# Sustainability Report 2019



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# **Executive Chairman's Message**

Dear Stakeholders,

I am pleased to present the Sustainability Report of Imperium Crown Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Company" or collectively the "Group") for the financial year ended 30 June 2019 ("FY2019"), which provides information on the economic, environmental and social aspects of our sustainability business and practices. As we expand our footprint overseas, we have continually integrated sustainability practices into our business operations.

We endeavour to operate our Hotel, tourist site and properties in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner, and we strictly comply with local environmental and social regulations.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my gratitude to our clients, business partners and shareholders for their unwavering support. We look forward to your continual support as we strive to develop a more sustainable environment for all.

Sun Bowen
Executive Chairman

# **Organisation Profile**

As a property investment, development and management company, the Group has planted the seeds of investment in the following areas. The Group acquired 60% of Global Entertainment Media Pte Ltd ("GEM") which holds a 50-year operating rights to the Wonder Stone Park (the "WSP"), a park exhibiting naturally occurring stone boulders and rocks of a wide variety of sizes, colour and patterns and which are specifically native to Fei county (a county of Linyi city). The WSP is a mixed-use development and a tourist attraction with a theme park featuring rides and attractions.

As part of the acquisition of a 60% stake in GEM<sup>1</sup>, a hotel (the "Hotel") located strategically within the WSP was also acquired, resulting in the Group having 54% ownership over the Hotel. On 18 February 2019, the Group announced that they had signed a license agreement with the Inzone Hotels & Resorts Group for the Hotel to operate under the "Inzone" brand (the "Brand"). Under this license agreement, Inzone Hotels & Resorts Group has also been appointed to manage the Hotel. The Hotel started operations on 17 September 2019.

Further to the Group's attempt to seek out collaborations with professional business partners, a memorandum of understanding was signed with Sim Leisure Group ("SLG") on 1 September 2018 where SLG will invest and operate a theme park that is designed based on their "ESCAPE" brand of theme park in Penang, Malaysia. The Group and SLG are currently in the final stages of formalising an operating lease agreement which will set out the terms of the cooperation.

The Company also announced the incorporation of Fei County Yin Sheng Real Estate Co., Ltd ("Yin Sheng Real Estate") to spearhead the property development and investment segment. As its maiden project, Yin Sheng Real Estate is holding discussions with potential collaboration partners to jointly undertake the development of the 2 plots of land acquired in WSP, measuring 13,409 square meters and 27,681 square meters respectively. The development plans are in the final stages of being firmed up. Zoned for commercial and mixed-use in the WSP, the Group is confident of the prospects of the development and will continuously review the property market to identify future opportunities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>On 27 September 2018, the Company announced that it had entered into a Sale and Purchase Agreement (the "SPA") with Fortsmith Investments Limited (the "Vendor") to acquire the remaining 40% stake in GEM (the "40% Acquisition"). Under the conditions precedent of the SPA, the Company is required to, amongst other conditions precedent, to obtain the approval of the shareholders of the Company at an extraordinary general meeting to be convened. On 28 March 2019, the Company announced that it had entered into a supplemental agreement with the Vendor to extend the completion date of the 40% Acquisition to 30 September 2019, or such later date as the Company and the Vendor may mutually agree in writing. On 26 September 2019, the Company announced that it had entered into a supplemental agreement with the Vendor to extend the completion date of the 40% Acquisition to 31 March 2020, or such later date as the Company and the Vendor may mutually agree in writing.

# **Our Sustainability Story**

### Sustainable Tourism

The Group is committed to achieving sustainable tourism which makes a low impact on the environment and local culture, while helping to generate future employment for the local community. By conducting impact assessments before commencement of operations, we ensure that resources will be available for future generations.

By achieving sustainable tourism, we maximise the positive contribution of tourism to biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction and the achievement of common goals towards sustainable development, including those related to poverty, inequality and environmental degradation.

The Group is committed to operating sustainably in economic, environmental and social aspects. While the economic landscape for the leisure and hospitality industry remains competitive, we believe that with our strategic business decisions and astute foresight, we will achieve sustainable returns for our stakeholders.

# **Sustainable Property Development**

The Group will work towards prioritising environmental sustainability in our property designs and construction. We strictly comply with environmental and socioeconomic laws and regulations.

## **Sustainability Targets**

We envision to achieve sustainable Hotel operations and endeavour to boost employment for the local community by hiring locals in our operations when we commence operations in the financial year ending 30 June 2020 ("FY2020"). In addition, we incorporated sustainable building designs in the Hotel by installing ecofriendly light-emitting diode ("LED") lights and motion sensor lights.

Below is a summary table of the Group's sustainability performance during FY2019 and targets for FY2020.

Environmental Performance in FY2019			
Segment	FY2019 Target	Performance Update	
Leisure and Hospitality,	Zero incidents of	Achieved <b>zero</b> incidents of	
Property Development	environmental non-compliance	environmental non-compliance	
Environmental Targets for FY2020			
	Minimise energy consumption and emissions		
Leisure and Hospitality	Minimise water consumption		
Leisure and Hospitality	Minimise waste and effluents generation and maximise recycling		
	Minimise food wastage		
Leisure and Hospitality,	y, <b>Zero</b> incidents of environmental non-compliance		
Property Development			
Social Performance in FY2019			
	FY2019 Target	Performance Update	

Group-level	<b>Zero</b> occupational health and safety incidents	Achieved <b>zero</b> fatal workplace safety incidents	
Social Targets for FY2020			
Leisure and Hospitality	Zero hotel guest health and safety incidents		
	Zero food safety incidents		
	Zero occupational health and sa	fety incidents	
Group-level	<b>Zero</b> incidents of socioeconomic non-compliance		
	Achieve 50% of local hires and p	procurement vendors	

### **Awards and Achievements**

The Group has achieved the following awards:

- "AAAA" rating for the Wonder Stone Park by the Shandong Tourism Development Commission (国家级4A级旅游景区), which is testimonial of the quality of the WSP as a tourist attraction.
- 2018 Shandong Province Leading Enterprise for the assimilation of Cultural Tourism within its Tourist Attraction (2018年度山东旅游景区文旅融合先进单位). Consistent with the direction of government of The People's Republic of China to develop its cultural tourism industry, the award signifies a recognition of our assimilation of the unique cultural aspects of our WSP together with that of a tourist attraction.

### **Ethics**

### **Anti-corruption**

GRI 205-1, 205-2, 205-3

The Group takes a strong stand against corrupt practices and strategies, and this value has been communicated to all of our employees, major suppliers and business partners. The Company has formal policies on anti-corruption and our employees are educated on our anti-corruption stance upon induction and reinforced when necessary. Any forms of corruption within the Group will not be tolerated, and will be escalated to the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

There was no reported incident of corruption in respect of FY2019.

### Whistle-blowing Policy

Management has put in place, with the endorsement of the Audit Committee ("AC"), arrangements by which staff of the Group may, in confidence, contact two of the independent directors of the Company, allowing any staff to raise concerns about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting or other matters. The Company has also extended the channel of whistle-blowing to external parties via the Company's website where the email addresses of the Chairman of the AC and another independent director of the Company are available for the raising of potential concerns. The objective for such arrangements is to ensure independent investigation of matters raised and to allow appropriate actions to be taken.

There were no whistle-blowing letters received during FY2019.

### **Governance and Statement of the Board**

The Group's Board of Directors and senior management consider sustainability issues as part of our strategic formulation. To implement our sustainability efforts, a Sustainability Task Force (the "Sustainability Task Force") comprising key management personnel and chaired by the Chief Financial Officer was established in January 2019 to oversee the sustainability performance of the Group as a whole. The Sustainability Task Force will be meeting on an annual basis, with its first meeting scheduled for January 2020.

The Board is responsible for and approves the material economic, environmental and social factors identified by the Sustainability Task Force, and ensures that the factors identified are managed and monitored.

Please refer to the Corporate Governance Report in our Annual Report 2019 for more information on corporate governance practices, precautionary measures and risk management structure.

# **Stakeholder Engagement**

The Group understands that stakeholder engagement is the key to sustainable growth. We determine the material topics based on their materiality to stakeholders. Our stakeholders are groups that have material impact on or are impacted by our operations.

The following table summarises our key stakeholders, engagement platforms and their key concerns:

Stakeholders	Engagement platforms	Issues of concern	Read more in the following sections
Employees	Performance appraisal system	<ul> <li>Remuneration and benefits</li> </ul>	Employee     Retention
Contractors and suppliers	<ul> <li>Assessment of contractors and suppliers</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Environmental compliance</li><li>Social compliance</li></ul>	<ul><li>Environmental Sustainability</li><li>Social Sustainability</li></ul>
Government and regulators	<ul><li>SGX quarterly announcements</li><li>Annual reports</li><li>Ongoing dialogues</li></ul>	Environmental compliance with government agencies	<ul><li>Environmental Sustainability</li><li>Social Sustainability</li></ul>
Community	<ul><li>Community services engagement</li><li>Impact assessment</li></ul>	<ul><li>Environmental impact</li><li>Social development</li></ul>	Social     Sustainability
Shareholders and investors	<ul><li>Annual reports</li><li>Investor relations management</li></ul>	<ul><li>Economic performance</li><li>Anti-corruption</li></ul>	Anti-corruption

# **Reporting Practice**

The Group's FY2019 sustainability report has been produced in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative ("**GRI**") Standards "**Core**" option covering our performance from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. The GRI Standards represent the global best practices for reporting on economic, environmental and social topics. The Company has engaged an external consultant to advise in its preparation of this sustainability report.

The report incorporates the primary components of report content as set out by the SGX's "Comply or Explain" requirements on sustainability reporting under Listing Rule 711B and Practice Note 7F of the Listing Manual Section B: Rules of the Catalist of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

GRI does not require external assurance and it has been assessed by the Group that external assurance is not required as the Group is still laying the foundations for a sustainability reporting framework this year.

This report supplements the Group's Annual Report 2019 and is available online at: <a href="https://www.imperium-crown.com/">https://www.imperium-crown.com/</a>. Detailed section references with GRI Standards can be found on the GRI Standards Content Index page.

Our material topics are identified based on their impact on our internal and external stakeholders, as outlined in the Stakeholders Engagement Section.

Material Topics	Applicable Segment	
ECONOMIC		
GRI 202: Market Presence		
GRI 203: Indirect Economic Impacts	Leisure and Hospitality	
GRI 204: Procurement Practices		
GRI 205: Anti-corruption	Group level	
ENVIRONMENTAL		
GRI 301: Materials		
GRI 302: Energy		
GRI 303: Water	Leisure and Hospitality	
GRI 304: Biodiversity	Leisure and Hospitality	
GRI 305: Emissions		
GRI 306: Effluents and Waste		
GRI 307: Environmental Compliance	Leisure and Hospitality	
·	Property Development	
GRI 308: Supplier Environmental Assessment	Leisure and Hospitality	
SOCIAL		
GRI 401: Employment		
GRI 404: Training and Education	Group level	
GRI 405: Diversity and Equal Opportunity		
GRI 413: Local Communities	Leisure and Hospitality	
GRI 414: Supplier Social Assessment		
GRI 419: Socio-economic compliance	Leisure and Hospitality Property Development	

# 1. Leisure and hospitality

The Group has identified cultural tourism as an area of growth in China. Under the auspices of the Shandong provincial government, tourism has been identified as a major sector for growth. "好客山东" (or "Hospitable Shandong") is one of the highest accolade and branding that aptly describes Shandong province and it ranks highly among provinces in terms of tourist visitor-ship. Blessed with a richness of cultural heritage, the amalgamation of culture and tourism is a natural attraction to visitors within China and from overseas.

The wonder stone garden integrates wonder stones exhibition, garden tour, leisure and entertainment with folk culture. In an effort to preserve and celebrate the culture of this area, we implemented free entry for visitors to explore the theme park. The Hotel commenced operations on 17 September 2019 and our environmental and social performance will be reported in FY2020.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

GRI 301-2, 302-5, 303-2, 303-3, 304-2, 305-5, 306-1, 306-2, 307-1, 308-1, 308-2

Given the nature and locality of the operations of the Hotel in WSP, we are aware that there will be certain environmental impact, such as energy and water wastage, waste generation and effluents discharge. As such, the Group is committed to preserving the surrounding biodiversity and minimising negative environmental impacts of our Hotel and tourism operations. We conduct in-house environmental impact assessments on an annual basis to identify the anticipated effects of our operations on the environment to mitigate the environmental risks of our operations through optimised management and operations.

We aim to implement sustainable practices and features at the Hotel, such as purchasing environmentally-friendly products and recycling hotel supplies wherever possible to reduce waste generation. Our Hotel uses solar energy to power its operations, thus reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions from non-renewable sources. In addition, water is sourced from a licensed water supplier instead of being drawn from natural sources of water. This minimises environmental issues such as excessive groundwater extraction and water contamination.

The Hotel has its own wastewater treatment facility to ensure that wastewater is processed in accordance to regulatory requirements before discharge. A licensed waste collector is engaged to manage the disposal of waste. Furthermore, internal guidelines have been implemented to curb wastage and an incentive program is established to motivate waste reduction. The Hotel restaurant also takes into account the number of hotel guests and expected number of diners in the preparation of food to minimise food wastage.

We select our Hotel operator based on their track record and environmental performance to ensure that our Hotel operations will be managed in a sustainable and eco-friendly manner. We also assess the environmental performance of our suppliers on an annual basis in an effort to establish a sustainable supply chain in our Hotel management. We evaluate them based on their energy and water conservation measures, as well as their waste management and recycling practices.

The construction of our Hotel was in strict compliance with local environmental laws and regulations, and there was no reported incident of non-compliance with relevant environmental regulations among our contractors and Hotel operator in FY2019 and up to the date of this report.

### **Social Sustainability**

GRI 202-1, 203-2, 413-1, 414-1, 414-2, 419-1

With the WSP being an upcoming tourist attraction, we envision to contribute to the booming tourism industry in the Shandong province and attract more tourists, thereby boosting the economy in the local community. We endeavour to preserve and promote the site safety, uniqueness and recognition of the WSP as well as the surrounding tourist spots.

Additionally, we believe that the ease of people moving around is important. With the WSP situated within a five-minute drive from the city centre, bus terminal and major expressways, connectivity in the community is going to be enhanced with our presence and infrastructure, via the highways connected to major cities and the soon-to-be completed Fei County High Speed Rail.

Furthermore, we are committed to economic and social development by hiring from the local community to improve social conditions and community development. We also procure from local suppliers wherever possible to support local businesses and the economy. We have achieved the target of 50% local hire and procurement vendors, and we will continue to engage with the local community in our business.

Other than increasing jobs and business opportunities available for the local community, we conduct social impact assessments of our operations and include assessment factors such as local employment and equal opportunities to ensure that negative social impacts on the local community are minimised. We will strive to minimise resource wastage by making responsible, sustainable purchase decisions.

We conduct supplier evaluation on an annual basis to ensure that our contractors and Hotel operator operate in strict compliance with local social and economic laws and regulations. There was no reported incident of social and economic non-compliance in FY2019.

# 2. Property Development

GRI 307-1, 419-1

The Group is committed to being a responsible corporation in the communities we operate in, and we endeavour to deliver safe, efficient, environmentally sustainable and high-quality property developments. We strive to minimise our impact on the environment through conducting environmental impact assessments and achieving strict compliance with local economic, environmental and social regulations.

During FY2019, the Group had no incident of non-compliance with environmental and socio-economic laws and regulations. There were no environment impact assessments required to be made on the Hotel.

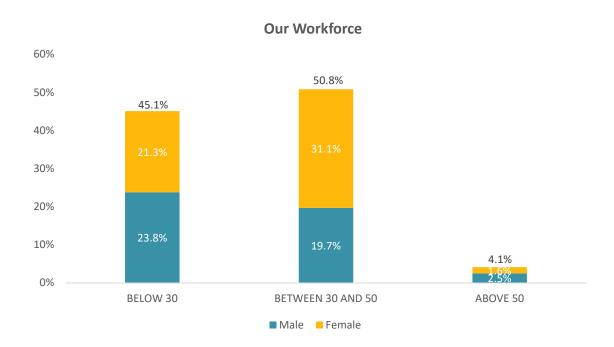
# 3. Our People, Our Assets

The Group endeavours to create an inclusive workplace environment, committed to mutual respect, fairness and equality for all our staff and workers. We provide opportunities for continuous learning and skills improvement for staff development.

## **Workforce Diversity**

GRI 401-1, 405-1

We advocate fair employment and endeavour to achieve a balanced and diversified workforce. As at the end of FY2019, our total staff strength was 122. We hired 111 new staff, equivalent to 1000% new hire rate due to the commencement of Hotel operations.



We are proud of the equal gender representation of our workforce, with our female-to-male ratio being 54:46. We will continue to maintain a diverse and inclusive workforce to ensure equality and productivity in the work place.

### **Employee Retention**

GRI 202-1, 401-2, 401-3, 404-3, 405-2

The Group recognises the valuable contribution of all employees. Our employees are remunerated in compliance with local minimum wage laws. All employees are assessed regularly and remunerated fairly based on their experience, qualifications and performance, regardless of age or gender.

We prioritise the welfare of our employees by granting a range of employee benefits such as medical insurance, healthcare and parental leave. In FY2019, 3 employees took parental leave and 67% of them returned to work after their parental leave ended.

# **SGX Five Primary Components Index**

S/N	Primary Component	Section Reference	
1	Material Topics	<ul><li>Economic, Environmental and Social Topics</li><li>Stakeholder Engagement</li></ul>	
2	Policies, Practices and Performance	<ul> <li>Executive Director's Message</li> <li>Our Sustainability Story</li> <li>Leisure and Hospitality, Property Development</li> </ul>	
3	Board Statement	Governance & Statement of the Board	
4	Targets	Our Sustainability Story	
5	Framework	Reporting Practice	

# **GRI Standards Content Index**

GRI Standards	Disclosure Content	Section Reference
102-1	Name of the organisation	Annual Report 2019
102-2	Activities, brands, products, and services	Annual Report 2019
102-3	Location of headquarters	Annual Report 2019
102-4	Location of operations	Annual Report 2019
102-5	Ownership and legal form	Annual Report 2019
102-6	Markets served	Annual Report 2019
102-7	Scale of the organisation	Annual Report 2019
102-8	Information on employees and other workers	Annual Report 2019
102-9	Supply chain	Annual Report 2019
102-10	Significant changes to the organisation and its supply chain	Annual Report 2019
102-11	Precautionary Principle or approach	Annual Report 2019
102-12	External initiatives	Annual Report 2019
102-13	Membership of associations	Annual Report 2019
102-14	Statement from senior decision-maker	Executive Director's Message
102-15	Key impacts, risks, and opportunities	Executive Director's Message, Our Sustainability Story
102-16	Values, principles, standards, and norms of behaviour	Ethics
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102-40	List of stakeholder groups	Stakeholder Engagement
102-42	Identifying and selecting stakeholders	Stakeholder Engagement
102-43	Approach to stakeholder engagement	Stakeholder Engagement
102-44	Key topics and concerns raised	Stakeholder Engagement
102-46	Defining report content and topic boundaries	Reporting Practice

<b>GRI Standards</b>	Disclosure Content	Section Reference
202-1	Ratios of standard entry level wage by	Social Sustainability
	gender compared to local minimum wage	•
203-2	Significant indirect economic impacts Operations assessed for risks related to	Social Sustainability
205-1	corruption	Anti-corruption
205-2	Communication and training about anti- corruption policies and procedures	Anti-corruption
205-3	Confirmed incidents of corruption and actions taken	Anti-corruption
301-2	Recycled input materials used	Environmental Sustainability
302-5	Reductions in energy requirements of products and services	Environmental Sustainability
303-2	Water sources significantly affected by withdrawal of water	Environmental Sustainability
303-3	Water recycled and reused	Environmental Sustainability
304-2	Significant impacts of activities, products, and services on biodiversity	Environmental Sustainability
305-5	Reduction of GHG emissions	Environmental Sustainability
306-1	Water discharge by quality and destination	Environmental Sustainability
306-2	Waste by type and disposal method	Environmental Sustainability
307-1	Non-compliance with environmental laws and regulations	Environmental Sustainability, Property Development
308-1	New suppliers that were screened using environmental criteria	Environmental Sustainability
308-2	Negative environmental impacts in the supply chain and actions taken	Environmental Sustainability
401-1	New employee hires and employee turnover	Workplace Diversity
401-2	Benefits provided to full time employees that are not provided to temporary or part-time employees	Employee Retention
401-3	Parental leave	Employee Retention
404-3	Percentage of employees receiving regular performance and career development reviews	Employee Retention
405-1	Diversity of governance bodies and employees	Workforce Diversity
405-2	Ratio of basic salary and remuneration of women to men	Employee Retention
413-1	Operations with local community engagement, impact assessments, and development programs	Social Sustainability
414-1	New suppliers that were screened using social criteria	Social Sustainability

<b>GRI Standards</b>	Disclosure Content	Section Reference
414-2	Negative social impacts in the supply chain and actions taken	Social Sustainability
Non-compliance with laws and regulations in the social and economic area		Social Sustainability, Property Development

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