## news release

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# EXPERIENCE ART BASEL AND ART MIAMI 2016 WITH A FASHION-INSPIRED EXHIBITION AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MIAMI

Hong Kong, 29 September 2016 – Mandarin Oriental, Miami and 'profits with a purpose' brand DIAMONDS UNLEASHED by Kara Ross welcome guests to enjoy a special exhibition of wearable art during Art Miami and Art Basel Miami Beach from November 27 to December 4, 2016. The exhibition will be launched with an exclusive event highlighted by fashion, art, food and philanthropy on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Debuting in the hotel's lobby, the one-of-a-kind wearable art exhibition celebrates DIAMONDS UNLEASHED and its mission to promote and support women's empowerment. The exhibition will feature interpretations of the iconic *All in One Dress* by Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Norma Kamali. Emerging and established artists whose talents range from painting, illustration as well as nail and tattoo art, will customize each dress with their artistic interpretation of a diamond in their design. The exhibition will be open to the public.

Participating artists include Mei Kawajiri, Stuart Semple, Julia Heffernan, PJ Linden, Claire Luxton, Georgia Grey, Carly Jean Andrews, Ivan Alifan, Dave Pollot, Kendra Dandy, Damon Lucas, Bradley Theodore, Julia Rich, Ashley Longshore, Alex Grant, Francine Dressler, AM DeBrincat, Serkan Akyol, Mengyao GUO, Amit Greenberg, two students from New York's Parsons School of Design and the founder of DIAMONDS UNLEASHED, Kara Ross.

On Thursday, December 1, 2016, Mandarin Oriental, Miami will host an evening filled with fashion, art, food and philanthropy to launch the DIAMONDS UNLEASHED exhibition. Guests will have the opportunity to experience a live installation in which models will be wearing the bespoke dresses. A special menu inspired by the fashionable art will be presented by Azul Chef de Cuisine Benjamin Murray and La Mar Executive Chef Diego Oka. The customized dresses will be auctioned with proceeds donated to DIAMONDS UNLEASHED's non-profit partners in support of women's education.



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Guests staying at Mandarin Oriental, Miami will enjoy <u>rates</u> from USD 459 per night for a superior room. For more information or reservations, please call +1 (305) 913 8288 or visit www.mandarinoriental.com/miami.

#### **About DIAMONDS UNLEASHED**

DIAMONDS UNLEASHED is a "profits with a purpose" brand founded by world--renowned jewelry designer Kara Ross to promote and support women's empowerment. Ross believes that women are like diamonds; beautiful, strong, multifaceted and brilliant. Through DIAMONDS UNLEASHED, Ross is provoking meaningful action for the causes of women, disrupting the status quo and exploring ways to design the future of women's rights.

All DIAMONDS UNLEASHED jewelry collections are created exclusively in partnership with CanadaMark<sup>TM</sup>, ensuring that all DIAMONDS UNLEASHED products are responsibly mined and produced.

Through its multiple initiatives and philanthropic platforms, DIAMONDS UNLEASHED continues to drive the movement for women's empowerment. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.diamondsunleashed.org">http://www.diamondsunleashed.org</a>.

#### **About Mandarin Oriental, Miami**

Contemporary in design and with a prominent waterfront location, the triple Five-Star Mandarin Oriental, Miami features 326 elegant guest rooms and suites – offering dramatic views of the bay and the Miami skyline. Amenities include an award-winning tri-level spa, signature Azul restaurant, the new La Mar by Gaston Acurio restaurant, the waterfront MO Bar + Lounge, Oasis Beach Club, the luxury boutique Shanghai Tang and extensive meeting and business space.



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