

Design and Planning Firm Hart Howerton Opens Shanghai Office

NEW YORK – Hart Howerton, a global design and planning firm, is opening a new office in Shanghai. Together with the firm's offices in New York, San Francisco and London, the Shanghai expansion provides a comprehensive global breadth to the firm's award-winning architecture, planning, landscape architecture and urban design practice.

“Our presence in China will enable us to give clients the high-quality design and outstanding financial results that Hart Howerton projects are known for – even faster and more efficiently,” says David Howerton, Chairman of Hart Howerton.

The opening of Hart Howerton's Shanghai office is a commitment to the Asian market based upon the firm's many years of work with clients in China and throughout the Asian market. Most recently, Hart Howerton is designing Disney's new Resort Hotel in Shanghai.

“As with all of our design and planning work, we approached Disney's Shanghai hotel with the intent to achieve the outstanding architectural design, placemaking and financial results demanded by a world-renowned client,” said Jim Tinson, CEO of Hart Howerton. “Our wide-ranging experience around the globe with award-winning resort, hospitality and community development prepares us for the rigorous Asian market.”

In addition, Hart Howerton will continue its focus on the emerging retirement housing sector, where the firm's ability to produce sensitive, responsive, market-driven communities adds great value.

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Hart Howerton's China office will be led by Charles "Chip" Marshall, who has 25 years experience in all aspects of residential and commercial real estate in both Asia and North America. His proven track record of identifying, leading and developing projects efficiently and profitably, including successful large mixed-use planned communities for Deutsche Bank and HSBC, has led to longstanding relationships with financial institutions, funds, developers and key government agencies throughout China and Southeast Asia.

"I look forward to playing an active role in the Asian expansion of what is already one of the leading design firms in the world," says Mr. Marshall. "Hart Howerton's mantra of Designing Complete Environments resonates with me personally and professionally, and is a welcome contribution to the Asian market."

About Hart Howerton

Hart Howerton is a creative team of architects, land planners, urban designers and landscape architects with an international practice. With offices in London, New York, San Francisco and Shanghai, Hart Howerton handles complex projects throughout the world – "Designing Complete Environments" – from master planning and design in places like the Serengeti and Vail Valley, to building new communities and cities. Hart Howerton's industry-leading approach combines site-appropriate planning and design with economic feasibility, development and marketing savvy, environmental sensitivity and entitlements expertise. Working with leading developers, institutions and landowners, the firm has delivered prominent world-class places that are successful real estate ventures. The firm is currently working in more than 30 countries worldwide. Hart Howerton projects include nine of the top twenty-five resorts on Travel + Leisure's Top 100 Places to Live, 2009, and seven of America's Top 10 Golf Communities, according to Travel + Leisure Golf. Visit www.harthowerton.com for more information.

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