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# MANDARIN ORIENTAL'S STAR-STUDDED RESTAURANT LINE UP

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group honoured in the latest 2016 Michelin Guides. The Group currently has 16 Michelin stars in 11 restaurants – more than any other hotel group in the world.

Hong Kong, 23 December 2015 -- Mandarin Oriental hotels have long been renowned for their excellence and innovation in food and beverage, and the Group's passion for creating memorable dining experiences has once again been recognised, with ten restaurants being honoured to date in the 2016 *Michelin Guides*, bringing the current total number of Michelin-starred restaurants in the Group's portfolio to 11 with a total of 16 Michelin stars. This is more than any other hotel group in the world.

Michelin Guide 2016 Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong Pierre -2 stars Mandarin Grill + Bar – 1 star Man Wah – 1 star The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong Amber -2 stars Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo Signature - 1 star Sense -1 star Tapas Molecular Bar – 1 star **Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona** Moments -2 stars Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London Dinner -2 stars Mandarin Oriental, Milan Seta – 1 star



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*Michelin Guide* 2015 (The 2016 guide for France will be published in the first quarter of 2016) **Mandarin Oriental, Paris** Sur Mesure – 2 stars

In Europe, the Group is particularly delighted to announce that <u>Seta</u> at the newly-opened Mandarin Oriental, Milan has been awarded a Michelin star, just four months after opening. Executive Chef Antonio Guida has deep roots in southern Italy's Puglia region and combines his knowledge of this region with influences gained from extensive stays in Tuscany and France. Together with the hotel's passionate culinary team, Seta's menu features dishes prepared with refined techniques designed to enhance the superb quality of the ingredients.

<u>Moments</u> restaurant, at Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona is headed by the renowned chef Carme Ruscalleda and chef Raül Balam and retained its two Michelin star status in the 2016 Spanish *Guía Michelin*.

<u>*Dinner*</u> at Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London where Heston Blumenthal and Executive Chef, Ashley Palmer-Watts, serve historic gastronomy with a 21<sup>st</sup> century twist, also retained its two Michelin star status in the 2016 guide.

*Sur Mesure* at Mandarin Oriental, Paris, under Chef Thierry Marx stewardship, has maintained its two Michelin stars in the 2015 *Michelin Guide*. The 2016 guide for France will be published in the first quarter of 2016.

In Asia, the Group's flagship property, Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong, was again honoured with a total of four Michelin stars awarded to three of its restaurants. <u>*Pierre,*</u> which features the bold cuisine of multi award-winning chef, Pierre Gagnaire, retained its two Michelin star status in the

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2016 guide. <u>Man Wah</u>, the hotel's Cantonese restaurant offering exquisite local and regional specialities retained its one Michelin star. <u>Mandarin Grill + Bar</u>, a Hong Kong dining institution, where artistic Executive Chef Uwe Opocensky serves a modern interpretation of grill classics and the city's finest seafood, also retained its one Michelin star for the seventh consecutive year.

<u>Amber</u> at The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong, also maintained its coveted two Michelin star status. The restaurant features the innovative and exhilarating cuisine of talented Chef Richard Ekkebus.

Finally, three restaurants at Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo retained their Michelin stars in the 2016 guide – the only hotel in the city to once again achieve this particular honour. *Tapas Molecular Bar* where diners can experience the art of molecular cuisine, and *Signature* serving contemporary French cuisine, maintained their single star status. *Sense*, featuring contemporary Cantonese cuisine set against the city's dramatic skyline, also maintained its one-star Michelin status.

"We are truly delighted to once again receive these prestigious accolades, and are particularly honoured that Seta at Mandarin Oriental, Milan has been awarded a Michelin star after just four months of operation," said David Nicholls, the Group's Corporate Director of Food and Beverage. "It reflects the dedication to fine dining excellence that Mandarin Oriental hotels offer around the world."

The Group is committed to offering guests the finest and most exciting dining experiences at all of its hotels worldwide, and continues to appoint both home-grown and globally renowned culinary talent throughout its portfolio.



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### **About The Michelin Guide**

Michelin has been in the business of evaluating and recommending restaurants and hotels for over a century. They employ full-time professional inspectors who anonymously visit restaurants and hotels, and evaluate them on a range of criteria, using an evaluation process that has been honed over time to identify consistently high-quality establishments to suit a range of budgets and across a range of styles and cuisines.

## **About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group**

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from a well-respected Asian hotel company into a global brand, the Group now operates, or has under development, 47 hotels representing 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 21 hotels in Asia, 10 in The Americas and 16 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 17 *Residences at Mandarin Oriental* connected to its properties.

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