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HARRODS ADDS A SWEET FAMILY SPARKLE TO MANDARIN ORIENTAL HYDE PARK, LONDON THIS FESTIVE SEASON

Hong Kong, 4 October 2012 – London's most fashionable address where town meets country, <u>Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London</u>, is celebrating a highly stylish festive season with a unique partnership and package with Harrods, designed to add sparkle to every family Christmas.

The package includes luxurious accommodation with breakfast overlooking Hyde Park, special gifts courtesy of Harrods and renowned London perfumer, Ormonde Jayne, and a VIP family pass to see Father Christmas at the magical Harrods Christmas grotto.

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park's Christmas transformation by Harrods will be unveiled on 26 November 2012. Using a contemporary clay colour scheme with claret red and cream poinsettias, all public areas of the hotel, including the marble Lobby, the Mandarin Bar and Bar Boulud, will be scattered with poinsettia and red berries and a selection of elegant, bespoke baubles to create an enchanting and magical ambiance. A huge Christmas Tree dressed with Nordic inspired decorations will be the centrepiece of this year's stunning display.

Bringing the real magic of Christmas dreams' alive, Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park and Harrods will be paying special attention to children this festive season with a confectionary Christmas Tree. Located on the hotel's lower ground floor in between Bar Boulud and The Spa, taking inspiration from the newly launched Toy Kingdom at Harrods, the Christmas Tree will be decorated with an assortment of hanging handmade sweets and candy-canes, by artisan candy makers Papabubble.

For a Christmas aperitif, adults at the Mandarin Bar will be able to savour the specially created *MO Rumble* seasonal cocktail, priced at GBP16, comprising of dark rum, Pernod, whole star anise, maple syrup, lemon juice and cinnamon. Children can enjoy a festive *Chocolatina*, priced at GBP8.



The Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park and Harrods Christmas experience starts from GBP438 inclusive of VAT per night based on two people sharing and includes:

- One night accommodation
- Full English breakfast in the dining room overlooking Hyde Park
- Christmas Welcome gift on arrival, to include the Harrods 2012 Teddy Bear and a bespoke selection of delicious sweet treats by Papabubble for every child
- One VIP ticket per family (for a maximum of 5 people) to meet Father Christmas at the Harrods Christmas Grotto
- A beautiful Christmas candle by leading London perfumery Ormonde Jayne

As part of the Christmas fairytale, guests are invited to visit the Pappabubble Candy Store on the third floor at Harrods, to watch candy being crafted, a truly theatrical feast of the senses spectacle of smells, sights and tastes.

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park's General Manager Anthony McHale comments; "We are absolutely delighted to be partnering with Harrods to deliver an extra special experience this festive season for our guests, and most importantly for our younger visitors".

Exclusive of VAT and 5% discretionary service charge, valid between 8 December 2012 and 8 January 2013 and is subject to availability. To make your festive reservation please contact our reservations team directly on +44 (0)20 7201 3773 or via email molon-resevations@mohg.com.

About Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London

With bustling Knightsbridge on its doorstep and leafy Hyde Park at its rear, Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park is London's most prestigious address. Blending sumptuous guestrooms with a world-leading spa and a stylish bar, it is the definitive destination for a luxury escape. And with two award-winning restaurants including Bar Boulud, London and Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, the first London restaurant for one of the UK's most renowned chefs, Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park stands at the culinary centre of the capital.



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