



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **AEG OGDEN TO MANAGE TE PAE CHRISTCHURCH**

AEG Ogden, the leading venue management company in the Asia Pacific region, has been selected as the operator for Te Pae Christchurch.

This was announced today by Ōtākaro Limited Chief Executive, John Bridgman.

Te Pae will have capacity to host up to 2,000 delegates for a variety of national and international events. It will feature world-class purpose built facilities including a 1,400 seat auditorium, 3,600 square metres of exhibition space and 24 meeting rooms set on the banks of the Avon River. It will begin hosting events from October 2020.

“Te Pae is over a quarter of the way through construction. Work on the steel framework for the exhibition hall is nearing completion, giving people a greater appreciation of the scale of New Zealand’s second largest conference and exhibition facility,” he said.

Mr. Bridgman said with a network of venues across the Asia Pacific region, including the International Convention Centre Sydney, AEG Ogden had significant experience in delivering world-class events that had people wanting to come back for more.

AEG Ogden Chairman and CEO, Harvey Lister reiterated that the Te Pae would instantly benefit from AEG’s world-class reputation and global connections.

“We intend applying our global expertise to showcase Christchurch’s world-class innovation, techniques, research and best practices in the city’s key industry sectors of Earth Science, Health Science, International Education, Agriculture, ICT and Building Technology.

“Our aim is to attract major conventions which will not only provide a significant economic boost but showcase the exceptional world class talent and skills of the Christchurch and New Zealand communities.”

Mr. Lister said AEG Ogden and AEG Advantage would work “hand in glove” with Ōtākaro to achieve its objectives for both Te Pae and Christchurch.

“The positioning of Te Pae as a boutique, authentic, international standard meeting and events hub will act as a catalyst for the city’s activation by ensuring its complete integration into the city fabric. “This in turn will assist in the regeneration of Christchurch and the Canterbury region and provide an optimal return on investment for the Crown. We are so excited to be involved with this project and our team can’t wait to get started,” Mr. Lister said.

### **About AEG Ogden**

*AEG Ogden is part of AEG Facilities of the United States, a division of AEG, the world’s leading sports and entertainment company.*

*AEG Ogden manages venues throughout the Asia Pacific and Middle East, including Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Cairns Convention Centre, Te Pae Christchurch (opening 2020), Darwin Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre, and ICC Sydney; Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane; and arenas in Brisbane, Sydney, Newcastle, Perth, and Dubai (opening mid-2019). AEG Ogden also part owns National Basketball League (NBL) team, the Sydney Kings, and is progressing the new Brisbane Live arena and entertainment precinct for Brisbane. More information [aegogden.com](http://aegogden.com)*

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