

MANDARIN ORIENTAL, ATLANTA EMBRACES ITS ORIENTAL ORIGINS WITH AN AUTHENTIC CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Atlanta, January 9, 2013 – With its oriental origins, the new [Mandarin Oriental, Atlanta](#) is hosting an authentic [Chinese New Year celebration](#) to honor the Chinese lunar calendar and usher in the Year of the Snake.

On Thursday, February 7, 2013 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm, guests will enjoy a lively reception style event with festive delicacies, captivating lion dance performances, Asian ribbon dancers and live snake demonstrations by Zoo Atlanta held in the hotel's Oriental Ballroom. The hotel will be elegantly adorned with authentic red and gold lanterns, ornate candles and other traditional Chinese decorations.

The talented Mandarin Oriental culinary team will prepare an array of tantalizing Chinese specialties including *Whole Peking Duck carved to order with Scallion Pancakes and Hoisin Sauce, Gulf Sesame Prawn Toast, Shredded Duck and Vegetable Spring Rolls, Steamed Whole Ginger Crusted Red Snapper, Ginger Soy Marinated Tofu on Fresh Cucumber Slice, Crispy Pork Wonton* and an assortment of dainty dumpling selections.

For the Chinese, this celebration is the most important of the year symbolizing the Earth's new beginning. The Chinese culture utilizes a lunar calendar based on the moon's cycle to create its zodiac signs and twelve animals to represent the twelve signs of the Chinese horoscope. According to the Chinese calendar, the snake represents a zodiac sign that is intelligent and graceful.

True to tradition, rousing lion dance performances will capture the spirit of the season as they skillfully make their way around the hotel to the mighty beat of drums and clashing cymbals – it is said to bring good luck to households and the businesses they visit. All guests will receive a 'red lai see packet' filled with wishes of good health and good fortune.

The cost for the Chinese New Year event is USD 50 per person plus tax and gratuity and includes complimentary valet parking. For more information or to make reservations, please call

(404) 995 7500 or email moatl-restaurants@mohg.com. Mandarin Oriental, Atlanta is located at 3376 Peachtree Road NE.

Housed in an iconic building designed by celebrated American architect Robert A.M. Stern, Mandarin Oriental, Atlanta soars 42 stories above the Atlanta skyline and offers sophisticated, residential elegance in its 127 spacious rooms and suites. The intimate hotel features a blissful 15,000-square foot spa, indoor lap pool, fitness center, extensive meeting and event space, *The Café & Bar* for exquisite dining and *Taipan*, serving specialty cocktails. The sought-after Buckhead location is steps away from the region's top dining, chic designer boutiques and cultural attractions.

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