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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BOSTON DEBUTS A POP-UP MARTINI LOUNGE

Artwork by award-winning mixed-media artist Mark Cooper will be on display throughout the hotel's pop-up lounge space

Hong Kong, 28 February 2017 – The Five-Star Mandarin Oriental, Boston is delighted to announce the debut of its MOtini Pop-Up Lounge on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. This flirty popup will be located in the hotel's lobby and will blend classic contemporary style with modern Oriental touches. Set amongst the exotic blonde wood paneling and cozy fireplace, the ambiance is luxurious yet comfortable, making it an ideal spot to enjoy a pre-dinner cocktail, a late-evening nightcap or an inviting place to gather socially and unwind after a busy day in Back Bay. Additionally, special artwork by award-winning local artist Mark Cooper will be on display throughout the hotel's pop-up lounge space.

The MOtini Pop-Up Lounge will feature a selection of seasonal small plates, complemented by an array of exclusive hand-crafted martinis. The select menu will include: Kombu Cured Tuna Crudo enhanced with a wakame seaweed salad and bonito ponzu; Crispy Pork Belly glazed with Korean peppers and cucumber kimchi; freshly shucked New England Oysters accompanied by a red wine mignonette; classic Shrimp Cocktail and Fried Olives served with a creamy blue cheese dressing. In addition, an assortment of petit fours from Pastry Chef Robert Differ will provide a sweet finish to this light fared menu.

Tableside cocktail service will accompany the lounge's signature #177 Martini, presented in an Aphrodite Coupe and hand-painted with 24-carat hammered gold, available for USD 135. The #177 Martini will feature Nolet Reserve Gin, recognized for its notes of spicy saffron, rose petals and herbaceous verbena botanicals. The Nolet family has been at the forefront of spirit development and distillation for over 300 years and there are only 500 bottles of the Reserve Gin released worldwide yearly.

In addition, other signature martinis available for USD 15 will include: Sandalwood Fire *Knob Creek Rye Whiskey, Dolin Rouge and Cocchi Americano Rosa*; Azure Nights *Smith & Cross*



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Jamaican Rum, Falernum, allspice, passion fruit and pineapple; Vetiver Poivre Żubrówka Vodka, green chartreuse, lime and thyme and 'Jacks Are Wild' (USD 10, non-alcoholic) apple cider, red cranberry, lychee blend and lime, a nod to Cooper's mixed-media art pieces.

Working in ceramics, photography, painting, sculpture and installation, Mark Cooper is an award-winning Boston based mixed-media artist who teaches sculpture at Boston College and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Mr. Cooper's work has been featured in multiple exhibitions worldwide including the National Museum of Fine Arts Hanoi (Vietnam), Gallery 224 at Harvard University (Cambridge, MA), the Institute of Contemporary Art (Boston, MA) and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. He has also had solo exhibitions at Samsøñ (Boston, MA) and the Yuan Art Museum (Beijing, China). He has been awarded various public art commissions and grants from: Boston Children's Hospital, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Gund Travel (Bali) and a special commission for the flagship store of Comme des Garçon in New York City amongst others. In addition, Mr. Cooper will also be hosting a solo exhibition at the Lunder Art Center at Lesley University in March 2017.

The MOtini Pop-Up Lounge at Mandarin Oriental, Boston is able to entertain 25 seated guests or a reception for up to 50. Regular hours of service will be Tuesday to Saturday from 5 to 10 P.M. Reservations for groups of six or more people are available. For additional information please contact +1 (857) 400 2062 or visit http://www.mandarinoriental.com/boston/hotel/hotel-news/.

About Mandarin Oriental, Boston

An intimately luxurious hotel, <u>Mandarin Oriental</u>, <u>Boston</u> combines classic New England elegance with refined Oriental touches to create one of the most distinctive hospitality experiences in the region. Awarded both Forbes Five-Stars and AAA Five-Diamonds, Mandarin Oriental, Boston features 148 of the city's most spacious guestrooms and suites, exquisite meeting and event facilities and legendary personalized service. Hotel amenities include Massachusetts' only holistic <u>Five-Star awarded spa</u>, a state-of-the-art fitness center and our signature restaurant <u>Bar Boulud</u>, a



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French-inspired bistro and wine bar from internationally acclaimed chef Daniel Boulud. A short 15-minute drive from Logan International Airport, Mandarin Oriental, Boston connects guests to the city's finest shopping, cultural venues and business institutions from its prime location in the heart of Boston's chic Back Bay on Boylston Street.

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