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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, HONG KONG OFFERS THREE WORLD-CLASS EXHIBITIONS AS OFFICIAL HOTEL PARTNER OF ART BASEL'S HONG KONG SHOW

HONG KONG, 24 February 2015 – [Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong](#) is pleased to announce that, for the third year, it will be the Official Hotel for [Art Basel in Hong Kong](#) this March. To celebrate this partnership with Art Basel, Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong will offer guests a series of bespoke services ranging from an exclusive Art Stay and an art-inspired menu at the Michelin-starred [Mandarin Grill + Bar](#) and, for the first time, [Pierre](#), to art-inspired chocolates and cocktails, and a relaxing treatment to revive the feet after the bustle of the show. The hotel will also host three independent art exhibitions for guests to view unique and diverse works of art.

The Art of Pierre Gagnaire

[UBS](#) is partnering with Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong's award-winning [Pierre](#) restaurant during Art Basel to present a special menu created by Michelin-Star Chef Pierre Gagnaire and inspired by works from the UBS Art Collection, which will be on exhibit in the restaurant for the first time. The seven-course dinner menu, with highlights available during lunch, will be served from Wednesday, 11 March, until Saturday, 21 March, with Chef Gagnaire in residence 11 March to 17 March. This special exhibition will include artworks by MadeIn Company, Lee Ufan, Cy Twombly, and Sigmar Polke, among others. UBS holds one of the world's most important corporate collections of contemporary art with works by the newest talents to some of the most famous artists of the last 50 years. UBS regularly loans works from the collection to museums and public exhibitions.

“I am pleased to welcome such exquisite art pieces to the restaurant. The world of art, in which I include cooking, brings me joy and is a daily inspiration. The entire Pierre team will therefore pay tribute through our menu to the great artists featured during the Art Basel show in Hong Kong,” said Chef Pierre Gagnaire. For reservations, please contact +852 2825 4001 or email mohkg-pierre@mohg.com.



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Aries by Jason Hackenwerth at Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) alumnus and international artist Jason Hackenwerth will exhibit a custom balloon installation at Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong, where his work will be suspended from the hotel lobby ceiling. Students from SCAD Hong Kong will help create the bright, brilliant, and kinetic sculpture—titled *Aries*—that will feature orange, magenta, and pink hues, immersing guests in the gradient glow of the sculptural forms. The giant, whimsical sculpture—created with hundreds of latex balloons—will be on display from Monday, 9 March, to Thursday, 19 March, and best viewed from the [Clipper Lounge](#) restaurant.

Imagined Geographies at The Clipper Lounge

From 9 to 19 March, the [Clipper Lounge](#) will home “Imagined Geographies”. This exclusive exhibition will be curated by Hong Kong-based Gallery EXIT featuring artworks by Chris Huen, Gabriel Leung, Ivy Ma, and Lulu Ngie. Including paintings, photographs, and installations, the nine works on display will present interpretations of landscape. Traditional en plein air painting, Chinese shanshui landscape ink painting, taxonomic photography, and even black and white movies are communicated through morphological and architectural elements. As a result, these landscapes are the manifestation of each artist's imagined geography, encouraging more innovative thinking and inviting imagination. Known as a rendezvous for both social and business meetings in Hong Kong, The Clipper Lounge is available for elegant breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffets, as well as legendary English afternoon high tea. For reservations, please contact +852 2825 4007 or email mohkg-clipperlounge@mohg.com

About Art Basel in Hong Kong

The third edition of [Art Basel in Hong Kong](#) will feature 233 premier galleries from 37 countries and territories from Asia, Europe, the Americas and the rest of the world, and more than 3,000 artists, ranging from young emerging artists to the Modern masters from both Asia and the West from the 20th and 21st centuries. With around 50 percent of galleries having exhibition spaces in Asia and the Asia-Pacific region, Art Basel underlines its commitment to showcasing the best art from the region. The show will include, for the second time, a Film sector, curated by Li Zhenhua, and hosted in collaboration with the Hong Kong Arts Centre. Alexie Glass-Kantor will

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curate Encounters, the sector for large-scale sculptural and installation pieces, for the first time this year. Art Basel in Hong Kong, whose Lead Partner is UBS, will take place from Sunday, 15 March, to Tuesday, 17 March 2015, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

About Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)

[SCAD Hong Kong](#) is the university's newest location, having welcomed its first students in September 2010. The location is situated in the UNESCO award-winning former North Kowloon Magistracy Building, a historic facility completely renovated and adapted by SCAD. SCAD Hong Kong provides unrivaled practical experience and real-world preparation by connecting students directly with prominent global companies via business-sponsored projects and challenging internships. SCAD Hong Kong students have collaborated with leading companies including UBS, HSBC, Ocean Park, Lane Crawford, Disney, Audemars Piguet, Niin, Piquadro, TTI, Shaw Studios, Yves Saint Laurent, CLP Holdings, Ltd, The Grand Cinema, and many more.

About Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong

The iconic [Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong](#) is the epitome of contemporary luxury combined with Oriental heritage. Having delighted guests with award-winning services and impressive facilities for over 50 years, it is a much-loved address for those seeking an exclusive sanctuary in the heart of this exciting city. The hotel's spacious [rooms and suites](#) offer magnificent views of the famous Victoria Harbour and the city's skyline. A collection of 10 outstanding [restaurants and bars](#), including three with Michelin stars, a Shanghainese-inspired [holistic spa](#), an indoor pool and a 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 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, 45 hotels

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representing close to 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 20 hotels in Asia, ten in The Americas and 15 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 15 Residences at Mandarin Oriental connected to its properties.

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Note to Editors:

Jason Hackenwerth's sculptures have been featured prominently in publications including *Art In America*, *Creative Review*, and *The New York Times*. Hackenwerth's installations have also been showcased at many notable galleries and museums around the world such as The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, The Guggenheim Museum, and Art Basel Miami Beach. He received his Master of Fine Arts in painting from SCAD in 2003 and his Bachelor of Fine Arts in printmaking from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1997. An outstanding American university with global locations, [SCAD Hong Kong](#) partners for the first time with the prestigious Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong and continues to be a major player in the local market by offering an unparalleled education to students from around the world.