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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, SAN FRANCISCO WELCOMES NEW GENERAL MANAGER

HONG KONG, 8 November 2012 -- [Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group](#) has announced the appointment of Donald Bowman as General Manager of [Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco](#). His appointment commenced 1 November 2012.

Mr. Bowman first joined Mandarin Oriental in 1997 and has held a variety of hotel management positions within the Group, including at Elbow Beach, Bermuda; Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco; and the former Kahala Mandarin Oriental, Hawaii. Mr. Bowman was also instrumental in the successful launch and positioning of Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas as Hotel Manager from 2008 to 2011. He left the Group in 2011 to take up the role of General Manager opening Ian Schrager's new hotel, PUBLIC Chicago, before moving back to California for his most recent role as General Manager of Carmel Valley Ranch in Carmel, California.

Richard Baker, Executive Vice President, Operations Director, The Americas said, "It is with great pleasure that we welcome Donald back to Mandarin Oriental and to the role of General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco. Donald brings a wealth of experience, having worked with the Group for over 13 years. He has great knowledge of the San Francisco market as well as a deep understanding of Mandarin Oriental's culture. He will indeed prove to be an asset as we reposition the hotel following its extensive renovation and celebrate 25 years of operation in the city."

Mr. Bowman serves as Chief Operating Officer on the board of the Ironheart Group, which supports cardiac charities worldwide through athletic fundraising initiatives. In his downtime, Mr. Bowman is an avid runner having run eight marathons. He also enjoys squash, triathlon, golf, hiking, cooking and adventure travel.

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Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the 158-room [Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco](#) is located in the heart of the city and offers unparalleled panoramic views of the bay and beyond from the top 11 floors of San Francisco's third tallest building, 345 California Center. Having recently completed an extensive refurbishment with the addition of [Brasserie S&P](#) restaurant and bar, and an 8,000 square foot [Spa and Fitness Center](#), the hotel is consistently ranked among the world's top hotels by leading authorities. Features include *CondeNast Traveler* Readers Choice Awards 2012 'Top 25 Hotels in N. California', *Travel + Leisure* 'World's Best Hotels' Awards 2011, *U.S. News & World Report's* 'Hotels in the USA', *Institutional Investor's* 'World's Best Hotels 2011' and is one of *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report's 2011* 'Top 20 City Hotels in the World'.

About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

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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