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MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL GROUP APPOINTS JEREMY McCARTHY AS GROUP DIRECTOR OF SPA

Hong Kong, 12 May 2014 – [Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group](http://www.mandarinoriental.com) has announced the appointment of Jeremy McCarthy as Group Director of Spa.

Mr McCarthy who will be based at the Group's corporate offices in Hong Kong, has been appointed to lead and manage the global activities of Mandarin Oriental's internationally acclaimed luxury spa division. He is a well-known and respected spa professional with twenty-five years of luxury and diversified hotel and leisure services experience.

Mr McCarthy was most recently the Director, Spa Development and Operations of Starwood Hotels and Resorts where he was responsible for expanding the company's spa division, growing the brand and providing conceptual design advice and project management for new spas. From 1989 to 2006, Mr McCarthy held a number of senior appointments with Four Seasons hotels.

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group has established itself at the forefront of the spa industry, leading some of the most advanced facilities and treatment programmes available to spa-goers today, including signature holistic treatments, award-winning spa design and an acclaimed signature spa line. The Group currently has 44 spa projects open or under development: 20 in Asia; 14 in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa and ten in The Americas. The Spas at Mandarin Oriental are dedicated to promoting 'wellness' in the broadest context, and have been consistently recognized by influential global publications as among the world's finest.

"With his many years of luxury hospitality experience and specialised knowledge of spa operations, I have no doubt that Jeremy will be able to make a significant contribution to the Group's future success and spa development," said Richard Baker, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group's Executive Vice President, Operations – Asia.

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A US citizen, Mr McCarthy has served on various Spa Associations including ISPA, Wellness Tourism Worldwide, he is the author of *The Psychology of Spas and Wellbeing* and *Become a Spa Owner* and is a regular columnist for spa magazines. He holds a BA in Psychology from the University of California and a Master of Applied Positive Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania.

About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from a well-respected Asian hotel company into a global brand, the Group now operates, or has under development, 44 hotels representing close to 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 20 hotels in Asia, ten in The Americas and 14 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 13 Residences at Mandarin Oriental connected to its properties.

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