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WHARF HOTELS APPOINTS MICHAEL POUTAWA GROUP DIRECTOR RESTAURANTS, BARS & EVENTS



*Michael Poutawa,
Group Director Restaurants,
Bars & Events of Wharf Hotels*

2 November 2020 (**Hong Kong SAR, China**) – Wharf Hotels is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Poutawa as its new Group Director Restaurants, Bars & Events.

Having held senior positions with luxury hotel groups in China, Thailand and Doha, and a frequent host to heads of state forums, Michael holds over 20 years of culinary and hospitality experience. With an extensive background in hotel operations and in-depth knowledge of his craft, Michael's vision for Wharf Hotels is to continue its service excellence and culinary reputation across the hotel management company's sixteen Niccolo and Marco Polo Hotels in Asia.

In his new role, Michael will lead sustainable efforts for the group and drive new food and beverage marketing initiatives, brand signatures and standards for the hotels.

"We welcome Michael to the Wharf Hotels family where he will lead our hotel based restaurants, bars and events teams to create and implement new concepts and innovations. With his strong background in corporate and leadership roles at hotels, I am confident that Michael will elevate the culinary and banqueting stage to new levels whilst further driving incremental revenue for the company," said Mr Thomas Salg, Vice President Operations, Wharf Hotels.

A Business graduate of Hamilton's University of Waikato in New Zealand, Michael loves rugby and enjoys reading, fishing and lunching with friends.

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 luxury collection, positioning the brand as contemporary chic. The Murray, Hong Kong, a Niccolo Hotel, the brand's flagship hotel, was ranked as the top hotel in the city within a year of its opening, and the upcoming opening of Niccolo Suzhou will bring the brand's collection to 5 hotels following the successes of Niccolo

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Chengdu, Chongqing and Changsha. Marco Polo's international deluxe hotels in established locations within China, Hong Kong and the Philippines maintain their ethos to explore, discover and experience a destination, drawing on the philosophies of their namesake, Marco Polo: an adventurer, a traveller, an entrepreneur and a connoisseur of culture - just as Marco Polo's modern travellers are today. Wharf Hotels is a member of the Global Hotel Alliance. Further details are available at wharfhoteles.com.

About Global Hotel Alliance

Global Hotel Alliance (GHA) is the world's largest alliance of independent hotel brands, bringing together more than 35 brands with over 570 hotels in 85 countries. GHA uses a shared technology platform to drive incremental revenues and create cost savings for its member brands. GHA's award-winning loyalty programme, DISCOVERY, provides 17 million members exclusive opportunities to immerse themselves in local culture wherever they travel. For more information, visit globalhotelalliance.com.

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