

## China Everbright Ltd. title sponsors “International Gala of Stars 2019”

*International Ballet Stars Yuan Yuan Tan, Dorothee Gilbert and Ako Kondo Gather in Hong Kong*

4 November 2019 – **China Everbright Limited** (“Everbright”, stock code: 165.HK) **sponsored the “International Gala of Stars 2019”, a production by the Hong Kong Ballet**, in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Hong Kong Ballet. The performance took place from 31 October to 1 November 2019 at the Grand Theatre of Hong Kong Cultural Centre in Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong. This year, the event was honoured to have many globally renowned ballet stars perform a series of astonishing classical and modern ballet performances alongside dancers with the Hong Kong Ballet, including Yuan Yuan Tan, a principal dancer with the San Francisco Ballet; Dorothee Gilbert, French ballerina with the Paris Opera Ballet; Ako Kondo, a principal dancer with the Australian Ballet; Marcelo Gomes, international ballet star and a former principal dancer with the American Ballet Theatre; Osiel Gouneo, a principal dancer with the Bavarian State Ballet; Vitor Luiz, a former principal dancer with the San Francisco Ballet; and Matthew Golding, a guest performer with the Bavarian State Ballet as well as a former principal dancer with the Royal Ballet and Dutch National Ballet.

Following the success of the “First International Gala of Stars” last year that garnered wide critical acclaim, Everbright was once again the title sponsor of the Gala this year. Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Hong Kong Ballet, the production dazzled audiences as it marked this special historic milestone.

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Septime Webre 藝術總監  
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<b>Osiel Gouneo</b> Principal Dancer, Bavarian State Ballet	<b>Vitor Luiz</b> International Ballet Star Former Principal Dancer, San Francisco Ballet
<b>Matthew Golding</b> Guest Principal Dancer, Bavarian State Ballet Former Principal Dancer, The Royal Ballet & Dutch National Ballet	

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Hong Kong Ballet is a charitable institution registered with the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. 香港芭蕾舞團是根據香港特別行政區政府註冊的慈善機構。  
Hong Kong Ballet is a Venue Partner of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. 香港芭蕾舞團是香港文化中心場地合作夥伴。

As a long-term partner of the Hong Kong Ballet, Everbright has sponsored several productions since 2015, including “The Nutcracker”, “Swan Lake”, “Don Quixote”, the Ballet

China Tour, the “First International Gala of Stars” and “Giselle”. This year marks the fifth consecutive year that Everbright is sponsoring a Hong Kong Ballet production and bringing the best ballet performance possible to Hong Kong audiences. Everbright is committed to continuously supporting local art activities and promoting fine art to the general public.



Everbright guests taking a group photo with Hong Kong Ballet dancers

In addition, Everbright is also a sponsor of the Hong Kong Ballet’s other popular ballet production, “The Great Gatsby”. The show, which also has the full support of the Hong Kong SAR Government, will participate in the Mainland China tour, “Festival Hong Kong 2019 – A Cultural Extravaganza@Shanghai”, in mid-November. “The Great Gatsby” premiered in Hong Kong in February this year, selling out tickets for all five shows and captivating close to 5,000 viewers in the audiences, as well as dance critics. With Academy Awards winner Timmy Yip designing the costumes and backdrop, and Billy Novick’s Blue Syncopators providing live accompaniment, multiple-award-winning blues singer E. Faye Butler, Guest Chief Artist Matthew Golding and tap dancer Tap Jiang Shaofeng will dedicate their performances to bringing audiences back to the dazzling 1920s of New York’s upper class.



As a Chinese financial institution rooted in Hong Kong, Everbright always strives to fulfil its corporate social responsibility. For the fourth consecutive year, grass-root families in the New Territories in Hong Kong were able to enjoy ballet performances through donations made to the “Accessibility Fund” of the Hong Kong Ballet. This year, a total of 40 people from two charitable institutions, “Glorious Light Neighbourhood Centre” and “Pok Oi Hospital Wai Yin Association Family Multiple Intelligences Centre”, received free tickets to daytime showings of “Swan Lake” on 3 November, so they may explore the wonders of classical ballet.



### About Hong Kong Ballet

One of Asia's premier ballet companies, Hong Kong Ballet (HKB) is internationally recognised as a top institution that represents Hong Kong's unique character. Since its inception in 1979, HKB has evolved into a vibrant performing arts organisation with a dynamic repertoire, forward-thinking community engagement initiatives and an emphasis on excellence under the guidance of Septime Webre, Artistic.

With nearly 50 dancers from all over the globe, HKB has won recognition both regionally and internationally. HKB's repertoire includes celebrated re-stagings of the classics by Nina Ananiashvili, Cynthia Harvey, Anna-Marie Holmes, John Meehan and many other notable artists, original full-lengths created for HKB.

HKB maintains a full schedule of community engagement initiatives throughout Hong Kong to ensure the art of ballet is accessible to all. HKB celebrates its 40th Anniversary Season in 2019/20.

### About China Everbright Limited

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