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## **EtonHouse opens International School in Orchard**

**Singapore, October 2017** – The EtonHouse International Education Group will open an international primary, secondary and high school on Tanglin/Orchard Road in March 2018, subject to regulatory approvals.

Located in the heart of town, opposite St. Regis Hotel, the school is the first of its kind in Singapore. The campus with its city centre location will be a modern facility and will cater to both resident and non-resident students. Boarding as an option is also being considered for international students. The school will be boutique in its offering with limited places in every year level. The estimated capacity of the school is 300, subject to regulatory approvals. Given the boutique nature of the school, the application process will be selective.

EtonHouse International School on Orchard Road will offer a cutting-edge curriculum for millennials. Aligning with the outcomes of a 21<sup>st</sup> century education, it will offer a SMART programme focusing on Science, Maths, Art, Research and Technology.

With the IB PYP framework in the Primary Years, the Senior Years will run the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP). The Middle Years' approach will be consistent with the IB's approach to learning and will lead to the IGCSEs in Y11. The students will have access to programmes around entrepreneurship, design thinking, sports science and action adventure, besides a robust music, drama and visual arts programme. The curriculum will also be inspired by the Singapore MOE Chinese and Maths.

The campus will initially open with Primary Y1-6 in March 2018 and Secondary Y7-11 in August 2018. Senior Years Y12 and 13 will open in August 2019.

EtonHouse has been running a primary, secondary programme for more than 2 decades. The EtonHouse campus on Broadrick Road is one of the oldest IB schools in Singapore and offers the IGCSE programme in the secondary years. This will be the first EtonHouse high school campus in Singapore, but not the first for EtonHouse globally. EtonHouse International School in Suzhou, China is a high school offering the IB Diploma programme.

EtonHouse recently started 2 new primary schools in Thomson and Sentosa in addition to the secondary school in Broadrick. EtonHouse also launched Middleton International School in January 2017 offering primary school education at affordable fees. Traditionally the EtonHouse Group has been associated with pre-schools given the number of early years campuses the group has in its fold.

Elaborating on the rationale behind this, Mr Ng Yi Xian, Executive Director of EtonHouse said "There has been growing demand amongst our existing pre-school parents to provide a through train pathway for their children. We also know that our parents value the level of pastoral care and attention to detail that their children receive in our schools. As such, we feel we offer something really unique- a high quality internationally recognised programme in a boutique small school environment. We also understand that affordability is a concern for parents. As such, with more international schools we can benefit from economies of scale and pass on the benefit to parents in the form of fees. We are determined to keep our fees competitive while offering an innovative and modern 21<sup>st</sup> century international school pathway to our students."

The tuition fees will start at \$27,480 per year (inclusive of GST) for the primary years.

The school is currently accepting expressions of interest. The first batch is expected to commence in March 2018 pending approval from the authorities.

To learn more, log on to www.etonhouse.com.sg or e-mail enquiry@etonhouse.edu.sg

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## About EtonHouse

The EtonHouse International Education Group is headquartered in Singapore with more than 100 international schools in 12 countries.

Together these schools provide high quality education to over 12,000 children globally. Over the last 22 years, EtonHouse has been at the forefront of international education offering innovative preschools and K-12 schools across Asia. In the early years, an inquiry based "Inquire-Think-Learn" curriculum, inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach is followed. EtonHouse International Schools offer the highly successful International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme and the IGCSE qualification in the secondary level. The EtonHouse Group has won several accolades for its exemplary practice such as the "Outstanding Leader" and "Outstanding Teacher" awards conferred by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) in Singapore in 2011 and 2012. In 2014, the MSF presented EtonHouse with the "Outstanding Centre for Teaching and Learning" Award and the Early Childhood Innovation Award in 2015. The international IB K-12 school in Suzhou was voted as one of China's best international schools by a research firm based in Washington DC founded by MIT Alumni. The Group also works closely with the Government in Singapore and China. In early 2014, EtonHouse was selected by the MSF in Singapore to be part of the Anchor Operator (AOP) Scheme to launch E-Bridge Pre-School, providing high quality and affordable early childhood services for Singaporean families. EtonHouse schools in Suzhou, Wuxi and Nanjing were started at the invitation of the Jiangsu provincial government. In 2017, the EtonHouse Group launched Middleton International School, an affordable schooling option for expatriate families.

To mark its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing high quality education, EtonHouse launched EtonHouse Community Fund, an independent charity to focus on improving lives of underprivileged children through education under the umbrella 'EtonHouse Gives Back'.

The Group is deeply committed to research and professional development and brought the first Reggio Children conference to Singapore. In 2013, EtonHouse became a member of the Reggio Children International Network and launched REACH (Reggio Emilia in Asia for children), the first organization to represent Reggio Children in Asia and continues to offer high quality professional development opportunities on a regular basis to further enhance its standards of practice.