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WHARF HOTELS APPOINTS RANDAL LINHART TO LEAD WHARF HOTELS' GLOBAL RESTAURANTS, BARS AND EVENTS TEAM



24 April 2018 (Hong Kong) – Wharf Hotels has appointed Mr Randal Linhart as Group Director of Restaurants, Bars and Events, reporting to the hospitality management company's Vice President, Operations, Thomas Salg.

A seasoned hotelier, Randal has over 25 years of experience in hospitality, having held senior positions with luxury hotel groups including Rosewood Hotel Group and Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts in 14 cities throughout Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Europe and North America. With extensive experience in opening and renovating hotels, Randal has spent 5 years in a corporate strategic food and beverage role.

With expertise lies in designing and developing new restaurant concepts, Randal has spearheaded over 80 hotel projects including over 200 hotel restaurants. Randal brings with him a wealth of knowledge in food and beverage operations and research on innovative hospitality and operational audits. In his new role, Randal will lead sustainable efforts for the group including sourcing sustainable food suppliers and lead the elimination of plastic consumption across the group. In addition, he will drive food and beverage marketing initiatives and new signatures for the group's brands, Niccolo and Marco Polo Hotels.

A graduate of Hospitality Administration from Vancouver Community College, Canada, Randal completed his professional training in HACCP, ISO 22001 and ISO 9002.

"We are proud to have Randal lead our global restaurants, bars and events team by redefining the objectives and strategies while rolling out new concepts and initiatives. At the same time, in order as to enhance the hotel asset values, our leadership teams have adopted the retail business model for returns on square feet for our restaurants and bars," said Mr Thomas Salg, Vice President, Operations, Wharf Hotels. "With his proven record of driving performance across all operating departments and a strong background in corporate and leadership roles at hotels, I am confident that Randal will bring our culinary and banqueting scene to the next level, further driving incremental revenue to the hotels and the group as a whole."

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About Wharf Hotels

The Spirit of Discovery

Emanating the spirit of discovery, Wharf Hotels, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Wharf (Holdings) Ltd, is based in Hong Kong and currently operates 16 owned or managed hotels under Niccolo or Marco Polo Hotels in Hong Kong, China and the Philippines. Niccolo Hotels was added to the group's portfolio in 2015 as the new luxury collection, positioning the brand as contemporary urban chic. The Murray, Hong Kong, a Niccolo Hotel, opened in January 2018 as the brand's flagship hotel, with 2 new Niccolo hotels currently under development in China following successful openings in Chengdu and Chongqing. Marco Polo's deluxe hotels in established locations maintain their ethos to explore, discover and experience a destination, drawing on the philosophies of its namesake, Marco Polo: an adventurer, a traveller, an entrepreneur and a connoisseur of culture - just as Marco Polo's modern travellers are today. Further details are available at wharfhotels.com.

About Global Hotel Alliance

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