

# news release

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## UNIQUE NEW YORK SPEAKEASY ‘EMPLOYEES ONLY’ POPS UP AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BARCELONA

**Hong Kong, 11 April 2018** -- [Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona](#)’s Banker’s Bar will be made-over to recreate New York’s inimitable speakeasy Employees Only, from 19 April - 19 May. The New York bar topped “The World’s 50 Best Bars” legends list in 2016.

Classic cocktails using spirits from Pernod Ricard Spain, and late night menus from the original Employees Only will be offered at the pop-up. To replicate that "speakeasy" feel, the pop-up will be designed as a cosy and intimate American cocktail bar with art deco décor that includes aesthetic influences from the old world. Thanks to the loyal patrons and supporters over the years, Employees Only now has the pleasure of serving regulars in Singapore, Miami, Hong Kong and Los Angeles.

Under the direction of partner and project Manager Eric Lincoln, Employees Only mixologists, Ulysses Vidal, Keith Larry, Milos Zica and Alejandro Ibáñez, will fly over from New York to create their special versions of the *Manhattan* and other cocktails, such *Ginger Smash*, for Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona guests. Pernod Ricard will supply Absolut Elyx, Plymouth Gin, Monkey 47, The Glenlivet, Havana Selección de Maestros, Tequila Aviión and Chivas 18 for these cocktails.

Helping to set Employees Only apart from the rest of the New York bar scene has been its late night menu, which offers American cuisine nuanced with European flavours devised by Executive Chef, Julia Jaksic, an American of Croatian origin. Chef Jaksic will also travel to Barcelona to supervise the pop-up’s gastronomic offering that will include Steak tartar, Marinated sandwiches and Waffle fries with paprika, plus other Employees Only favourites, such as traditional Lamb and Bacon chops. Desserts will include Mascarpone and toffee cheesecake, and Roasted apple "Tufahija" with walnuts and clove scented yogurt.

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Employees Only Barcelona opening hours: Tuesday to Wednesday, from 7.30pm to 1am; and Thursday to Sunday from 7.30pm to 3am.

For reservations please contact Banker's Bar from Monday to Saturday, between 12pm and 8pm, by phone: +34 610726449 or email: [mobcn-eobarcelona@mohg.com](mailto:mobcn-eobarcelona@mohg.com).

Overseas guests interested in joining this one-of-a-kind pop-up event can take advantage of the hotel's latest accommodation [offers](#) at [Mandarin Oriental Barcelona](#) For room reservations visit [www.mandarinoriental.com/barcelona](http://www.mandarinoriental.com/barcelona).

### **About Employees Only**

Employees Only is New York City's inimitable speakeasy located in the heart of the West Village. In 2004, Dushan, Henry, Igor, Jay and Billy set out together to create a local bar with a focus on elevating the craft of the cocktail. Nearly 15 years later, the founders' vision remains intact, and the humble cocktail bar has now embarked on a grassroots expansion across the world.

The bar's pioneering drinks list includes its famed twist on the *Manhattan*, the seasonally adapted *Ginger Smash*, the *Amelia*, and countless other cocktails. Employees Only has been honoured with Spirited Awards by *Tales of the Cocktail* for "Best American Bar Team," "World's Best Cocktail Bar" and "World's Best Drinks Selection". It gained fourth spot in *Drinks International's* "World's 50 Best Bars" in 2015, an achievement that helped it to top the "World's 50 Best Bars" legends list of most consistently honoured bars, in 2016.

### **About Pernod Ricard Spain**

Pernod Ricard Spain is the Spanish subsidiary of Pernod Ricard, the world's second biggest wine and spirits company. The company has 17 of the 100 most important drinks brands in the world.

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Pernod Ricard Spain is the leading company in Spain's spirits market. Its prestigious portfolio of international premium brands include whiskies like Ballantine's, Chivas Regal and Jameson, and other spirits, such as Beefeater Gin, Havana Club rum and Ricard. Among its local brands is the grape spirit, Ruavieja. Spain is one of Pernod Ricard's five biggest markets globally. Pernod Ricard Spain has a strong Corporate Social Responsibility programme, which promotes the responsible consumption of alcohol.

### **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 and the [Banker's Bar](#), with its extensive cocktail menu and a cosmopolitan atmosphere. Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona also has a 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> 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.

### **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. Mandarin Oriental is a member of the Jardine Matheson Group.



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