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THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL FRED TIBBITTS & ASSOCIATION'S FALL EVENING IN HONG KONG

Dinner toast by



Charles Woo,
Area MD of
Starwood Hotel
& Resorts



Gordon Fuller,
Area VP & GM
of Grand Hyatt
Hong Kong



Robert Hamer,
General
Manager, Hyatt
Regency Hong
Kong



Duncan
Palmer, MD of
The Langham
HK



Jake Jacob,
Regional
Director, Asia
Pacific &
UAE, General
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Pernod Ricard Hong
Kong



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Regional
GM, Hong
Kong,
Macau &
Taiwan, IHG



Antoine Bruneel,
Vice GM of LifeStyle
magazine



Ian Wong, New
Western Cuisine
magazine Editor

"A Fall Evening in Hong Kong with Very Special Friends" at Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin proved to be another memorable event for the eighty guests which included hotel executives, senior vice presidents, managing directors, general managers, hotel managers, directors of food & beverage and executive chefs, industry VIP's, the press and valued sponsors.

The reception was hosted by Pernod Ricard Hong Kong, FIJI Water, Stoele glassware, Cranswick Wines Australia and Luzerne Chinaware. Phillips Foods Asia provided their finest crab meat for many of Executive Chef Hongman Cheung's marvelous canapés and hors d'ouvres. All guests were formally announced with style by Gubi Cheng, Events Coordinator and chimed in by Heidi Choi, waitress, both associates of Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin.

The four-course gala dinner brought Fred Tibbitts to the podium who welcomed the guests and asked to consider "Service as the Highest Calling". He then explained that the primary purposes of the FTA dinners are to recognize hospitality excellence, provide scholarships in the names of those whom are honored and to make charitable contributions to benefit those less fortunate. Fred promptly called for the evening's eleven "Loyalty Toasts" with Champagne G H Mumm by some of the dinner personalities, including Jake Jacob, Regional Director, Asia Pacific & UAE, Gerard Bertrand Wines.

Recipients of the 2011 FTA Hospitality Awards for Excellence – North America will be presented at the 2011 FTA Fall Awards Dinner at the Vanderbilt Suites in The MetLife Building at New York City on 15 November to present the 2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as an Operator – Asia Pacific.

The Recipient of the 2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as an Operator – North America was Brian Abel, Vice President, F&B, North America, Starwood Hotels & Resorts and accepted by Charles Woo, Area Managing Director, Starwood Hotels & Resorts.

The Recipient of the 2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Lifetime Excellence was Eric Long, General Manager, The Waldorf=Astoria and accepted by Robert Marek, Director of Operations, Conrad Hong Kong.

The Recipient of the 2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as an IT Innovator was MICROS Systems, Inc. Kevin King, Managing Director – China, Micros-Fidelio China accepted the recognition.

The Recipient of the 2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as a Humanitarian was Robert Thurman, President, Tibet House US & Jey Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies, Columbia University. In Thurman's absence Fred detailed his many humanitarian contributions.

The 2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as an Operator – Asia Pacific was Andreas Stalder, Senior Vice President, Product & Brand Development, Hyatt International – Asia Pacific. Stalder accepted the Award in the name of all his associates at Hyatt International – Asia Pacific, who endeavor everyday to define excellence for their guests and partners.

Following the Dessert Course of Orange Chocolate Crunch Cake with Jasmine Tea Ice Cream, Fred asked Robert Hamer to return to the podium to "Summon the Brigade" which was answered by a resplendent parade of the 16 kitchen seniors who prepared the dinner, led by Executive Chef Hongman Cheung as well as the 15 service staff led by Ricky Yeung, Director of Food & Beverage, followed by Simon Che, Manager – Banquet Service and Esmond Lee, Director of Events. Hamer and his team of seniors then posed on stage for several group pictures to commemorate the occasion.



Fred Tibbitts, Jr. at the podium welcoming the guests to the Eleventh Annual FTA Fall Asia Pacific Awards Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin

Fred Tibbitts & Associates is the leading global wine, spirits and foodservice products and services consulting agency for National Account chain hotels and restaurants with offices at Bangkok, Thailand and Menands, New York, the United States.



(L-R) Janet Tsang, Director of Sales & Marketing, Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin; Eliza Tse, Professor, School of Hotel & Tourism Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; John Morabito, Director of Human Resources, Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin



(L-R) Jake Jacob, Regional Director, Asia Pacific & UAE, Gerard Bertrand Wines; Philippe Degrange, Managing Director, ABS Asia Ltd. (Cranswick)



(L-R) Edmond Wong, AGM, Equip Asia Hong Kong (Stoelzle); Richard Shiu, Assistant Director, Equip Asia Hong Kong (Stoelzle); Man Ng, Sales Executive, Equip Asia Hong Kong (Stoelzle)



(L-R) Rudy Greiner, Hotel Consultant; Charles Woo, Area Managing Director, Starwood Hotels & Resorts; Rudy Muller, Executive Chef, Hong Kong Disneyland Resort



Jack Cumming, Senior Sales Manager, Montrose Fine Wines (Gerard Bertrand); Fred Tibbitts, Jr., President & CEO, Fred Tibbitts & Associates, Inc.; Marcia Zermatten, General Manager, Sidewood Wines



(L-R) Kam-hon Lee, Director, School of Hotel & Tourism Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Vivian Leung Ka Wai, Third Year Student-Scholarship Recipient, School of Hotel & Tourism Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Mickey Wai Chun Yin, Second Year Student-Scholarship Recipient, School of Hotel & Tourism Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Kevin Murphy, CEO & Managing Partner, Asiawide Hospitality Solutions



(L-R) KK Chopra, Partner, Abacare Group Limited; Georges Halpern, Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Vipin Chopra, Abacare Group Limited



The Parade of the Brigade at the Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin at the conclusion of the 2011 FTA Fall Asia Pacific Awards Dinner



Fred Tibbitts, Jr., President & CEO, Fred Tibbitts & Associates, Inc. presents a donation from a portion of the dinner proceeds to Alice Chan, Director, China Tibetan Children Health & Education Fund. Ms. Chan accepted the contribution on behalf of Madame Annie S.C. Wu, Fund Founder



(L-R) Rudy Greiner, Hotel Consultant; Patricia Theobald, The Park Lane Hong Kong; Kevin King, Managing Director-China, Micros-Fidelio Asia Pacific; Robert Hamer, General Manager, Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin



The FTA Award trophy and two scholarship certificates at the School of Hotel & Tourism Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong to be presented to Andreas Stalder, the 2011 Recipient of the FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as an Operator – Asia Pacific on display



(L-R) Fred Tibbitts, Jr., President & CEO, Fred Tibbitts & Associates, Inc. presents the 2011 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as an Operator – Asia Pacific trophy to Andreas Stalder, Senior Vice President, Product & Brand Development, Hyatt Int'l – Asia Pacific