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Hilton Tokyo Odaiba appoints James Murphy as General Manager of Hilton Tokyo Odaiba



TOKYO, February 26, 2016 – Hilton Tokyo Odaiba is pleased to announce the appointment of James Murphy as its new General Manager, effective February 29^{th.}

Beginning his career in Japan in 1995, James worked for several years in a major Japanese electronics company in global sales and marketing before returning to his native Australia in 2002 to complete an MBA, building on his International Business Relations degree qualifications. He gained a wealth of commercial experience in the tourism and hospitality industry during eight years working in Australia's largest theme park and attraction company, expanding his responsibilities to head all international and domestic B2B sales.

James joined Hilton Worldwide in 2012 as Director of Business Development at Hilton Osaka, being central to the property's three year master plan renovation success. After achieving record results at this key Hilton hotel, his role was expanded to Cluster Director of Business Development of both Hilton Osaka and Hilton Nagoya in July 2015, leading the sales, marketing and revenue functions to deliver strong business results.

With over 20 years of business experience with Japan and fluency in Japanese language, James has an extensive knowledge of Japanese market and practical understanding of Japanese customs and culture.

Speaking of the appointment, Timothy Soper, Vice President of Operations for Japan, Korea and Micronesia, Hilton Worldwide commented, "We are delighted to have James leading the team at the Hilton Tokyo Odaiba applying his extensive commercial background, thorough Japanese language and market knowledge, and strong hospitality skills to ensure the ongoing trading success of this hotel."

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About Hilton Tokyo Odaiba

Hilton Tokyo Odaiba, which opened on October 1, 2015, is the newest of Hilton Worldwide's Hilton-branded hotel in Japan. All of the 453 guest rooms, which include 17 suites with private balconies, offer stunning panoramic views of Tokyo Bay and the iconic Rainbow Bridge. The wide-ranging dining options include Sakura, a classic Japanese restaurant; Ocean Dining, which serves excellent Mediterranean cuisine; and Taronga, offering flame-grilled beef and alfresco dining with a great selection of wine. Guests can also dine at Veranda, the perfect place to take in a scenic Tokyo Bay sunset while enjoying an array of delicate pastries from the iconic Hilton dessert buffet. Moreover, Toh-gu offers Chinese cuisine with the finest seasonal ingredients. For a drink, guests can visit The Captain's Bar, a classic bar with an excellent cocktail and whisky selection. Other amenities include a 1,200 square meter ballroom and events space, a 24-hour business center, two wedding chapels, a fitness club, a spa and an indoor pool with spectacular views of the sea and sky. For further information, please visit http://tokyoodaiba.hilton.com

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