

# Forbes Asia **BEST** UNDER A **BILLION** FORUM & AWARDS DINNER

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On November 21, 2023, some 430 guests gathered in the Forbes Ballroom at the Conrad Manila to attend the Forbes Asia *Best Under A Billion* Forum and Awards Dinner to celebrate the success of companies featured on Forbes Asia's *Best Under A Billion* list.

The annual *Best Under A Billion* list spotlights 200 top-performing publicly listed companies in the Asia-Pacific region with annual sales under US\$1 billion. From a universe of over 20,000 small and mid-sized companies, these 200 *Best Under A Billion* companies have track records of exceptional corporate performance. Using both quantitative and qualitative metrics, the final list of 200 is truly a select group.



Welcome Remarks by Christopher Forbes,  
Vice Chairman, Forbes Media



Welcome Remarks by Teresita Sy-Coson,  
Vice Chairperson, SM Investments Corporation,  
Principal Sponsor of the event



Award recipients, Forbes executives, Speakers and Sponsors of the Forbes Asia *Best Under A Billion* Forum and Awards Dinner

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AWARDS CEREMONY

### THE FASTEST GROWING



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr., Vice Chairperson, SM Investments Corporation; Mohammad Asif Peer, Group CEO, Systems Limited; Christopher Forbes, Vice Chairman, Forbes Media

### BEST OF THE BEST



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; Duc Manh Dao, Export Import Manager, Ducgiang Chemicals Group; Christopher Forbes

### DECADE OF SUCCESS



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; CJ Hsieh, COO, ASPEED Technology; Christopher Forbes



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; Gao Yue Jing, Chairman, Sunresin New Materials; Christopher Forbes



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; Adisak Ruckariyaphong, Chairman of Executive Committee, Sappe; Christopher Forbes



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; Tjandra Karya Hermanto, President Director, Triputra Agro Persada; Christopher Forbes



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; Sudeep Nair, Group CEO & Executive Director, Food Empire; Christopher Forbes



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; Shozo Nakajima, Founder & CTO, Double Standard; Christopher Forbes



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; Monica L Ang, CFO & Treasurer, Eagle Cement Corporation; Christopher Forbes



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; Chan Wai Ming, CEO & Executive Director, Town Ray; Christopher Forbes



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; Koay Lin Lin, CFO, Greatch Technology; Christopher Forbes



L-R Henry T. Sy, Jr.; Peter Love, Corporate Advisor, Byron Energy; Christopher Forbes



Among the highlights of the event were panel discussions featuring successful industry leaders from current and past *Best Under A Billion* companies.

### | SCALING UP |



### | PATH TO EXCELLENCE |



The event provided excellent networking opportunities for all award recipients and guests.





**L-R** **Front Row:** Henry T. Sy, Jr., Vice Chairperson, SM Investments Corporation; Christopher Forbes, Vice Chairman, Forbes Media; Teresita Sy-Coson, Vice Chairperson, SM Investments Corporation; Tony Fernandes, CEO, Capital A  
**Back Row:** Hans T. Sy, Chairman of the Executive Committee, SM Prime Holdings; Vincent Tan, Founder & Advisor, Berjaya Corporation Group of Companies; William Adamopoulos, CEO, Forbes Media Asia; Ernesto Tanmantiong, President & CEO, Jollibee Foods Corporation; Justin Doebele, Editor & VP - Content, Forbes Asia



**L-R** Clement Yang, Group Chairman, Medtecs International; Kyle Borch, Deputy CEO & Director, Micro-Mechanics (Holdings)



**L-R** Manuel Paolo Villar, Vice Chairman of the Board and President & CEO, Vista Land & Lifescapes; Donnie Tantoco, President, Rustan's Commercial Corporation



**L-R** Patama Laowong, Deputy Chairman, Sahamitr Pressure Container; Torn Prachartam, CEO, Thai Optical Group



**L-R** Hans Sy, Jr., President - SMEDD, SM Prime Holdings; William Adamopoulos, CEO, Forbes Media Asia



**L-R** Rahul Batra, Chairman & MD, Beta Drugs; Vivek Partheeban, COO, Caplin Point Laboratories; Christopher Forbes, Vice Chairman, Forbes Media



**L-R** Tandeand Rustandy, Founder & CEO, Arwana Citramulia; William Belo, Founder & Chairman Emeritus, Wilcon Depot



**L-R** Wachara Chinsetawong, CEO, United Paper; Joselito Guyo, GM, QES Technology Philippines; Chew Ne Weng, MD/President, QES Group

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