

MEDIA RELEASE

23rd Annual Australia-China Business Awards Finalists Announced

Shanghai: 8th March – The AustCham Westpac Australia-China Business Awards has received a record-breaking 110 nominations this year. After much deliberation, our judges have finalised a shortlist of stellar nominees in each of the eight award categories. Thank you to all of our generous award category sponsors.

The finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Agriculture, Food & Beverage are:

- Blackmores Ltd
- Bega Cheese Ltd
- Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing
- MSM Milling
- Shanghai Mr Willis Co. Ltd
- Orisis

The finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Business Innovation sponsored by Huawei are:

- SmartBuy Glasses Optical Group
- Orisis
- SmartTrans
- Ausino Drilling Services Pty Ltd

The finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Construction, Infrastructure & Natural Resources sponsored by Westpac are:

- Ausino Drilling Services Pty Ltd
- Macquarie Group Ltd
- Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport
- Sedgman Ltd
- Orica (Weihai) Explosives Co. Ltd

The finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Education & Training sponsored by Australia Plus / ICS are:

- University of Technology Sydney
- Haileybury College
- TAFE NSW – Western Institute
- TAFE Queensland International

The finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Services sponsored by Qantas are:

- Argyle Hotel Management Group (Australia) Pty Ltd
- Sedgman Ltd
- King & Wood Mallesons
- Aveo-China Group
- Macquarie Group Ltd
- SmartTrans

The finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Start-Up Enterprises sponsored by CPA Australia are:

- Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport
- Think China
- Soapnut Republic
- The Silk Initiative
- BlueMount Capital Pty Ltd

The finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Sustainability & Social Impact sponsored by CLP Holdings Limited are:

- Argyle Hotel Management Group (Australia) Pty Ltd
- MSM Milling
- Soapnut Republic
- ANZ Global Services and Operations Chengdu Company Ltd
- Paper Stone Scissors

The finalists of The Award for the Advancement of Diversity in the Workplace sponsored by UQ Business School Executive Education are:

- Michelle Garnaut, CEO & Founder M Restaurant
- John O'Shea, General Manager Langham Shanghai
- Ben Way, CEO Macquarie Asia

Andrew Whitford, Westpac's Regional Head of Greater China said the calibre of entries continues to climb year on year.

"China is a large and complex market. It's fantastic to see these Australian businesses that have worked hard to get their China strategy right, and are reaping the rewards."

Congratulations to all of the 2016 ACBAs finalists.

AustCham Shanghai is pleased to announce Christine Holgate as the keynote speaker for the Awards Gala Dinner. Christine Holgate, CEO and Managing Director of Blackmores, has had a stellar career including more than 30 years of international sales and marketing experience, and holds numerous board and senior management positions. Ms Holgate was presented the CEO of the Year Award in 2015, and under her leadership Blackmores is known as the largest Natural Health company in the Asia Pacific region.

The Gala Dinner will be on 13th April at the Pudong Shangri-la, tickets are still available for sale. Visit <http://www.austcham-acba.com> for more details

The Pudong Shangri-la has a special rate for any ACBA guests. For further details and reservations click [HERE](#).

2016 Host: AustCham Shanghai

Winners of the AustCham Westpac ACBAs are announced at a black-tie gala dinner in rotating cities across Greater China each year. 2016 will see AustCham Shanghai host the ACBAs. The Australian Chamber of Commerce Shanghai was founded in 1994 and has grown into a strong networking organisation representing 420 members (330 corporate) benefiting thousands of company employees with 180 events annually.

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Westpac in China

Westpac has been the official key sponsor of the ACBAs since 2009. Westpac has operated in Asia for over 40 years and was the first Australian bank into China. In addition to its Asian regional headquarters in Singapore, Westpac has branches in Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, a sub-branch in the Shanghai Free Trade Zone, a branch in Mumbai and a representative office in Jakarta. Westpac's goal in China is to both support Australian and New Zealand customers in the region, as well as provide a gateway for Chinese firms and individuals with interests in Australia and New Zealand.

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