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## **Thrilling BASE jumping display to welcome 2012**

*Seven BASE jumpers to perform stunt from the Sands SkyPark at Marina Bay Sands on 1 January 2012*

**Singapore (29 December, 2011)** – This New Year's Day, Marina Bay Sands is thrilled to be chosen as the venue to the largest BASE jumping attempt in Singapore. Seven professional BASE jumpers, hailing from different parts of the world, will participate in this adrenaline pumping display to welcome the New Year.

The jumpers – who have completed about 8,000 successful jumps in total – will be launching off the Observation Deck of the Sands SkyPark in quick succession, landing on the Bayfront Bridge. BASE jumping is an extreme sport activity that employs an initially packed parachute to jump from fixed objects, specifically Buildings, Antennas, Spans (bridges), and Earth (cliffs).

This not-to-be-missed event is free and open to all ages – visitors can witness this first-ever stunt from various vantage points on property including the section of Bayfront Avenue in between the hotel and The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, as well as the outdoor area located on Level 4 of the Sands Expo and Convention Center.

This BASE Jumping stunt and team is put together by Omer Mei-Dan, an orthopedic surgeon from Israel and an extreme sports enthusiast (who is also a professional BASE jumper). Omer successfully executed the world's first climbing race on a building facade to mark Marina Bay Sands' opening celebrations on 23 June 2010. At that time, some 21 professional climbers, representing over 10 countries, scaled the walls of the three hotel towers in the World Championship Climb to the Sands SkyPark.

Professional BASE jumper and wing-suit pilot Jeb Corliss will be one of the fearless individuals participating in this stunt on New Year's Day. With over 12 years of experience and over 1,000 BASE jumps under his belt, Corliss is no stranger to this extreme sport and has launched himself off some of the most famous international structures, including the Jin Miao Tower in Shanghai, The Petronas Towers in Malaysia and the Ostankino Tower in Moscow. In the case of the latter, Jeb was part of the 26-strong group of BASE jumpers which broke the world record for world's largest BASE jumping formation from any structure.

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Corliss says of his next challenge at Marina Bay Sands, "I am so excited to be a part of such special event at such a beautiful location. Marina Bay Sands is an iconic structure that lends itself perfectly to the sport I love so much. "

Corliss will be joined by Stephen Mueller (USA), Anne Helliwell (USA), James Pouchert (USA), Marta Empinotti (Brazil ), Amanda Vicharelli (USA), Tim Mattson (USA) and Brendon Cork (USA). Some of the well-known structures which they have BASE jumped off are: the Eiffel Tower, Seattle's Space Needle, PETRONAS Towers in Malaysia and Christ the Redeemers statue in Rio de Janeiro.

## Temporary stoppage of traffic along Bayfront Avenue

There are two practice jumps on 30 December, Friday and 31 December, Saturday before the final stunt on 1 January 2012, Sunday, subject to proper weather conditions being met at that time. The safety of the jumpers remains as the first and foremost concern to all stakeholders.

**Friday, 30 December 2011: 4.00 pm - 4.10pm**

**Saturday, 31 December 2011: 8.30 am - 8.40am OR 4.00pm - 4.10pm (there will only be 1 jump)**

**Sunday, 1 January 2012: 8.30 am -8.40am OR 4.00pm- 4.10pm (there will only be 1 jump)**

The public is advised to take note of the following temporary stoppage of traffic times along Bayfront Avenue for approximately 10 minutes at the above times.

Affected areas include the section of Bayfront Bridge at the junction of Bayfront Bridge and Raffles Avenue, until the ERP gantry on Bayfront Bridge (see below diagram). Ancillary Police Officers will be deployed for crowd and traffic control during these periods.

## Closure of Sands SkyPark Public Observation Deck

For the execution of the stunt, the Public Observation Deck of the Sands SkyPark will be closed off to public at the following times:

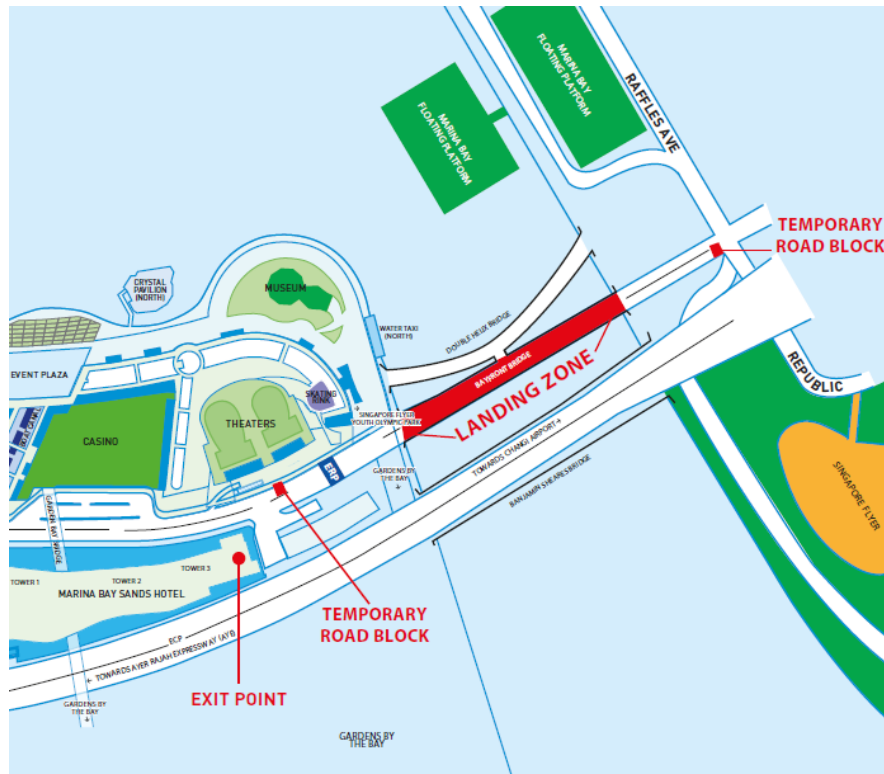
**Friday, 30 December 2011: 3.00pm-5.00pm**

**Saturday, 31 December 2011: 3.00pm-5.00pm (if the jump is taking place at 4pm)**

**Sunday, 1 January 2012: 3.00pm-5.00pm (if the jump is taking place at 4pm)**

The other parts of the SkyPark such as the infinity pool, restaurants and gardens will remain open to hotel guests and the dining public throughout the day.

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