



## **MGM Culinary Team Achieved Greatness in HOFEX Hong Kong International Culinary Classics 2023**

MGM Culinary Team has garnered a total of nine accolades in the prestigious Hong Kong International Culinary Classic (HKICC) at HOFEX 2023 earlier this month. Not only has MGM outperformed its best records but has also become the best performing team among all participating Macau enterprises. This extraordinary achievement is a testament to MGM's dedication to promoting the high-quality development of Macau's tourism industry by nurturing diverse and top-notch talent, and more essentially, its contribution towards strengthening Macau's legacy of "World's Center of Tourism and Leisure".

The Golden Lion team has obtained a Golden Bauhinia Cup award, as well as two Gold, two Silver and four Bronze in HKICC this year. Amongst strong competition from around the globe, Ningning Duan from MGM COTAI's Dim Sum Production has not only scored a Gold award in Live Cooking – Dim Sum Platter under the category of Chinese Cuisine, but also a 'Golden Bauhinia Cup' in Chinese Cuisine – the most prestigious award in the competition that MGM has once again scored since 2019. At the same time, Helen Nguyen, Demi Chef from Mansion Kitchen of MGM COTAI also won a Gold in Hot Cooking – Professional: Vegan under the category of Western Cuisine.

**Geoffrey Simmons, Vice President of Food and Beverage of MGM**, applauded on the team's achievements, "MGM is incredibly proud of our culinary team who has achieved greatness in this internationally acclaimed competition. We have outperformed our industry peers and obtained the highest award 'Golden Bauhinia Cup', which best demonstrates our endeavors in nurturing diverse talent for Macau. These remarkable results were only made possible with the talented and hardworking Golden Lion team members, who have undergone months of intensive trainings under the supervision of management team members and instructors. Empowered by our core values of originality and innovation, MGM will continue to deliver the best dining experience and help strengthening Macau's position as a UNESCO-designated 'Creative City of Gastronomy'."

Endorsed by World Chefs – World Association of Chefs Societies and co-organised by the Hong Kong Chefs Associations (HKCA), HKICC aims at promoting culinary excellence, skills and abilities of chefs, cooks, pastry chefs and apprentices from near and far. The competition attracts up-and-coming professional chefs from all around Asia Pacific to compete and show off their culinary skills, and renowned professionals recognized by World Association of Chefs' Societies are also invited to be part of the judge panel.



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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 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 integrated resort of MGM in China. Designed as the "jewelry box" of Cotai, it offers approximately 1,400 hotel rooms and suites, Asia's first dynamic theater, 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. The Spectacle at MGM COTAI becomes the record holder of the largest free-span gridshell glazed roof (self-supporting) on January 19, 2019, making it the first architectural and structural GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for Macau, China. MGM COTAI is being 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 only mega complex and hotel in Macau to gain three-star certification in both Green Building Design and Operation Label, as well as the first hotel in the Greater Bay Area and second in Greater China to receive the certifications.

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