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# Hong Kong Investor Relations Association Announces Winners of the 8<sup>th</sup> IR Awards 2022

# China Resources Beer (Holdings) Company Limited Crowned Overall Best IR Company (Large Cap)

Hong Kong (15 September 2022) – Hong Kong Investor Relations Association ("HKIRA") today announced the winners of the 8<sup>th</sup> Investor Relations Awards 2022 (the "IR Awards" or the "Awards").

In its eighth consecutive year, the Awards recognises and honours investor relations ("IR") excellence and best practices among Hong Kong listed companies and IR professionals. With the COVID-19 pandemic gradually easing, physical events have started to resume. This year's IR Awards Conference and Awards Presentation Ceremony took a hybrid mode, with IR experts and professionals invited to join discussions sharing their different perspectives on strategies, latest trends, effective processes and best practices of investor relations. HKIRA was particularly honoured to have Mr Christopher Hui, GBS, JP, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, as the guest of honour and keynote speaker at the Awards Presentation Ceremony.

The 8<sup>th</sup> IR Awards 2022 had widespread support from listed companies and the investment sector. There were a total of 152 company nominees in the Awards this year, reflective of a growing awareness of the importance of investor relations. As in previous years, the award winners were first nominated by the public, then selected via online polling by qualified voters among buy-side and sell-side investors. More than 790 investors from over 290 financial institutions voted this year. The continued support is proof of the recognition the IR Awards enjoys in the investor community. With investor relations gaining emphasis in the industry, HKIRA has kept striving to enhance the standard of IR excellence in Hong Kong by optimising the award mechanism to make sure of the quality of the awards.

Of all the award categories, "Overall Best IR Company" is the most prestigious as the winner is selected by the judging panel among the winners of all the award categories for demonstrating allround exemplary performance in investor relations. This year, the winners of Overall Best IR Company by company size – Large Cap, Mid Cap, and Small Cap – are China Resources Beer (Holdings) Company Limited; Yue Yuen Industrial (Holdings) Limited; and Sa Sa International Holdings Limited respectively. **Dr Eva Chan, Founding Chairman of HKIRA,** said, "We are very happy to be able to meet all of you in person again at this year's event, in this gathering of our member companies, IROs and friends from the investment community. In this post-pandemic new normal, the event again took the 'hybrid' mode, with the conference and award ceremony streaming live online so a wider audience could join. I would like to express my gratitude to the different participating parties and their assistance in helping us prepare for the event.

"In the past year, the mainland government tightened policies on specific sectors like Education, Real Estate, IT, among others, which negatively affected the business and share prices of some listed companies. As a result, the number of participating companies for the IR Award this year is 10% lower than the previous year. To uphold the standard of the IR Award, the panel judge has decided to reduce the number of awards this year. With travel restricted between China and Hong Kong, investors have relied heavily on IROs in the two places for latest information to help them plan investment strategies and make decisions wisely, hence they are requiring listed companies to be more proactive and effective in disclosing information. IROs have thus become a crucial information portal and a major bridge for companies to interact with investors, helping listed companies to connect with local and global investors and analysts under the new normal."

**Strategic Public Relations Group** is again proud to be the Official Public Relations Partner and Diamond Sponsor of HKIRA IR Awards 2022.

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Friends from the investment community and industry professionals attend the 8th Investor Relations Awards Presentation Ceremony

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Tickers	e 8th IR Awards include the following companies (in sequential order of tickers): Company	
14	Hysan Development Company Limited	
16	Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited	
17	New World Development Company Limited	
35	Far East Consortium International Limited	
66	MTR Corporation Limited	
135	Kunlun Energy Company Limited	
173	K. Wah International Holdings Limited	
178	Sa Sa International Holdings Limited	
272	Shui On Land Limited	
291	China Resources Beer (Holdings) Company Limited	
341	Café de Coral Holdings Limited	
388	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited	
392	Beijing Enterprises Holdings Limited	
435	Sunlight Real Estate Investment Trust	
511	Television Broadcasts Limited	
551	Yue Yuen Industrial (Holdings) Limited	
636	Kerry Logistics Network Limited	
659	NWS Holdings Limited	
700	Tencent Holdings Limited	
726	DIT Group Limited	
778	Fortune Real Estate Investment Trust	
823	Link Real Estate Investment Trust	
832	Central China Real Estate Limited	
868	Xinyi Glass Holdings Limited	
887	Emperor Watch & Jewellery Limited	
968	Xinyi Solar Holdings Limited	
1044	Hengan International Group Company 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	
1811	CGN New Energy Holdings Co., Ltd.	
1929	Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Limited	
2020	ANTA Sports Products Limited	
2199	Regina Miracle International (Holdings) Limited	
2217	Tam Jai International Co. Limited	
2279	Yonghe Medical Group Co., Ltd.	
2313	Shenzhou International Group Holdings Limited	
2778	Champion Real Estate Investment Trust	
3331	Vinda International Holdings Limited	
3382	Tianjin Port Development Holdings Limited	
3800	GCL Technology Holdings Limited	
3868	Xinyi Energy Holdings Limited	
3918	NagaCorp Ltd.	
6858	Honma Golf Limited	
6993	Blue Moon Group Holdings Limited	
9983	Central China New Life Limited	
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For the complete list of winners, please visit: <u>https://www.hkira.com/awards/ehall2022.php</u>.

## Judging Panel

- Professor Louis Cheng (Chairman of Judging Panel) The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong – Dr. S H Ho Professor of Banking and Finance, Director of Research Institute for Business, Director of the Research Centre for ESG
- Mrs. Amy Donati
  EDICO Holdings Limited Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
- Ms. Ashley Khoo, CFA, CPA CFA Society Hong Kong — Past President and Board Director
- Mr. Andrew Look
  CITIC Resources Holdings Limited Independent Non-Executive Director
- Ms. Victoria Mio, CFA, FRM
  FIL Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited Director, Asia Pacific Equity
- Mr. Wilfred Yiu
  Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited Managing Director and Head of Markets
- Mr. Maurice Ngai General Committee and the Chairman of Membership Services of the Sub-Committees Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies



## About HKIRA

Hong Kong Investor Relations Association (HKIRA) is a non-profit 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 the best IR practices and meets the professional development needs of those interested in pursuing the investor relations profession.

HKIRA is dedicated to advancing the practice of IR as well as the professional competency and status of its members. To date, HKIRA has over 1,000 members most of whom are working for companies primarily listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. About 68% of the Hang Seng Index Constituent Stock companies are currently members of HKIRA. HKIRA's members are from a wide spectrum of professions including IR, finance, accounting, 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 details, please visit our website http://www.hkira.com.

### About the IR Awards

The HKIRA Investor Relations Awards (the "IR Awards") is an annual campaign that aims to encourage, recognize and reward the excellence in investor relations practices by individuals and companies listed in Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Since the launch in 2015, each year the Awards seeks out and highlights the incredible achievements of individuals and companies with high standards in investor relations through their role modelling to the investment community.

The Awards ceremony, consisting of a conference in the morning and presentation in the afternoon, is a spectacular gathering of IR specialists and industry professionals that applauds and publicizes the year's achievements in investor relations. For details of the Awards and online nominations, please visit <u>http://www.hkira.com/awards</u>.

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