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## MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BANGKOK: HOME TO LITERARY GREATS

Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok's historical and traditional association with several world-renowned authors has given its management the inspiration to name ten out of its thirty-five suites after the authors who have resided at the hotel.

The **Authors' Wing**, built in 1876, is comprised of four famous suites: **Joseph Conrad**, **Somerset Maugham**, **Noel Coward** and **James Michener**. These are the most in demand suites. The other name suites in the River Wing are **Barbara Cartland**, **Gore Vidal**, **Graham Greene**, **Wilbur Smith**, **John le Carré**, **Jim Thompson**, **Norman Mailer**, **Captain Anderson**, **Kukrit Pramoj**, and the iconic **S. E. A. Write Suite** aptly named after the Southeast Asian Writers' Award Ceremony held annually at the hotel to celebrate the literary aspirations of writers in the ASEAN nations.

Each suite is designed according to the authors' personality within the written page or in real life. For example the Barbara Cartland Suite reflects the femininity of the romance novelist, while the Wilbur Smith Suite is dominated by the African prairies with animal prints decorating the walls.

In 1998 the annual literary festival, the Southeast Asian Writers' Award, celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and had **Norman Mailer**, the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award recipient, as guest speaker. In his honour, Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok decided to name a new suite after him.

Along with the name-suites and twelve junior suites, there are others inspired by nautical themes such as the **Otago Suite** named after Joseph Conrad's ship that sought shelter on the river by the hotel a century ago.

The **Royal Oriental Suite**, with its colonial decor evokes the aura of a turn-of-the-century summer mansion affording a magnificent view of the Chao Phraya River, is the famous suite

that has welcomed the world's leading personalities over the decades. Princes of Wales, Queen of Sweden, the Sultan of Brunei, Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Jackson are a few of the individuals who have called Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok their "home away from home".

Authors' Suites (River Wing):

- Jim Thompson
- Graham Greene
- Captain Anderson
- Norman Mailer
- Barbara Cartland
- John le Carée
- Gore Vidal
- Kukrit Pramoj
- S. E. A. Write
- Wilbur Smith

Deluxe Two-Bedroom Suites (River Wing):

- Otago
- Melita
- Vesatri
- Natuna
- Giorgio Berlingieri

Heritage Authors' Suites (Authors' Wing):

- Joseph Conrad
- Somerset Maugham
- Noel Coward
- James Michener

Other Suites (River Wing):

- Executive Suite
- The Selandia Suite
- The Siam Suite
- The Royal Oriental Suite

Rooms:

- Superior Room (River Wing)
- Premier Room (Garden Wing) – split level
- State Room with balcony (River Wing)



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