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CITYZEN RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AAA FIVE DIAMOND AWARD FOR 2013

Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C.'s Signature Restaurant Garners Prestigious Rating for Seventh Consecutive Year

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 24, 2013 – For the seventh consecutive year, [CityZen](#), the acclaimed signature restaurant at [Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C.](#), has been awarded the coveted American Automobile Association's (AAA) Five Diamond Award for 2013. The restaurant remains the only establishment to have earned this symbol of excellence in Washington, D.C.

“This level of recognition is truly appreciated, and we are thrilled to be recognized once again by AAA with this distinction for 2013,” said CityZen Executive Chef Eric Ziebold. “We strive to provide an exceptional dining experience for our patrons, so to have AAA reward us for our efforts, it is a great accomplishment that is shared equally among our team members. We are honored to be part of an exclusive group of acclaimed restaurants across the country.”

The AAA Five Diamond Award is given to selected restaurants that demonstrate the highest level of excellence in every aspect of operation. To be considered for the AAA rating, restaurants must undergo a thorough inspection by one of AAA's full-time, trained, professional evaluators. AAA Diamond ratings reflect the overall food, service, décor and ambiance offered by the establishment. Of the 26,000 restaurants reviewed by AAA in the United States, only 53 establishments have achieved the prestigious Five Diamond distinction.

About CityZen

Since opening in September 2004, CityZen has delighted guests with its modern American cuisine, under the guidance of critically acclaimed Executive Chef Eric Ziebold. Offering three menu offerings including, a four-course menu for \$90, a six-course vegetarian tasting menu offered at \$105, and a six-course chef's tasting menu priced at \$120, the culinary experience at CityZen features an updated interpretation of culinary traditions, presented with a modern flair.

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CityZen is open for dinner Tuesday through Thursday, 6 – 9:30 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. The bar is open Tuesday through Thursday, 6 – 11 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 5:30 – 11:30 p.m. For reservations, information, or inquiries about private dinners in CityZen, please call (202) 787-6148 or visit www.cityzenrestaurant.com.

About Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C.

The hotel's unique location on the southwest waterfront makes Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C. the only hotel offering views of the Jefferson Memorial and Washington Monument, Tidal Basin and Washington Marina. In addition to exceptional accommodations and gracious service, the hotel features the [Forbes Four-Star Spa at Mandarin Oriental](#), the Southern-style restaurant [Sou'Wester](#), and the AAA Five Diamond [CityZen](#). For reservations, please contact the hotel directly at +1 (202) 787-6140, toll free (888) 888-1778, or visit www.mandarinoriental.com/washington.

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