

## THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED 香港上海大酒店有限公司

### HSH Director of Group Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Janice Lao receives Eco-Business A-List 2019 and Women in Sustainability Leadership Award

HONG KONG, 20 DECEMBER 2019 - On behalf of the management of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, we are proud to announce that Janice Lao, Director of Group Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, has been selected for the inaugural Eco-Business A-List 2019, and awarded one of *Green Building & Design (gb&d)*'s Women in Sustainability Leadership Awards (WSLA), in recognition of her dedication and continued efforts in sustainability.

Ms Lao is one of the first cohorts of the Eco-Business A-List, screened and selected by a team of journalists and advisory board members from Eco-Business, the region's leading media organisation on sustainable development. The A-List recognises the skills, effort and tenacity of people driving sustainability within corporations here and, more importantly, the impact they have created.

Ms Lao has also been awarded one of *Green Building & Design (gb&d)*'s Women in Sustainability Leadership Awards (WSLA). gb&d, a magazine for sustainability professionals, set up the awards "to create a global hub that identifies and connects the most powerful women at the forefront of sustainability. WSLA looks to recognize and advance these top-level female sustainability executives who can then, in turn, support younger women with dreams of reaching such levels of success."

"We are delighted that our colleague Janice Lao has been recognised by two leading sustainability organisations," said HSH Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Mr Clement Kwok. "At HSH, we are deeply committed to creating social, economic and environmental benefits for the local communities and the wider societies in which we operate. Janice coordinates this effort across many teams and operations in our group. We are pleased that her passion, hard work and dedication to global sustainability issues have been recognised and appreciated."

"I am humbled and honoured to have received the two recognitions by Eco-Business and Green Building & Design respectively. I would like to share the honour with my colleagues, whom I am very grateful to their support and efforts in carrying out various sustainability initiatives with me over the years. Sustainability and corporate responsibility is always a team effort and I am hopeful that we can continue raising awareness and implementing effective solutions to sustainability challenges, particularly in the area of Sustainable Luxury," said Ms Lao.

Ms. Janice Lao holds a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Change and Management from the University of Oxford. Prior to joining HSH in 2016, she worked in The Philippines and the USA before coming to Hong Kong in 2005 to work with Environmental Resources Management. In 2007, Janice relocated to London to work with Carbon Capital Markets, before returning to Hong Kong in 2008 to take up the position of Environmental Manager, Cathay Pacific Airways. Janice was given a part-time secondment from 2010 to 2014 as Group Sustainable Business Manager with John Swire and Sons (HK) and she held that role concurrently with her Cathay Pacific responsibilities. In 2014, Janice joined MTR Corporation as Senior Manager – Sustainability before moving to HSH in 2016.



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Janice Lao receives the honour for Eco-Business A-List 2019 in Singapore on 29 November



Janice Lao receives the award in the sixth annual Women in Sustainability Leadership Awards (WSLA) in Atlanta on November 19



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#### **About Eco-Business**

Established in 2009, Eco-Business is Asia Pacific's leading media organisation on sustainable development. Its independent journalism unit publishes high quality, trusted news and views that advance dialogue and enables measurable impact on a wide range of sustainable development and responsible business issues. It is headquartered in Singapore, with offices in Manila, Beijing, and correspondents across major cities in Asia Pacific. Visit www.eco-business.com

### About Green Building & Design

gb&d is the only magazine covering green building and design across industries. It connects and inspires green building professionals by partnering with those at the forefront of sustainable design, development, planning, and policy. The publication offers a comprehensive perspective on projects and products created with sustainability and social responsibility in mind.

### About The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited

Incorporated in 1866 and listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (00045), HSH is the holding company of a Group which is engaged in the ownership, development and management of prestigious hotel, commercial and residential properties in key locations in Asia, the United States and Europe, as well as the provision of tourism and leisure, club management and other services. The Peninsula Hotels portfolio comprises The Peninsula Hong Kong, The Peninsula Shanghai, The Peninsula Beijing, The Peninsula Tokyo, The Peninsula New York, The Peninsula Chicago, The Peninsula Beverly Hills, The Peninsula Paris, The Peninsula Bangkok, and The Peninsula Manila. Projects under development include The Peninsula London, The Peninsula Yangon and The Peninsula Istanbul. The property portfolio of the Group includes The Repulse Bay Complex, The Peak Tower and St. John's Building in Hong Kong; The Landmark in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; and 21 avenue Kléber in Paris, France. The clubs and services portfolio of the Group includes The Peak Tram in Hong Kong; Thai Country Club in Bangkok, Thailand; Quail Lodge & Golf Club in Carmel, California; Peninsula Clubs and Consultancy Services, Peninsula Merchandising, and Tai Pan Laundry in Hong Kong.

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