

Jim FITZGIBBON

President, Asia Pacific Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts

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Mr Jim FitzGibbon was appointed President, Asia Pacific, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts in January 1998. He is responsible for the overall management and operations of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts located in Tokyo, Singapore, the Maldives and Bali (2 properties), as well as seven Four Seasons-managed Regent Hotels throughout Asia Pacific. Mr FitzGibbon is based at Four Seasons' regional headquarters in Singapore.

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With more than three decades of international hotel experience, Mr FitzGibbon has held major positions in Amsterdam, London, Canada and the United States. He joined the Four Seasons group in 1976 and since then has had a distinguished career in one of the world's leading luxury hotel management companies.

Mr FitzGibbon's interest in hotels was sparked at an early age. He learnt first-hand about the business through watching and participating in the family owned business in Ireland. It was these early experiences which later led Mr FitzGibbon to devote his energies to a hotel management career.

Before taking up his present position, Mr FitzGibbon spent 10 years in Dallas, Texas where he played an instrumental role in the development of the 400-acre Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas.

The resort, encompassing a 176,000 square foot Sports Club and world-class spa, 20,000 square foot dedicated conference centre, four restaurants, two championship golf courses and the Byron Nelson Golf School, is one of the world's premier destinations for leisure and business travel.

In 1989, Mr FitzGibbon was promoted to Regional Vice President and General Manager. In addition to his Dallas responsibilities, Mr FitzGibbon oversaw the operations of Four Seasons hotels in Houston and Austin, Texas and resorts in Palm Beach, Florida and Nevis, West Indies.

Mr FitzGibbon is an avid horseman and enjoys golf and jogging. A native of Cork, Ireland, Mr FitzGibbon is married to Eileen and they have two daughters, Sarah aged 23 and Caroline aged 21.