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MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL GROUP ANNOUNCES SENIOR MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Hong Kong, 17 June 2013 – [Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group](http://www.mandarinoriental.com) has announced several senior management changes.

After a long and successful career with Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, **Andrew Hirst**, Operations Director – Asia will retire on 31 July, 2013. During his 25 years with the Group, Mr Hirst has held Manager or General Manager positions in Manila, Macau, Singapore and Hong Kong. In 2006 he was promoted to his current position of Operations Director – Asia and has been instrumental in driving the successful performance of the Group’s Asian portfolio during a time of significant growth and economic turbulence. “Andrew has made an outstanding contribution to our Group during his long tenure, and we wish him all the very best in his retirement,” said Edouard Ettegui, Group Chief Executive.

Richard Baker will assume the role of Executive Vice President, Operations Director – Asia and will move to Hong Kong in July 2013. Mr Baker joined the Group in 2006 and took up his current role of Executive Vice President, Operations Director – The Americas in 2008 where he oversaw the successful launches of Mandarin Oriental hotels in Boston, Las Vegas and Atlanta.

Jan Goessing, currently Area Vice President & General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, New York, will replace Mr Baker as Executive Vice President, Operations Director – The Americas and will be based in the Group’s New York office. Mr Goessing joined the Group in 1994 as Hotel Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong and has subsequently been General Manager of four properties, including Washington, Bangkok and New York.

Susanne Hatje will replace Mr Goessing as General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, New York. Ms Hatje joined MOHG in 2000 and has held General Manager roles in a number of locations, successfully launching Mandarin Oriental, Boston as well as The Landmark Mandarin Oriental,

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Hong Kong. Since April 2012, Ms Hatje has held the position of Group Director of Residences, where she has been responsible for the global operations of all *Residences at Mandarin Oriental* in operation and under development.

In other developments within the Group's senior management, **Christoph Mares** will add the Indian sub-continent to his regional responsibilities, becoming Executive Vice President, Operations Director – EMEA and India.

“At Mandarin Oriental, we constantly strive for the highest levels of excellence across the Group, and I am delighted to have the support and guidance of this dedicated team of professionals as we continue to grow and further establish our brand around the world,” said Edouard Ettegui, Group Chief Executive.

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most prestigious hotels and resorts. The Group now operates, or has under development, 45 hotels representing over 11,000 rooms in 27 countries, with 19 hotels in Asia, 12 in The Americas and 14 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates, or has under development, 14 *Residences at Mandarin Oriental* connected to its properties.

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