



**Hong Kong Investor Relations Association  
Announces Winners of 4<sup>th</sup> IR Awards 2018**

**HKEX Awarded The Overall Best IR Company Award (Large Cap)**

**Hong Kong (21 May 2018) – Hong Kong Investor Relations Association (HKIRA)** has today announced the winners of the HKIRA 4<sup>th</sup> Investor Relations Awards 2018 (the “IR Awards” or “Awards”).

Held for four consecutive years, the annual Awards recognise and honour investor relations excellence and best practices among Hong Kong-listed companies and IR professionals. Over 300 guests from listed companies, the IR industry and investor community gathered at today’s IR Awards Conference and Awards Presentation Luncheon to celebrate the winners’ IR excellence and dedication. HKIRA was also honoured to have Mr. Ashley Alder, JP, as the Guest-of-Honour and keynote speaker at the Award Presentation Luncheon. He also presented the Overall Best IR Company Awards at the ceremony.

The keen enthusiasm for the 4<sup>th</sup> IR Awards can be seen from the entry of 184 listed companies. As in previous years, award winners have been selected through online polling by various eligible voters from buy-side and sell-side investors to select who they believe are the best IR professionals and companies. The IR Awards have received tremendous support from the investment community with over 600 voters. This year, 48 listed companies were awarded. Amongst all award categories, The “Overall Best IR Company” is the most prestigious, as it is selected among winners of all the award categories by the Judging Panel to honour companies which demonstrate outstanding and all-round excellence in their IR efforts. **This year, the winners of the Overall Best IR Company by company size – Large Cap, Mid Cap, and Small Cap – are Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (stock code: 388), Fortune Real Estate Investment Trust (stock code: 778) and Sa Sa International Holdings Limited (stock code: 178) respectively.**

Furthermore, to honour IR excellence across a broader range of IR aspects, the “Best IR Presentation Collaterals” has been expanded with three new categories, namely, “**Best Digital IR**”, “**Best Investor Presentation Materials**” and “**Best Annual Reports**” to recognise expertise of candidate companies in these specific areas. Despite number of award categories increased, the number of winner companies is less than the previous year, which demonstrates the stringent criterion of the judging panel.

**Dr. Eva Chan, Founding Chairman of HKIRA** said, “The year 2018 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HKIRA’s establishment and the fourth year of the IR Awards since their inception in 2015. In the past year, the IR Awards has enjoyed greater support and participation of listed companies and practitioners alike, who appreciate the strategic value of IR and are striving to implement best IR practices. With the increasing number of participants and the enthusiastic poll responses, the importance attached to best IR practices are clearly evident among Hong Kong listed companies, and the investment community and fellow industry professionals also recognise the value of the IR Awards themselves as well as the excellence in IR achieved by the Award winners. We are highly pleased to witness a significant growth in terms of the scale and standards of the local IR profession,

and to see a more widespread implementation of IR best practices in IR as a profession and as a critical element of corporate governance gain momentum amongst Hong Kong listed companies and the investment community. We will continue to maintain our mission to raise the benchmark for excellence in investor relations in Hong Kong and in this way to help uphold Hong Kong's status as one of the world's most preferred international financial centres and capital markets"

4th IR Awards winning companies including (arranged in sequence of stock code):

<b>Stock Code</b>	<b>Company</b>
0002	CLP Holdings Limited
0004	The Wharf (Holdings) Limited
0005	HSBC Holdings plc
0016	Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited
0017	New World Development Company Limited
0027	Galaxy Entertainment Group Limited
0035	Far East Consortium International Limited
0163	Emperor International Holdings Limited
0173	K. Wah International Holdings Limited
0178	Sa Sa International Holdings Limited
0179	Johnson Electric Holdings Limited
0200	Melco International Development Limited
0242	Shun Tak Holdings Limited
0291	China Resources Beer (Holdings) Company Limited
0388	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
0435	Sunlight Real Estate Investment Trust
0494	Li & Fung Limited
0636	Kerry Logistics Network Limited
0700	Tencent Holdings Limited
0729	FDG Electric Vehicles Limited
0772	China Literature Limited
0778	Fortune Real Estate Investment Trust
0808	Prosperity Real Estate Investment Trust
0823	Link Real Estate Investment Trust
0868	Xinyi Glass Holdings Limited
0887	Emperor Watch & Jewellery Limited
0906	CPMC Holdings Limited
1112	Health and Happiness (H&H) International Holdings Limited
1117	China Modern Dairy Holdings Limited
1200	Midland Holdings Limited
1361	361 Degrees International Limited
1368	Xtep International Holdings Limited
1381	Canvest Environmental Protection Group Company Limited
1458	Zhou Hei Ya International Holdings Company Limited
1569	Minsheng Education Group Company Limited

1828	Dah Chong Hong Holdings Limited
2001	China New Higher Education Group Limited
2018	AAC Technologies Holdings Inc.
2020	ANTA Sports Products Limited
2199	Regina Miracle International (Holdings) Limited
2202	China Vanke Co., Limited
2313	Shenzhou International Group Holdings Limited
2331	Li Ning Company Limited
2343	Pacific Basin Shipping Limited
2778	Champion Real Estate Investment Trust
3358	Bestway Global Holding Inc.
3380	Logan Property Holdings Company Limited
6068	Wisdom Education International Holdings Company Limited

For the complete list of winners, please visit <http://hkira.com/awards/winners.php>.

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#### **Judging Panel**

- **Professor Louis Cheng (Chairman of the Judging Panel)**  
Professor of Finance, School of Accounting & Finance, *Hong Kong Polytechnic University*
- **Mrs. Amy Donati**  
Chief Executive Officer, *EDICO Financial Press Services Limited*
- **Ms. Ashley Khoo**  
Immediate Past President, *The Hong Kong Society of Financial Analysts*
- **Mr. Andrew Look**  
Chief Investment Officer, *China Hong Kong Link Asset Management Limited*
- **Ms. Victoria Mio**  
Chief Investment Officer China, Fund Manager, *Robeco Chinese Equities*  
Co-Head, *Robeco Asia Pacific Equities*
- **Mr. Marcus Sultzer**  
International Managing Director, *EQS Group AG*
- **Mr. Andrew Weir**  
Regional Senior Partner, *KPMG Hong Kong*  
Vice Chairman, *KPMG China*  
Global Chairman of Real Estate and Construction, *KPMG*  
ASPAC Chairman of Infrastructure, Government and Healthcare, *KPMG*
- **Ms. Helen Zee**  
General Committee Member, *The Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies*

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## **About HKIRA**

Hong Kong Investor Relations Association (HKIRA) is a professional association comprising investor relations practitioners and corporate officers responsible for communication between corporate management and the investment community. HKIRA advocates the setting of international standards in IR education, advances best IR practices and meets the professional development needs of those interested in pursuing the investor relations profession.

HKIRA is dedicated to advance the practice of IR as well as the professional competency and status of its members. To date, HKIRA has over 700 members most of whom are working for companies primarily listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. HKIRA's members are from a wide spectrum of professions including IR, finance, accounting and company secretarial to corporate investment and hold positions at different corporate levels, including top executives responsible for IR and management of listed companies.

For more information about HKIRA, please visit [www.hkira.com](http://www.hkira.com).

## **About the IR Awards**

Inaugurated in 2015, the Investor Relations Awards (IR Awards) celebrate excellence in the local IR industry through the annual presentation of awards to the many diverse professionals that make up the dynamic IR and finance industries in Hong Kong. HKIRA aims to initiate the IR Awards as the industry benchmark for high standard of excellence in investor relations by individuals and companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

The Awards ceremony is a spectacular gathering of IR specialists and industry professionals that applauds and publicises the year's achievements in investor relations. For details of the Awards and online nomination, please visit [www.hkira.com/awards](http://www.hkira.com/awards).

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