



Official Nomination for 2024 IAG Academy IR Awards

Award category : Hall of Honor: Outstanding CEO
Person : Mr. Francis Lui Yiu Tung, BBS
Title/Company : Vice Chairman, Galaxy Entertainment Group

Biography:

Mr. Francis Lui Yiu Tung, BBS, is Vice Chairman of K. Wah Group, Executive Director of Hong Kong-listed K. Wah International Holdings Limited (HKEx stock code: 00173), Vice Chairman of Hong Kong-listed Galaxy Entertainment Group (“GEG”; HKEx stock code: 00027), and Managing Director of Galaxy Casino Company Limited.

With over 40 years of experience in the construction, property development, hospitality and entertainment sectors spanning across Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Southeast Asia and North America, Mr. Lui oversees the development and operational management of GEG. Mr. Lui has brought many innovative, world-class, and customer-oriented tourism offerings to Macau that raised GEG’s status as a world leading integrated resort and entertainment company, and facilitated the development of the industry.

Being a civic-minded business leader who proactively engages in public affairs, Mr. Lui is a member of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference. In addition, Mr. Lui is also a member of the Chief Executive Election Committee of both Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR, a Vice-Chair of the Council of the Macao University of Tourism, a Director of the 71st Term of Macao Chamber of Commerce, an Honorary Chairman of the 22nd Term of Kiang Wu Hospital Charitable Association, a member of the 11th Standing Committee of the All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, an Executive Director of the Chamber of Tourism of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce, an Honorary President of the Greater Bay Area Finance Development Association, a Forever Honorary Chairman of the Association of Macau Travel Industry Professionals, and a Counsellor of Our Hong Kong Foundation. Furthermore, Mr. Lui is also an Honorary Citizen of each of Guangzhou City, Shenzhen City and Jiangmen City.

Mr. Lui has received a number of honorable recognitions for his contribution to the development of the Macau Special Administrative Region’s tourism industry. In 2012, Mr. Lui was awarded the Medal of Merit – Tourism from the Macau SAR Government. In 2013, he was named Best CEO by FinanceAsia. In the same year, GEG became a constituent stock of the Hong Kong Hang Seng Index. In 2014, Mr. Lui was named Entrepreneur of the Year by Enterprise Asia, and in 2021, Mr. Lui received the insignia of Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters from the French Government. Being recognized as a magnate of the Asian gaming industry, Mr. Lui has been named the most influential person in the Asian Gaming Power 50 list for seven times, in years 2011 and 2012, and every year since 2019. In July 2024, Mr. Lui was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star by the Government of the Hong Kong SAR.

Mr. Lui contributes to the sustainable development of communities through close collaboration with governments and social service organizations to enhance community well-being, including actively supporting major sports and arts and cultural events, and promoting holistic development of local youths with the belief of “education engenders a strong country”. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, and a Master of Science degree in Structural Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, USA.



Business Achievements

GEG's success in becoming one of the world's leading integrated resort and entertainment companies, is reflected in the vision and leadership of Mr. Lui, who saw a huge opportunity to leverage on his family's background experience in real estate, hospitality and construction materials to venture into the Macau market and tender for a gaming license when the Macau SAR Government announced the industry's liberalization in 2001, the company became one of the three original concessionaires in Macau.

Believing that GEG should create its own brand and culture, he leveraged on his Chinese heritage and deep understanding of Asian and Chinese customer preferences, and created an Asian-centric service philosophy that he amalgamated with the best of international non-gaming and entertainment model. The end result was GEG's introduction of a brand that wins applause for its "World Class, Asian Heart" business philosophy and introduction of some of the most pristine and unique tourism products in Macau.

GEG's three flagship destinations in Macau: on Cotai, Galaxy Macau™, one of the world's largest integrated destination resorts, and the adjoining Broadway Macau™, a unique landmark entertainment and food street destination; and on the Peninsula, StarWorld Hotel, an award-winning premium property, have altogether, garnered over 1,000 hospitality and F&B-related awards to-date.

Over the years, GEG has introduced many products that have won the heart of local residents and Macau tourists. The opening of the 38-storey StarWorld Hotel in 2006, the tallest hotel to be built at that time, became an instant landmark in the flourishing Avenida da Amizade. The subsequent introduction of Galaxy Macau, with its Grand Resort Deck, white sandy beach and Skytop Adventure Rapids, also became renown as a first-of-its kind in Macau. Other notable firsts include GEG's introduction of some of the world's most famous hotel brands, first-to-Macau fashion and retail brands, and award-winning and Michelin-star restaurants.

In 2022, GEG, through its subsidiary – Galaxy Casino, S.A. – received a new concession for operation of casino games of fortune by the Macau SAR Government, valid from January 1 2023 to December 31, 2032.

In 2023, GEG inaugurated the Phase 3 projects, which included the Galaxy International Convention Center featuring 40,000 square meters of MICE space, a 16,000-seat Galaxy Arena that refreshed the show industry with international acts such as the first BLACKPINK and (G)I-DLE performances in Macau, the highly popular iQIYI Scream Night and TMEA Tencent Music Entertainment Awards, as well as the sold-out performances by artists such as Jackson Wang, G.E.M and Andy Lau, to name a few. The Galaxy Arena also elevated sporting events in Macau to new heights with its hosting of international sports events such as the "Galaxy Entertainment Group 2023 11th Yao Foundation Charity Game", and the "ITTF Men's and Women's World Cup Macao 2024 Presented by Galaxy Entertainment Group". And to continue building Macau's hospitality capacity, Phase 3 also included the opening of the world's largest all-suite Raffles at Galaxy Macau, and the world's largest Andaz Macau.

In April 2024, GEG announced the opening of the Capella at Galaxy Macau, a 17-storey property offering approximately 100 ultra-luxury sky villas and suites in mid-2025. Holding the largest development pipeline of any concessionaire in Macau, when The Next Chapter of its Cotai development is completed, GEG's resorts footprint on Cotai will be more than 2 million square meters, making the resorts, entertainment and MICE precinct one of the largest and most diverse integrated destinations in the world.



GEG is also considering opportunities in the Greater Bay Area and internationally, and remains committed to delivering innovative and spectacular products and services, and driving the continual success and consistent outperformance of the market in Macau. GEG's achievement includes its seven-time receipt of the "Casino Operator" award from the International Gaming Awards – *the "Oscars" of the gaming industry* – in years 2012 to 2015 and then from 2019 to 2021; two-time receipt of the "Best Gaming Operator" award from the Asia Gaming Awards in years 2017 and 2023; and award of the "Casino Operator of the Year" by Global Gaming Awards for Asia-Pacific region for 2024, to name a few.

As Mr. Lui continues to lead GEG with the development of Capella and also the Phase 4 project, GEG will continue to introduce additional high-end hotel brands to Macau, along with non-gaming, MICE, entertainment, family facilities, and also some gaming facilities, to further foster Macau's moderate economic diversification and sustainable development.

Key Milestones of GEG Under Mr. Lui's Leadership

Apr 2024	GEG announced the opening of Capella at Galaxy Macau in mid-2025
Dec 2023	GEG launched the Phase 3 projects, including the Galaxy International Convention Center, Galaxy Arena, Raffles at Galaxy Macau, and Andaz Macau
Dec 2022	Galaxy Casino, S.A., a member of GEG, was awarded a new concession for operation of casino games of fortune by the Macau SAR Government valid from Jan 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2032
Dec 2021	GEG invested USD10 million in the first corporate green bond issued in Macau. Previously, GEG made a RMB100 million subscription to Asia's first biodiversity-themed green bond, and a HKD100 million subscription to a SME Themed COVID-19 Impact Alleviation Social Bond issued by Bank of China Limited (Macau Branch) to support the local financial market and Macau's economic diversification
Jul 2020	GEG reached the MOP200 million donation mark to the pandemic prevention and control works in Mainland China and Macau since the onset of COVID-19
Mar 2017	GEG and Monte-Carlo SBM announced the formal establishment of a strategic partnership
May 2015	GEG opened a new chapter for Galaxy Macau and Broadway Macau
Jul 2014	GEG announced the establishment of an HKD1.3 billion Galaxy Entertainment Group Foundation
Jun 2013	GEG became a constituent of the Hang Seng Index
May 2011	GEG opened its first flagship integrated resort destination, Galaxy Macau
Oct 2006	GEG opened its first flagship entertainment complex, StarWorld Hotel
Sep 2006	GEG opened its fourth City Club casino – Casino Grand Waldo, GEG's first casino in Cotai
Apr 2006	GEG opened its third City Club casino – Casino President
Feb 2006	GEG opened its second City Club casino – Casino Rio in the bustling NAPE business district favored by VIP gamers
Jul 2005	GEG became the first gaming operator to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
Jul 2004	GEG opened its first City Club casino – Casino Waldo near the Macau Ferry Terminal
Feb 2002	Galaxy Casino, S.A. defeated over 18 American, European and Asian corporations and received an original gaming concession for operation of casino games of fortune from the Macau SAR Government

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