

## Press Release

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### **Celebrating Christmas The St. Regis Way** *Residents and guests of St. Regis attend traditional Christmas light-up*



*Mr Xavi Gonzalez, General Manager of The St Regis Singapore (left photo) and Mrs Cecilia Kwek (right photo in green dress), wife of Hong Leong Group and City Developments Limited Executive Chairman Kwek Leng Beng, with residents and their children from The St. Regis Residences.*

**Singapore, 11 December 2018** – Nothing spells Christmas more than the smell of pine, the laughter of children and a uniformed man presiding over an audience with a bottle of Champagne and a saber.

This scene set the stage for The St. Regis Singapore's annual lighting of the Christmas tree and ceremonial ritual of champagne sabering, where over 130 hotel guests and residents from the St. Regis Residences attended. The St. Regis Residences is the first branded residences in Singapore and is located adjacent to the hotel.

The event kickstarted with a presentation of handcrafted festive treats by the hotel's culinary team. Guests were served Champagne and wine for the celebration while the children were gifted with goodie packs from Santa. Highlights of the evening included Christmas performances by Emmanuel Choir from the Catholic Church of St. Bernardette, the Champagne Sabrage, not forgetting the official Christmas Tree Light-up by General Manager Xavi Gonzalez, with the assistance of some children from The St. Regis Residences.

Champagne sabering is a signature ritual at St. Regis hotels around the world. It is an act where a bottle of champagne or cava is sliced open with a sword. Champagne Sabrage is demonstrated at special events such as Christmas and ushering in of the New Year.

The St. Regis Residences and The St. Regis Singapore is owned by Hong Leong companies Hong Leong Holdings, City Developments Limited and TID.

\* High-res images are available here: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yyanejdos2lm9b/AACjiNN\\_8sbxC-rhriMKu81a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yyanejdos2lm9b/AACjiNN_8sbxC-rhriMKu81a?dl=0)  
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