



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MGM Organizes Exchange Session to Reinforce Macau as a Creative City of Gastronomy

[April 25, 2018, Macau] As part of MGM's commitment to driving economic diversification and bringing more advanced and innovative forms of entertainment to Macau, MGM's newest integrated resort in Macau – MGM COTAI is establishing itself as Macau's most innovative culinary destination. The new property has brought in four globally acclaimed chefs to helm the culinary adventures and has developed a truly innovative and unique culinary portfolio for Macau. With Macau celebrating the "2018 Macao Year of Gastronomy," MGM organized an exchange session between the Task Group for the Promotion of Gastronomy and Cultural Industries of The Committee of Cultural Industries of Macao SAR Government and MGM COTAI's celebrity chef, Graham Elliot. This special session aimed to exchange ideas on how to enhance the city's gastronomic development with art and cultural elements in order to reinforce its designation as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy.

As the celebrity chef of Coast at MGM COTAI, Chef Graham Elliot is the judge of the American reality television series, *Top Chef*, and is one of the most recognized faces cooking in America today. At the exchange session, Mr. Moky Lam, Vice President of Food and Beverage of MGM and Chef Graham Elliot invited the members of the Task Group to the restaurant kitchen of Coast and introduced the restaurant's philosophy and inspirations from local flavors such as African Chicken 2.0 and the use of Portuguese chorizos for pizzas. The whole group was then joined by Mr. Grant Bowie, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of MGM China Holdings Limited, to further discuss on the next step in promoting a more creative and vibrant gastronomic scene in Macau.

Chef Graham Elliot said at the discussion, "Macau is a place with rich cultural heritage and unique flavors and so far, it is the only place out of America that I am interested in running a restaurant. When MGM first approached me on this cooperation, I was very interested in working with them for the sake of bringing some of the world's most renowned and contemporary cuisines to create memorable dining experiences to locals and visitors of Macau."

Prof. Hsu Hsiu Chu, Vice President of The Committee of Cultural Industries, and Group Convener of Task Group for the Promotion of Gastronomy and Cultural Industries of The Committee of Cultural Industries of Macao SAR Government, said, "I'm a fan of Chef Elliot's cooking show, so it's been an honor to meet him in person at Coast. In everything from his restaurant decor, ingredient selection to plating, Chef Elliot showcased the seasonal and cultural inspiration for his craft, and it showed me that food is a complicated manifestation of sensibility that can be transformed into art and blended with culture. We hope MGM can



continue to take the lead to leverage on celebrity chefs and gourmet foods, in pursuit of ‘adding value through creativity’ and ‘adding creativity to gastronomy’ to promote Macau as a Creative City of Gastronomy. Embracing these strategies can stimulate the direct and indirect benefits of the food industry, create more opportunities for cultural development within Macau, increase tourism revenue, and nurture culinary and creative talent.”

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About MGM

MGM is an abbreviation for MGM China Holdings Limited (HKEx: 2282) and is a leading developer, owner and operator of gaming and lodging resorts in the Greater China region. We are the holding company of MGM Grand Paradise, SA which holds one of the six gaming concessions/subconcessions to run casino games in Macau. MGM Grand Paradise, SA owns and operates MGM MACAU, the award-winning premium integrated resort located on the Macau Peninsula and MGM COTAI, a contemporary luxury integrated resort in Cotai, which opened in early 2018 and more than doubles our presence in Macau.

MGM MACAU is a Forbes Five-Star luxury integrated resort inspired by the arts with every element of the resort infused with creativity and style. MGM MACAU has approximately 600 guest rooms and suites and boasts a number of distinguishing features, including the architecturally stunning European-inspired Grande Praça, housed under a soaring glass ceiling. MGM MACAU’s world class facilities include the MGM Art Space, dedicating over 5,000 square feet to display authentic works of art, conference and event facilities, spa, and seven signature restaurants and bars to fulfill any gastronomic craving. Our property is conveniently located on the Macau Peninsula and is directly connected to the luxury retail shopping complex, One Central.

MGM COTAI is the latest addition to the MGM portfolio in China. Designed as the “jewelry box” of Cotai, it offers approximately 1,400 hotel rooms and suites, meeting space, high end spa, retail offerings and food and beverage outlets as well as the first international Mansion at MGM for the ultimate luxury experience. MGM COTAI also offers Asia’s first dynamic theater and a spectacle to wow every guest who steps foot in the resort. MGM COTAI is developed to drive



greater product diversification and bring more advanced and innovative forms of entertainment to Macau as it grows as a global tourist destination. MGM COTAI is the largest property and the first mega-size complex project in Macau to achieve the China Green Building Design Label Three-Star Certification.

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