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WHARF HOTELS APPOINTS LUXURY HOTELIER CARLO SCHMED GENERAL MANAGER NICCOLO SUZHOU



*Carlo Schmed, General Manager
Niccolo Suzhou*

3 September 2020 (Hong Kong SAR, China) – Wharf Hotels is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Carlo Schmed as General Manager of Niccolo Suzhou, the new luxury sky hotel opening in the second quarter of 2021 in China's Venice of the East. The new super tower will be home to the fifth Niccolo Hotel in this luxury portfolio of highly successful contemporary chic hotels, which have become the chosen favourite in each of its cities for captains of industry and leaders in style.

Crowning the top floors of Suzhou International Finance Square (IFS), the city's tallest skyscraper and beacon of the future, Niccolo Suzhou is located in Jiangsu Province's prestigious Suzhou Industrial Park. Carlo will oversee this spectacular sky hotel inspired by luxury fashion, with its 233 sophisticated guestrooms and suites, dining venues and event spaces, all located between the 103rd and 117th floors.

Born in Switzerland and an Executive MBA graduate of Rutgers University, Carlo was the pre-opening General Manager of Fairmont Hotel Guiyang and Accor's Area Guiyang Cluster General Manager prior to his appointment with Wharf Hotels. A charismatic hotelier with over 30 years of experience, Carlo has held senior management positions with luxury hotels across different cities in China, opening more than seven hotels and leading them with high performance returns.

"We believe in Carlo's rich hospitality experience. His passion for delivering truly memorable experiences will be brought to life through the Niccolo Signatures. Following Niccolo's success stories in Chengdu, Chongqing, Changsha and the brand's flagship in Hong Kong, The Murray, a Niccolo Hotel, Carlo will position Niccolo Suzhou to become an iconic landmark hotel for the city. Opening in 2021 and emerging from 2020, it will indeed be a Beacon of the Future, bringing a new level of hospitality pride to the global stage," said Thomas Salg, Vice President Operations for Wharf Hotels.

At leisure, Carlo enjoys exploring destinations and is interested in contemporary arts.

Situated in the city's newest iconic landmark, Suzhou IFS, the tower's hotel facilities possess extraordinary panoramic views of Suzhou and Jinji Lake, and has been designed to become the epicentre of luxury events and galas. High above the clouds, The Conservatory, Niccolo Room and meeting and function spaces, The Tea Lounge, Bar 115, Niccolo Kitchen, and a wellness centre with pool and yoga room, will all showcase the sky-high hotel and its brand's exceptional experiences and service to the hotel's guests.



Niccolo Suzhou, opening quarter 2, 2021

More information on Niccolo Suzhou is available at niccolohotels.com.

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About Wharf Hotels The Spirit of Discovery

Emanating the spirit of discovery, Wharf Hotels, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Wharf (Holdings) Ltd, is based in Hong Kong SAR of China, and currently operates 17 owned or managed hotels under Niccolo or Marco Polo Hotels in China, Hong Kong and the Philippines. Niccolo Hotels was added to the group's portfolio in 2015 as the luxury collection, positioning the brand as contemporary chic. The Murray, Hong Kong, a Niccolo Hotel, the brand's flagship hotel, was ranked as the top hotel in the city within a year of its opening, and the upcoming opening of Niccolo Suzhou will bring the brand's collection to 5 hotels following the successes of Niccolo Chengdu, Chongqing and Changsha. Marco Polo's international deluxe hotels in established locations within China, Hong Kong and the Philippines maintain their ethos to explore, discover and experience a destination, drawing on the philosophies of their namesake, Marco Polo: an adventurer, a traveller, an entrepreneur and a connoisseur of culture - just as Marco Polo's modern travellers are today. Wharf Hotels is a member of the Global Hotel Alliance.

Further details are available at wharfhoteles.com.

About Niccolo Hotels New Encounters. Timeless Pleasures.

Niccolo is a collection of four contemporary chic hotels inspired by luxury fashion, all with desirable, highly prized addresses. Underpinning the brand is the desire to make life effortlessly luxurious for guests. At heart, as discoverers and re-discoverers of luxury experiences, styles and tastes, Niccolo Hotels are modern sophisticated spaces. The Murray, Hong Kong, a Niccolo Hotels, opened in January 2018 as the brand's flagship, with one new Niccolo hotel currently under development in Suzhou, China, following successful openings in Chengdu, Chongqing, Hong Kong SAR and Changsha. Niccolo Hotels is a member of the Global Hotel Alliance (GHA), the world's largest alliance of independent hotel brands, bringing together more than 35 brands with over 570 hotels in 85 countries.

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