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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BANGKOK RESTORES ITS HISTORIC AUTHORS' AND GARDEN WINGS

Hong Kong, 22 February 2016 – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok</u> has completed a comprehensive renovation of the historic Authors' and Garden Wings. Designed to significantly enhance the facilities and services of this award winning hotel, the renovation has restored the historic heart of the property to its original splendour. The project comprised a significant room reconfiguration resulting in the creation of new spacious suites, including a Grand Royal Suite in the Authors' Wing and twelve suites with balconies in the Garden Wing.

The six-bedroom, 600 square metre Grand Royal Suite is Bangkok's grandest presidential suite and occupies the entire first floor of the renowned Authors' Wing, which was the original Oriental Hotel, built in 1876. The suite has private elevator access and incorporates the one-bedroom, 315 square metre Royal Suite and the adjoining 165 square metre Ambassador Suite with two bedrooms, as well as three further separate guest rooms for family and entourage. There is ample stately meeting and hosting spaces, including a spacious formal lounge, a second living room, a study and a dining room for twelve guests with a fully equipped kitchen and a luxurious bar pantry. A beautiful light-filled Victorian-inspired glass conservatory offers further dining for six guests and relaxed lounge seating. The 140-year-old building's restored original open balcony affords stunning vistas over the tropical gardens of the Authors' Wing and the majestic River of Kings.

The new 80 square metre <u>Garden Suites</u>, some with split level layout, all boast floor-toceiling windows overlooking the river and gardens and include a lounge, dining room, pantry, powder room and a balcony. The bedroom features a large marble bathroom with separate bathtub, a walk-in shower, double vanity and a walk-in closet. The suites' contemporary interior design combines the hotel's unique colonial inspired heritage and Thai culture.

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The highly acclaimed <u>Le Normandie</u> French fine dining restaurant has also been rejuvenated with a contemporary interpretation of its original grandeur. The new interior preserves the classic elegance of one of Asia's best loved French restaurants, together with striking new features such as handcrafted chandeliers. A new wine cellar featuring top selections of both Old and New World wines, a customised dessert trolley and Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok's legendary tableside service complete this fine dining experience.

The renowned <u>Authors' Lounge</u> – a favourite destination for afternoon tea, society weddings and elegant events – has been restored to its classic late-nineteenth-century design and has been further extended to flow seamlessly through to the hotel's riverside terrace and gardens via four salons named after famous authors who were guests of the hotel: Joseph Conrad, Somerset Maugham, Noël Coward and James Michener. Here the famed hotel's longstanding affinity with the literary world is exemplified with images of these literary greats juxtaposed with scenes taken at the hotel during those eras, quotations from their books, and in some cases, signed books on display.

In the Garden Wing, four new spa studios offer exclusive world renowned beauty treatments for the first time in Bangkok, including Bastien Gonzalez PEDI:MANI:CURE and QMS Medicosmetics.

"We are delighted to unveil the results of this far-reaching renovation as we celebrate our 140th year of delivering legendary hospitality," said Amanda Hyndman, General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok. "The Authors' and Garden Wings are the heart and soul of this historic property, and this comprehensive renovation has extended Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok's unique urban resort environment, allowing guests to enjoy the extensive river frontage to its fullest," she added.

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The 140th Anniversary Special Offer

Celebrate Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok's 140th Anniversary in 2016 in Oriental style with an exclusive two-night consecutive stay that includes luxurious accommodation with personal butler service, daily buffet breakfast for two at The Verandah, and afternoon tea for two at the historic Authors' Lounge. Guests will also receive Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok's commemorative homemade jam in 140th anniversary packaging to take home. For more information or to make a booking, please email <u>mobkk-reservations@mohg.com</u> or visit <u>www.mandarinoriental.com/bangkok/hotel-offers/</u>

About Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok

Built in 1876 and ideally located on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok has been an inspiration to a host of world-renowned writers from Joseph Conrad, Somerset Maugham to Wilbur Smith and John Le Carre. Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok boasts an international reputation for splendid service, style and grace and facilities including eight restaurants. The hotel's private teakwood shuttle boats provide daily access to the world famous Thai Cooking School, the hotel's Thai restaurant, the award-winning Oriental Spa and Health Centre located across the River; as well as the nearest skytrain station (SaphanTaksin) and River City Shopping Centre.

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