

**News Release** 

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## Discovery Bay Marina Club Transforms to Lantau Yacht Club and Mr Rudy Puystjens Appointed as Marina Director

Hong Kong Resort Company Limited is pleased to announce a new name and a new phase for Discovery Bay Marina Club ("DBMC"), the marina of which is currently under renovation. The redeveloped marina and membership club will be branded as Lantau Yacht Club ("LYC") and Mr Rudy Puystjens has been appointed as the new Marina Director, overseeing the overall renovation scheme and day-to-day operations.

"Hong Kong is one of the biggest boating centres in Asia and a perfect destination for cruising, with its beautiful coastline and cruising areas in the outlying islands, reliable transport infrastructure and services, and the dynamic East-meets-West culture. It is also a convenient hub for yachting destinations in the region. We believe in the vast development potential of maritime economy in Hong Kong, which in turn contributes to tourism and the local economy as a whole. The marina at Lantau Yacht Club is designed to meet the needs of the growing yachting community and the increasing number of super yachts, which would be a first in Hong Kong. Our world-class marina is aimed to offer the ideal berthing space for local yacht owners and will attract luxury and super yachts from around the world to visit Hong Kong, making our city a preferred yachting destination in the region," said Mr Victor Cha, Deputy Chairman & Managing Director of HKR International Limited ("HKRI"), a shareholder of the developer and operator.

The previous marina closed in early 2019 for a major renovation. The new marina renovation is now underway and is scheduled to reopen in the second half of 2020. The clubhouse will also be refurbished to provide top notch facilities and amenities for its esteemed members. LYC marina will boast berths for vessels around 100 m (approx. 328 ft), which is unprecedented in Hong Kong.



The LYC logo encapsulates Lantau's transition from traditional fishing villages to a modern super yacht destination. The relaxed, flowing Chinese brush strokes, fins and blue gradients capture the heritage and understated elegance of the new private club, while the clean lines and outline of an ultra-luxury yacht showcase the evolution of Hong Kong's most exclusive and modern yacht club.

"As Lantau Yacht Club embarks on a new journey, we are delighted to have Mr Rudy Puystjens joining us. Rudy has a stellar track record in enhancing customer satisfaction, efficiency and profitability in premium yacht clubs and his wealth of experience and expertise will be a great asset to our new world-class marina in Discovery Bay," said Mr Cha.

With keen interest in the marine sector, Mr Puystjens has over 30 years' solid experience in the yachting and hospitality industry in areas of development, management and operations of marinas and resorts, working in 5-star properties around the world including premium yacht clubs in Doha-Qatar, Dubai and Belgium. Before joining Lantau Yacht Club Hong Kong, Rudy was the Marina Manager of One°15 Marina Club of Sentosa, Singapore. He is one of the few certified marina managers in Asia and a lecturer for the Marina Industries Association.

## About Lantau Yacht Club

Located in the northeast of Lantau Island, Lantau Yacht Club ("LYC") is one of the four premium membership clubs in Discovery Bay, Hong Kong's renowned international residential community and a unique leisure destination developed by Hong Kong Resort Company Limited. The Club first started operations in 1989 as Discovery Bay Marina Club and has been closed for a major renovation since 2019. The new marina is scheduled to reopen in the second half of 2020 with a brand-new design, modern technology and super yacht berths to meet the needs of Hong Kong's growing sailing and pleasure boating community.

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