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STYLISH RESTAURANTS AND SOPHISTICATED BARS AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL WANGFUJING, BEIJING

Enticing dishes, creative drinks and spectacular views of the Forbidden City are the defining features of the [restaurants and bars](#) at [Mandarin Oriental Wangfujing, Beijing](#). The luxury boutique hotel has 73 stylish [rooms and suites](#) and is located in the imperial heart of China's capital, on the upper levels of WF CENTRAL, the city's premium lifestyle-retail destination.

The showcase [Mandarin Grill + Bar](#), [Café Zi](#) and cocktail lounge [MO Bar](#) all open onto an outdoor terrace which offers commanding views of the iconic Forbidden City, the only Beijing luxury boutique hotel with panoramas of the UNESCO-listed structure. Overseeing the culinary experience is Executive Chef Mikael Robin, who has selected classic, grill-style dishes for the Mandarin Grill + Bar menu. A selection of renowned Cantonese and dim sum dishes, by Michelin-starred Consultant Chef Wong Wing-Keung, from Hong Kong, feature in Café Zi.

MANDARIN GRILL + BAR

The very name conjures up visions of culinary excellence -- the DNA of its world-esteemed counterpart at [Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong](#), is embedded in the Beijing Mandarin Grill + Bar. The design, by New York-based Adam D. Tihany, creates an elegant and refined mood. The intimate bar and lounge area set the atmosphere, while in the main dining room, the comfortably-engaging design, which includes dark wood dining chairs and semi-circle banquettes, captures the lively spirit of Beijing's commercial district while also emphasising the bespoke, finely-crafted elegance of the dining experience.

There are stunning views of the Forbidden City from the restaurant, and its outdoor terrace, with the option of reserving the Wangfu Room, an intimate private dining space that can accommodate up to 12 people.

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Seasonal produce feature prominently on the menu, which showcases an array of classic grill dishes, including imported prime steaks cooked to perfection on the charcoal grill. The wine list, featuring some 300 vintages, allow diners to find the perfect pairing for their meals, with expert guidance from the Mandarin Grill + Bar sommelier.

CAFÉ ZI

The hotel's, casual-dining restaurant has a pan-Asian focus, including Cantonese favourites from Michelin-starred Consultant Chef Wong Wing-Keung. A carefully-chosen range of the award-winning Hong Kong chef's famed dim sum is also offered at lunchtime.

The menu takes a culinary journey around Asia, with dishes from China, Southeast Asia and Japan, all cooked to order using the freshest seasonal ingredients. While waiting for their food to arrive, guests can marvel at the fabulous terrace views of the Forbidden City, which was the inspiration for Café Zi's name Chinese name 紫膳, sharing the same characters as the Forbidden City.

MO BAR

The city's most sophisticated nightlife aficionados will become regulars at MO Bar. From sunset over the Forbidden City and into the night, MO Bar features international DJs, signature cocktails and tasty bites. Guests can choose from mixologist-created drinks, reflecting the art and landmarks of Beijing, such as The Sunset Hunter, inspired by the fabulous terrace views at dusk, Mint Condition that pays tribute to the excellent preservation of Qing dynasty buildings, Test of Time and World Famous, a nod to the rich artistic traditions of Beijing.

There is also whimsical design acknowledgement to mixologists from a different era. Anyone familiar with Chinese medicine will recognise that the bar's large wooden counter, with drawers and boxes, is similar to those traditionally used by alchemists to store different herbs, dried plants and spices for use in remedial potions.

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There are also two discreetly-concealed private rooms in MO Bar, where opulent gold is the primary colour palate.

THE LIBRARY

This is a place to reflect and relax, perhaps browsing through the rare history, art and culture books on display while enjoying a special Chinese tea. The Library is a cultural treasure trove, the walls arrayed with striking art pieces and the floor-to-ceiling bookshelves hosting a carefully-curated collection of much-prized volumes.

Among them is *The Complete Works of Chinese Fine Arts* a large-scale colour atlas that depicts Chinese art treasures over a period of 5,000 years. In total, there are 60 volumes that cover painting, sculpture, art and craft, architectural art, calligraphy and seal carving.

Rare contemporary books include *Dream Light Water*, the first collection of personal works by the Chinese jeweller Wallace Chan, featuring images of 86 different pieces of jewellery that capture the craftsmanship and inventiveness of the creator.

One volume that has particular resonance is *The Great Forbidden City*, documenting the history, culture and architectural art of the Ming dynasty palace, which can be viewed from hotel terraces.

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