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# Honouring 61 China's Best of the Best Organisations at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual TTG China Travel Awards

*Shanghai, 23 March 2017* – The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual TTG China Travel Awards 2017 announced 61 of the best and brightest in the Greater China travel trade industry.

This year's honour roll includes 27 new, 28 defending and 6 returning winners – a reflection of the intense and rising competition among the region's players for experience and service excellence.

Among the 27 new winners that emerged across various categories, the majority hailed from Hotel Awards within China. Surpassing their peers, organisations such as Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong and Sunrise Kempinski Hotel, Beijing & Yanqi Island successfully claimed their first-ever "Best Luxury Hotel in Hong Kong" and "Best Meeting & Conventions Hotel in Beijing" titles respectively – awards that were previously dominated by long-time defenders.

Meanwhile, 28 winners, close to half of this year's recipients have retained their titles mainly in the Airlines Awards, Hotel Chains Awards and Travel Services Awards categories. Veteran organisations such as Hong Kong Disneyland Resort and Chimelong Hotel Guangzhou have successfully defended their titles with consecutive wins, retaining their acclaim of being the best in their class.

Notbably, 6 of tonight's winning organisations have made a commendable comeback into the awards. Qatar Airways reclaimed its title as the Best Middle Eastern Airline, while Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai returns as the Best Luxury Hotel in Shanghai. The 2017 awards also welcomed the re-entry of past recipients Kerry Hotel Pudong, Shanghai (Best Meeting & Conventions Hotel in Shanghai), Grand Hyatt Hong Kong (Best Meeting & Conventions Hotel in Hong Kong), The Ritz-Carlton Sanya, Yalong Bay (Best Resort in China – Beach) and InterContinental Kunming (Best Resort in China – Non-Beach).

"Determined and validated by an organisation's customers, closest working partners and peers, all our TTG China Travel Award winners are thus reputed to be the industry's true best for their relentless pursuit of consumer satisfaction through the constant uplifting of their value proposition, innovation and transformation to rise above the evolving competition. Their achievements will undoubtedly be an inspiration to many," said Darren Ng, Managing Director of TTG Asia Media.

All winners were chosen after an industry-wide vote that took place between November and December last year. Voters comprised of readers of TTG China, TTG-BTmice China, TTG Asia, TTG India, TTGmice, TTGassociations, and TTG Asia Luxury, as well as the travel trade at large, who are travel consultants, tour operators and destination management companies.

The TTG China Travel Awards is a TTG Travel Trade Publishing Event organised by TTG China, held annually in Shanghai, in conjunction with The Leading International MICE Event in China, IT&CM China and The Leading Corporate Travel Management Conference For China, CTW China.

This year, the ceremony and gala dinner was held at Grand Kempinski Hotel Shanghai, the official venue sponsor of the event.

Voting for the TTG China Travel Awards 2018 will open in November this year.

More information on the TTG China Travel Awards can be found at: www.ttgchina.com/ttg-awards

Please refer to Annex A for the full list of 2017 winners.

#### **About TTG China Travel Awards**

The TTG China Travel Awards has been recognising the best of Greater China's travel industry since 2008. This prestigious annual event honours stellar Travel Suppliers across Airlines, Hotels & Resorts, Serviced Residences and Travel Services segments in the region. This TTG Travel Trade Publishing event is proudly organised by TTG China, with the support of TTG-BTmice China, TTG Asia, TTG India, TTGmice, TTGassociations and TTG Asia Luxury.

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## Annex A

	Award Title	2017 Award Winners	
	Airline Awards - For airlines serving and operating in China		
1	Best China Airline	China Eastern Airlines	
2	Best Asian Airline	Singapore Airlines	
3	Best European Airline	Finnair	
4	Best American Airline	Air Canada	
5	Best Middle Eastern Airline	Qatar Airways	
Hotel Chain Awards			
6	Best Global Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China	Hyatt Hotels & Resorts	
7	Best Local Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China	Wanda Hotels & Resorts	
8	Best Luxury Hotel Brand in Greater China	Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts	
9	Best Mid-range Hotel Brand in Greater China	Holiday Inn Hotels and Resorts	
10	Best Economy Hotel Brand in Greater China	Jinjiang Inn <sup>NEW</sup>	
Individual Hotel Awards			
11	Best Luxury Hotel in Beijing	NUO Hotel Beijing <sup>NEW</sup>	
12	Best Luxury Hotel in Shanghai	Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai	
13	Best Luxury Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Park Hyatt Guangzhou <sup>NEW</sup>	
14	Best Luxury Hotel in Hong Kong	Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong <sup>NEW</sup>	
15	Best Luxury Hotel in Macau	Wynn Palace <sup>NEW</sup>	
16	Best Mid-range Hotel in Beijing	Novotel Beijing Xinqiao <sup>NEW</sup>	
17	Best Mid-range Hotel in Shanghai	Pentahotel Shanghai <sup>NEW</sup>	
18	Best Mid-range Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Holiday Inn Guangzhou Shifu	
19	Best Mid-range Hotel in Hong Kong	Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees	
20	Best Mid-range Hotel in Macau	Holiday Inn Macau	
21	Best Business Hotel in Beijing	New World Beijing Hotel <sup>NEW</sup>	
22	Best Business Hotel in Shanghai	The Westin Bund Center Shanghai	
23	Best Business Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	LN Garden Hotel, Guangzhou	
24	Best Business Hotel in Hong Kong	The Mira Hong Kong	
25	Best Business Hotel in Macau	MGM Macau	
26	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Beijing	Sunrise Kempinski Hotel, Beijing & Yanqi Island <sup>NEW</sup>	
27	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Shanghai	Kerry Hotel Pudong Shanghai	
28	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in	Langham Place, Guangzhou	
	Guangzhou/Shenzhen		
29	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Hong Kong	InterContinental Hong Kong	
30	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Macau	Grand Hyatt Macau	
31	Best New Hotel in Beijing	InterContinental Beijing Sanlitun <sup>NEW</sup>	
32	Best New Hotel in Shanghai	Hyatt Regency Shanghai Wujiaochang <sup>NEW</sup>	
33	Best New Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Shenzhen Marriott Hotel Nanshan White <sup>NEW</sup>	

34	Best New Hotel in Hong Kong	Hilton Garden Inn Hong Kong Mongkok <sup>NEW</sup>
35	Best New Hotel in Macau	The Parisian Macao <sup>NEW</sup>
36	Best Theme Hotel in China	Chimelong Hotel Guangzhou
Hotel Awards in Other Regions within China		
37	Best Business Hotel in Northeast China	Gloria Plaza Hotel Shenyang <sup>NEW</sup>
38	Best Business Hotel in North China (excluding Beijing)	The St. Regis Tianjin
39	Best Business Hotel in Northwest China	Gran Meliá Xian <sup>NEW</sup>
40	Best Business Hotel in East China (excluding Shanghai)	Wyndham Grand Qingdao <sup>NEW</sup>
41	Best Business Hotel in Central South China (excluding Guangzhou and Shenzhen)	Wanda Vista Changsha <sup>NEW</sup>
42	Best Business Hotel in Southwest China	Grand Hyatt Chengdu <sup>NEW</sup>
43	Best City Hotel in Northeast China	The Castle Hotel A Luxury Collection Hotel Dalian <sup>NEW</sup>
44	Best City Hotel in North China (excluding Beijing)	Banyan Tree Tianjin Riverside NEW
45	Best City Hotel in Northwest China	Sofitel Xining <sup>NEW</sup>
46	Best City Hotel in East China (excluding Shanghai)	Diaoyutai Hotel Hangzhou <sup>NEW</sup>
47	Best City Hotel in Central South China (excluding Guangzhou and Shenzhen)	Pullman Kaifeng Jianye <sup>NEW</sup>
48	Best City Hotel in Southwest China	Niccolo Chengdu <sup>NEW</sup>
Resort Hotel Awards		
49	Best Resort in China (Beach)	The Ritz-Carlton Sanya, Yalong Bay
50	Best Resort in China (Non-Beach)	InterContinental Kunming
51	Best NEW Resort in China	Grand Hyatt Sanya Haitang Bay Resort & Spa <sup>NEW</sup>
52	Best Spa Resort in China	Dusit Devarana Hot Springs & Spa Conghua <sup>NEW</sup>
Serviced Residence Award		
53	Best Serviced Residence Operator in China	Ascott China
Travel Services Awards		
54	Best Travel Agency in China	China International Travel Service
55	Best City in China (Leisure Travel)	Suzhou
56	Best City in China (BT-MICE)	Shanghai
57	Best Cruise Operator	Royal Caribbean International
58	Best Innovative Operator	Costa Cruises
59	Best Theme Attraction	Hong Kong Disneyland Resort
60	Best Overseas NTO in China	Singapore Tourism Board
61	Best Overseas NTO in China promoting BT-MICE	Tourism Australia