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### **M&C Expands its footprint in China with M Hotel Chengdu**

*Singapore cabinet Ministers in Sichuan attend inauguration ceremony of M&C's latest hotel*

**Singapore, 2 July 2013** – Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc (M&C) has announced the inauguration of M Hotel Chengdu today. This significant landmark marks another milestone in the Group's venture into China, an event that was attended by Singapore ministers Mr Lim Swee Say, Minister in Prime Minister's Office and Mr Lawrence Wong, Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information.

M Hotel Chengdu is the first such hotel outside Singapore after M Hotel was launched in Singapore in 2000. The M brand caters to a new generation of travellers and centres on the young and young at heart. This is evident in the M Hotel room layout, amenities and high tech IT connectivity centred within a comfortable and hip environment. M Hotel Singapore in its time has received many awards and accolades, among them being Best Business Hotel by TTG Asia and Best Marketing by Pacific Area Travel Association.

Referring to the Singapore ministers' presence at the inauguration, M&C Chairman Mr Kwek Leng Beng said, "Singapore has fostered a strong relationship with China by helping local enterprises invest and do business in China for the mutual benefit. Today, we witness an example of this strong relationship."

"We are pleased with our government's collaboration with the Sichuan government through the Singapore-Sichuan Hi Tech Innovation Park. We will be signing a memorandum of understanding to invest in this park later today. Hong Leong Group Singapore will also continue our commitment here in Sichuan both as an investor and a partner," added Mr Kwek who is also Executive Chairman of Hong Leong Group Singapore, the parent of M&C Hotels.

Other distinguished guests attending the grand hotel inauguration included former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Shaukat Aziz, who is Independent Director of M&C and Mr Wong Hong Ren, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Director of M&C.

The 196-room M Hotel Chengdu is M&C's latest venture in China. The hotel is 13-minute drive from Shuangliu International Airport and a 5-minute stroll from Xin Nan Tian Di, an area south of Chengdu with high-end housing, luxurious villas and shopping malls. The metro is also nearby and the Chengdu High Tech Zone Park is a short 10-minute drive away with many Fortune 500 companies located within.

M Hotel Chengdu is dedicated to provide the best service and amenities for its guests. Every room comes with a separate working area and a flat screen television. A spacious balcony and a soothing warm colour scheme create a residential feel. Deluxe and en suite rooms boast furnished kitchenettes that are ideal for guests on short stays or long term lease. Other hotel facilities include a gym, indoor pool, squash court, table tennis area, a billiard room, kid's area as well as a library where guests can surf the Internet or read. The hotel has two well-equipped business meeting rooms. Guests can enjoy Asian and International delicacies at M Cafe located at Level 2 or the 24 hour in-room dining service.



M&C first entered the Chinese hospitality market in 2006. With the latest addition of M Hotel Chengdu, the group now has a total of eight properties – Millennium Hotel Chengdu, Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen, Millennium Hongqiao Hotel Shanghai, Millennium Hotel Wuxi, Copthorne Hotel Qingdao, the luxury Grand Millennium Beijing Hotel, and a serviced apartment complex, Millennium Residences Beijing Fortune Plaza. Hotels in the pipeline are Millennium Fuqing in Fujian and Millennium Hangzhou Resort in Zhejiang.

To date, the global hotelier has a total of 12 properties in the Greater China region. This includes Millennium Vee Hotel Taichung which officially opened its doors in March this year.

Listed on the London Stock Exchange since 1996, 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 – Grand Millennium, Millennium, Grand Copthorne, Copthorne, M Hotel, Studio M and Kingsgate – throughout Asia Pacific, Europe, Middle East & North Africa, and North America. It is a subsidiary of City Developments Limited (CDL). Both M&C and CDL are members of the Hong Leong Group Singapore.

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