

## news release

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### **MANDARIN ORIENTAL PUDONG, SHANGHAI WINS YINCHUAN'S FIRST EVER CHINESE YOUNG SOMMELIER TEAM COMPETITION**

**Hong Kong, 19 September 2016** – Wine experts from [Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai](#) have won the first ever Chinese Young Sommelier Team Competition held in “China’s Bordeaux”. The hotel’s young sommeliers were one of 20 teams from high-end hotels and restaurants to compete in Yinchuan, capital of the increasingly important wine-producing region, Ningxia Hui. The event was held alongside the Helan Mountain East Foothill International Wine Expo on September 9.

Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai’s four highly trained team members were Steve Li, assistant manager of Yong Yi Ting, Walter Liu, bartender of Fifty 8° Grill, Irene Han, assistant manager of Fifty 8° Grill and Sam Wang, assistant manager of Qi Bar. They won the competition by impressing judges with their skills in bottle preparation, free pouring Chandon, food and wine pairing, and answering questions about Ningxia wineries. The judges included leading industry figures, Brian Julyan, CEO of the Court of Master Sommeliers, Robert Hirst, chairman of Fine Wine Partners, and Tommy Lam, chairman of the Southeast Asia Wine Association.

“I am very proud for our hotel team,” says Tansy Zhao, head sommelier at Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai, who coached the team, “The hotel management has given its young sommeliers strong support. We have proved that our job as sommeliers is not simply about pouring drinks, but using our combined knowledge to help perfect a guest’s dining experience with excellent wine selection and presentation.”

The returning champions are looking forward to sharing their experiences with other food and beverage team members and impressing hotel guests with their skills.

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### **About Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai**

Located on the east bank of the Huangpu River, amidst the dramatic skyline of the Lujiazui financial district, [Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai](#) redefines luxury waterfront living in Shanghai. A masterpiece of contemporary luxury overlooking the famous Shanghai waterfront, the hotel offers [362 contemporary guestrooms](#), including the largest Presidential Suite in Shanghai. A further 210 luxury residences are available at the [Mandarin Oriental Executive Apartments](#), Shanghai's only fully serviced luxury riverfront apartments. Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai offers guests and residents the luxury of waterfront living, complete with [celebrity chef restaurants](#), a holistic [spa](#), over 1,200 sqm of state-of-the-art meetings and [event spaces](#), and a 4,000-piece art collection, enhanced by the comforts of Mandarin Oriental's legendary service.

### **About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group**

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