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NEJAT SARP APPOINTED AREA GENERAL MANAGER, TURKEY

Hong Kong, 3 July 2013 – [Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group](#) has announced the appointment of Nejat Sarp as Area General Manager for Turkey with immediate effect. Mr Sarp will be based at [Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum](#) which is scheduled to open in 2014.

In his position, Mr Sarp will manage both the hotel and [The Residences at Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum](#) as well as oversee the development of [Mandarin Oriental, Istanbul](#) which is scheduled to open in 2016.

A seasoned hotelier, Mr Sarp rejoins Mandarin Oriental with over 30 years of senior global hospitality experience in operations and development. He held the position of General Manager at Mandarin Oriental, Singapore from 2000 to 2004. In subsequent years, Mr Sarp gained further hotel management and resort experience in a variety of destinations including the United Arab Emirates, Japan and USA. Most recently, Mr Sarp, under the umbrella of his company LNI Global Service Inc, held the position as Technical Director and Consultant for the Istanbul 2020 Bid Committee for the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Commenting on the appointment, Christoph Mares, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group's Executive Vice President, Operations Director, EMEA and India said: "We are delighted to welcome Nejat back to Mandarin Oriental as Area General Manager for Turkey. He rejoins us with extensive international experience as well as a wealth of knowledge of our brand. This makes Nejat the perfect candidate to position our future Bodrum and Istanbul hotels as two of the finest in the country. "

Mr Sarp is a graduate of Boston University and is a Turkish and Canadian national.

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