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## Doppelmayr opens the world's longest tricable gondola lift Record-breaking ropeway to Vietnam's highest mountain

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*Doppelmayr/Garaventa has built a tricable gondola lift which covers over six kilometers on its way to Vietnam's highest mountain and climbs over 1,400 vertical meters during the trip. As a result, the Fansipan Legend 3S lift simultaneously breaks two world records. Le Viet Lam, Chairman of Sun Group, Thomas Pichler, managing director of Doppelmayr, and Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister participated in the official opening ceremony on February 2, 2016.*

At 3,143 m, Mount Fansipan ranks as Vietnam's highest peak and is seen as an important destination for the country's inhabitants. The arduous ascent can take several days as it involves hiking through jungle region with steep terrain in parts. For this reason, the Sun Group invested in a far more comfortable means of getting to the top, which completed its maiden journey on February 2, 2016. The spectacular 3S lift supplied by Doppelmayr/Garaventa provides access to a high plateau near the summit. Now, even less accomplished hikers are able to fulfill their dream of visiting the "Roof of Indochina" once in their lives. During their trip on the 6,326-meter-long ropeway, which barely takes 15 minutes, passengers cover 1,410 vertical meters. This makes the Fansipan Legend 3S lift currently the world's longest tricable ropeway with the greatest vertical rise. Both of these records were confirmed by representatives from Guinness World Records.

The Doppelmayr/Garaventa teams worked with local crews to accomplish a huge feat. Weather and terrain conditions during the two-year construction period were by no means easy. The excellent collaboration between Doppelmayr/Garaventa and the Sun Group is borne out by half a dozen ropeway projects completed to date. The two companies are currently working on two sensational installations in Vietnam: an aerial tramway in Ha Long Bay, and another record-breaking tricable gondola lift on the islands Hòn Thơm and Phú Quốc.

### **The Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group**

The Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group is quality leader in the ropeway sector. An in-depth understanding of customer needs and an ability to deliver solutions with professionalism and precision provide the foundation for the Group's leadership of the world market. As ropeway technology leader, Doppelmayr has achieved many world firsts and set the milestones in modern ropeway engineering. The Group has production sites as well as sales and service subsidiaries in over 35 countries around the globe and to date has completed over 14,600 ropeway systems for customers in over 89 countries.

**Fact box: 30-TGD Fansipan Legend**

<b>Customer</b>	Sun Group
<b>Supplier</b>	Doppelmayr Seilbahnen GmbH
<b>Location</b>	Sapa, Vietnam
<b>Ropeway system</b>	3S lift
<b>Inclined length</b>	6,326 m
<b>Vertical rise</b>	1,410 m
<b>Stations</b>	2
<b>Towers</b>	4
<b>Transport capacity</b>	2,000 passengers per hour and direction
<b>Carrier capacity</b>	30 passengers
<b>Speed</b>	8 m/s (28.8 km/h)
<b>Trip time</b>	14.8 min

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