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Simon McHendry Appointed General Manager of The Temple House in Chengdu



Hong Kong, XX August 2019 – Swire Hotels is pleased to announce that Simon McHendry, former General Manager of EAST, Beijing, has been transferred to The Temple House as the new General Manager, effective July, and will oversee the operations and lead the team in Chengdu.

Simon began his life in Asia over a decade ago in 2004 when he relocated from London to Hong Kong and then later to Beijing. With hospitality in his blood and planted in Asia all these years, Simon gained valuable insight through fully immersing himself in the culture and building genuine relationships.

In 2015, Simon joined Swire Hotels first as Executive Assistant Manager – Sales & Marketing at The Opposite House, then later in 2016 moved over to EAST, Beijing, taking on the role of General Manager. Having been a part of the Swire Hotels family for over four years in both The House Collective and EAST brands, Simon embodies the Swire culture and will guide the team at The Temple House in the same spirit, encouraging team members to be themselves, make decisions, try new things, and most importantly, to have a sense of humour. He also brings with him to The Temple House a deep understanding of Swire Hotels' dedication to service, familiarity with culture, as well as a wealth of knowledge and experience in both back-of-house and front-of-house operations.

“His contribution to EAST, Beijing during the last three years has been significant; growing revenues, whilst building not only a strong management team, but an environment where team members feel comfortable thinking out-of-the-box,” says Dean Winter, Group Director of Operations, Swire Hotels. “With his years of experience living and working in China, Simon has gained the respect of his fellow team members, making him a great addition to The Temple House.”

Simon is the proud father of a six-year-old son, and in his spare time enjoys playing sports, travelling and spending time with his family. He is most looking forward to exploring Chengdu together with his family, especially trying all the local Sichuan dishes and visiting the pandas.

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About Swire Hotels

Swire Hotels creates and manages distinctive hotels in Hong Kong, Mainland China and the USA under two brands, The House Collective and EAST, providing unscripted and authentic experiences for individually minded travellers who seek originality, style and personalised service.

The House Collective, a group of Houses each uniquely imagined and inspired by their locations, began with The Opposite House in Beijing, which opened in 2008, followed by The Upper House in Hong Kong, The Temple House in Chengdu and the latest addition, The Middle House in Shanghai, which opened in 2018. While EAST, designed for today's go-getters, takes personal life balance to a whole new level and includes EAST, Hong Kong; EAST, Beijing and EAST, Miami.

About The Temple House

The Temple House is part of Swire Hotels' The House Collective and is located in the heart of Chengdu within the Sino-Ocean Taikoo li, a bustling open plan shopping area. The 100-room House and its 42 adjoining serviced residences form an integral part of the city government's conservation project to preserve the surrounding heritage buildings next to the thousand-year-old Daci Temple. The three-dimensional woven façade combines modern design with the traditional Chengdu architectural elements of timber, brick and step stones. Elegant bamboo trees frame the hotel's entrance, which is set in a beautifully restored hundred-year-old Chinese courtyard building first built in the Qing Dynasty. The Temple House also offers a dynamic collection of outlets including The Temple Café – the all-day dining restaurant and French bistro, TIVANO – an authentic Italian restaurant, Jing Bar featuring live DJs, MIXUN Spa and Teahouse.

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