



## Media Advisory

### SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB ADDS TWO SINGAPOREANS TO ITS BOARD

**Singapore, 30 June 2021** – SportsHub Pte Ltd (“Singapore Sports Hub”) is pleased to announce the appointment of two Singaporeans to its Board of Directors.

Ms Rita Soh, Managing Director RDC Architects, and Mr Nicholas Fang, Managing Director Black Dot and Black Dot Research, will join the Singapore Sports Hub Board as non-executive independent directors. The appointments are for a two-year term commencing 1 July 2021.

“I am very pleased to welcome Rita and Nicholas to our Board. They are distinguished professionals recognised in their respective fields,” said Bryn Jones, Chairman, Singapore Sports Hub. “They also have an outstanding record of public service, including stints as Nominated Members of Parliament. As Singaporeans, they will add valuable perspectives to Board discussions relating to our stewardship of this national asset. As Board directors, they will help us engage with our diverse set of stakeholders. Overall, this is a very positive move we are making to augment our Board’s diversity and capabilities, and it underscores the consortium’s commitment to the success of the Singapore Sports Hub.”

Since its official opening in 2015, the Singapore Sports Hub has hosted many world-class sporting events, international acts, and community activities that reach a broad cross-segment of Singapore’s population, from children and youth to working adults, seniors, and families.

“I am glad that the management team will be able to tap on Rita and Nicholas as we work towards Project success,” notes Lionel Yeo, Singapore Sports Hub Chief Executive Officer. “Rita has a wealth of experience in helping to develop successful iconic projects in Singapore while Nicholas is a former national athlete who has led national sports bodies and is deeply involved in the sports industry. These qualities and experiences make them ideally suited to contribute to the Singapore Sports Hub.”

On her appointment to the Board, Ms Soh shared, “The Singapore Sports Hub is a significant national icon, and it is a place where all Singaporeans can come together for memorable experiences. I am delighted to join its Board to be part of this exciting project.”

“Sports is one of my passions and I am excited to join the Board to help shape it into an institution which can support the sporting community and drive the sporting culture in Singapore,” said Mr Fang.

#### More about Ms Rita Soh

Ms Rita Soh is Managing Director of RDC Architects Pte Ltd. She has successfully led the design and development of a range of infrastructure projects, locally and overseas. These included projects for the healthcare and hospitality sectors, and a host of residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional developments.

Ms Soh is currently a board member of the Housing & Development Board, President of ARCASIA, and chairs SUTD’s Architecture and Sustainable Design Pillar Advisory Board. She is also a member of the Appeals Board (Land Acquisition), the Mandai Development Committee, HomeTeamNS Infrastructure Development Advisory Panel, and NUS’ Advisory Committee for the School of Design & Environment.

Ms Soh was formerly the President of Singapore Institute of Architects where she was instrumental in establishing a blueprint for the architectural profession in its pursuit of architectural excellence as well as a pro-enterprise approach in architecture. She was a jury member in the Design Evaluation Panels for the new

Subordinate Courts Complex, Integrated Resorts at Marina Bay and Sentosa Island, Gardens by the Bay design competition, Singapore Sports Hub as well as National Art Gallery design competition. Ms Soh had also served as a Nominated Member of Parliament, and on the boards of Sentosa Development Corporation and the Singapore Land Authority.

Ms Soh graduated with honours from the National University of Singapore and holds a Master of Science (Sustainable Building Design) from University of Nottingham (UK).

### **More about Mr Nicholas Fang**

Mr Fang is Founder and Managing Director of Black Dot Pte Ltd and Black Dot Research Pte Ltd. He is concurrently director for security and global affairs at the Singapore Institute of International Affairs.

Mr Fang has over two decades of experience in the media and communications industry having served as a senior correspondent at the Straits Times before joining Channel NewsAsia at Mediacorp as a Business Desk Editor and presenter. He was most recently Deputy Chief Editor of Singapore news at Mediacorp.

Mr Fang is keenly attuned to key issues pertaining to public relations, media management, regional politics and security, and defence. As a Nominated Member of Parliament (2012 – 2015), he focused on issues pertaining to international affairs, media, defence and security, and sports.

A former national athlete, Mr Fang represented Singapore in fencing and triathlon at international games. When he retired from active competition, he continued to champion sports in his own ways, including leading the National Sports Associations for fencing and pentathlon, and serving as Team Singapore's Chef de Mission at the 2015 South-east Asian Games hosted in Singapore.

Mr Fang previously served on the boards of Mercy Relief and Social Innovation Park and was a member of Youth Corps Singapore's advisory committee. He currently chairs an expert panel for strategic communications at Singapore's Ministry of Defence.

Mr Fang holds a Master's in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University.

### **Singapore Sports Hub Board**

With the appointment of Ms Soh and Mr Fang, the Board will comprise nine members. The members are:

1. Bryn Jones (Chairman)
2. Julian Polic
3. Pierre-Eric Saint Andre (Alternate: Franck Lombard)
4. Natalie Craig
5. Brian Rothenberg (Alternate: Michael Ahearn)
6. Robert Newton
7. Rita Soh
8. Nicholas Fang
9. Lionel Yeo (Chief Executive Officer)

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## ABOUT SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

The Singapore Sports Hub is a fully integrated sports, entertainment and lifestyle hub, with programming that comprises world-class recreational and competitive events, as well as community events, to serve children, youth, working adults, seniors, families, and less privileged population segments in Singapore and tourism sectors. Consisting of a unique cluster development of world-class sports facilities within the city, it plays a critical role in accelerating the development of Singapore's sports industry, excellence and participation. Its vision is to be the region's premier sports, entertainment and lifestyle destination.

Located on a 35-hectare site in Kallang, the Singapore Sports Hub includes the following facilities:

- A new 55,000-capacity National Stadium with a retractable roof and movable tiered seating
- The iconic Singapore Indoor Stadium
- A 6,000-capacity OCBC Aquatic Centre that meets FINA standards
- A 3,000-capacity OCBC Arena which is scalable and flexible in layout
- Water Sports Centre featuring kayaking and canoeing
- 41,000 sqm Kallang Wave Mall, including indoor climbing wall and Splash-N-Surf facility (Kids Waterpark, Stingray and Lazy River)
- 100PLUS Promenade that encircles the National Stadium
- Singapore Youth Olympic Museum & Singapore Sports Museum
- Sports Hub Library
- Shimano Cycling World
- Daily community facilities and activities, including beach volleyball, hard courts (futsal, basketball and netball) lawn bowls, giant chess, skate park and running & cycling paths.

The Singapore Sports Hub, which is managed by SportsHub Pte Ltd, is one of the largest sporting Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects in the world. It is also Singapore's largest flagship PPP project of this nature and has won the Project Finance International (PFI) award in London in 2011, World Architecture Festival Awards for Best Future Project in the leisure-led development category in 2013 and Sports Building of the Year in 2014.

For more information, please visit the Singapore Sports Hub:

- Website: [www.sportshub.com.sg](http://www.sportshub.com.sg)
- Facebook: [sporesportshub](https://www.facebook.com/sporesportshub)
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