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The Stage Is Set For 18th World Gourmet Summit From 26 March to 5 April

International Masterchefs, Hands-On Culinary Workshops, Jam Sessions to pick up fine-dining tips, Charity Dinner, Youth Chefs Day and more at Singapore's most anticipated gourmet event

26 March 2014 (SINGAPORE) – The 18th World Gourmet Summit (WGS) officially opened today in Singapore with a tantalising cast of Michelin-starred and internationally-acclaimed masterchefs, winemakers and special culinary guests. During an exclusive media symposium, International Masterchefs Sang Hoon Degeimbre ** (Belgium), Mathieu Viannay ** (France), Philippe Mille ** (France), Alexandre Gauthier * (France), Kenny Fu (China) and Ian Curley (Australia) shared their interpretations of this year's theme, '**The Classics**', as well as their anticipation for the various incredible events lined up for this year's WGS. The host and organiser, Mr. Peter Knipp, emphasised his commitment to delivering an unforgettable gourmet event at the historic CHIJMES Hall.

Mr. Knipp, CEO of PKH Pte Ltd, said, "WGS is a monumental gourmet event that continues to require dedicated specialists, partners, sponsors, the winemakers and most importantly the chefs, both international and local. Each one is a critical force behind the success of World Gourmet Summit over the past 17 years. Our team's commitment has put the city on the global map of culinary excellence. We are thankful and we are proud of our line-up this year."

Joining this year's stellar group of masterchefs at the press event were chefs and representatives from 12 hosting establishments, 13 venue hosts and 22 partner restaurants, as well as sponsors and partners for the 18th World Gourmet Summit. The 11-day dining extravaganza, organised by À La Carte Productions (a division of Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd) will be held from **26 March to 5 April 2014** with presenting partner Citibank Singapore Limited and Singapore Tourism Board.

Ms Jacquelyn Tan, Managing Director and Head of Credit Payment Products at Citibank Singapore Limited said, "Citibank is proud to continue our sixth year as presenting partner for the World Gourmet Summit. This partnership with the pinnacle of Asia's gourmet and lifestyle dining further demonstrates Citibank's leadership in the dining space. Our focus on dining goes beyond offering discounts and deals; our aim is to provide our cardmembers with the best experiences and gourmet trends through platforms such as the World Gourmet Summit. At Citibank, we are committed to providing value for our cardholders through Citibank Gourmet Pleasures, our credit cards' dining privileges programme that guarantees unrivalled dining deals island-wide and Singapore's widest merchant selection."

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This year, WGS will again raise the bar in the international dining scene, promising to satisfy the most discerning of palates and to create a memorable gastronomic dining experience for all food connoisseurs and wine aficionados. Well-loved events and returning favourites will be featured together with new experiences that are sure to excite and invigorate guests, reinforcing WGS' reputation as one of the world's pre-eminent celebrations of gastronomy.

Mr. Knipp said, "To ensure the World Gourmet Summit continues to impress and amaze our guests every year, we are always evolving and refreshing our events, bringing back favourites and introducing new experiences. In this spirit, this year's World Gourmet Summit will present Singapore's first **Junior Chefs' Pastry Workshop with Christian Escribà and Patricia Schmidt**, an exciting opportunity for budding young chefs to learn from a magician of confectionery, known as Catalan's Willy Wonka. Such innovative new experiences join a highly successful stable of well-loved events, including the **Citibank Gastronomic Jam Sessions**, **wine dinners** hosted by world-renowned winemakers, and **Epicurean Delights**."

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ANNEX A – MASTERCHEFS & SPECIAL GUESTS

International Masterchefs

1. Alexandre Gauthier * (France)
2. Arron Huang (Taiwan)
3. Christian Escribá & Patricia Schmidt (Spain)
4. Ian Curley (Australia)
5. Kenny Fu (China)
6. Lorenzo Cogo * (Italy)
7. Mathieu Viannay ** (France)
8. Mauro Colagreco ** (Argentina)
9. Philippe Mille ** (France)
10. Sang Hoon Degeimbre ** (Belgium)
11. Sergi Arola ** (Spain)
12. Thomas Bühner *** (Germany)

Special Guest Chefs

1. Apollonia Poilâne (France)
2. Chef Henrique Sá Pessoa (Portugal)
3. Chef Roy Brett (Scotland)

Participating Wineries

1. Champagne Barons de Rothschild (France)
2. Château Mouton Rothschild (France)
3. Compañía de Vinos Telmo Rodríguez (Spain)
4. La Maison Penet (France)
5. La Spinetta (Italy)
6. Nicolas Perrin (France)
7. Quinta do Vallado (Portugal)

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ANNEX B – HOSTING ESTABLISHMENTS & PARTNER RESTAURANTS

Hosting Establishments

1. **Forlino**
Guest: Chef Mauro Colagreco **
Host: Chef Kentaro Torii
2. **Clifford, The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore**
Guest: Chef Mathieu Viannay **
Host: Chef Sandro Falbo
3. **Grand Hyatt Singapore**
Guest: Apollonia Poilâne
Host: Chef Lucas Granville
4. **Majestic Restaurant**
Guest: Chef Arron Huang
Host: Chef Yong Bing Ngen
5. **Dolce Vita, Mandarin Oriental Singapore**
Guest: Chef Thomas Bühner ***
Host: Chef Johnny Meitei
6. **The Prime Society**
Guest: Chef Ian Curley
Host: Chef Dallas Cuddy
7. **Raffles Grill, Raffles Singapore**
Guest: Chef Philippe Mille **
Host: Chef Pierre Burgade
8. **Stellar at 1-Altitude**
Guest: Chef Alexandre Gauthier *
Host: Chef Chris Millar
9. **Tippling Club**
Guest: Chef Lorenzo Cogo *
Host: Chef Ryan Clift
10. **Tung Lok Signatures, Orchard Parade Hotel**
Guest: Chef Kenny Fu
Host: Chef Li Man
11. **Skirt, W Singapore - Sentosa Cove**
Guest: Chef Sergi Arola **
Host: Chef Matthew Woolford
12. **The White Rabbit**
Guest: Chef Sang Hoon Degeimbre **
Host: Chef Benjamin Tan

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Partner Restaurants

1. Absinthe Restaurant Français
2. Bacchanalia Singapore
3. Bar-Roque Grill
4. Brasserie Gavroche
5. Cocotte
6. Fordham & Grand
7. Gattopardo Ristorante Di Mare
8. Hashi Japanese Restaurant
9. Hua Ting, Orchard Hotel Singapore
10. il Lido Singapore Italian Dining & Lounge Bar
11. La Maison Fatien
12. Latteria Mozzarella Bar
13. Taste Paradise
14. Level 33
15. Majestic Bay Seafood Restaurant
16. Moosehead Kitchen & Bar
17. Paradise Pavilion
18. Pontini
19. Sushi Ichi, Scotts Road
20. Table at 7
21. Tamarind Hill
22. Woolloomooloo Steakhouse

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ANNEX C – BACKGROUND

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 US\$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, newsletter at <http://www.asiacuisine.com>, and provides marketing communications consultancy services; and Bytes Asia, IT consultancy.

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