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# MANDARIN ORIENTAL, ATLANTA INTRODUCES THE 'TWIN PANDA' FAMILY PACKAGE

**Hong Kong, 27 May 2014** – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Atlanta</u> is delighted to launch the *Twin Panda* family package in honor of two of the newest arrivals at <u>Zoo Atlanta</u>. Guests will enjoy a funfilled visit to the zoo and can book an exclusive 'meet and greet' with twin panda cubs Mei Lun and Mei Huan. Last year, the pandas became the first twins born in the United States since 1987. The *Twin Panda* package also includes a panda-themed welcome gift featuring scavenger hunt games at the zoo, panda cookies and a plush panda gift in room.

Valid until 31 December 2014, the *Twin Panda* package starts at USD 605 per night for a twonight stay and includes the following:

- Luxury accommodations in a Family Room or Family Suite
- Daily breakfast for up to four guests
- Four tickets to Zoo Atlanta
- Panda soft toy gift in room
- Little Fan welcome packet
- Panda-shaped shortbread cookies

During their stay, guests may also book the exclusive <u>Panda Wild Encounters</u> program at an additional charge through the hotel concierge. This behind-the-scenes experience provides guests with an up-close-and-personal interaction with Atlanta's cutest twins, Mei Lun and Mei Huan as well as their mother, Lun Lun. Guests booking the program will receive a complimentary one-way transfer to Zoo Atlanta.

Zoo Atlanta is one of only four zoos in the U.S. housing giant pandas and is also home to the cubs' parents, Lun Lun and Yang Yang, who have produced a total of five offspring at the Zoo



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since their arrival in 1999. The twins' older brothers, Mei Lan and Xi Lan, and their older sister, Po, now reside at China's Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

For reservations, please contact the hotel directly on +1 (404) 995 7555, toll free +1 (800) 526 6566; or visit Mandarin Oriental's direct online reservations service at <u>www.mandarinoriental.com</u>.

## About Zoo Atlanta

Founded in 1889 with the purchase of a bankrupt traveling circus, Zoo Atlanta celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014. Viewed as one of the finest zoological parks in the U.S., the Zoo is a proud accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), with a mission to inspire value and preservation of wildlife through a unique mix of education and outdoor family fun. From well-known native wildlife to critically endangered species on the brink of extinction, the Zoo offers memorable close encounters with nearly 1,400 animals from around the world. Highlights include Mei Lun and Mei Huan, the only twin giant pandas in the U.S.; the nation's largest zoological collections of gorillas and orangutans; and a global center of excellence for the care and study of reptiles and amphibians.

Up-close-and-personal experiences include giraffe feeding, permitting guests to hand-feed Earth's tallest living land mammals, and behind-the-scenes Wild Encounters with African elephants, giant pandas, lemurs and Aldabra giant tortoises. The Zoo is open daily with the exceptions of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Keeper talks, interactive wildlife shows, education programs and special events run year-round. For more information, visit zooatlanta.org or call 404.624.WILD.

#### About Mandarin Oriental, Atlanta

Housed in an iconic building designed by celebrated American architect Robert A.M. Stern, <u>Mandarin Oriental, Atlanta</u> soars 42 stories above the Atlanta skyline and offers sophisticated,



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residential elegance in its <u>127 spacious rooms and suites</u>. The intimate hotel features a blissful 15,000-square foot spa, indoor lap pool, fitness center, extensive meeting and event space, <u>*The*</u> <u>*Café & Bar*</u> 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. The hotel is 35 minutes from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and 10 minutes from the DeKalb-Peachtree Airport, which accommodates private aircraft.

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