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## WATG and Wimberly Interiors Launch New Shanghai Office Global Hospitality Design Firm Celebrates 36 Years of Innovation in China

**Shanghai, November 2015** – Visionary design firm WATG and Wimberly Interiors announced the opening of its newest office in Shanghai as part of its strategic global expansion.

In 1979, WATG became the first US firm to be commissioned to design and receive approvals for a hotel in The People's Republic of China. More than three decades later and following numerous built hotels and resorts throughout mainland China, the Shanghai office will allow WATG and Wimberly Interiors to better serve its clients and collaborators throughout the region.

The Shanghai office represents a renewed commitment to hospitality development throughout China, and will provide a platform to connect with Chinese clients who are pursuing and investing in international hospitality projects abroad.

The new office is located in the upscale Jing'an district of Shanghai, amidst soaring skyscrapers that stand alongside glamorous retail, quaint shops and lane houses. WATG and Wimberly Interiors will be joining more than 520 multinational companies in the vibrant city, which is also recognized as the financial centre of China.

"This is an important step in achieving our vision to provide inspired designs with a strong point of view around the world," noted Margaret McMahon, senior vice president and managing director of Wimberly Interiors. Dave Moore, senior vice president and managing director, Singapore of WATG agrees. "Our new office will allow us to continue providing exceptional design to our Chinese and international clients."

WATG and Wimberly Interiors are currently designing several projects throughout China, including the art deco inspired Bellagio Shanghai Bund Hotel and the highly-anticipated Four Seasons Hotel Tianjin, both scheduled to open in 2016.

## **About WATG and Wimberly Interiors**

WATG and Wimberly Interiors are celebrating 70 years of design leadership and innovation in the hospitality industry. The firm is best known for creating internationally-acclaimed destinations in 160 countries. WATG and Wimberly Interiors offer integrated design solutions, including strategy, planning, architecture, urban, interiors and landscape, from studios in Shanghai, Singapore, Honolulu, Seattle, Los Angeles, Irvine, Chicago, Miami, New York, London, Istanbul and Dubai. Explore more at watg.com and wimberlyinteriors.com.

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