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TWO RESTAURANTS AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL HONOURED IN SAN PELLEGRINO 'WORLD'S 50 BEST RESTAURANTS' AWARDS

The only hotel group to have two restaurants listed in the 'Top 50' listing

Hong Kong, 3 May 2013 -- <u>Mandarin Oriental</u> hotels are renowned for creating memorable dining experiences for guests, and this year the Group is delighted to have two Michelin-starred restaurants listed once again in the prestigious San Pellegrino "World's 50 Best Restaurants" Awards – the only hotel group to do so.

<u>Dinner</u> by Heston Blumenthal at Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London headed by Executive Chef, Ashley Palmer-Watts, rose two places from its listing in 2012 to number 7. <u>Amber</u> restaurant at <u>The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong</u>, was voted one of the best restaurants in the world for the third time, and rose to number 36 from its listing of 44 in 2012.

Earlier this year, Amber was also named 'Best Restaurant in China' and listed 4th in the inaugural "Asia's 50 Best Restaurants" Award list. The restaurant has retained its two Michelin star status since 2009.

As well as continuing to oversee culinary operations at The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong, talented chef Richard Ekkebus has been appointed Chef Consultant of <u>Fifty 8° Grill</u> the Group's newest exciting contemporary French dining experience at the recently opened <u>Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai</u>, where, together with talented Chef de Cuisine Jason Oakley, he aims to deliver the best in modern-grill cooking

In Europe, <u>Dinner</u> by Heston Blumenthal at Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London has fast become one of the world's most celebrated restaurants. Blumenthal and Executive Chef, Ashley Palmer-Watts have created a menu that explores Britain's gastronomic past with dishes that are presented with a 21st century twist. The restaurant was awarded its first Michelin star just six months after opening.



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"We are truly delighted to have two restaurants in the San Pellegrino 'World's 50 Best Restaurants' list, said David Nicholls, the Group's Corporate Director of Food and Beverage. "It reflects the dedication of our culinary teams who aim to offer stimulating and exceptional dining experiences for our guests."

The San Pellegrino award panel is made up of 800 highly regarded industry movers and shakers, including foodies, journalists and bloggers and is much prized in the industry.

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