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EXCLUSIVE AUCTION EXPERIENCE AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, GENEVA WITH SOTHEBY'S

Hong Kong, 6 April 2017 – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Geneva</u> will host Sotheby's auctions of jewels and watches from May 2017, and is launching an exclusive accommodation package for auction-goers. Held against a suitably dramatic backdrop of the Alps and River Rhône, the prestigious auctions will be held at the hotel for the next five years.

Guests can enjoy VIP access to the auction exhibition rooms and indulge in Mandarin Oriental, Geneva's renowned hospitality by booking the *Sotheby's Exclusive Auction Experience* accommodation package at the hotel. Sotheby's first auctions at Mandarin Oriental, Geneva will be *Important Watches* on 14 May 2017 and *Magnificent Jewels and Noble Jewels* on 16 May 2017. These auctions will be held again during 12 to 15 November, when the accommodation package will also be available.

Sotheby's holds its largest auctions of watches and jewels in Geneva, a city famous for its fine watchmaking. World auction record prices achieved in the past include the largest total ever raised at a jewellery auction and the highest successful bid for a timepiece.

The <u>Sotheby's Exclusive Auction Experience</u> package includes:

- Overnight accommodation in a luxurious room or suite
- Exclusive invitation for two guests to the auction preview at the hotel on the evening of 12 May (not available for November bookings)
- Access to the exhibition rooms from 13 to 16 May and from 12 to 15 November
- VIP reserved seating at the front of the auction room for two guests at either auction
- Buffet breakfast for two guests at Café Calla
- In-room VIP treats



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The package is valid from 11 to 16 May 2017 and 9 to 15 November 2017. Rates start from CHF 880 for a Premier River View Room, and CHF 1250 for a Junior Suite, based on double occupancy.

Room reservations can be made directly with the hotel by phoning +41 (22) 909 00 01, emailing mogva-reservations@moghg.com or visiting the tempting offers page at www.mandarinoriental.com/geneva.

About Sotheby's Geneva

Sotheby's is marking its 40th anniversary in Geneva in 2017, a city where the company has held twice-yearly *Important Watches* and *Magnificent Jewels and Noble Jewels* auctions since 1980. Over the past 20 years, bidders from more than 85 countries have been represented in its Geneva auction rooms, and sales have totalled USD 2.6 billion. In 2017, Sotheby's will celebrate ten years of holding specialist *Noble Jewels* auctions in Geneva.

The Geneva office is a key source of fine and decorative art for Sotheby's flagship auctions in New York, London, and Paris.

About Mandarin Oriental, Geneva

A living example of Swiss hotel tradition at its very best, Mandarin Oriental, Geneva has a superb location on the River Rhône, located within the heart of the city's shopping, historic and business districts. Following an extensive refurbishment, the hotel features 189 elegant and spacious guestrooms and suites, with many suites enjoying private terraces with supreme views of the river, Old Town and snow-capped mountains. Fine dining; unparalleled service and luxury make it the ideal choice for discerning travellers. With its 11 function rooms, which include six elegant conference rooms equipped with the latest technology and offering



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a magnificent view of the Rhône, the Mandarin Oriental, Geneva organises around 1600 events (each hosting up to 500 people) every year, and provides high-end catering with the Mandarin Oriental's legendary standard of service, in a unique setting.

About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from its Asian roots into a global brand, the Group now operates 29 hotels and eight residences in 19 countries and territories, with each property reflecting the Group's oriental heritage and unique sense of place. Mandarin Oriental has a strong pipeline of hotels and residences under development, with the next hotel opening planned in Doha. Mandarin Oriental is a member of the Jardine Matheson Group.

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