian Airline"* titles respectively since the inauguration of the TTG China Travel Awards in 2008 – a feat achieved by only a select few.

In this fiercely competitive landscape, 12 winners' displayed that perseverance can ultimately pay off by making a comeback into the year's awards. 7 of which were previous winners of a different award category. These include China World Summit Wing, Beijing, who took home the *"Best Luxury Hotel in Beijing"* award previously in 2013 and Kerry Hotel Hong Kong, who took home the *"Best New Hotel in Hong Kong"* award just last year. Both organisations triumphed in the *"Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel"* award category this year.

4 new award titles made their debut in this year's awards, *"Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel Brand in Greater China"*, *"Best Design Hotel in China"*, *"Best Family Resort in China"*, and *"Best Resort (International)"* in the Hotel Chains, Individual Hotels and Resort Hotels categories respectively. The decision for the addition of these awards came about amidst an increasingly competitive landscape where niches are key to winning customers.

A veteran of the awards, Chimelong Hotel Guangzhou bagged the new award title *"Best Family Resort in China"* while sister property – Chimelong Hengqin Bay Hotel took its place as winner of the *"Best Theme Hotel in China"* award.

Collectively, 18 winners were inaugurated to the awards tonight and took home the Hermès trophy – a signature trademark of the awards, home for the first time. Notable mentions include Marriott International, Golden Tulip Shanghai Rainbow and Atlantis Sanya who won the *"Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel Brand in Greater China"*, *"Best New Hotel in Shanghai"* and *"Best Resort in China (Beach)"* 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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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 2020 will open in November this year. More information on the TTG China Travel Awards can be found at: [awards.ttgchina.com](http://awards.ttgchina.com)

*Please refer to Annex A for the full list of 2019 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		2019 Award Winners
<b>Airline Awards - For airlines serving and operating in Greater China</b>		
1	Best China Airline	China Eastern Airlines
2	Best Asian Airline	Singapore Airlines
3	Best European Airline	Finnair
4	Best American Airline	American Airlines <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
5	Best Middle Eastern Airline	Qatar Airways
<b>Hotel Chain Awards</b>		
6	Best Global Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China	Hyatt Hotels and Resorts
7	Best Local Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China	Wanda Hotels & Resorts
8	Best Luxury Hotel Brand in Greater China	Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts
9	Best Mid-range Hotel Brand in Greater China	Holiday Inn
10	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel Brand in Greater China <small>NEW</small>	Marriott International <small>FIRST TIME</small>
<b>Individual Hotel Awards</b>		
11	Best Luxury Hotel in Beijing	NUO Hotel Beijing
12	Best Luxury Hotel in Shanghai	Wanda Reign on the Bund
13	Best Luxury Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	JW Marriott Hotel Shenzhen Bao'an <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
14	Best Luxury Hotel in Hong Kong	The Murray, Hong Kong A Niccolo Hotel <small>FIRST TIME</small>
15	Best Luxury Hotel in Macau	Wynn Palace <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
16	Best Mid-range Hotel in Beijing	Novotel Beijing Xinqiao <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
17	Best Mid-range Hotel in Shanghai	The QUBE Hotel Shanghai Hongqiao
18	Best Mid-range Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Holiday Inn Shenzhen Donghua <small>FIRST TIME</small>
19	Best Mid-range Hotel in Hong Kong	Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees
20	Best Mid-range Hotel in Macau	Holiday Inn Macau
21	Best Business Hotel in Beijing	New World Beijing Hotel
22	Best Business Hotel in Shanghai	The Westin Bund Center, Shanghai
23	Best Business Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	LN Garden Hotel, Guangzhou
24	Best Business Hotel in Hong Kong	Grand Hyatt Hong Kong <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
25	Best Business Hotel in Macau	Grand Hyatt Macau <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
26	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Beijing	China World Summit Wing, Beijing <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
27	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Shanghai	Kerry Hotel Pudong Shanghai
28	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Hilton Shenzhen Shekou Nanhai
29	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Hong Kong	Kerry Hotel Hong Kong <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
30	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Macau	The Venetian Macao
31	Best New Hotel in Beijing	Hyatt Regency Beijing Wangjing <small>FIRST TIME</small>
32	Best New Hotel in Shanghai	Golden Tulip Shanghai Rainbow <small>FIRST TIME</small>
33	Best New Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	LN Garden Hotel, Nansha <small>FIRST TIME</small>
34	Best New Hotel in Hong Kong	HOTEL VIC on the Harbour <small>FIRST TIME</small>

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35	Best New Hotel in Macau	<b>MGM Cotai</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
36	Best Theme Hotel in China	<b>Chimelong Hengqin Bay Hotel</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
37	Best Design Hotel in China <small>NEW</small>	<b>Lanson Place Hotel, Hong Kong</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
<b>Hotel Awards in Other Regions within China</b>		
38	Best Business Hotel in East and Northeast China	<b>Diaoyutai Hotel Hangzhou</b> <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
39	Best Business Hotel in North and Northwest China	<b>The St. Regis Tianjin</b> <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
40	Best Business Hotel in Central South and Southwest China	<b>Niccolo Changsha</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
41	Best City Hotel in East and Northeast China	<b>W Suzhou</b>
42	Best City Hotel in North and Northwest China	<b>Sofitel Legend People's Grand Hotel Xian</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
43	Best City Hotel in Central South and Southwest China	<b>Wyndham Jingzhou</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
<b>Resort Hotel Awards</b>		
44	Best Resort in China (Beach)	<b>Atlantis Sanya</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
45	Best Resort in China (Non-Beach)	<b>Sunrise Kempinski Hotel, Beijing &amp; Yanqi Island</b> <small>NEW VS. 2018</small>
46	Best Family Resort in China <small>NEW</small>	<b>Chimelong Hotel Guangzhou</b>
47	Best Spa Resort in China	<b>Banyan Tree Shanghai On The Bund</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
48	Best Resort (International) <small>NEW</small>	<b>Coco Bodu Hithi Resort Maldives</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
<b>Serviced Residence Awards</b>		
49	Best Serviced Residence Operator in China	<b>Ascott China</b>
50	Best Serviced Apartment in China	<b>Oakwood Residence Beijing</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
<b>Travel Services Awards</b>		
51	Best Travel Agency in China	<b>China International Travel Service</b>
52	Best City in China (Leisure Travel)	<b>Suzhou</b>
53	Best City in China (BT-MICE)	<b>Shanghai</b>
54	Best Cruise Operator	<b>Royal Caribbean International</b>
55	Best Inspirational Cruise Operator	<b>Costa Cruises</b>
56	Best New Cruise Ship	<b>World Dream</b> <small>FIRST TIME</small>
57	Best Theme Attraction	<b>Hong Kong Disneyland Resort</b>
58	Best Overseas NTO in China	<b>Singapore Tourism Board</b>
59	Best Overseas NTO in China Promoting BT-MICE	<b>Tourism Australia</b>