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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, WASHINGTON DC HOSTS INAUGURATION POP-UP RETAIL SHOP WITH THE GREAT REPUBLIC

Hong Kong, 9 January 2017 – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC</u> is delighted to offer an exclusive shopping experience for the 2017 Presidential Inauguration. To mark the occasion, the hotel is collaborating with the quintessential Americana shop, <u>The Great Republic</u>, to bring unique, highly-collectable historic items, as well as made-in-America gifts conveniently to guests while visiting the capital for the inauguration festivities.

The Great Republic, based in Colorado Springs, Colorado with a retail shop in CityCenterDC, Washington's premier luxury shopping center, specializes in rare books, forgotten treasures, vintage flags and maps, as well as modern day collectibles. With over 30-plus years of sourcing the world's finest antiques and "off the chart" goods, the pop-up retail shop will give guests the opportunity to shop and marvel at the exceptional collection of items, without leaving the comforts of the hotel.

A few of the carefully curated items available include a beautifully framed 38-star American flag, circa 1876, a first edition engraving of Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware, a first edition of Mark Twain's classic novel, "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" and a fully restored 1946 Indian Chief Motorcycle proudly displayed in the hotel's lobby in celebration of its American design.

"We want to provide our guests with a shopping experience that truly fits the occasion. The Great Republic's celebration of the United States through premium, quality items that reflect the country's history, makes them the ideal partner," said Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC General Manager, Adriaan Radder.

"We at The Great Republic are thrilled to partner with Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC for this once every four year event. Our intent is to offer the guests of this storied property an opportunity to revel in the romance of the American experience by offering them exceptional pieces of history - that can be visually enjoyed as well as being acquired. Everything from a



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very early printing of the Declaration of Independence to letters signed by George Washington and Abraham Lincoln - the ultimate keepsake to celebrate this very special occasion," said Eddie Papczun, Managing Partner of The Great Republic.

From January 17 to 22, 2017, the Great Republic pop-up shop located on the lobby level of Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC will be open to guests and the public daily and by appointment.

About Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC

Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC offers an ideal location on the southwest waterfront providing picturesque views of the Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, Tidal Basin and Washington Marina in addition to being within walking distance of the nation's most cherished monuments and the city's famed cherry blossom trees. The elegant retreat exudes a refined sense of style with beautifully designed rooms, spacious suites including the luxurious three-bedroom Presidential Suite, The Forbes Four-Star Spa, legendary service and exceptional restaurants. Stay connected with Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

About The Great Republic

The Great Republic celebrates the United States in antique, one-of-a-kind offerings as well as made-in-America handcrafted goods. The Great Republic's products are designed for the individual who puts a premium on unquestioned authenticity and quality of craftsmanship when investing in an exceptional piece of history or handcrafted item--either for themselves or as a gift. Exploring these offerings is an opportunity to see and own something you won't easily find elsewhere.

Leveraging 30-plus years of experience in understanding and sourcing the world's finest antiques and "off the chart" goods and gifts. The Great Republic embraces the ethos that less is more and seeks out items that command your attention. Some of the "wow" items include a beautifully



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framed 38-Star American flag, a first edition engraving of Washington's famous Crossing of the Delaware, a 1845 wall map of the United States, a fully restored 1946 Indian Chief Motorcycle, and a first edition of Mark Twain's classic novel, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

In addition to the aforementioned offerings, The Great Republic also sells "modern day collectibles," items made with impeccable craftsmanship that combine the past, present and future, creating and showcasing exquisite made-in-America items that will stand the test of time. Visiting the Great Republic's website, or retail stores at the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs and City Center, Washington, D.C., affords each visitor the opportunity to view the uniqueness of their one-of-a-kind offerings presented alongside an array of handcrafted, must-have, modern-day goods.

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