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## Elton Tsang WINS ONE DROP EXTRAVAGANZA AND €11,111,111

*Largest Buy-In Poker Tournament Ever Held Raises €3,111,108 for One Drop Organization*

**Monte Carlo, MONACO – (October 16, 2016)** – In a scene seemingly out of a James Bond movie, poker players donned tuxedos surrounded by would-be Bond girls wearing blue wigs and guitar-playing musicians as festivities kicked off for the final day of the *Big One Invitational* charity poker tournament in the famed 153-year-old *Casino de Monte Carlo* to compete for more than \$25 million in prize money.

When the final hand was dealt, China's Elton Tsang (Canadian born, now living in Hong Kong) became the champion of the 2016 Big One Invitational, walking away with the Richard Mille-designed bracelet and a whopping €11,111,111 – the third-largest prize ever awarded in a poker tournament.

“I was feeling good, feeling comfortable, getting cards, my bluffs were working, getting a good read on the table,” said Tsang afterwards. “It was just going my way. It was going good.”

The third iteration of the Big One for One Drop poker tournament made the move to Monte Carlo, Monaco and became an Invitational event for recreational players.

Twenty-six players took to the felt in the largest buy-in poker tournament ever held – 1,000,000 euros, and at the end of it all, more than €3,000,000 was raised for One Drop, and Tsang walked away with the €11,111,111 top prize and the Richard Mille-designed bracelet for winning the event. Russia's Anatoly Gurtovoy's runner-up finish came with a nice €5,427,781 payday.

A total of 28 entries (two players re-entered) created a massive €24,888,892 prize pool, paying out the top six finishers.

Those collecting prize money were as follows:

- 6<sup>th</sup> place: Andrew Pantling, 33, Canada – €1,500,000
- 5<sup>th</sup> place: Cary Katz, 46, United States -- €1,750,000
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: James Bord, 35, United Kingdom -- €2,100,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Rick Salomon, 47, United States -- €3,000,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Anatoly Gurtovoy, 43, Russia -- €5,427,781
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Elton Tsang, 35, Canadian-born, now living in China -- €11,111,111

For the official hand-for-hand updates of the event, please visit:

<http://www.wsop.com/tournaments/updates.asp?grid=1325&tid=15286&dayof=152863>

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[ONE DROP™](#), one of the world's leading organizations dedicated to sustainable access to safe water, along with Group [Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer](#) and Caesars Interactive Entertainment joined forces at the Casino Monte Carlo in Monaco to put on a five-day fun-filled extravaganza featuring poker, performances and most importantly, philanthropy.

The final tally of charitable contributions from this event will be released in the near future after all events conclude and all proceeds are tabulated.

The WSOP began working with ONE DROP in 2012, creating the Big One for ONE DROP event, the first-ever \$1 million buy-in poker tournament, which included an 11.11% charitable component. Since the WSOP-ONE DROP alliance was formed, more than **\$17,000,000** in proceeds has been raised for ONE DROP via the CIE/WSOP platform.

ONE DROP uses donations to directly implement water access projects, where an average of \$100 can transform someone's life forever.

The contributed funds will be dedicated to ONE DROP water projects in West Africa, India and Central America aimed at providing safe access to water today, and for future generations as well as sustainable income generating opportunities. ONE DROP continues to increase the scale and impact of its work to transform as many lives as possible.

#### **About One Drop**

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