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WHARF HOTELS APPOINTS INTERNATIONAL HOTELIER, STEPHEN ANTRAM, AS GENERAL MANAGER OF MARCO POLO SHENZHEN

11 September 2018 (Hong Kong SAR, China) – Wharf Hotels is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Stephen Antram as General Manager of international deluxe hotel, Marco Polo Shenzhen, located in China's first Special Economic Zone.



An experienced hotelier with 40 years of knowledge in the hospitality industry with over 25 years in Asia, Stephen possesses a track record in operations management, business development and talent development across Europe and Asia with international luxury hotel companies. Prior to this appointment, he was the General Manager of Intercontinental Beijing Beichen, where under his leadership, the hotel was amongst the top 10 InterContinental hotels in China and listed as the group's leading revenue generator in the North China region. Stephen is strongly versed in Food and Beverage, Rooms, Finance and Sales.

“Stephen has a true passion for hospitality and we are certain that he will lead our Shenzhen property to new heights. Not only he is a global hotel leader, but he also holds over 15 years of experience in China gaining rich knowledge in the industry and its operating environments,” said Mr Thomas Salg, Vice President Operations for Wharf Hotels.

Marco Polo Shenzhen, with 391 newly refurbished rooms and suites, is located in the heart of Futian Central Business District, 15 minutes from the Lowu Railway Station, Shenzhen Bay Port and Shenzhen Bao'an Airport. The hotel offers its signature Continental Club complete with personalised service, exclusivity and comfort, the hallmarks of Marco Polo hospitality.

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Shenzhen is in Guangdong Province of China and forms part of the Pearl River Delta megalopolis. Shenzhen is known to have a vibrant economy stemming from rapid foreign investment and the city is a leading global technology hub, often dubbed as the next Silicon Valley. The city is home to the Shenzhen Stock Exchange as well as the headquarters of numerous well-known homegrown multinational companies. Shenzhen ranks 22nd in the 2017 edition of the Global Financial Centres Index published by the Z/Yen Group and Qatar Financial Centre Authority, and the dynamic city has one of the busiest container ports in the world making it an international hotspot.

Stephen started his career in food and beverage including spending over a decade in finance. His strong financial background strengthens his role as a results driven leader and with sharp analytical mind.

At leisure, Stephen enjoys playing tennis and swimming, and is interested in travel and its various cultures.

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 SAR of China, and currently operates 16 owned or managed hotels under Niccolo or Marco Polo Hotels in China, Hong Kong 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 wharfhoteles.com.

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