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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, LAS VEGAS APPOINTS NEW MANAGEMENT AT TWIST BY PIERRE GAGNAIRE

Jerome Astolfi named new General Manager of Forbes Five-Star restaurant

Hong Kong, 1 August 2013 – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas</u> is delighted to announce the appointment of Jerome Astolfi as General Manager at <u>Twist by Pierre Gagnaire</u>. Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas' <u>Forbes Five-Star restaurant</u> is the only restaurant in the United States by the celebrated <u>three-star Michelin chef</u>, Pierre Gagnaire.

"We are delighted to welcome Jerome to the Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas team. He brings with him a wealth of fine dining experience, wine knowledge and local market awareness," said Clifford Atkinson, Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas' General Manager. "I trust his wealth of experience will continue to position Twist as one of the top fine dining destinations in Las Vegas."

Prior to this post, Jerome was Restaurant General Manager at L'atelier de Joel Robuchon at MGM Grand Las Vegas. Jerome Astolfi began working in the hospitality industry at the age of 16, starting at La Ferme, a fine dining restaurant in Aubagne, France. In 1997, Astolfi received an Associate Degree from the Hotel and Restaurant Management Technical College of Marseille Bonneveine. He attended the Superior Institute of Marseille Cadenelle and graduated in 1999 with a BA in International Trade and Business. In San Diego, Astolfi managed and opened a number of the city's finest restaurants, working as General Manager, Sommelier and consultant. Restaurants included Flavor Del Mar & SIP Wine Bar and Market Restaurant & Bar.

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<u>Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas</u> is one of only six triple Forbes Five-Star hotels in the United States and is the only hotel in Las Vegas with Five-Star recognition for the hotel, <u>Twist</u> restaurant and The Spa. A sophisticated sanctuary of modern elegance prominently situated at the entrance of CityCenter, Mandarin Oriental has made its mark as the ultimate urban resort destination in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip. Designed entirely by interior designer Adam D. Tihany and architecture firm Kohn Pedersen Fox, Mandarin Oriental brings to Las Vegas a new standard of style with stunning suites, captivating architectural design, unique restaurant and bar venues, and the legendary hospitality of Mandarin Oriental.

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