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ORANGE FIZZ CROWNED CHAMPIONS AT THE SHANGHAI TANG WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL POLO TOURNAMENT 2011 5 – 9 October 2011 SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

Singapore, 9 October 2011 – Team Orange Fizz was victorious at the Shanghai Tang Women's International Polo Tournament 2011, defeating Team Absolut by the score of 6 – 5 in the 4-chukka final. Both teams advanced to the final after four exciting days of round-robin play in this international competition which was sanctioned by the Women's Championship Tournament (WCT) organization as a qualifier for the WCT Finals in April 2012.

Team captain, Sunny Hale (USA; 5-goal handicap) performed extremely well in the final, scoring a total of five goals for Team Orange Fizz. Kirsty Hawkins (New Zealand; 1-goal handicap), Isabelle Larenaudie (0-goal handicap) and Melissa Ko (-2 goal handicap) completed the winning quartet and all played a strong supporting role for Team Orange Fizz.

The tournament final was played at an intense pace on the wet, heavy grounds at the Singapore Polo Club. The score at the end of the fourth chukka was tied at 5-5, but Sunny Hale from Team Orange Fizz executed an impressive penalty shot that was awarded at the sound of the final bell to win the title in a thrilling and fitting conclusion to the tournament. Team Las Bonitas defeated Team White Magic 3 - 2 for 3rd place in this international tournament.

Sunny Hale, the team captain from Team Orange Fizz, was presented with the Most Valuable Player award and the Best Playing Polo Pony was awarded to *Tequila*, who is owned by the Singapore Polo Club.

This year, each team was represented by two female foreign professionals; combined with two local female amateur players. Singapore Polo Club General Manager, Torrey J. Dorsey stated, "The Singapore Polo Club is very fortunate and appreciative of the continued support of Shanghai Tang and our new partnership with Ital Auto, the official distributor for Ferrari in Singapore. The Shanghai Tang Women's International Polo Tournament continues to grow in stature and is recognized as a premier women's polo tournament in this region. In addition, our affiliation with the Women's Championship Tournament (WCT) organization makes this tournament the only Asian event on the international calendar for this governing body. The high level of play can certainly be attributed to the participation of the visiting professionals, including Sunny Hale (USA), who was previously the highest handicapped female in the world at 5-goals, Mumy Bellande (Argentina) and Lia Salvo (Argentina). Their talent and professionalism on the field certainly inspired our local amateur players to raise their game! And the final was reflective of this high standard of play; with the winning goal scored at the sound of the final bell!"

The tournament final was attended by some 400 guests, including foreign dignitaries, sponsors, socialites, members and invited guests who gathered for the excitement and glamour of international women's polo. The final commenced with Dr. Amy Khor, Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Mayor of South West Community Development Council, performing the traditional throw-in ceremony with the Club President, Mr. Leon Chu and the Executive Chairman of Shanghai Tang, Mr. Raphael le Masne de Chermont.

The spectators were entertained by the grand entrance of a Ferrari *California*, which lead the two teams to the centre of the field to start the tournament final. Shanghai Tang also presented a beautiful fashion showcase, featuring their 2011 Autumn/Winter collection, '*From China with Love*'. All guests were treated to a generous supply of Veuve Clicquot Rose champagne and canapés from the St. Regis Singapore.

All participating teams received specially designed jerseys and great prizes provided by the title sponsor, Shanghai Tang. A unique Shanghai Tang Silk Shawl and Longevity Enamel Bangle were awarded to Ms. Priscillia Imbar for winning the Best Hat Award. The celebrations continued well into the night with a BBQ and Tournament After-party at field-side.

In addition to Shanghai Tang (Title Sponsor), the Singapore Polo Club would also like to recognize Ital Auto Pte Ltd (Official Automobile), Veuve Clicquot (Official Champagne), The St. Regis Singapore (Official Hotel), Vertu (Official Luxury Mobile) and Cigna International (Official International Healthcare Provider) for their invaluable support of this annual tournament.

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About the Singapore Polo Club

The Singapore Polo Club, established in 1886, strives to promote the sport of polo and equestrian activities in Singapore and beyond. Its history dates back to the colonial period and the Club has always had an illustrious membership. Several members of the British Royal family have at various times played polo at the Club, which is set in lush, tropical grounds on Mount Pleasant Road. Over the years, the Singapore Polo Club has hosted many prestigious polo tournaments, many of which are attended by royalty, dignitaries, socialites and prominent business men and women. The Club hopes to grow the sport of polo and encourage more local Singaporeans to play "The Sport of Kings." This is significant as polo was recognised as a medal sport at the 2007 SEA Games, in Bangkok, Thailand, with Singapore winning a silver medal at this event.

About Shanghai Tang

Since its inception in 1994, Shanghai Tang has been the pioneering luxury lifestyle brand from China. With its mission as the global ambassador of contemporary Chinese Chic, Shanghai Tang interprets Chinese culture and craftsmanship with vibrant sophistication. Offering ready-to-wear for women, men and children, as well as accessories and home ware, Shanghai Tang supports an international network of 40 boutiques in the world's most prestigious shopping districts.

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