

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **25<sup>th</sup> Annual AustCham Westpac Australia-China Business Awards Finalists Announced**

Shanghai: 12<sup>th</sup> April – The AustCham Westpac Australia-China Business Awards has received over 260 nominations this year. After much deliberation, our judges have determined a shortlist of stellar nominees in each of the eight award categories.

#### **Finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Agriculture, Food & Beverage**

##### **Sponsored by The State Government of Victoria**

1. Bright Food Global Distribution Company Ltd
2. Costa Group Holdings Ltd
3. Simplot Australia Pty Ltd
4. Total Livestock Genetics
5. Treasury Wine Estates
6. Wines by Geoff Hardy

#### **Finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Business Innovation, Creative Industries and the Digital Economy**

##### **Sponsored by The University of Sydney Business School**

1. Alibaba Group (Australia and New Zealand)
2. ANZ Global Services and Operations (Chengdu) Company Limited
3. Digital Crew
4. Mailman Group
5. Port Adelaide Football Club
6. Spinifex Group

#### **Finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Construction, Infrastructure and Natural Resources**

##### **Sponsored by K&L Gates**

1. BlueScope China
2. Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport
3. Group GSA Ltd
4. Lendlease Project Management & Construction (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.
5. Populous Design Pty Ltd

### **Finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Consumer Services**

#### **Sponsored by Austrade**

1. APT
2. Box Hill Institute
3. Camel Hospitality Group
4. JD.com
5. Swisse Wellness Pty Ltd
6. Tennis Australia Ltd

### **Finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Cross-Border Investment**

#### **Sponsored by Blackmores**

1. Australian Capital Equity (China)
2. CSL Ltd (and subsidiary CSL Behring)
3. Fortescue Metals Group
4. Ironfish China
5. K & L Gates LLP
6. PC Locs/LocknCharge

### **Finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Professional and Business Services**

#### **Sponsored by Westpac**

1. CPA Australia
2. FCM Travel Solutions
3. King & Wood Mallesons
4. L.E.K. Consulting Ltd
5. MinterEllison
6. Moelis Australia
7. Think China

### **Finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Small-To-Medium Enterprises**

#### **Sponsored by Australia Post**

1. Australian Education Assessment Services Pty Ltd
2. Elliatt
3. Legend Sportswear
4. Mitchells Equipment Co., Ltd

## **Finalists of The Business Excellence Award for Sustainability, Diversity and Social Responsibility**

### **Sponsored by Meat & Livestock Australia**

1. Blackmores China Co., Ltd
2. Crossroads Foundation Ltd - Good City HK Project
3. Newton Hall - Caulfield Grammar School - Nanjing Campus
4. The Hub Children & Youth Centre Ltd
5. Woods Bagot

"This year's selection of the Finalists has been very tough with so many impressive nominees. It really is true that being a Finalist is in itself being a winner!" said Deborah Biber, Chief Executive of the Pacific Basin Economic Council and Chair of the 2018 ACBA Judging Panel.

Paul Lai, Westpac's Regional Head and Head of Corporate & Institutional Banking Greater China said the calibre of entries continues to climb year on year.

"Given its size and incredible pace of transformation, it's fantastic to see these Australian businesses that have worked hard to get their China strategy right, reaping the rewards and propelling their business forward."

Congratulations to all of the 2018 ACBA Finalists.

Winners of the 2018 ACBAs will be announced at a Gala Dinner in Shanghai on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets are available for sale – visit [www.austcham-acba.com](http://www.austcham-acba.com) for more information.

### **2018 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. 2018 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 over 400 members benefiting thousands of company employees with more than 100 events annually.

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## Westpac in China

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