## THE PENINSULA CHICAGO DEBUTS THE CITY'S ONLY HOTEL SKATING RINK

### The luxury hotel reveals inaugural outdoor skating rink

### overlooking iconic Magnificent Mile, with funds raised benefitting children's charities

The Peninsula Chicago is pleased to announce the debut of the hotel's inaugural skating rink for the 2012 – 2013 winter season on Friday, December 21, 2012. The 2,100 sq ft hybrid rink is the only hotel skating rink in Chicago. Adjacent to Shanghai Terrace and four stories above Michigan Avenue, with views of Chicago's iconic John Hancock building and the "Magnificent Mile," the skating rink is open to hotel, restaurant and spa guests daily through March 3, 2013. Additionally, skaters will help give back to the local community as 100% of the rink's skating fees will be donated to two Chicago children's charities

<u>The Location and Setting</u>: The Terrace is the perfect backdrop for the hotel's skating rink season. Surrounded by Chicago's skyscrapers and twinkling lights, the rink is tucked into a pine tree winter wonderland and bathed in festive music. Skaters can enjoy the rink in a myriad of weather conditions, perched above Chicago's bustling Michigan Avenue.

<u>Warming Winter Beverages and Snacks</u>: The skating rink's outdoor menu features a selection of hot beverages and snacks including Hot Chocolate, Hot Cider, Glühwein (a German warm spiced wine), Warm Pretzels and Warm Spiced Nuts.

<u>Hours of Operation</u>: The Peninsula Chicago's skating rink is open daily, beginning Friday, December 21, 2012, through Sunday, March 3, 2013, including holidays, based on availability. (Note: the skating rink may be closed for private party bookings and prior commitments; it is recommended guests visit the hotel website at www.peninsula.com/chicago or call (1 312) 337 2888.)

#### Hours:

- Monday Thursday: 4:00 pm 9:00 pm
- Friday Saturday: 12:00 pm 9:00 pm
- Sunday: 12:00 pm 8:00 pm

-more-

## THE PENINSULA CHICAGO DEBUTS THE CITY'S ONLY HOTEL SKATING RINK - 2

<u>Fees:</u> Hotel guests, spa and restaurant patrons are invited to experience the skating rink during the same day as their visit. Patrons should present a receipt or room key to gain access. The below fees include use of skates. Personal skates are not permitted due to rink surface requirements. All monies collected will be donated to two Chicago children's charities.

- US\$ 5 per child 12 years and under
- US\$ 10 per adult

The Charities: All monies collected will be donated to two Chicago children's charities:

- <u>Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital</u>: Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago ranks # 9 among only 12 children's hospitals nationwide to qualify for the Honor Roll in the 2012 2013 U.S. News & World Report "Best Children's Hospitals" rankings.
- <u>Hephzibah Children's Association</u>: Hephzibah Children's Association was founded in 1897, and has been providing services for abused and neglected children since that time.

###

## About The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited (HSH)

Incorporated in 1866 and listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (00045), HSH is the holding company of a Group which is engaged in the ownership, development and management of prestigious hotel, commercial and residential properties in key locations in Asia, the United States and Europe, as well as the provision of transport, club management and other services. The hotel portfolio of the Group comprises The Peninsula Hotels in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, New York, Chicago, Beverly Hills, Tokyo, Bangkok, Manila and Paris (opening in 2013). The property portfolio of the Group includes The Repulse Bay Complex, The Peak Tower and The Peak Tramways, St. John's Building, The Landmark in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and the Thai Country Club in Bangkok, Thailand.

For further information, p Ms Susan Ellefson	lease contact:
Director of Public Relations	5
The Peninsula Chicago	
108 East Superior Street	
Chicago, IL 60611	
Telephone:	(1 312) 573 6616
Fax:	(1 312) 573 6612
E-mail:	susanellefson@peninsula.com
Web Site:	www.peninsula.com/chicago
News Room:	www.peninsula.com/chicago_newsroom
Facebook:	www.facebook.com/ThePeninsulaChicago
Twitter:	@ThePeninsulaChi

# THE PENINSULA CHICAGO DEBUTS THE CITY'S ONLY HOTEL SKATING RINK - 3

Visit The Peninsula Hotels' new News Room on <u>www.peninsula.com/newsroom</u> – press releases, images, broadcast quality video, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and more.