

# news release

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## **CARME RUSCALLEDA TO PROVIDE MICHELIN STAR TOUCH TO MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BARCELONA'S CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS**

**Hong Kong, 11 December 2017** – Barcelona's premier gastronomic destination, [Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona](#) is offering special celebratory menus crafted by seven Michelin-star chef, Carme Ruscalleda, for Christmas and New Year. To fully enjoy these gourmet experiences, guests can book the hotel's *Christmas Time* and *New Year's Eve* accommodation packages, which both come with additional treats and other benefits.

Together with her son, Raül Balam, at Moments restaurant and Alberto Catiñeiras at Blanc restaurant, the hotel's gastronomic consultant, Carme Ruscalleda, has created enticing menus for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and Three Kings Day.

For Christmas Eve, Moments will offer Christmas Broth, Truffled Meatball and Vegetal Semolina among other dishes. Desserts feature Dorayaki and "Hot Chocolate". Blanc's Christmas Eve menu includes specialities such as Veal Sirloin with Squash, Cheese and Herbs.

On Christmas Day, imaginative dishes offered at Moments include Sea Cucumber and Artichokes, while at Blanc, old favourites, such as Traditional Catalan-style stuffed chicken will be served.

On New Year's Eve, Moments will present fine foods such as Lobster Taco or Venison and the temptingly named, New Year's Chocolate. Mediterranean flavours offered at Blanc range from Goose Barnacle Salad to Prawns on Toasted Sea Bread. Blanc's Great Gatsby themed dinner will include dancing until 3am. The hotel's Banker's Bar will serve exquisite cocktails and tapas throughout the evening.

Blanc will offer The New Year's Brunch on 1 January 2018, and a special menu for Three Kings Day on 6 January 2018.

[Click here](#) for full list of menu prices, including paired wine options, and reservations details.

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For an eighth consecutive year, the hotel will support children's charity, the Daydream Foundation, with a "Tree of Desires" decorated with children's letters asking for Christmas gifts. Guests can contribute either by purchasing a gift or donating money.

Other hotel festivities will include children offering letters to Santa Claus (December 20 and 21) and the Royal Page to the Three Kings (January 3 and 4), and a children's choir concert.

The hotel is offering two accommodation packages during the festive period: [Christmas Time](#) includes a two-night stay with breakfast and special Christmas treats, and [New year's Eve](#) offers a two-night stay with dinner and dancing at Blanc on New Year's Eve, buffet breakfast and a seasonal treat on arrival. For room reservations please visit [www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com).

### **About Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona**

[Mandarin Oriental Barcelona](#) is an exclusive hotel situated right on Barcelona's Passeig de Gràcia. The property has 120 bedrooms and suites with an exquisite and elegant interior design by Patricia Urquiola. Its carefully considered gastronomic offering currently consists of two restaurants: [Blanc](#) restaurant and the signature restaurant [Moments](#), providing neo-traditional Catalan cuisine under the auspices of the multi-Michelin starred chef Carme Ruscalleda. Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona appeals as a meeting point for guests and local residents alike, and offers enticing spaces such as the [Mimosa garden](#), the [Terrat](#) with exceptional panoramic views over the Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona also has a 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> [Spa](#) where guests can enjoy an innovative range of holistic treatments. Facilities include a 12 metre long, heated swimming pool, eight treatment rooms and steam baths infused with essential essences.

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### **About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group**

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from its Asian roots into a global brand, the Group now operates 31 hotels and eight residences in 21 countries and territories, with each property reflecting the Group's oriental heritage and unique sense of place. Mandarin Oriental has a strong pipeline of hotels and residences under development, and is a member of the Jardine Matheson Group.

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