

Press release

SJM and MDA Co-Host the Prestigious “Macau Design Award 2023” Ceremony at Grand Lisboa Palace

(Macau, 4 January 2024) The esteemed “Macau Design Award 2023,” jointly organised by SJM Resorts, S.A. (SJM) and the Macau Designers Association (“MDA”), held its award ceremony on 4 January at the Grand Lisboa Palace Resort Macau (“Grand Lisboa Palace”). This event displayed an eclectic mix of styles and creative concepts from designers across the globe, highlighting the vibrancy and diversity of the design industry. The participating designers showcased contemporary trends through their creations, offering a visual feast to the audience.

The ceremony was graced by Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, and Mr. Chao Sio Leong, Chairman of MDA. Distinguished guests included Mr. Hoi Kam Un, Member of the Administrative Committee of the Cultural Development Fund of the Macao SAR Government; Mr. Ho Hong Pan, Head of Department for Promoting Cultural and Creative Industries of the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macao SAR Government; Ms. Lin Xiaozhuang, Designer of the Advertising and Production Division of the Macao Government Tourism Office; Mr. Lok Hei, President of the Macau Artist Society; Mr. Sio Chong Meng, Chairman of the District Development Promotion Association, and representatives from the design industry around the world.

The “Macau Design Award 2023” accepted submissions from all over the world between June and September 2023, attracting over 3,000 entries from 22 countries and regions. An international jury of nine renowned groups of designers from Switzerland, Finland, Japan, South Korea, Mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong diligently evaluated these submissions, culminating in the awarding of 60 prestigious prizes, with a total of 272 selected works. This year, the Macau Brand Design Award and the Grand Prize were withheld, a move that encourages designers to strive for even higher levels of creativity.

Ms. Daisy Ho proudly commented that SJM is dedicated to fostering the diverse development of Macau’s industries. By supporting the “Macau Design Award,” SJM aims to promote Macau’s design prowess on an international level. Over the past two years, SJM has successfully collaborated with winners of the “SJM New Talent Award” to create unique product ranges, yielding remarkable results. Ms. Ho further expressed her hope that this year’s winner will continue to explore and enhance Macau’s rich cultural heritage, integrating “cultural creativity + tourism” and showcasing the enchanting fusion of Chinese and Western cultures in Macau.

In his address, Mr. Chao Sio Leong, reflected on the evolution of the “Macau Design Award” which originated as the “Macau Design Biennial” established by the MDA in 1994. Over three decades, the Award has facilitated exchanges on design trends and values with designers worldwide, explored the role of design in societal development, and revealed emerging design trends. By attracting and recognising the best in contemporary design, the Award has propelled the development of the design industry both in Macau and abroad.

To promote this significant event in the Macau design community and to inspire the next generation to join the cultural and creative industries, the “Macau Design Award 2023 Winning Works Exhibition” will be held from 5 January to 18 February 2024 at the Grand Lisboa Palace. The

exhibition will feature selected award-winning works from this edition, including distinctive products developed in collaboration with the previous “SJM New Talent Award” winner. Throughout the year-long competition, SJM and the MDA hosted a judging seminar on 30 and 31 October 2023. The winners have also been invited to share their insights with local designers and students on 6 January 2024, thereby promoting art and cultural education within the community and contributing to the industry’s development.



Mr. Chao Sio Leong, Chairman of MDA, delivers his speech.



Mr. Chao Sio Leong, Chairman of MDA, presents a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, in recognition of SJM's support and contribution to this year's event.



Guests of Honour raise a toast to the successful conclusion of the “Macau Design Award 2023” award ceremony.



Professionals from the design industry and award winners attend the “Macau Design Award 2023” award ceremony.