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Internationally Recognised Executive Strengthens

Docksider Group's Operation

Docksider Group has appointed Mr Chris Sanderson to the role of Venues Operations Manager, responsible for the hospitality firm's Darling Harbour Venues of Docksider, L'Aqua, and Star Room. He will also oversee the new exclusive catering operations of Sydney Exhibition Centre @ Glebe Island and the soon to be developed Docksider Pavilion Darling Harbour.

Beverley Parker, Executive Director of Sales and Marketing, Docksider Group, said the whole team is delighted to have someone of Chris's calibre to spearhead operations.

"This appointment will support the implementation of Docksider Group's three-pronged vision for Sydney, which includes our corporate rebrand, the mid-year launch of Docksider Pavilion Darling Harbour and our exclusive catering contract at Sydney Exhibition Centre @ Glebe Island.

"Chris's leadership skills have been recognised throughout the industry for developing strong teams, managing change and launching new venues to market. He is a great addition to our Senior Management Team.

"As a strategic and logistics expert, Chris is well placed to lead Docksider Group's Operations team through this time of transition and evolution," said Ms Parker.

Mr Sanderson brings more than 35 years of event experience to the role, including extensive first-hand knowledge of hospitality, operations and guest service.

Chris established his hospitality career with Hilton Hotels and Resorts, progressing to General Manager of the Hilton Edinburgh before moving to Sydney to open the event facilities at the renovated Sydney Hilton in 2005.

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ABOUT DOCKSIDER GROUP

Brothers Christopher, Theodore and Peter Drivas and business partner Robert Van Meer combined their hospitality, wedding and business expertise to form Docksider Group. The close-knit family business now owns and operates four integrated venues and four restaurants all situated in iconic Sydney Harbour foreshore locations, and are the exclusive caterer for Sydney Exhibition Centre @ Glebe Island.

Venues

Dockside Pavilion Darling Harbour: A custom designed event venue upon a pontoon in the heart of Cockle Bay, this venue offers distinctive event opportunities with unparalleled water views. Dockside Pavilion Darling Harbour is the perfect choice for gala dinners, award nights, Christmas or end of year parties and product launches. The Pavilion caters for up to 1,440 seated guests and 2000 standing.

L'Aqua: Situated on the rooftop of the Cockle Bay Wharf complex, L'Aqua is one of Sydney's most prestigious five-star function venues. Quintessentially Sydney, L'Aqua caters for up to 600 guests, and offers uninterrupted views over Cockle Bay and Darling Harbour and an abundance of natural light through its floor to ceiling windows.

Dockside: With sparkling water views stretching over Darling Harbour, Dockside blends function and space with a reputation for culinary excellence and exceptional service. Greatly renowned for holding successful events, and with more than a decade of experience, Dockside's strength lies in catering for groups up to 1200 people.

Star Room: Guests of Star Room enjoy a bird's eye perspective from level 6 of the IMAX theatre complex. With a soaring ceiling and panoramic windows stretching over 30 metres in length, Star Room is a truly unique Sydney venue catering for up to 300 people.

Sydney Exhibition Centre @ Glebe Island: Offering a pavilion-style, fully-serviced event space up to 25,000sqm SEC @ GI has four permanent halls offering event space between 2,000 and 9,600sqm. As the exclusive catering partner, Dockside Group will exceed your expectations, providing your event or exhibition with restaurant quality cuisine and beverage selections.

Restaurants of Dockside Group include:

Waterfront; 27 Circular Quay West, The Rocks, Sydney NSW 2000

Wolfies; 7 – 21 Circular Quay West, The Rocks, Sydney NSW 2000

Italian Village; 7 Circular Quay West, The Rocks, Sydney NSW 2000

-Major events for up to 3000 people can be hosted across all three restaurants.

EAT LOVE PIZZA; Ground Floor, IMAX Theatre Complex, 31 Wheat Road, Darling Harbour, Sydney NSW 2000

NOTES TO EDITORS

Interviews with Beverley Parker, Executive Director of Sales & Marketing are available on request.

More information on Dockside Group is available at www.docksidegroup.com.au

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