

news release

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, PARIS WELCOMES MES'LALLA CHEF, MERYEM CHERKAOUI, FOR AN EXCLUSIVE MOROCCAN GASTRONOMIC WEEK

Hong Kong, 2 November 2015 – [Mandarin Oriental, Paris](#) and Executive Chef, [Thierry Marx](#), will welcome Meryem Cherkaoui for an exclusive Moroccan gastronomic week from 23 to 29 November 2015. As head of [Mes'Lalla](#) restaurant at [Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech](#), Chef Cherkaoui is renowned for her contemporary reinterpretation of Moroccan classics.

To celebrate Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech opening on 3 October, Meryem Cherkaoui will create a special menu inspired by the richness and diversity of Moroccan cuisine, including its street-food, for [Camelia](#), the all-day restaurant at Mandarin Oriental, Paris.

The menu for the *Meryem Cherkaoui at restaurant Camelia* week includes *Mes'Lalla* specialties such as 'Marinated seasoned prawns with tomato zaalouk served on top of a Moroccan pan-fried flat bread, and assorted vegetables', and 'Barley berkoukech with cracked Mes'Lalla olives and squid cannelloni stuffed with smoked aubergine, and sweet and sour confit'. Desserts include 'Pastilla with hazelnut praliné and mildly spiced pear pearls,' and 'Orange blossom savarin rum cake, preserved tangerine jelly and chestnut cream'.

The 5-course dinner tasting menu is priced EUR 88. A la Carte dishes are offered for lunch and dinner, except lunch on 28 and 29 November, when Camelia will offer Moroccan dishes for the brunch priced EUR 88.

Born in Rabat, Chef Cherkaoui studied at L'Institut Paul Bocuse cookery school in France, before continuing her training at such prestigious institutions as Hôtel Majestic in Cannes and Hôtel de Crillon in Paris. Returning to Morocco in 2002, Meryem Cherkaoui opened her own restaurant, La Maison du Gourmet, in Casablanca, which rapidly became famous for combining French techniques with local flavours.

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In 2009, Cherkaoui received the Entrepreneur Spirit Bocuse & Co trophy and was inducted into Maitres Cuisiniers de France. Participating in French TV shows, including MasterChef, Meryem Cherkaoui has conducted cooking events across the world, and, in 2010, created the Saveurs des Chefs workshops to pass on her expertise to other cooks. Always in search of exceptional, new, local products, Cherkaoui has helped create Dima Terroir Maroc, a fair trade body that supports women's cooperatives. At *Mes'Lalla*, Chef Cherkaoui offers a restaurant in her image – welcoming and generous.

For restaurant information and reservations, please call +33 70 98 74 00 or email mopar-restauration@mohg.com. Room rates from EUR 975 for one night in Deluxe Room. For room reservations, please visit www.mandarinoriental.com/paris/ or contact the reservations office at Mandarin Oriental, Paris on +33 1 7098 7333 or email mopar-reservations@mohg.com.

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