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LUCA FINARDI APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER OF MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MILAN

Hong Kong, 4 July 2014 – <u>Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group</u> has announced the appointment of Luca Finardi as General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Milan which is scheduled to open in 2015. His appointment is effective from 1 July, 2014.

Mr Finardi has a wealth of experience in the Italian luxury hospitality industry with prior appointments as General Manager of the Royaldemeure Spa Hotels, Hotel Savoy and Villa San Michele in Florence. He joins Mandarin Oriental from Orient Express Hotels where he held the position of General Manager and Area Manager, Sicily at Grand Hotel Timeo & Villa Sant'Andrea in Taormina.

Mr Finardi studied Tourism and graduated from the ITT "Toscanelli", Florence. An Italian national he is also fluent in both English and French.

Commenting on the announcement, Christoph Mares, Executive Vice President and Director of Operations for Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group in Europe, Middle East & Africa said; "Luca's wealth of experience and understanding of this market, make him the ideal candidate to position Mandarin Oriental, Milan as the best hotel in the city".

About Mandarin Oriental, Milan

Designed as a stylish and intimate hotel, featuring 104 guestrooms including 34 suites, Mandarin Oriental, Milan will be housed in the re-development of three elegant 19th Century buildings, ideally located on Via Monte di Pieta, one of Milan's most prestigious addresses. The property provides easy access to the city's important commercial, fashion and cultural centres, and is a short walk from many major tourist and shopping attractions.



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Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from a well-respected Asian hotel company into a global brand, the Group now operates, or has under development, 44 hotels representing close to 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 20 hotels in Asia, ten in The Americas and 14 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 13 Residences at Mandarin Oriental connected to its properties.

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