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# MANDARIN ORIENTAL, HONG KONG PARTNERS WITH ART BASEL IN OFFERING A SERIES OF ARTISTIC TREATS

**HONG KONG, 14 March 2013** – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong</u> is pleased to announce that it will be the Official Hotel for Art Basel's inaugural show in Hong Kong in May. To celebrate this partnership with Art Basel it will be offering guests a series of bespoke services ranging from an exclusive stay, an art-inspired menu in the Michelin-starred Mandarin Grill + Bar, to art-inspired chocolates and cocktails .

Art Basel in Hong Kong will be held from 23 to 26 May 2013 at the Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Centre, just a short taxi ride away from the hotel. Located in the heart of the city, the iconic Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong, which celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, has become the hotel of choice for many leading artists and gallery directors when visiting the city for either business or pleasure.

#### Art Basel Stay – 20 to 27 May 2013:

Guests can enjoy an exclusive Art Basel package including:

- Overnight accommodation in a luxurious room
- Access for two to Art Basel in Hong Kong, including entrance to the fair, an invitation to the Vernissage on the 22 May, use of the Collectors Lounge, access to all events related to the fair and a complimentary fair catalogue
- Breakfast in the <u>Clipper Lounge</u> or <u>Café Causette</u>
- A welcome bottle of 'R' de Ruinart Champagne
- Art-inspired welcome tasty treat on arrival
- A Hong Kong Eye book

Room rates start at HKD4,899 subject to 10% service charge, per night and subject to availability. Room reservations can be made by contacting the hotel directly on +852 2820 4202, or by visiting the tempting offers page on our website at <u>www.mandarinoriental.com/hongkong</u>.

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### ART Menu in the Michelin-starred Mandarin Grill + Bar – 6 to 26 May 2013

Michelin-starred chef Uwe Opocensky will be offering guests of the <u>Mandarin Grill + Bar</u> a special art-inspired three-course lunch and five-course dinner menu. Creative, inspired and designed to stimulate all the senses, guests will be amazed and delighted as they watch these artistic dishes unfold in front of them. Diners enjoying this special menu will also receive a ticket to Art Basel. For reservations please call +852 2825 4004 or email <u>mohkg-grill@mohg.com</u>. (\* Please note: dinner on 26 May will not include tickets as Art Basel will have ended)

# Art Exhibition in the Clipper Lounge – 6 to 26 May 2013

The <u>Clipper Lounge</u> will become home to Hong Kong Eye art exhibition, showcasing over 20 of Hong Kong's emerging and more established artists. This show curated by both Johnson Chang and Serenella Ciclitira, will highlight the undeniable talent and potential that Hong Kong has to offer the contemporary art world. The hotel's highly creative culinary team will also produce a series of art-inspired cakes for afternoon-tea guests to enjoy.

#### ART Chocolates - 6 to 26 May 2013

The hotel's talented pastry chefs will also be offering a range of art-inspired chocolates. These tasty delights will include a range of chocolate pencils, paint brushes and even chocolate artist palettes. Guests making use of the special Art Basel accommodation package, along with those enjoying afternoon tea in the Clipper Lounge, will be able to sample these, and a selection will be on sale at <u>The Mandarin Cake Shop</u> between 6 and 26 May.

#### ART cocktails in the M bar

Between 6 and 26 May, the fashionable <u>M bar</u>, perched on the 25th floor of the hotel, will offer a series of must-try art-inspired cocktails named after and themed around the various exhibition sectors "Insights", "Discoveries" and "Encounters".

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#### **About Art Basel**

Art Basel stages the world's premier art shows for Modern and contemporary works, sited in Basel, Hong Kong, and Miami Beach. Defined by its host city and region, each show is unique, which is reflected in its participating galleries, artworks presented, and the content of parallel programming produced in collaboration with local institutions for each edition. In addition to ambitious stands featuring leading galleries from around the globe, each show's singular exhibition sectors spotlight the latest developments in the visual arts, offering visitors new ideas, new inspiration and new contacts in the art world. The first edition of Art Basel in Hong Kong, lead sponsor Deutsche Bank, will take place at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC), 23 – 26 May 2013. The 44th edition of Art Basel in Basel, Switzerland, whose main sponsor is UBS, will take place 13 – 16 June 2013. Website: www.artbasel.com

#### About Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong

The iconic <u>Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong</u> is the epitome of contemporary luxury combined with Oriental heritage. Having delighted guests with award-winning service and impressive facilities for *50 fantastic years* in 2013, it is the much-loved address for those seeking an exclusive sanctuary in the heart of this exciting city. The spacious <u>rooms and suites</u> offer magnificent views of the famous Victoria Harbour and city skyline. A collection of ten outstanding <u>restaurants and bars</u>, including two with Michelin stars, and a Shanghainese-inspired <u>holistic spa</u>, indoor pool and 24-hour fitness centre, make Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong the quintessential "home away from home" for discerning leisure and business travellers alike.

#### About Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong's 50 Fantastic Years

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Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong will be celebrating its '50 Fantastic Years' with a host of special promotions to honour this milestone achievement. These year-long offerings will commemorate the famous hotel's 50–year history, as well as initiating the hotel's second 50 years in the heart and hearts of Hong Kong.

During the year, Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong will be introducing a series of special celebratory packages and three celebrity chefs will be welcomed, while Executive Chefs Uwe Opocensky and Pierre Gagnaire add their own artistic twists to a series of 1963 dishes. The Clipper Lounge will be host to an exhibition featuring classic photographs of the hotel, special port and whisky promotions will be offered in The Chinnery, and the Captain's Bar will not be left out of the celebrations either.

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