

FOX Networks Group Asia Receives 9 Nominations in 23rd Asian Television Awards

“The Trading Floor” is nominated for Best Drama Series and Best Actor; National Geographic India’s “Winds of Change”, “India’s Mega Kitchens”, “Masters of Taste with Gary Mehigan” and “Design HQ” also get nods

HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 19, 2018 – FOX Networks Group Asia has clinched nine nominations in the 23rd Asian Television Awards, including top-category nominations for its original Chinese-language miniseries *The Trading Floor*. The popular financial thriller was nominated for Best Drama Series, with lead actors Francis Ng and Chang Hsiao-Chuan both receiving nominations for Best Actor in a Leading Role.

The 23rd Asian Television Awards also recognized four programs belonging to National Geographic India. *Winds of Change*, chronicling the ill-effects of firewood smoke on women in rural and semi-rural India, and the government’s efforts to improve the situation, received nominations for Best Current Affairs Programme and Best Social Awareness Programme. *India’s Mega Kitchens*, which showcases the process and history of India’s iconic kitchens, was nominated for Best Infotainment Programme and Best Editing (by Avinash Bhuwan Chandra). *Masters of Taste with Gary Mehigan & Design HQ Season 2*, which premiered on FOX Life in India, also received nominations for Best Cinematography (Ankit Mhatre) and Best Talk Show respectively.

The Asian Television Awards are a significant event for Asia’s TV industry, recognizing excellence in programming, production and performance. Awards are determined by a panel of 60 judges from around the region, with results tabulated by international auditing firm PricewaterhouseCoopers. The 23rd Asian Television Awards will take place over three days, from 11 - 13 January 2019, at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching.

Speaking to the top-category nods for *The Trading Floor*, Keertan Adyanthaya, Executive Vice President, Content & Communications at FOX Networks Group Asia, said, “Premium original Chinese-language content is now experiencing a boom in Asia Pacific, as audiences continue to fall in love with thrilling stories like *The Trading Floor*. Receiving three top-category nominations in the 23rd Asian Television Awards is fantastic demonstration that our content strategy is on the right path; and we keep on pushing forward to deliver even more award-winning stories which captivate the imaginations of audiences in Asia and beyond. Congratulations to the cast and production crew on these stellar nominations – best of luck!”

Created by FOX Networks Group Asia and produced in partnership with Hong Kong superstar Andy Lau and his Focus TV, along with Tencent Penguin Pictures, *The Trading Floor* follows a team of financial mercenaries who go up against a legendary economist; rocking the Asian financial market in a battle for economic gain and personal vengeance. Its star-studded cast includes award-winning Hong Kong actor Francis Ng and Taiwanese heart-throb Chang Hsiao-



Chuan, along with Yu Nan, Liu Kai Chi, Chan Ka Lok, Poon Chang Leung, Jacky Cai and Jiang Qilin. The series is directed by Wong Kwok Keung.

The five-part series premiered in May 2018; capturing 300 million clicks on Tencent Video and nabbing an 8.3 rating on Douban, and leading SCM to become the No.1 Mandarin movie channel in Singapore. *The Trading Floor* concluded its on-air run on SCM in June 2018. *The Trading Floor* aired simultaneously on Tencent Video and FOX+, FOX's on-demand streaming service, where reruns are now available for viewing in select territories.

While all four of the Indian produced shows have done remarkably well to create buzz and salience with the viewers in the country, *India's Mega kitchens* definitely stands out in terms of creating an impact. The series that showcases the technology, people and process behind some of India's biggest and most iconic kitchens, is the highest rated infotainment series in India.

Keertan Adyanthaya added, "*Winds of Change* and *India's Mega Kitchens* are two fantastic examples of smart, innovative programming that inspires viewers by questioning what we know and how we view the world. We are honored to receive four nominations in the 23rd Asian Television Awards; recognizing the power of our documentary storytelling to both inform and entertain. Thank you to every member of the team for supporting us to achieve these recognitions."

Tune in to rerun episodes of *The Trading Floor* on FOX+. All episodes of *India's Mega Kitchens*, *Design HQ* and *Masters of Taste with Gary Mehigan* are available to view on Hotstar.

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