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## **WHARF HOTELS APPOINTS JAMES BEVANS AS GROUP DIRECTOR OF ROOMS**



**19 September 2017 (Hong Kong)** - Wharf Hotels has appointed seasoned hotelier James Bevans as its new Group Director of Rooms. Reporting to the group's Vice President Operations, Bevans is responsible for room operations of the group's 15 operating hotels under the Niccolo and Marco Polo Hotels portfolios across China, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

Bevans will also be tasked with overseeing the rooms divisions for three new Niccolo projects in Hong Kong, Changsha and Suzhou, China. Since joining the group, Bevans has already established his strength as pre-opening project lead for the recently opened Niccolo Chongqing, providing support and direction to successfully open the hotel alongside its leadership team.

Bevans brings with him nearly 25 years of experience with luxury brands including Hyatt, The Peninsula, Mandarin Oriental, Fairmont and Raffles. A Hotel Management and Institutional Operations graduate from University College Birmingham in the United Kingdom, Bevans most recently held the position of General Manager for Taal Vista Hotel in Tagaytay, Philippines. His expertise is in operational planning, pre-opening strategic support and project management, having successfully opened 10 international hotels.

"We are delighted to welcome James to the Wharf Hotels family. As our group's footprint continues to increase, it is crucial to have someone as experienced as Bevans to join the team to lead the group's brand standards for both service excellence and product delivery, with the goal of further elevating guest satisfaction," said Philippe Caretti, Vice President Operations, Wharf Hotels.

Bevans enjoys playing sport with his 3 sons who share his love of football, golf and foil fencing.



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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 15 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 at its first hotel in Chengdu. Three new Niccolo hotels are currently under development in Hong Kong and China. Marco Polo's premium hotels in established locations maintain their long-standing ethos to explore, discover and experience a destination, creating unique guest experiences and drawing on the key 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 on Wharf Hotels are available at [wharfhotels.com](http://wharfhotels.com).

## About Global Hotel Alliance

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