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Left: Union Berlin's interim head coach Marie-Louise Eta interacts with players on the sidelines of a Bundesliga match against VfL Wolfsburg in Berlin on Saturday. **Right:** Eta issues instructions to midfielder Aljoscha Kemlein during the match. AFP

Eta leading Berlin's men 'no surprise'

Historic appointment illustrates the club's policy of equal development

The appointment of Marie-Louise Eta as interim head coach of Union Berlin's men's Bundesliga side may have captured global headlines, but few inside the ambitious club were surprised.

The rapid rise of Union's women's side, which Eta will coach from the summer, is a direct result of the club prioritizing the team.

While still in the amateur regional leagues, Union took the unusual step of paying players and coaching staff professionally.

Union is putting the finishing touches on a shiny new complex that will become the first training center in European soccer that provides identical facilities for both the club's men's and women's teams.

Despite playing in the second division last season, Union's women's average crowd was 7,190, the

best mark in Germany and behind only Arsenal, Chelsea and Manchester United across Europe.

The crowds have continued to climb this season as Union secured its top-flight status for next year.

Union hosts powerhouse Bayern Munich on Wednesday and the club expects over 10,000 spectators, having opened up additional stands at its 22,000-capacity Stadion An der Alten Forsterei.

'It's about soccer'

A major reason for the support is the club's integration into the community in the eastern Berlin suburb of Kopenick.

The club is a core part of Kopenick's identity, giving rise to the saying: 'We don't go to the soccer, we go to Union.'

Current women's coach Ailien Poese has had a two-decade associ-

Union Berlin interim coach Marie-Louise Eta reacts during a Bundesliga match against VfL Wolfsburg in Berlin on Saturday. AP



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Ailien Poese, Union Berlin's incumbent women's coach on Eta managing the men's side

“For me, it was a bit scary to sign for a second Bundesliga team, but the talks I had with the club and with the women's manager, they were all positive.

“They want to make the women's team equal to the men's team – in financial terms and also in the facilities we get.

“I don't think you see that often in women's soccer, so I think that's a very big plus for me.”

'Logical decision'

Eurlings said Eta's appointment is a reflection Union's values of hard work and merit, while also thinking outside the box.

“It's not one bit of a surprise here in the club or in Kopenick... It doesn't matter what your gender is, do you know a lot about soccer? If you do, then you're the right person for the job.”

Poese said the appointment was “a completely logical decision.”

“She is highly competent, very good technically and very clear in her work and her footballing ideas.”

Union is heavy underdog on Wednesday, but even taking on the German giant is an achievement in itself.

Bayern needs just a point to claim the women's Bundesliga title but Poese said her side would relish its role as “party crasher.”

Eurlings agreed, saying “of course, it's an extra motivation. They think they can become champions on our pitch? Nobody signed up for that.

“They're the best team in the league. But, of course, in soccer, you have 90 minutes, and if we have a good day, we want to be the party crashers.”

ation with Union and has guided the women's side through the ranks to the top flight.

Poese, who will return to the club's academy when Eta takes over, said fans attend both the men's and the women's games “because, ultimately, it's about soccer.”

“I hope it gets established at many clubs, that it's their favorite club and there might be a home game every weekend, one week the women's and the next the men's,” Poese told reporters.

“I'm absolutely delighted with the extra attention and the identification with the women's team.”

Union forward Hannah Eurlings agreed.

“It says a lot about the fans, that they're just in love with the club. And that's so nice to see.”

Eurlings, a Belgian international, signed with Union in the summer and said the club's focus on women's soccer was a key factor in her decision.

NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS NO.1928 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF the property known as Flat D, 18th Floor, Chai Wan Cinema Building No.121 Wan Tsui Road, Hong Kong (the "Property") and

IN THE MATTER OF a sealed Writ of Summons dated 25th October 2012 (Memorial No.12102602060016) which has been withheld by the Land Registrar from registration in the Land Registry against the Property ("the Writ") and

IN THE MATTER OF Sections 17, 19 and Section 20 of the Land Registration Ordinance (Cap. 128) and

IN THE MATTER OF the Inherent Jurisdiction of the Court

Applicant: YAM HAU LING
1st Respondent: IP WING SZE DENISE
2nd Respondent: IP SHING HON ALAN

To: the 1st Respondent, Ip Wing Sze Denise, whose address is unknown to the Applicant; and
the 2nd Respondent, Ip Shing Hon Alan, whose address is unknown to the Applicant

TAKE NOTICE that the above-named Applicant on 24th October 2025 has filed a Notice of Originating Motion in respect of the above miscellaneous proceedings in the High Court, Hong Kong. Pursuant to the said Notice of Originating Motion, the Applicant seeks orders that:

- The Writ be vacated from the Land Registry forthwith;
- The costs of and incidental to this application be paid by the 1st and/or the 2nd Respondents

TAKE NOTICE that the case above mentioned will be heard before Honourable Madam Justice Cheng at court No. 14, 7th Floor, High Court Building, No.38 Queensway, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 10th day of June 2026 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, with estimated length of hearing for 15 minutes. You may attend the hearing in person or be represented by your solicitor or counsel. If you fail to attend, the High Court may make such orders as it deems just and appropriate.

Pursuant to the Order made by Master Dick Ho on 6th January 2026, it was ordered that the Originating Motion and the notice of adjourned hearing be advertised once in Chinese and once in English newspapers published and circulating in Hong Kong. The aforesaid mode of service shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the Originating Motion, the notice of adjourned hearing and the said Order for substitution service on the 1st and 2nd Respondents.

Date: 22nd April 2026

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申請酒牌續期公告
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現特通告：成德豐其地址為九龍土瓜灣宋皇臺道38號傲雲峰地下4號舖，現向酒牌局申請位於九龍土瓜灣宋皇臺道38號傲雲峰地下4號舖農園椰子雞 · 石橄欖雞 · 煲仔飯專門店的酒牌續期。凡反對是項申請者，請於此公告刊登之日起十四天內，將已簽署及申明理由之反對書，寄交九龍深水埗基隆街333號北河街市政大廈4字樓酒牌局秘書收。

日期：2026年4月22日

NOTICE ON APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENCE
Farm Kitchen

Notice is hereby given that SING, TAK FUNG BENJAMIN of SHOP 4, G/F, SKY TOWER, 38 SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON is applying to the Liquor Licensing Board for renewal of the Liquor Licence in respect of Farm Kitchen situated at SHOP 4, G/F, SKY TOWER, 38 SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON. Any person having any objection to this application should send a signed written objection, stating the grounds therefor, to the Secretary, Liquor Licensing Board, 4th Floor, Pei Ho Street Municipal Services Building, 333 Ki Lung Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon within 14 days from the date of this notice.

Date: 22 April, 2026

NOTICE ON APPLICATION FOR NEW ISSUE OF LIQUOR LICENCE
BON APPETIT

Notice is hereby given that SO KAI MING of LOT 421, G/F, 349 MA WAN MAIN STREET VILLAGE NORTH, MA WAN, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES is applying to the Liquor Licensing Board for new issue of Liquor Licence in respect of BON APPETIT situated at LOT 421, G/F, 349 MA WAN MAIN STREET VILLAGE NORTH, MA WAN, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES. Any person having any objection to this application should send a signed written objection, stating the grounds therefor, to the Secretary, Liquor Licensing Board, 4th Floor, Tai Po Complex, No. 8, Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po, New Territories within 14 days from the date of this notice.

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