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#### MANDARIN ORIENTAL, PARIS AWARDED "PALACE" STATUS

**Hong Kong, 11 July 2014 -** <u>Mandarin Oriental, Paris</u> is delighted to announce it has been granted an official "Palace Distinction" by *Atout France*, the French Agency for Tourism Development. The hotel's team is very honoured to receive this new and prestigious rating that celebrates the exceptional quality of services and comfort offered to guests.

Established by the French minister of tourism in November 2010, the "Palace" accolade is only provided to the best five-star hotels that fulfil certain stringent criteria and embody French standards of excellence, therefore enhancing the image of France throughout the world.

Mandarin Oriental, Paris is now one of only eight French luxury properties in the city that has received this unique title. Since opening three years ago, Mandarin Oriental, Paris has received an impressive number of prestigious global and local awards, highlighting its position as one of the most exclusive luxury hotels in Paris. The hotel is also currently listed as Number 2 amongst the city's best hotels on Trip Advisor, the world's largest travel review site.

Some of the world's most influential travel and lifestyle magazines have recognized Mandarin Oriental Paris as a key luxury destination. *Wallpaper* named it "Best Business Hotel" in 2011; *Robb Report* highlighted Mandarin Oriental, Paris as "Best of the Best 2012"; *National Geographic Traveler* magazine named it as one of "The Best Overseas Hotels" in the 2012 Gold List, and most recently *Condé Nast Traveler*, *US* included the hotel in its 2014 Gold List.

The restaurant <u>Sur Mesure par Thierry Marx</u> was awarded two Michelin stars just 8 months after opening. <u>The Spa at Mandarin Oriental</u> was also recognized as "Best Spa in Europe" at the *Prix Villegiature Awards* in 2012, and "Best Luxury Fitness Spa" at the *World Luxury Spa Awards* in 2014.



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Mandarin Oriental, Paris which is housed inside an historic Art Deco building, is indeed a contemporary palace with unique character. Everything about this elegant hotel says 'Paris', from its sense of style and immediate sense of belonging, to the luxurious surroundings and impeccable service that guests can enjoy. Comfort meets modern in a hotel that is infused with a subtle air of exoticism and romance, making every stay a singular experience. The 138 luxurious rooms and suites at Mandarin Oriental, Paris are among the most spacious in the city.

"We are truly thrilled to have received this prestigious accolade" said Philippe Leboeuf, General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Paris and Area Vice President, Operations. "This is due to the hard work and dedication of our colleagues who aim to deliver daily the legendary service for which Mandarin Oriental is renowned. We will continue to focus on our mission which is to delight our guests, ensuring that their stay with us is a memorable one".

In celebration of the Palace Distinction, the <u>Bar 8</u> team have created an exclusive cocktail - *Palace*: pink champagne, golden vodka, rose petal jam, lime. Priced at EUR 26.

For reservations and enquiries please visit <a href="www.mandarinoriental.com/paris">www.mandarinoriental.com/paris</a> or contact the reservations office at Mandarin Oriental, Paris on +33 1 7098 7333 or email <a href="mopar-reservations@mohg.com">mohg.com</a>.

## **About Mandarin Oriental, Paris**

Mandarin Oriental, Paris has a premier location on Rue Saint-Honoré, surrounded by history and fashionable shopping. The hotel's 99 luxurious rooms and 39 suites offer guests an eminently stylish Parisian experience, and are among the most spacious in Paris. An inner courtyard camellia garden provides outdoor dining and is a peaceful oasis in the city. Other dining choices, include the two-Michelin star signature restaurant, Sur Mesure par Thierry Marx, Camélia, The Cake Shop and Bar 8, all under Executive Chef and Culinary Director Thierry Marx. The Spa brings relaxation in a peaceful, modern setting, and an indoor pool and a fully-equipped fitness centre complete the hotel's leisure facilities.



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### **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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