

Press Release

World's Largest Holiday Inn Celebrates 2nd Anniversary and caps off a year of awards.

Macao, April 16, 2014 – Holiday Inn Macao, Cotai Central, the largest Holiday Inn in the world celebrated its second anniversary this week with a number of fun activities for its team members and special treats for hotel guests. As part of the integrated resort development Sands® Cotai Central, which also celebrated its second anniversary, the hotel marked two years of growth and accolades for the property and is proud to have welcomed just over 1.25 million guests since it first opened in April 2012.

Earlier this year Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central received the [Forbes Travel Guide Four Star Rating](#), the only Holiday Inn in the world to receive this accolade. Just recently the hotel was also awarded [Macao Green Hotel Award](#) from the Environmental Protection Bureau of the Macao SAR Government in recognition for the hotel's commitment to sustainability and environmental best practices. In addition the hotel was named '**Best Hotel Brand**' by Beijing Youth Group Daily 2014 Readers' Choice Tourism Awards.

The hotel also continues its local fund raising effort for Project Hope, which IHG leads at a regional level, supporting the under privileged in China's provinces. As part of its Green Engage initiatives, the hotel also distinguished itself in 2013 by being the first in the IHG family to join the Earth Hour, Every Month movement, currently supported by 20 Macao hotels, along with a growing number of hotels worldwide – all of which are turning off their exterior façades and non-essential indoor lighting for one hour each month in support of energy conservation.

As part of Sands Cotai Central, Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central will also be a focal point for the **Race with the Stars 2** event which will be held on Friday, April 18. The event will see a cast of celebrities from Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China race to compete various challenges at Holiday Inn's Pool Deck and The Lounge in order to win prizes for their teams. Hotel guests and visitors can watch and cheer for their favourite celebrity.



"It has been two exciting years for the hotel as we work hard to 'do the right thing,' 'show we care' and consistently 'aim higher' to make our guest's stay one that they will remember long after they have checked out of the hotel," said General Manager Bede Barry. "Our central location in the heart of Cotai Strip Resorts Macao, great product and genuine service makes it an ideal choice for business and leisure travellers alike."

The hotel is also an ideal destination for families and the ever popular DreamWorks attractions continue to be a popular with all ages. Guests can enjoy a variety of exciting DreamWorks experiences during their stay, such as Shrekfest, a DreamWorks-themed buffet breakfast; a daily DreamWorks All Star Parade which winds its way through the Shoppes at Cotai Central mall; and meet-and-greets at Paradise Gardens with Shrek and Fiona, Po from "Kung Fu Panda," and Alex the lion and friends from "Madagascar," just to name a few. DreamWorks packages start from HK\$1448++.

To ensure the smooth operation of the world's largest Holiday Inn hotel, the Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central's housekeeping team has made over 1.1 million beds and cleaned a staggering 3.2 million pillowcases since the hotel first opened in April, 2012.

The world's largest Holiday Inn features an impressive variety of 1,224 spacious guestrooms and suites, featuring floor-to-ceiling windows and offering a range of facilities, amenities and services, including complimentary Wi-Fi in all guestrooms. The ample Pool Deck and fully-equipped Health Club are among a host of services and facilities readily available to guests, with convenient access to Sands Cotai Central's luxurious and relaxing spas. Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central features 24-hour room service and access to additional dining options only a short walk away, offering an extensive array of international and local restaurants, shopping, MICE and entertainment options.

Here are some of the key award highlights that Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central has received over the past two years:

- Outstanding Hotel Partner Award 2012 – Booking.com
- 2013 Certificate of Excellence – TripAdvisor
- 'Top 5 Family Hotels in Asia'- NOW Travel Asia Awards 2013
- 'The Best Mid-Range Business Hotel Award' - City Traveler 2013 Best Hotel Awards

For more information or to book a DreamWorks package visit [Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central](#)



Photo caption: Shrekfest is just one of the DreamWorks attractions at Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central.

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About Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central

Holiday Inn Macao Cotai Central is at the heart of Sands Cotai Central, the new integrated resort located in Macao's leisure, shopping, entertainment and event destination – the Cotai Strip. Holiday Inn Macao offers 1,224 attractive guestrooms and suites where guests can have the comfort of genuine service, tailored to their real world needs. With the capacity to host and accommodate large groups and conferences, Holiday Inn Macao has access to the expansive meeting and event space of Sands Cotai Central. Just five minutes from Macau International Airport, the hotel is also a short taxi or complimentary shuttle ride away from ferry terminals and the mainland China border. Macao's UNESCO heritage sites and city centre are within easy reach. Guests can enjoy live street-level performances while shopping at the 600-boutique-strong duty-free Shoppes Cotai, or take advantage of the expansive array of dining, entertainment and spa options of Sands Cotai Central and its interconnected family of resorts.

About Holiday Inn

With 1,200 hotels worldwide, Holiday Inn is the most widely-recognized lodging brand in the world. In fact, Holiday Inn was one of the first international hotel brands to establish a presence in China in 1984. Holiday Inn provides the services that business travellers need, while also offering a comfortable atmosphere where all people can relax and enjoy amenities such as restaurants and room service, swimming pools, fitness centres and comfortable lounges. The casual atmosphere and amenities such as meeting and on-site business facilities, KidSuites rooms, Kids Eat and Stay Free programs demonstrate the long-standing commitment of Holiday Inn to serving travellers and have helped to establish the brand as "America's Favourite Hotel." For more information about

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About Sands® Cotai Central

Opened in April 2012, Sands® Cotai Central is the centre point of Cotai Strip Resorts – the pathway to adventure, fun and fortune. Featuring three celebrated hotel brands – Conrad, Sheraton and Holiday Inn – Sands Cotai Central offers visitors to Cotai an expanded offering of affordable luxury available nowhere else in Macao, with approximately 6,000 hotel rooms and suites, and 1.2 million square feet (111,000 square metres) of retail, entertainment and dining facilities, and meetings and convention space. With over 90 retail outlets, Shoppes Cotai Central joins Shoppes Grand Canal and Shoppes at Four Seasons to offer a total of over 600 luxury duty-free stores to choose from – the most in any one single location in all of Macao. And with two spas, three health clubs and 300,000 square feet (28,000 square metres) of gaming space in two, uniquely-themed gaming centres, Sands Cotai Central provides a new level of luxury and accessibility to Cotai.

For more information, please visit www.sandscotaicentral.com.