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## **Millennium & Copthorne Gains Foothold In Japan With First Tokyo Hotel**

**Singapore, 15 December 2014** – Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C) announced the opening of their first flagship hotel in Japan today, marking a definitive milestone for the Group. Millennium Mitsui Garden Hotel, a collaboration with Mitsui Fudosan, will open its doors on 17 December 2014.

Located in the heart of Tokyo's Ginza 4-Chome District, directly opposite Misukoshi department store, the hotel spots a striking "Bottega-inspired" façade like the weave of a basket. Designer Mr Masahide Ishikawa expressed "Japanese IKI (esprit) traditions and culture" by using the image of weaving to symbolise the interweaving of Ginza's history, present and future. The hotel also spots modern and innovative interior design by Asian artists.

Millennium Mitsui Garden Hotel will provide a Japanese style space to visitors seeking the ultimate in luxury. The hotel will feature two special concept rooms designed by distinguished Japanese brands Mikimoto Cosmetics Ginza and Hakuza Nihonbashi.

"I have seen the development of this property from acquisition of the land site to its development and completion. I have witnessed the birth of a hotel in a country that is difficult for foreigners to invest in. Now we own a hotel in Tokyo," said Mr Kwek Leng Beng, Chairman of M&C. "The Millennium Mitsui Garden Hotel Tokyo is a brand new hotel with great potential. I hope it will be a favourable and preferred choice for both locals and international guests."

The completion of the hotel is timely as Tokyo has been selected as the host for the 2020 Olympics. This will increase the visitors to the Japanese capital, which will be a boon for tourism.

At a press conference held today to mark the hotel's opening, Mr Wong Hong Ren, CEO of M&C said this superbly located hotel was acquired at a good time as hotel values have gone up since M&C made the purchase.

He continued, "Millennium & Copthorne has grown from one hotel in the 1970s to over 120 hotels in key gateway cities around the world. I was there when we first ventured overseas with hotels in New Zealand and I am proud that 20 years later, we have the feather in our cap with Millennium Mitsui Garden Hotel."

For more than 40 years, the Mitsui Fudosan Group and Hong Leong Group have been pursuing collaborative residential projects and hotel operations through TID Pte Ltd. While both companies have been long-time partners, Millennium Mitsui Garden Hotel will mark both Groups' first-ever joint business project in Japan.

M&C is a subsidiary of listed property giant City Developments Limited. M&C and CDL are members of Hong Leong Group Singapore. Listed on the London Stock Exchange, M&C is a dynamic, global hotel company, which owns, asset manages and/or operates a worldwide portfolio of over 100 hotels with distinct global brands such as Grand Millennium, Millennium, Copthorne, M Hotel and Studio M – in the Asia Pacific, Europe, Middle East, and North America.

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