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CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE FIRE ROOSTER WITH SPECIAL CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, WASHINGTON DC

Hong Kong, 19 January 2017 – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC</u> is welcoming in the Lunar Chinese New Year with a month of celebrations. Hardworking, resourceful and courageous are just a few of the attributes that describe this year's Chinese New Year zodiac sign, the Fire Rooster. In Chinese element theory, each zodiac year is associated with one of five elements: Gold (Metal), Wood, Water, Fire, or Earth, which means that a Fire Rooster, comes around once every 60 years, making it truly an event worthy of a celebration.

Year of the Fire Rooster Afternoon Tea and Cocktails

Empress Lounge will offer a special *Chinese New Year Afternoon Tea* Fridays through Sundays from January 27 to February 26, 2017. The tea service features a creative three-tiered display of sweet and savory treats paired with a selection of freshly brewed loose leaf teas. The menu highlights include *Roasted Duck Wontons, Curried Shrimp Salad on Miso Brioche, Yuzu Tea Cake* and more. Guests can also enjoy special Year of the Fire Rooster cocktails such as *The Pink Rooster* made with vodka, grapefruit juice, lychee juice and a dash of grenadine, garnished with lychee, as well as the *Fifteenth Day*, a Gin, ginger and lemongrass-Thai basil syrup and orange juice cocktail.

Festivities & Performances

The Year of the Fire Rooster festivities will culminate on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. with a dynamic and colorful Chinese Lion Dance in the main lobby of the hotel. The lion dance performance is accompanied by traditional music and majestic ribbon dancers. Complimentary Chinese tea and Dim Sum will be served during the lively performances.

Chinese New Year Celebratory Dining

Enjoy *Traditional Dim Sum* daily at <u>Muze</u> and <u>Empress Lounge</u> from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring delicacies such as *Foie Gras Pot Stickers* and *Siew Mai with Black Truffle*. Each dim sum basket is USD 12 or USD 14 per person for a tasting of all five items.



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In addition, *Savory Asian Selections* are also available for dinner daily from 5:30 – 10:00 p.m. and includes *Kurobuta Pork Buns with black bean sauce and crispy shallots*, *Lions Head Dumpling with brown gravy and bok choy* and *Herbal Chicken Soup with ginseng and gogi berries*.

To honor those born in the Year of the Rooster, all registered hotel guests born in the year 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993 and 2005 will receive a complimentary dinner at Muze. The Year of the Fire Rooster Birthday Dinner is a USD 45 value inclusive of tax, service and not including alcohol.

To make a reservation, please call +1 (202) 787 6148.

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