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S.Pellegrino and Acqua Panna Pays Homage to Maestro Luciano Pavarotti, One of the Finest Tenors of the 20th Century

An intimate evening of Italian aria and fine cuisine thrill guests as special edition S.Pellegrino and Acqua Panna bottles with opera-inspired label featuring the late Maestro are unveiled at Gattopardo

2 May, 2013 (SINGAPORE) – On 17 April, ***S.Pellegrino***, together with its natural still mineral water companion, ***Acqua Panna***, held an unforgettable evening of remarkable Italian talent as they officially introduced their *2013 Special Edition – Tribute to Italian Opera*, in celebration of the great Luciano Pavarotti. As part of the **17th World Gourmet Summit,** Asia's leading culinary event with the theme *'Artisans & The Art Of Dining',* ***Sanpellegrino*** hosted an intimate gathering of 70 guests at ***Gattopardo*** complete with an exquisite five-course meal prepared by ***Chef Lino Sauro*** (Gattopardo), ***Chef Roberto De Franco*** (Zafferano) and ***Chef Oscar Pasinato*** (Buko Nero), on the evening of 17 April, 2013.

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The evening began with an exhibition of Sanpellegrino Italian Talent from previous years ***Bulgari and Missoni***. Luxury brand ***Bulgari***, proudly kicked off the evening with a dazzling fashion show featuring models with its magnificent jewellery and Francis Cheong gowns. For the main event, guests at ***Gattopardo*** were mesmerised by performances by accomplished Japanese lyrical soprano Satsuki Nagatome, American tenor Juan Jackson, and Singaporean pianist Francesca Lee. Together, they performed such arias as *De' miei bollenti spiriti* by *Verdi*, *E la solita storia del pastore* by *Francesco Cilea* and *Puccini*'s *Madame Butterfly*.

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Accompanying the beautiful performances was a five-course dinner of exquisite Italian cuisine, including *Raviolo Alla "Norma" Con la Burrata e i Pachino* (Basil & purple eggplant Ravioli, cherry tomatoes & burrata cheese – Chef De Franco), *Quaglia Disossata in Padella alla "Scala Di Milano"* (Pan-seared deboned quail on grilled polenta and white asparagus – Chef Pasinato) and *Anguilla Affumicata nel suo Brodo "Bohémien"* (Smoked eel in clear broth of green peas and fresh fava beans, Bellini style – Chef Sauro).

Each dish was paired with either fresh and fragrant S.Pellegrino, or smooth and velvety Acqua Panna, and a fine Italian wine from *Mastroberardino*, to provide the perfect Italian dining experience amongst the Sanpellegrino stars in Singapore.

Annabelle Rajamanikam, Area Manager of Sanpellegrino Asia, said, "We have received fantastic responses from our guests who attended the dinner where we launched the special edition bottles of Luciano Pavarotti, as the third edition under the global project of *S.Pellegrino & Acqua Panna meets Italian Talents*. We are excited to see these 500ml and 1L bottles in Singapore from mid-May."

The exclusive Special Edition "*S.Pellegrino celebrates Luciano Pavarotti*" will temporarily replace the standard S.Pellegrino bottle in the most refined restaurants around the world for a grand total of 50 million bottles. The same tribute to the maestro will be paid by Acqua Panna with its own Special Edition bottle.

This special, *"S.Pellegrino celebrates Luciano Pavarotti"* tribute takes place during a year that stands out for its wealth of important events and anniversaries in the world of Opera: the 200th anniversary of both Giuseppe Verdi's and Richard Wagner's births, as well as the 100th year of performances for the Arena di Verona Lyric festival.

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Distributed in over 120 countries through branches and distributors in all five continents, these products represent quality excellence by virtue of their origins and perfectly interpret Italian style worldwide as a synthesis of pleasure, health and well-being.
Founded in 1899, Sanpellegrino S.p.A. is the leading company in the beverage sector in Italy with its range of mineral waters, non-alcoholic aperitifs, drinks and iced teas. As a major Italian producer of mineral water, it has always been committed to enhancing this primary good for the planet and works responsibly and passionately to ensure that this resource has a secure future.

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About the World Gourmet Summit
The World Gourmet Summit is an award-winning international gastronomic extravaganza organised by A La Carte Productions (a subsidiary of Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd), supported by the Singapore Tourism Board (STB), and presented by Citibank. The World Gourmet Summit celebrates its 17th anniversary in 2013.

An annual epicurean extravaganza that showcases the intricate craftsmanship of prestigious chefs, it is also an exposition of internationally acclaimed vintners. Encompassing a series of dazzling events like the vintner dinners and celebrity dinners, it is a gourmet spectacular specially crafted for discerning individuals who appreciate fine wines and gourmet cuisine.

For all its efforts in organising the annual world-class gastronomic spectacle, the World Gourmet Summit has won global accolades including the prestigious Grand Pinnacle Silver Award at the International Festivals & Events Association (IFEA)/ Haas & Wilkerson Pinnacle Awards.

Since 2000, the World Gourmet Summit has been raising funds through its annual charity dinners in support of the Community Chest, the fund-raising arm of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS). The charity dinners have raised over S$4.5 million with the generosity of its distinguished guests through table sales, charity auctions as well as donations.

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