

# Galaxy Macau to Celebrate Grand Opening Today

Macau's first truly integrated destination resort also the first authentically Asian property of its kind

(MACAU & HONG KONG, 15 May 2011) – Galaxy Macau<sup>™</sup> is scheduled to open its doors at 5:00pm today, revealing the "New Palace of Asia" to guests from across the region and around the world for the very first time. The Grand Opening ceremonies will be attended by high-ranking local government officials and other VIPs and presided over by Dr. Lui Che Woo, Founder and Chairman of Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG, SEHK stock code: 00027), the parent company of the eagerly anticipated property which will be the only integrated destination resort to launch in Macau this year.

Speaking just hours before the opening, Dr. Lui said, "The opening of Galaxy Macau signals a new era for Macau as a world-class leisure destination. As part of the fabric of Macau and an employer of thousands of Macanese, Galaxy Entertainment Group attaches great importance to the growth and evolution of the local tourism industry. We believe Galaxy Macau will help lead this development by introducing impeccable service delivered with 'World Class, Asian Heart' along with industry-leading amenities and true resort features. We would like to thank the government and the community, because without their support none of this would have been possible."

Mr. Francis Lui, Vice Chairman of GEG, said, "the opening of Galaxy Macau is the biggest event in Macau this year, and marks five years of design, planning and construction. Galaxy Macau will bring a lot of game-changers to the market, including three world-class Asian hotel brands, Asian service standards that will make each of our guests feel like royalty, an incredible Southeast Asian-style Grand Resort Deck with a wave pool, man-made beach and Banyan Tree Spa, one of the largest food and beverage offerings in Macau, and so much more. We believe this will draw visitors by giving people the option of a luxurious, convenient weekend getaway, boosting Macau's image on the Asian and global tourism scenes in the process."

Galaxy Macau represents a number of firsts:

- It is the first integrated destination resort in Macau to take an authentically Asian approach to its design, offerings and guest service.
- It brings together three 5-star, internationally renowned hotel brands with Asian roots together under one roof: Singapore's Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts, Japan's Okura Hotels and Resorts, and Galaxy Hotel<sup>™</sup>, the sister property of the Five Star Diamond-winning StarWorld Macau. Both Banyan Tree and Okura are entering Macau for the first time.
- It is the first property of its type in Macau with true resort features, highlighted by the Southeast Asian-style, 52,000-square-meter Grand Resort Deck, where lush gardens frame the



world's largest skytop wave pool and an expansive white sand beach.

• The Grand Resort Deck is the site of the first Banyan Tree Spa in the Pearl River Delta, which is also the largest Banyan Tree Spa in the world, with 3,400 square meters of space and 21 treatment rooms.

According to the company, Galaxy Macau<sup>™</sup>'s "World Class, Asian Heart" philosophy will permeate every aspect of the property, and the commitment will extend to dining as well. Recognising that Asian travellers place a great deal of emphasis on food when choosing where to vacation, Galaxy Macau will offer the widest selection of Asian cuisines under one roof in Macau among its more than 50 international outlets.

Other attractions include extensive in-house entertainment across multiple venues, spectacular visual features that are intended to become iconic attractions for the city, and retail boulevards offering a unique shopping experience of Asian as well as international brands.

Coming soon is the ultra-exclusive China Rouge, a hybrid private membership club, performance theatre, bar and restaurant conceptualised by renowned Hong Kong designer Alan Chan to evoke a modern vision of 1930s Shanghai. It is anticipated that China Rouge will instantly become one of the trendiest nightspots in Macau, drawing discerning clientele from around the region. Galaxy Macau will also unveil a 9-screen, 3D, multi-function cinema theatre in the second half of the year. Open to the local community and Galaxy Macau guests, the theatre will be state-of-the-art and the first of its kind in Macau.

Galaxy Macau executives said they anticipate approximately 30,000 to 40,000 visitors will pass through the resort's doors every day following the property's opening today.

A selection of photos and video of Galaxy Macau's Grand Opening can be found at the following locations:

- Photo Library at www.galaxymacaulibrary.com (password : galaxy)
- Video Library at http://galaxymacauvideo.hkcdn.com/

More information on the resort and its offerings can be found at galaxymacau.com/ www.facebook.com/galaxymacau and www.youtube.com/user/galaxymacau.

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## About Galaxy Entertainment Group Limited (SEHK stock code: 00027)

Galaxy Entertainment Group ("GEG"), through its subsidiary, Galaxy Casino, S.A., holds a Macau gaming concession. GEG is authorised to carry out casino games of chance in Macau, which is the only legal gaming location in China.

GEG currently owns and operates StarWorld Hotel and Casino – a luxury 5-star property located on the Macau peninsula, and operates four City Club Casinos in Macau. GEG has also developed Galaxy Macau<sup>™</sup>, a fully integrated leisure and entertainment destination resort which further expands the diversity of GEG's businesses and enriches Macau's tourism offerings to help it become a global centre of tourism and recreation.

## About Galaxy Macau

Galaxy Macau<sup>™</sup> is the only truly authentic Asian five-star resort destination in Macau. Opening 15 May 2011, at an investment of nearly HKD15 billion, it includes more than 2,200 rooms, suites and villas across three world-class hotels: the ultra-exclusive Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts, Japan's legendary Okura Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, and the highly anticipated five-star Galaxy Hotel<sup>™</sup>. Facilities include a selection of more than 50 food and beverage outlets, including the widest selection of pan-Asian cuisine in Macau; distinctive retail shopping; and the Grand Resort Deck with lush oasis gardens covering its 52,000 square meters, the world's largest skytop wave pool, and a 350-ton white sand beach. For more details, please visit www.galaxymacau.com.

#### **About Banyan Tree Hotels and Resorts**

The leading international operator in the boutique resort, residences and spa industry, Banyan Tree offers a signature blend of romance and travel with a green conscience. The philosophy behind the hotels, resorts, residences, spas, retail galleries and destination club is based on rejuvenation of the body, mind and soul – a Sanctuary for the Senses. Angsana Hotels and Resorts is the ideal complement to Banyan Tree, comprising contemporary, chic and ecologically sensitive retreats. Based in areas of outstanding natural beauty and exciting city hubs, Angsana hotels, resorts, residences, spas and retail galleries reflect the spirit and communities of its environment.

To date, the Banyan Tree Group manages and/ or has ownership interests close to 30 resorts and hotels, over 60 spas and over 80 retail galleries; as well as three golf courses.

#### About Okura Hotels & Resorts Worldwide

Okura Hotels & Resorts is an international hotel group operated by Hotel Okura Co., Ltd. Working with its corporate philosophy of providing the best accommodations, cuisine and service (Best ACS), Okura Hotels & Resorts commands a total of 24 member hotels in Japan and abroad, including three new hotels that are planned to be opened in the near future.

Over the 30 years that have passed since its formation, Okura Hotels & Resorts has constructed a global network of high-quality international hotels. Fusing the delicate beauty and subtleties of Japanese culture with European and American convenience and functionality, Hotel Okura Macau welcomes guests from around the world to its spaces of relaxation and comfort.



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