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LA MAR BY GASTON ACURIO TO OPEN AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MIAMI IN DECEMBER 2013

Hong Kong, 30 August 2013 – Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group has joined forces with celebrity chef Gaston Acurio to open *La Mar by Gaston Acurio* at Mandarin Oriental, Miami in December 2013. The all-day dining restaurant, cebiche and tapas bar will feature Acurio's acclaimed Peruvian cuisine in a sleek, modern setting that includes indoor and outdoor seating with dramatic water views of Biscayne Bay and the Miami skyline. The new restaurant will complement Mandarin Oriental, Miami's Five-Star fine dining restaurant *Azul*.

"We are delighted to announce our partnership with Gaston Acurio," said Jorge Gonzalez, Area Vice President and General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Miami. "The international flair and modern take on fine ingredients found at his restaurants strongly complements Mandarin Oriental, Miami's commitment to providing world-class dining experiences."

La Mar by Gaston Acurio at Mandarin Oriental, Miami will be Chef Acurio's third location in the United States, following his restaurants in San Francisco and Chicago. The cuisine will celebrate the authentic and diverse flavors of Peruvian gastronomy, ranging from upscale novo-Andean fare to Asian-Peruvian fusion and traditional seafood cebiche.

"La Mar restaurants celebrate Peru's rich diversity through the creation of eclectic cuisine," said Chef Gaston Acurio. "Miami's unique blending of cultures and vibrant spirit is an ideal fit for our philosophy. We are excited for the beginning stages of this project and are honored to be working with Mandarin Oriental, Miami."



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With a contemporary new design by Arquitectonica and interiors by Nathan/Pereira Arquitectura, *La Mar by Gaston Acurio* will offer 245 seats with a mix of indoor and outdoor options, exemplifying a clean, modern elegance that turns the spotlight towards exquisite cuisine. Three high-energy bars will provide distinctive culinary experiences and a personal look into the creation of signature cebiches, freshly grilled anticuchos and specialty cocktails. A private table for up to 10 guests will make for the ultimate dining experience.

About Mandarin Oriental, Miami

Contemporary in design and with a prominent waterfront location, the luxurious <u>Mandarin</u> <u>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>, <u>Oasis Beach Club</u>, <u>the luxury boutique Shanghai Tang</u> and extensive meeting and business space.

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