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# NEW SPICES RESTAURANT AND BAR OPENS AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, PRAGUE

Hong Kong, 14 May 2015 - The new Spices Restaurant and Bar has opened at award winning Mandarin Oriental, Prague following a redesign of its public areas. Offering authentic regional Asian specialities with a modern twist, the restaurant and bar is supervised by Prague's most exciting culinary talent, award winning Chef Jiří Štift.

Inspired by Štift's extensive travel through Asia, the menu features fragrant dishes like Thai Crab Cakes with Mango mayonnaise, and Grilled Octopus & Tamarind Curry with Noodles. Dishes are served sharing-style, with some prepared next to the table, which allows guests to chat with chefs. A knowledgeable sommelier is on hand to recommend original Asian cocktails, extraordinary teas and carefully selected Czech and international wines to complement the cuisine.

Spices Restaurant and Bar, and the hotel lobby were designed by British design studio, Black Sheep, who paid homage to the building's remarkable beginnings as a 17th century Dominican monastery by highlighting its beautiful vaulted ceilings and using muted colours illuminated by atmospheric lighting. Respectfully adding contemporary, Oriental touches, they elegantly combined wood, metal, leather and marble to create a luxurious, timeless feel.

The restaurant opens up into a <u>lounge</u> that extends onto an outdoor terrace in the hotel's cobbled courtyard where guests can enjoy stylish, al fresco dining in the heart of Prague's most picturesque district.



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Spices Bar is a great place for socialising, a luxurious destination in its own right that is relaxed by day and vibrant at night. Contemporary, yet classic, the bar offers an extensive cocktail menu including innovative specialties like Tom Yum Yum and Cilantro, as well as a wide selection of martinis and other classics. Tapas-style Asian dishes, including bento boxes, are served all day, ideal for a light lunch or generous bar snack.

Spices restaurant is open daily from 6pm to 11pm. The bar closes at 1pm (Friday and Saturday at 2pm).

### **About Mandarin Oriental, Prague**

Mandarin Oriental, Prague is an intimate hotel located in a former Dominican monastery set amidst the palaces and gardens of Prague's historic Malá Strana. With a former Renaissance chapel housing the award-winning Spa, the newly opened Spices Restaurant and Bar offering authentic Asian fares and original cocktails, and understated contemporary design blending local history with modern luxury, the hotel is a private oasis of sophistication and style in the very heart of Central Europe's most beautiful city.

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