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# EXPERIENCE ART BASEL MIAMI BEACH 2015 WITH AN EXHIBITION OF ABSTRACT ART AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MIAMI

**Hong Kong, 2 September 2015** – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Miami</u> and Peruvian gallery <u>MORBO</u> welcome guests to enjoy a special exhibition of contemporary art titled "Pure Abstraction" during the prestigious Art Basel Miami Beach from December 3 to 6, 2015. The exhibition will be launched with a special artist appearance and experimental electric violin performance on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

Making its debut in the hotel's waterfront Peruvian restaurant <u>La Mar by Gastón Acurio</u>, "Pure Abstraction" features artworks by internationally recognized contemporary street artist and award-winning painter Alex Brewer, known as <u>HENSE</u>. The exhibition celebrates the restaurant's vibrant atmosphere and eclectic cuisine with a collection of artworks combining techniques of graffiti and abstract painting. Elegant compositions saturated with bold colors and lively movement will show how HENSE explores the relationship between his experiences in the studio and on the street.

On Thursday, December 3, 2015 from 7pm to 9pm, La Mar will host an evening fusing art, music and technology. Guests will have the opportunity to meet HENSE and discuss his works, followed by an exclusive performance by <u>Pauchi Sasaki</u> of Peru. During Sasaki's performance, she wears a dress of speakers which allows her to mix live violin performance with electronic music through sensors on her hands. A special menu inspired by the art and performance will be presented by La Mar Executive Chef Diego Oka.

Guests staying at Mandarin Oriental, Miami will enjoy rates from USD 699 per night and receive a complimentary Mandarin Oriental Art Book in-room. For more information or reservations, please call +1 (305) 913 8288 or visit www.mandarinoriental.com.



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#### **About HENSE**

Internationally recognized contemporary public artist and award-winning painter Alex Brewer, known as HENSE, has been creating colorful works of art combining techniques of graffiti and abstract painting for nearly two decades. His works in the realm of public arts, grants, commissions, and cross-media connections have landed him local, national, and international public art projects and commissions, including a project with Apple to create a vibrant mural on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach.

# **About MORBO Gallery**

MORBO Gallery, with offices in Lima, Peru and headed by visionary Jules Bay, is an art platform that mainly works in public spaces, searching to generate a dialogue between the street and the viewer. The art leaves the gallery and expands into the public space to be transformed into a democratic experience that interacts with the general public. MORBO aims to emphasize the importance of street art as an essential genre in the international art scene. The gallery's intention is to propose a different art-viewer relationship generating new communication and exhibition channels, linking the traditional and the modern, the established and the transgressional.

### **About Mandarin Oriental, Miami**

Contemporary in design and with a prominent waterfront location, the triple Five-Star <u>Mandarin Oriental, Miami</u> features <u>326 elegant guest rooms and suites</u> – offering dramatic views of the bay and the Miami skyline. Amenities include <u>an award-winning tri-level spa</u>, signature <u>Azul restaurant</u>, the new <u>La Mar by Gaston Acurio restaurant</u>, the waterfront <u>MO Bar + Lounge</u>, <u>Oasis Beach Club</u>, the luxury boutique Shanghai Tang and extensive meeting and business space.



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## **About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group**

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