

THE FINAL SHOWDOWN OF THE BULL AND BEAR ?

First, it was Harry Ramsden's, the (British) cockney, fish-and-chip shop, formerly located in the depths of Wanchai, that found the going too difficult for it.

So it, just, closed down -- no fanfare, no goodbyes, just close up the fish-and-chip shop. And, now, it appears to be the turn for The Bull and Bear to take the heat.

The Bull and Bear is an English-looking pub/restaurant, located on the ground floor of Hutchison House, in the Central Business District of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The Bull and Bear was, originally, the concept of the aide-de-camp of the late founder of the Hutchison Group of Companies, Sir Douglas Clague.

Designed and operated, almost exclusively, for the British resident of the HKSAR, mainly, it featured all kinds of pub food, along with many kinds of British beers.

It even sported, in its early days, a fat publican to run the joint.

The whole idea of Mr Bill Chan, Sir Douglas's Number Two, was to create a pub in Hutchison House, the flagship building of the hong, in order to accommodate the needs of the many Brits that surrounded the hong and its management when it was called, Hutchison International Ltd.

Today, Hutchison Whampoa Ltd (Code: 13, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, the new name of the hong), still owns the property, but The Bull and Bear, that is the pub and the name, is owned, almost completely, by Mr David Koo Sai Kwong.

At least, that was the case as at August 13, 2000, according to TOLFIN (TARGET's Computerised On-Line Information System).

The Bull and Bear is, perhaps, the oldest remaining, British-looking pub in the HKSAR.

But its days may well be numbered.

According to its landlord, Hongville Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa Ltd, Bull and Bear Ltd, the owning company of the pub, which operates under this name, owes it the best part of \$HK1 million.

High Court Action Number 1674 of 2001 alleges, inter alia, that The Bull and Bear has not paid rent since January, this year. ... [CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE](#)

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