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## **MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL GROUP ANNOUNCES SENIOR MANAGEMENT CHANGES IN EUROPE**

**Hong Kong, 4 October, 2012** – [Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group](#) has announced that Marco Torriani will retire after 12 years as General Manager at Mandarin Oriental, Geneva effective 31 December 2012.

Mr Torriani retires following a 30 year illustrious career in the luxury hospitality industry in senior hotel management positions around the world. He joined Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group in 2000 when the Group acquired the Rafael Group of hotels, including Hotel du Rhône in Geneva, where Torriani had been General Manager since 1989. During his time at [Mandarin Oriental, Geneva](#), he successfully oversaw the hotel's rebranding and renovation programme as well as the opening of the hotel's "Le Sud Brasserie" and the Michelin starred "Rasoi by Vineet". He has been instrumental in positioning the hotel as one of Switzerland's leading luxury hotels.

Christoph Mares, Executive Vice President and Director of Operations - Europe, Middle East & Africa said, "On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank Marco for his commitment, inspirational leadership and dedication to his guests and colleagues during his time with Mandarin Oriental, Geneva. We wish him well in his retirement and thank him for his contribution over the past 12 years."

Mr Torriani will be succeeded by Lars Wagner with effect from 1 January 2013. Mr Wagner joined the Group in 2007 as General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Munich during which time he oversaw the renovation of the hotel's signature suites and guest facilities. He has successfully raised the profile of Mandarin Oriental, Munich both locally and internationally through his passion, creative management style and commitment to positioning the hotel as the leading luxury hotel in Germany.

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Succeeding Mr Wagner is Wolfgang Greiner who joins [Mandarin Oriental, Munich](#) from his position of Area General Manager for three hotels operated by Schloss Fuschl Betriebe GmbH in Salzburg, Austria. A German national, Mr Greiner brings 20 years of international hotel industry experience from his previous posts in locations including Bermuda, Florida and New York. He holds an MBA from HTW Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft in Chur, Switzerland.

“I am delighted to announce these two appointments. Lars and Wolfgang both bring strong leadership, creativity and innovation to their new roles which will further strengthen the guest experience and competitive positioning of our Geneva and Munich hotels” said Christoph Mares, Executive Vice President and Director of Operations - Europe, Middle East & Africa.

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most prestigious hotels and resorts. The Group now operates, or has under development, 45 hotels representing 11,000 rooms in 28 countries, with 19 hotels in Asia, 13 in The Americas and 13 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates, or has under development, 14 *Residences at Mandarin Oriental* connected to its properties.

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