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SHANGRI-LA HOTELS AND RESORTS **APPOINTS KEITH TOMKIES AS GENERAL MANAGER** **OF GOLDEN SANDS RESORT, PENANG**

Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, Asia Pacific's leading luxury hotel group, has appointed Keith Tomkies as the general manager of Golden Sands Resort, Penang. He joins the hotel from Futian Shangri-La, Shenzhen, where he was resident manager from March 2010. Prior to joining Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, Mr. Tomkies was resident manager at The Dusit Thani Bangkok, a position that he assumed in May 2007.

Mr. Tomkies, from the United Kingdom, has 20 years of hotel management experience. He started his hospitality career at Claridge's in London, and since then he has held management positions with luxury hotels in different countries, including at the Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong, Hotel Seiyo-Ginza Tokyo and The Regent in Beijing.

"I am excited to be part of Shangri-La's legendary hospitality and I am confident it will be a most rewarding working experience for me to live in Penang. I have enjoyed my time living and working in Asia immensely and having spent five years in Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen, not to mention three years in Hong Kong, I feel a deep affinity for Chinese culture and the Chinese way of life. Now I am looking forward to continue my journey in Malaysia and make my contribution to the hospitality industry in this country," said Mr. Tomkies.

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Golden Sands Resort, Penang is located at the prime beachfront of Batu Feringgi and underwent a MYR50 million (approximately US\$14 million) year-long redevelopment programme that was completed in late 2009. The redevelopment programme was the most extensive ever in the resort's 32-year history.

The resort comprises 387 guestrooms and suites that offer plush accommodation with value-added refinements. The accommodation comprises 14 suites with panoramic coastal and hill views and 373 deluxe hill facing or sea view rooms furnished in a contemporary style that celebrates ethnic diversity and resort living.

For more information, please call Malaysia toll-free on 1300 88 7388 or Singapore toll free on 001 800 8388 8388. Alternatively, call Golden Sands Resort, Penang directly on (60 4) 886 1911 or e-mail reservations.gsh@shangri-la.com.

Hong Kong-based Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts currently owns and/or manages 73 hotels under the Shangri-La, Kerry and Traders brands with a room inventory of over 30,000. Shangri-La hotels are five-star deluxe properties featuring extensive luxury facilities and services. Shangri-La hotels are located in Australia, Canada, mainland China, Fiji, France, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Philippines, Singapore, Sultanate of Oman, Taiwan, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates. The group has a substantial development pipeline with upcoming projects in Canada, mainland China, India, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Turkey and United Kingdom. For more information and reservations, please contact a travel professional or access the website at www.shangri-la.com.

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