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MANDARIN ORIENTAL MAYFAIR, LONDON IS NOW OPEN

A contemporary launch for one of London's most historic neighbourhoods



Hong Kong, 3 June 2024 – Mandarin Oriental is delighted to introduce the group's second property in London with the opening of Mandarin Oriental Mayfair on historic Hanover Square, where fashion, art, business and culture intersect. The sleek and boutique sister property to Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park comprises of 50 guestrooms and suites, 77 private residences, award-winning Chef Akira Back's London restaurant debut, two bars and a beautiful spa.

Designed by internationally renowned **Rogers Stirk Harbour** + **Partners**, Mandarin Oriental Mayfair is the first new build in Mayfair for over a decade and brings a modern architectural approach to one of London's most storied squares. RSHP has created a unique Vierendeel structured building – one of the first in the UK - that provides wide internal space and an elegant contemporary townscape façade, clad with burnt red brick 'baguettes' (the longest in the UK), inspired by the Georgian terraces that surround the hotel.



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The focus on the hotel's fabled location informing its identity continues inside with 50 guest rooms and suites, along with 77 private residences meticulously crafted by British based **Studio Indigo**, who have seamlessly blended Mandarin Oriental's Asian heritage with locally inspired elements to create a distinct identity. Inspired by haute couture, every guest room has been imagined as a jewellery box, with a palette that includes a rich emerald green, regal maroon and tranquil turquoise, using fine timbers, marbles, soft fabrics and carpets, bespoke lighting and furniture complemented by metallic finishes in brass, bronze and gold. House of de Gournay hand-painted silk wallpaper is an exquisite focal point of the rooms; its flowering magnolia design – whose leaves have been meticulously considered in relation to the Feng Shui of each room - is a nod to the trees found in Hanover Square, whilst the chinoiserie is a subtle reference to the hotel Group's oriental heritage.

This best of the East and West can also be found within the hotel's public spaces – the reception, atrium, Akira Back restaurant, ABar Lounge, 14-seater chef's table Dosa, private dining rooms and spa – all by Tokyo based design agency **Curiosity** who have used colour and texture to great effect. The large sculptural lobby and reception to the spa boasts rare green Ming marble to reflect the green spaces of Hanover Square, Berkeley Square and Green Park, whilst the dining spaces have been inspired by "a walk in the park" and the natural elements of 'wind', 'water', 'earth' and 'fire', reflected through carefully choreographed lighting, suspended structures and metallic ceilings.

This atmospheric design sets the stage for the creative culinary concepts of award-winning Chef Akira Back who makes his UK debut at Mandarin Oriental Mayfair. Born in Korea, raised in Colorado and having helmed some of the very best Japanese restaurants in the world, he brings a sense of adventure and boundless creativity to his culinary creations. Comprising 148 seats, including three private dining rooms, the Akira Back restaurant will offer some of his greatest hits, including the 'AB Tuna Pizza', a wafer-thin crunchy crust, umami aioli made with ponzu sauce, tuna sashimi, micro shiso and white truffle oil. For added drama, 14-seater Dosa will be the ultimate culinary theatre experience with contemporary Korean dishes



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expertly presented in an intimate counter-style setting, using seasonal ingredients and cutting-edge techniques. Pre or post prandial drinks can be enjoyed in the **ABar Lounge**, which features an artistic cocktail programme and small bites menu accompanied by a line-up of live DJs – open until late. Later in 2024 will see the opening of the ABar Rooftop for drinks and dining, whilst enjoying panoramic views over the London skyline.

For indulgence of the more holistic kind, the subterranean **The Spa at Mandarin Oriental Mayfair** brings some dynamic firsts to the UK wellness scene. These include new to London binaural biohacking treatments, offering 'stress release', 'mindfulness', 'awaken' and 'power nap' as quick fix 22-minute experiences. The carefully curated spa menu also features treatments by results-driven 'Swiss Perfection'; the scientific 'Seed to Skin Tuscany' and CBD-infused 'OTO'. Two experiences, exclusive to The Spa, have been inspired by the local surroundings — a four-handed 'Tranquillity of Mayfair' massage therapy and a signature 'Elegance of Mayfair' facial. The Spa also offers a 25-metre swimming pool, sauna, vitality pools and experience showers, a state-of-the-art gym, personal training, reformer Pilates, nutritional consultations, physiotherapy and NormaTec massage technology used by elite athletes to improve recovery and performance.

About Mandarin Oriental Mayfair, London

Within walking distance of London's admired fashion houses on Bond Street and the boutiques of Saville Row, as well as auction houses and art galleries, Mandarin Oriental Mayfair provides a stylish base in one of the city's most sought-after areas, where culture and fashion collide. Taking advantage of this world-class location, the new hotel offers guests and MO Fans exclusive access and experiences from high fashion to art, culture and dining. In London, where the most influential quarters are claimed by Knightsbridge and Mayfair, these two points on the map are now connected through the Mandarin Oriental brand. For visitors and locals already in love with Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park in Knightsbridge, there is now an additional way to experience Mandarin Oriental, inspired by the vibrancy and creativity of its new neighbourhood.



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The overall project, comprising Mandarin Oriental Mayfair and the 77 Residences at Mandarin Oriental, is developed and owned by <u>Clivedale London</u>, an independent, Mayfair based developer established in 2012 dedicated to developing super-prime property in London, W1.

About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Mandarin Oriental is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Recognised for creating exceptional properties, each destination reflects the Group's oriental heritage, local culture and unique design. The Group's mission is to completely delight and inspire guests through delivering passionate service. Having grown from its Asian roots over 60 years ago into a global brand, the Group now operates 40 hotels, 12 residences and 23 *exclusive homes* in 26 countries and territories with many more projects under development. Mandarin Oriental continues to drive its reputation as an innovative leader in luxury hospitality, delivering sustainable growth over the long term.

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