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## Finalists and new logo for Singapore Tourism Awards 2016 unveiled

**Singapore, 21 September 2016** – After ten weeks and numerous rounds of intense judging, the <u>Singapore Tourism Board</u> (STB) announced today the 81 finalists for the **Experience Excellence, Enterprise Excellence** and **Customer Service** categories of the 2016 <u>Singapore Tourism Awards</u>, Singapore's most prestigious awards for the tourism sector.

Come 5 October 2016 at the Awards ceremony, which will be graced by President Tony Tan, 22 of these finalists will be crowned winners and hailed as amongst the industry's best in demonstrating experience and enterprise excellence. Recipients of the **Top Awards** and **Special Recognition** award categories will also be unveiled at the event to be held at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore.

"We are heartened by the strong industry and public participation in the Singapore Tourism Awards. In particular, we welcome the entry of more newcomers to the Awards such as home-grown retailer **In Good Company**, tech event organiser **unbound** and online travel marketplace **BeMyGuest**," said Mr Oliver Chong, Executive Director of Communications & Marketing Capability, Singapore Tourism Board. "We also hope that more companies would be inspired to follow the lead of these finalists and strive towards achieving experience and enterprise excellence."

In Good Company and unbound are in the running for *Best Shopping Experience* and *Best Trade Conference Organiser* respectively, while BeMyGuest is one of the finalists for the new award category, *Best Business Innovation*.

The finalists were identified and selected by a panel of prominent and well-established Singapore and overseas judges through rounds of robust assessments and mystery audits.

Please refer to Annexes A and B for the finalists and judges respectively.

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#### New Logo for Singapore Tourism Awards

Along with the re-naming of the event, STB has introduced a new logo for the Singapore Tourism Awards.

Comprising a stylised constellation in the shape of two luminous, ascending stars, the logo symbolises STB's mission to discover the brightest individuals and most outstanding establishments in Singapore's tourism industry. The constellation idea is also a reference to the host of past tourism award winners and how they all represent the pinnacle of excellence that STA recipients strive towards.

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#### About the Singapore Tourism Awards

Organised by the Singapore Tourism Board (STB), the Singapore Tourism Awards brings together Singapore's tourism sector to celebrate individuals and organisations that best deliver exceptional experiences and achieve enterprise excellence. The Awards is an integral part of STB's efforts to raise the Singapore tourism sector's competitiveness by motivating organisations and individuals to create compelling experiences or adopt best practices. For more information, visit <u>www.singaporetourismawards.com</u>.

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#### About the Singapore Tourism Board

The Singapore Tourism Board (STB) is a leading economic development agency in tourism, one of Singapore's key service sectors. Known for partnership, innovation and excellence, STB champions tourism, making it a key economic driver for Singapore. We aim to differentiate and market Singapore as a must-visit destination offering a concentration of user-centric and enriching experiences through the "YourSingapore" brand. For more information, visit www.stb.gov.sg or www.yoursingapore.com or follow us on Twitter @STB\_sg (https://twitter.com/stb\_sg).

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#### **ANNEX A**

## The Singapore Tourism Awards 2016 Finalists

Customer Service	
Category	Finalist
Best Customer Service for Attractions	Mr Loke Chee Meng National Gallery Singapore
	Ms Nanna Ervinna Soh <i>Sentosa Leisure Management Pte Ltd</i>
	Ms Susie Low Universal Studios Singapore <sup>®</sup> , Resorts World Sentosa
Best Customer Service for Food & Beverage	Ms Candy Cha Booi Cheng <i>Tung Lok Group</i>
	Mr Kok Chee Wai <i>Syun, Resorts World Sentosa</i>
	Mr Mark Anthony Cacal Adrift by David Myers, Marina Bay Sands
	Mr Sanjaya Kumar Nayak <i>Raffles Courtyard</i>
National Arcl	Mr Azkhairulzafie Bin Azman Equarius Hotel <sup>TM</sup> , Resorts World Sentosa
Best Customer Service for Hotels	Ms Fadillah Binte Nazeri PARKROYAL on Beach Road
	Mr Jegatheeswaran Perumal Hard Rock Hotel <sup>®</sup> , Resorts World Sentosa

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Customer Service	
Category	Finalist
Best Customer Service for Nightspots	Mr Racoma Erwin Quebrado <i>1-Altitude</i>
	Mr Tan Wei Sern Calvin <i>Post Bar, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore</i>
	Mr Wan Fazlyn Bin Samad ZOUK SINGAPORE
Best Customer Service for Retail	Mr Ahmed Naveed Khan Marina Bay Sands
	Ms Chloe Loo Goldheart Jewellery (Tampines Mall)
	Ms Ng Mui Leng Lee Hwa Jewellery (ION Orchard)
	Mr Solitario Marvin John Santillan <i>Metro (Private) Limited</i>
Best Customer Service for A CCC Tourist Guiding	Ms Catherine Ross
	Ms Cindy Tay Siew Choo My Case of Singapore Mr Dick Ong
	Mr Rayney Tan

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Customer Service	
Category	Finalist
Best Customer Service for Transport	Ms Rosenani Bte Salleh SMRT Trains Ltd
	Mr Weng Dianlai Comfort Transportation Pte Ltd
	Mr Yap Eng Meng SMRT Taxis Pte Ltd

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Experience Excellence (Leisure)	
Category	Finalist
Best Attraction Experience	ArtScience Museum Marina Bay Sands
	Gardens by the Bay
	National Gallery Singapore
	Universal Studios Singapore <sup>®</sup> Resorts World Sentosa
Best Dining Experience	Odette The Lo & Behold Group
	Restaurant ANDRÉ
	Stellar at 1-Altitude
	Waku Ghin <i>Marina Bay Sands</i>
National Arc	AMOY Far East Hospitality of Singapore
Best Hotel Experience	Capella Singapore
	Shangri-La's Rasa Sentosa Resort & Spa, Singapore

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Experience Excellence (Leisure)	
Category	Finalist
	The St. Regis Singapore
Best Nightspot Experience	1-Altitude
	CÉ LA VI Singapore
	Loof <i>The Lo &amp; Behold Group</i>
	ZOUK SINGAPORE
	DBS Wines & Spirits Duplex DFS Group
Best Shopping Experience	In Good Company
	Robinson & Co. (Singapore) Pte Ltd
National Arc	The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands Marina Bay Sands
Best Tour Experience	Makan Makan – Let's Eat <i>A+B Edu Tours and Travel Pte Ltd</i>
	The Intan Signature Tea Experience The Intan

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Experience Excellence (Leisure)	
Category	Finalist
	Through Fog & Fire, The Battle for Singapore, 1942 <sup>™</sup> Journeys Pte Ltd
	Wet Market Adventure & Hawker Centre Discovery Wok 'n' Stroll – Culinary Adventures in Singapore
Best Leisure Event	Christmas Wonderland 2015 at Gardens by the Bay Blue Sky Events Pte Ltd
	Epicurean Market 2015 <i>Marina Bay Sands</i>
	Halloween Horror Nights 5 Resorts World Sentosa
	Laneway Festival Singapore 2015 Chugg Entertainment Group Pte Ltd

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Experience Excellence (MICE)	
Category	Finalist

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Experience Excellence (MICE)	
Category	Finalist
Best Association Conference Organiser	MCI Group Asia Pacific Pte Ltd ESMO Asia 2015
	Kenes MP Asia Asian-Pacific Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association
	SWIFT Sibos 2015
	World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) WCPT World Congress 2015
Best Business Event Service Provider	Congress Rental Pte Ltd IISS Shangri-La Dialogue 2015
	Kingsmen Creatives Ltd Gastech 2015 Conference & Exhibition
	MP International <i>Singapore Summit 2015</i>
National Arc	Marina Bay Sands
Best Business Event Venue	S.E.A. Aquarium, Resorts World Sentosa
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Experience Excellence (MICE)	
Category	Finalist
	The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore
Best Exhibition Organiser	dmg :: events (Global Energy) <i>Gastech 2015</i>
	Messe Berlin Singapore ITB Asia 2015
	Tax Free World Association (TFWA) TFWA Asia Pacific Exhibition & Conference 2015
Best Meeting /Incentive Organiser	Forever Living Products and Marina Bay Sands Forever Living Global Rally 2015
	MCI Group Asia Pacific Pte Ltd Unite Singapore Jeunesse Expo 2015
	World Express Pte Ltd International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA) – 49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention
National Arc Best Trade Conference Organiser	unbound <i>InnovFest unBound 2015</i>
	Koelnmesse Pte Ltd EmTech Singapore 2015 Singapore
	Northstar Travel Group <i>WIT 2015 Conference</i>
	RSA <sup>®</sup> Conference <i>RSA<sup>®</sup> Conference 2015 Asia Pacific &amp; Japan</i>

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Enterprise Excellence	
Category	Finalist
	Next Jen <i>Hotel Jen Tanglin Singapore</i>
Best Marketing Idea	Experiential Marketing <i>Lloyd's Inn</i>
	Halloween Horror Nights 5 Universal Studios Singapore <sup>®</sup> , Resorts World Sentosa
	At Singapore Airlines, No Details Is Too Small Singapore Airlines
	BeMyGuest Pte Ltd <i>Travel Technology for Activities, Tours and Attractions</i>
Best Business Innovation	Marina Bay Sands Environmental Sustainability
	One Farrer Hotel & Spa Advancing Through Innovation in Service, Manpower & Technology
National Arc	UOB Travel Planners Pte Ltd Travel Mobility System

\*All listings are in alphabetical order as at 21 September 2016

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#### **Annex B**

The Singapore Tourism Awards Members of Judging Panel 2016

#### Judges A-E

MR ALAN BARR Global Managing Director greymatters

MR ANDREW DE SILVA Director of Park Operations Wildlife Reserves Singapore

MR ASHISH MANCHHARAM Managing Director & Founder 8M Real Estate Pte Ltd

MS CATHERINE ANG Director of Human Resources JW Marriot Hotel Singapore South Beach

MR CLEMENT WONG Chief Executive Officer & Founder BeMyGuest Pte Ltd

MR DAVE ONG Director, Passenger Service Department SMRT Corporation MR ALVIN TAN Assistant Chief Executive (Policy & Community) National Heritage Board

MR ANDREW ING Chief Operating Officer The Lo & Behold Group Pte Ltd

MR BENNY HENG Managing Director Zouk Consulting Pte Ltd

MR CHAD PHILLIPS Managing Director APACTix

MR DAMIEN LITTLE Director Horwath HTL - Asia Pacific

MS DEBORAH/LONG SEXTON President and Chief Executive Officer Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) MR ALVIN YAPP Founder The Intan

MR ANTHONY CHONG Group Managing Director Kingsmen Exhibits Pte Ltd

MR BOJAN BLECIC Head, Experience Design OCBC Bank

MS CHRIS EDWARDS Founder & Managing Director Honeycombers Pte Ltd

MR DANIEL YEOW Director, School of Business Temasek Polytechnic

MR EDWARD CHIA Managing Director Timbre Group Pte Ltd

#### MS EVELYN CHEN

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Food Writer & Editor Bibikgourmand

#### Judges F-J

MS GABRIELLE CHOY Area Director of Human Resources InterContinental Hotels Group

MS HONEY LEE Managing Director HEAT Branding

MR JAMES QUAN Founder Bynd Artisan Pte Ltd

#### Judges K-M

MS KAREN MOSLEY Executive Director of Entertainment Marina Bay Sands

DR KWAN LUI Founder At-Sunrice MR MAHITO SAKAI

Director Sozo Pte Ltd

MR MICHAEL ROCHE

MR GORDON FOO Managing Director The St James Pte Ltd

MR IAN WILSON Senior Vice President, Hotel Operations Marina Bay Sands

MR JOHN NG PANGILINAN Chief Executive Officer MeGuideU Pte Ltd MR HERVÉ BOSQUET International Advisor Change Management

MR IVAN LOH Chief Executive Officer Bugis Street Online Pte Ltd

MS JUDY LUM Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing Tour East Holdings Pte Ltd

MR KENNETH TAN

SISTIC.com Pte Ltd

MS LYNETTE LEE

Singapore

Singapore

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer

SUNCISIOO

Corporate Trainer & Head,

William Angliss Institute

**MS MEGAN HARRIS** 

Sales & Marketing

Textile and Fashion Federation

MR KELVIN ANG Parenting Blogger & Author

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#### Judges N-S

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MR PIETER IDENBURG

Managing Director

MS TAN SHIN HUI

Executive Director-

Park Hotel Group

ICIA Pte Ltd

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President and Co-Founder

President, Asia The Travel Corporation (2011) Pte Ltd

MS SARAH MARTIN Director Blue Sky Events Pte Ltd

MS SUZANNE HO General Manager Mount Faber Leisure Group Pte Ltd

## <u>Judges T-Z</u>

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MR WEI CHAN Managing Director Pine Garden's Cake Pte Ltd

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