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The Best in the Food and Beverage Industry Announced As Finalists for 14th World Gourmet Series Awards Of Excellence

- This year's Awards Of Excellence will honour 29 of the epicurean industry's best in Asia
- Accolades to be handed out at closing event of 18th World Gourmet Summit on 5 April

5 March, 2014 (SINGAPORE) – The finalists for the 14th World Gourmet Series Awards Of Excellence have been announced, one month ahead of the prestigious awards ceremony on 5 April. More than 700 entries were received from both established and emerging stars in the gastronomic world in Singapore and across the region, with just **five finalists** shortlisted in each of the **29 categories**. The **Awards Of Excellence**, considered to be one of the most respected accolades in the regional food and beverage (F&B) industry, will be presented at the curtain-closing event of the **18th World Gourmet Summit** on **Saturday, 5 April 2014**.

This year, 29 individuals will walk off with career-changing awards including:

- ***Kitchenaid Chef Of The Year***
- ***Bernardaud Executive Chef Of The Year***
- ***Meat & Livestock Australia Rising Chef Of The Year***
- ***Scripps Networks Interactive Pastry Chef Of The Year***
- ***Indoguna Restaurant Of The Year***
- ***S. Pellegrino New Restaurant Of The Year***
- ***Citibank Restaurant Manager Of The Year***
- ***Coffex Bar Of The Year***
- ***Giorgio Ferrari Sommelier Of The Year***

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Peter A Knipp, CEO of Peter Knipp Holdings, said, "One of the key reasons why World Gourmet Summit has stayed relevant and popular over the 18 years is because we take an active part in nurturing the talent, whether established or upcoming, in the industry. The Awards Of Excellence is designed to recognise the best and encourage a competitive edge. It has played a key role in the rise of some of the region's F&B finest, having been recognised for their prowess in their early years. These include 2009 Meat & Livestock Australia Rising Chef of the Year André Chiang and 2013 Indoguna Restaurant of the Year Tippling Club who are now considered some of the best in the region."

"At a time when the region's culinary credentials are under more scrutiny than ever, with a rapidly changing environment in which we are all operating, the quality and diversity of this year's field is a highly-encouraging indication that the industry is as strong as ever. We look forward to recognising their achievements and are excited to see who will go home with the Awards Of Excellence when they are presented at the end of the 18th World Gourmet Summit," said Mr. Knipp.

Jacquelyn Tan, Managing Director and Head of Credit Payment Products at Citibank Singapore Limited, said, "Citibank is delighted to once again present the World Gourmet Series Awards of Excellence, and adopt the Citibank Restaurant Manager of the Year Award for the sixth time. Dining continues to be one of our key pillars in rewarding our cardmembers with remarkable experiences and providing them with the best privileges through our Citibank Gourmet Pleasures dining initiative as well as with our support for the World Gourmet Summit. Furthermore, it is important that we recognise outstanding individuals and enterprises that have made a difference to our local culinary industry and thereby placing Singapore as one of the leading gourmet capitals in the world."

The **14th World Gourmet Series Awards Of Excellence** will be presented on **Saturday, 5 April 2014** in conjunction with the closing ceremony of the **18th World Gourmet Summit**.

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ANNEX A – About The World Gourmet Series Awards Of Excellence

Inaugurated in 2001, the World Gourmet Series Awards Of Excellence are accolades that acknowledge 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 subsidiary of Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd) and supported by the Singapore Tourism Board (STB), the awards aim to motivate talents in the industry to excel in the culinary profession and promote the appreciation of dining in Singapore, as well as the region, to the next level.

The awards will be presented on Saturday, 5 April during the closing event of the 18th World Gourmet Summit.

Singapore Awards

Singapore awards are given out to deserving candidates who have excelled over the years to be recognised in the food and beverage (F&B) industry. They have been nominated for their hard work, dedication and unrelenting efforts in improving their techniques as well as keeping up with the stringent standards.

The Singapore award categories in 2014 are:

1. KitchenAid Chef of the Year
2. Bernardaud Executive Chef of the Year
3. Meat & Livestock Australia Rising Chef of the Year
4. Scripps Networks Interactive Pastry Chef of the Year
5. Vismark Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year
6. Indoguna Restaurant of the Year
7. S.Pellegrino New Restaurant of the Year
8. Citibank Restaurant Manager of the Year
9. Sia Huat Food & Beverage Manager of the Year
10. Coffex Bar of the Year
11. Meiko Asian Restaurant of the Year
12. Giorgio Ferrari Sommelier of the Year
13. EuroCave Old World Wine List of the Year
14. Asia Wine Network New World Wine List of the Year
15. President Gourmet Retailer of the Year
16. epicure Magazine Gourmet Distributor of the Year
17. Miele Wine Retailer of the Year
18. Food Service Consultants Singapore Wine Distributor of the Year
19. Steelite Outstanding Caterer of the Year
20. Sico Asia Banquet Manager of the Year
21. Marrone Culinary Institution of the Year
22. Faber-Castell Food Writer of the Year
23. Canon Food Photographer of the Year
24. The Macallan Lifetime Achievement Award

Regional Awards

Regional awards finalists comprise of food and beverage (F&B) professionals, establishments and institutions that have consistently put on their best performance in the culinary field.

1. Greenfields Honest Milk Pastry Chef of the Year
2. TungLok Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year
3. Brand New Media Asian Restaurant of the Year
4. Manitowoc Restaurateur of the Year
5. Electrolux Culinary Institution of the Year

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ANNEX B – LIST OF FINALISTS

KITCHENAID Chef of the Year

2013 Winner: Patrick Heuberger, *Le Bistrot du Sommelier*

2014 Finalists:

- Andre Chiang, *Restaurant Andre*
- Julien Royer, *JAAN, Swissotel The Stamford*
- Ryan Clift, *Tippling Club*
- Matthew Mok, *The Rabbit Stash*
- Benjamin Tan, *The White Rabbit*

BERNARDAUD Executive Chef of the Year

2013 Winner: Andrea Sacchi, *The Fullerton Hotel Singapore*

2014 Finalists:

- Edmond Toh, *Resorts World Sentosa*
- Massimo Pasquarelli, *Ritz Carlton Millenia*
- Pierre Burgade, *Raffles Singapore*
- Christopher Christie, *Marina Bay Sands*
- Paul Then, *Orchard Hotel*

MEAT & LIVESTOCK AUSTRALIA Rising Chef of the Year

2013 Winner: Lee Boon Seng, *OSIA, Resorts World Sentosa*

2014 Finalists:

- Brandon Foo, *Le Bistrot du Sommelier*
- Chris Kwan, *Pan Pacific Orchard*
- Matthew Leighton, *Salt Tapas & Bar by Luke Mangan*
- Dennis Lucchi, *Buona Terra*
- Felix Chong, *in ITALY Bar Ristorante*

SCRIPPS NETWORKS INTERACTIVE Pastry Chef of the Year

2013 Winner: Janice Wong, *2am:dessertbar*

2014 Finalists:

- Andres Lara, *Pollen*
- Kenny Kong, *Resorts World Sentosa*
- Steven Ong, *Intercontinental Singapore*
- Lin Wei Xian, *Bonheur Patisserie*
- Thierry Delourneaux, *Fairmont and Swissotel*

VISMAR Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year

2013 Winner: Mr Yong Bing Ngen, *Majestic Restaurant, New Majestic Hotel*

2014 Finalists:

- Mr Ronnie Chia, *Tatsuya*
- Mr Chung Lap Fai, *Hua Ting*
- Mr Yoshiyuki Hashiwabara, *Kaiseki Yoshiyuki*
- Mr Malcolm Lee, *Candlenut*
- Mr Yamashita Teppei, *Teppei*

INDOGUNA Restaurant of the Year

2013 Winner: *Tippling Club*

2014 Finalists:

- *JAAN, Swissotel The Stamford*
- *Le Bistrot du Sommelier*
- *The White Rabbit*
- *OSIA, Resorts World Sentosa*
- *Restaurant Andre*

S.PELLEGRINO New Restaurant of the Year

2013 Winner: *Esquina*

2014 Finalists:

- *Bacchanalia*
- *Catalunya*
- *Burnt Ends*
- *Kaiseki Yoshiyuki*
- *Pollen*

CITIBANK Restaurant Manager of the Year

2013 Winner: **Mauro Serrajotto**, *Le Bistrot du Sommelier*

2014 Finalists:

- **Mr Marcus Boyle**, *Tippling Club*
- **Fabian Schenk**, *Gattopardo*
- **Will Simons**, *Osteria Mozza*
- **Max Fedkiw**, *Le Bistrot du Sommelier*
- **Kelvin Tay**, *The White Rabbit*

SIA HUAT Food & Beverage Manager of the Year

2013 Winner: **Mr Eric Guth**, *Capella Singapore*

2014 Finalists:

- **Mr Nicolas Mercier**, *Swissôtel The Stamford*
- **Mr Jacky Kok**, *Resorts World Sentosa*
- **Mr Christian P. Gurtner**, *Ritz Carlton*
- **Mr Jorg Beherend**, *Orchard Hotel*
- **Ms Nicole Eisen**, *Marina Bay Sands*

COFFEX Bar of the Year

2013 Winner: *Tippling Club*

2014 Finalists:

- *Ku De Ta, Marina Bay Sands*
- *Rilette Bar, Le Bistrot du Sommelier*
- *1-Altitude*
- *Catalunya*
- *28 Hong Kong Street*

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MEIKO Asian Restaurant of the Year

2013 Winner: *Waku Ghin, Marina Bay Sands*

2014 Finalists:

- *Candlenut Kitchen*
- *Teppej, Orchid Hotel Singapore*
- *Hua Ting, Orchard Hotel Singapore*
- *Imperial Treasure Teochew Cuisine*
- *Shinji by Kanesaka, Raffles Hotel*

GIORGIO FERRARI Sommelier of the Year

2013 Winner: *Mr Daisuke Kawai, Les Amis Restaurant*

2014 Finalists:

- **Mr Mohamad Fazil**, *Salt grill & Sky bar by Luke Mangan*
- **Mr Max Fedkiw**, *Le Bistrot Du Sommelier*
- **Mr Gerald Lu**, *Praelum Wine Bistro*
- **Ms Stephanie Rigourd**, *Hilton Hotel*
- **Mr Matthew Chan**, *Bacchanalia*

EUROCAVE Old World Wine List of the Year

2013 Winner: *Les Amis Restaurant*

2014 Finalists:

- *CUT by Wolfgang Puck, Marina Bay Sands*
- *Le Bistrot du Sommelier*
- *Catalunya*
- *Absinthe Restaurant*
- *Raffles Grill*

ASIA WINE NETWORK New World Wine List of the Year

2013 Winner: *Salt grill & Sky bar by Luke Mangan*

2014 Finalists:

- *OSIA, Resorts World Sentosa*
- *My Humble House*
- *Mezza9, Grand Hyatt*
- *Tippling Club*
- *The White Rabbit*

PRESIDENT Gourmet Retailer of the Year

2013 Winner: *Huber's Butchery*

2014 Finalists:

- *NTUC Finest*
- *Jasons Market Place*
- *Dean & DeLuca*
- *Cold Storage Specialties*

EPICURE MAGAZINE Gourmet Distributor of the Year

2013 Winner: *Indoguna*

2014 Finalists:

- *Vismark Food Industries*
- *Classic Fine Foods*
- *Auric Pacific*

MIELE Wine Retailer of the Year

2013 Winner: *Wine Connection*

2014 Finalists:

- *1885, The Bottle Shop*
- *Crystal Wines & Spirits*
- *The Straits Wine Company*
- *Vinum Fine Wines*
- *Magma German Wine Bistro Deli + Shop*

FOOD SERVICE CONSULTANTS SINGAPORE Wine Distributor of the Year

2013 Winner: *ewineasia*

2014 Finalists:

- *Monopole Wines*
- *The Straits Wine Company*
- *Asia Wine Network*
- *Top Wines*
- *Enoteca Co. Ltd*

STEELITE Outstanding Caterer of the Year

2013 Winner: *Grand Hyatt Singapore – Onsite/Offsite Catering*

2014 Finalists:

- *Prive Catering*
- *Orchard @ Your Place*
- *One Paradise*
- *2am:experience*
- *Gunther's Modern French Cuisine*

SICO ASIA Banquet Manager of the Year

2013 Winner: *Mr Michael Tan, Resorts World Sentosa Singapore*

2014 Finalists:

- *Mr William Lee, Capella Singapore*
- *Mr Kannan Moorthy, Marina Mandarin*
- *Mr Royston Wong, Ritz Carlton*
- *Mr Bernard Lim, Ritz Carlton*
- *Mr Agus Ilham, Pan Pacific Singapore*

MARRONE Culinary Institution of the Year

2013 Winner: *At-Sunrice GlobalChef Academy*

2014 Finalists:

- *Shermay's Cooking School*
- *ITE College West, School of Hospitality*
- *Temasek Polytechnic*

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Faber-Castell Food Writer of the Year

2013 Winner: *Lin Weiwen, "Porridge With Pinot Noir?"*

CANON Food Photographer of the Year**The Macallan Lifetime Achievement Award**

2013 Winner: **Ernest Huber**, Chairman, Huber's Butchery

Willment Leong, Culinary Director, Swissotel Le Concorde, Bangkok

GREENFIELDS HONEST MILK Pastry Chef of the Year (Regional)

2013 Winner: **Frederic Chateau**, *Galaxy Macau, Macau*

2014 Finalists:

- **Matthew Yves**, *Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong*
- **Anthony Poh**, *Crown Macau Hotel and Casino, China*
- **Gunther Wolfsgruber**, *MGM Macau, China*
- **Joanne Yeong**, *Le Cordon Bleu College Of Culinary Arts, Malaysia*
- **Giovanni Lurig**, *JW Marriot Hotel, Bangkok*

TUNGLOK Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year (Regional)

2013 Winner: **Lai Yau Tim**, *Tim's Kitchen*

2014 Finalists:

- **Law On**, *Fook Lam Moon, Hong Kong*
- **David Thompson**, *Nahm, Bangkok*
- **Ip Chi Cheung**, *Summer Palace, Shangri-La, Hong Kong*
- **Alvin Leung**, *Bo Innovation, Hong Kong*
- **Tan Kim Weng**, *Shang Palace, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

BRAND NEW MEDIA Asian Restaurant of the Year (Regional)

2013 Winner: **Ku De Ta**, *Bali*

2014 Finalists:

- *Nahm, Bangkok, Thailand*
- *Wan Li Chinese Restaurant, Johor Bahru Hotel, Malaysia*
- *Bo.Lan, Bangkok, Thailand*
- *Bo Innovation, Hong Kong*
- *Baan Khanitha & Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand*

MANITOWOC Restaurateur of the Year (Regional)

2013 Winner: **Mr David Thompson**, *Nahm, Bangkok*

2014 Finalists:

- **Mr Chris Salans**, *Mozaic, Bali*
- **Mr Takashi Kimura**, *Cilantro, Kuala Lumpur*
- **Mr Philip Davenport**, *Ku De Ta, Bali*
- **Mr Alvin Leong**, *Bo Innovation, Hong Kong*
- **Mr Antonio Escalante**, *Antonio's Manila, Philippines*

ELECTROLUX Culinary Institution of the Year (Regional)

2013 Winner: *Cilantro Culinary Academy, Malaysia*

2014 Finalists:

- *Le Cordon Bleu Dusit, Thailand*
- *Taylor's University College, Malaysia*
- *Berjaya University College of Hospitality, Malaysia*
- *Hong Kong Culinary Academy, Hong Kong*
- *Sunway le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts, Malaysia*

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ANNEX C – ORGANISERS, PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

About the World Gourmet Summit

The World Gourmet Summit is an international gastronomic extravaganza organised by À La Carte Productions (a division of Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd), supported by the Singapore Tourism Board (STB), and presented by Citibank. The World Gourmet Summit will celebrate its 18th anniversary in 2014.

An annual epicurean festival 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.

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\$5 million (approximately U\$3.9 million) with the generosity of its distinguished guests through table sales, charity auctions as well as donations.

www.worldgourmetsummit.com

ORGANISERS

About A La Carte Productions

A 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. The annual gastronomic extravaganza - World Gourmet Summit held from March to April each year, and the Awards Of Excellence, the leading and most comprehensive F&B platform in Asia, which recognises and motivates talents to excel in the F&B industry and promotes the appreciation 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 in 1996 by Peter A Knipp, the multi award-winning company has grown over the years to include companies encompassing various aspects of the F&B and hospitality businesses: A La Carte Productions, an events management which provides events planning, conceptualisation, and execution services at the annual gastronomic extravaganza – World Gourmet Series which includes Awards Of Excellence (<http://www.wgsawards.com>), World Gourmet Summit (<http://www.worldgourmetsummit.com>), Gourmet Abu Dhabi (<http://www.gourmetabudhabi.ae>); Food2Print which publishes Cuisine & Wine Asia magazine and provides marketing communications consultancy services; and Bytes Asia, IT consultancy.

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