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# MANDARIN ORIENTAL, NEW YORK APPOINTS LEON PELLICER AS FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR

Hong Kong, 3 September 2014 – Mandarin Oriental, New York is delighted to welcome Leon Pellicer as Food & Beverage Director. Pellicer will oversee the food & beverage program at the Five-Star, Five-Diamond luxury hotel, which includes the 90-seat signature restaurant Asiate, casual dining outlets Lobby Lounge and MObar and the 244 rooms and suites as well as 64 Residences at Mandarin Oriental, New York.

Leon Pellicer comes to Mandarin Oriental, New York with more than 15 years of experience in hospitality, most recently as Director of Food & Beverage at St. Regis Princeville, Kauai, Hawaii. Pellicer has held key management positions with St. Regis Hotels & Resorts Worldwide since 2009 including St. Regis Deer Valley and St. Regis Bahia Beach. Previously, Pellicer held positions with Four Seasons Resorts in Hawaii and Mexico. He is a graduate of Universidad del Valle de Atemajac in Puerto Vallarta Mexico and was recently accepted as a Certified Sommelier by The Court of Masters Sommeliers in 2013.

Commenting on Pellicer's appointment, General Manager Susanne Hatje states, "We are delighted to welcome Leon Pellicer as our Director of Food & Beverage. With a diverse background in some of the world's most notable luxury hotels and resorts, we look forward to benefitting from that experience at Mandarin Oriental, New York."

#### **About Mandarin Oriental, New York**

A stunning fusion of modern design with stylish Oriental flair, <u>Mandarin Oriental</u>, <u>New York</u> features <u>244 elegant guestrooms and suites</u> — all with breathtaking views of Manhattan and Five-



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Star hospitality. Luxurious amenities include <u>Asiate</u>, the hotel's elegant restaurant; MObar created by noted interior designer, Tony Chi; the <u>Lobby Lounge</u> with dramatic views of Central Park; a 14,500-square-foot, <u>Five-Star Mandarin Oriental Spa</u>; and a state-of-the-art fitness center with a 75-foot lap pool. In addition, there is premium meeting and event space, including a <u>6,000 square-foot pillar-less ballroom</u> with three walls of windows overlooking Central Park. Located in Columbus Circle's Time Warner Center, Mandarin Oriental, New York is in an idyllic location just steps away from world-class dining, shopping and entertainment, including the Broadway Theater District, Lincoln Center, Central Park, Jazz at Lincoln Center and the Time Warner Center's collection of upscale retail shops and restaurants.

### **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, 44 hotels representing close to 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 20 hotels in Asia, ten in The Americas and 14 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 13 Residences at Mandarin Oriental connected to its properties.

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