

# news release

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## **JONATHAN SHEA JOINS MANDARIN ORIENTAL, GUANGZHOU AS EXECUTIVE CHEF**

**Hong Kong, 11 October 2016** – [Mandarin Oriental, Guangzhou](#) has appointed New Zealander, Jonathan Shea, as its new Executive Chef.

Affectionately known as Chef Jonny by colleagues, Jonathan Shea is no stranger to Asia. Having honed his craft in many kitchens around the world, he has most recently spent time perfecting his skills in Shanghai, Qingdao and Nanjing before coming to Guangzhou.

Jonny is excited to be a part of the team at Mandarin Oriental, Guangzhou. As the new Executive Chef, he will be responsible for the smooth running of kitchens serving the hotel's restaurants and banquets, working with a team of more than 100 staff.

Eager to showcase his creative recipes and present guests with an unparalleled dining experience, Chef Jonny's talents will soon become apparent at the hotel's signature restaurant, Ebony.

"Guangzhou is renowned for being a gourmet haven and I look forward to introducing a different style of dining with a healthy and modern twist," said Chef Jonny, "I am very keen to build on Ebony's reputation as offering one of the best dining experiences in Guangzhou."

[Ebony](#), a casually elegant take on the legendary Mandarin Grill, offers prime cuts and jet-fresh seafood. Its verdant outdoor garden has become a favourite spot for al fresco dining in Guangzhou. For reservations, call + 86 20 3808 8884.

Jonny began his career in hospitality at The Hilton Hotel in Auckland, New Zealand, in 2002. Seven years later he moved on to The Shangri-La Hotel in Vancouver, Canada, where he worked

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with three-Michelin Star Chef, Jean Georges Vongerichten. Prior to joining Mandarin Oriental, Guangzhou, he was the Executive Chef at The Shangri-La Hotel in Nanjing.

A graduate of New Zealand's Auckland University of Technology, Chef Jonny can be found in sports bars watching rugby when he's not whipping up tasty dishes.

### **About Mandarin Oriental, Guangzhou**

Located next to TaiKoo Hui Shopping Centre, each of the hotel's [233 spacious guestrooms, 30 suites](#) and 24 serviced apartments reflect the Group's distinctive elegance and style. Diverse dining choices include [Jiang by Chef Fei](#), one of China's most notable chefs known for his creative flair; a classic grill restaurant, [Ebony](#); [The Taikoo Lounge](#); [The Mandarin Cake Shop](#) and [The Loft](#). [The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Guangzhou](#) offers city dwellers and visitors a rare opportunity for peace and tranquillity with nine private treatment rooms. Top-tier [meetings and function facilities](#) are spacious and equipped with the latest technology, and the hotel's expansive 750 square metre ballroom is the city's premier celebration and events destination.

### **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.

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