

news release

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, GENEVA TO WELCOME CHEF DIEGO OKA OF MIAMI'S LA MAR FOR PERUVIAN CULINARY WEEK

Hong Kong, 24 September 2015 – [Mandarin Oriental, Geneva](#) will welcome Chef Diego Oka for a celebration of Peruvian cuisine from 3 to 7 November 2015. Chef Diego heads [La Mar by Gaston Acurio](#) at [Mandarin Oriental, Miami](#).

Considered a protégé of international restaurateur, Gaston Acurio, and an ambassador of Peruvian cuisine, Oka will bring his eclectic fare to Mandarin Oriental, Geneva's [Café Calla](#) for Peruvian Culinary Week, which runs from 3 to 7 November. Guests will have an opportunity to delight in his signature dishes that embrace a wide range of cooking, from authentic Peruvian cuisine to upscale novo-Andean fare, and from Asian-Peruvian fusion to traditional seafood *Cebiche*.

Specialties include *Lomo Saltado*, a traditional beef dish with stir fried potatoes, red onions, tomatoes, soy sauce, cilantro, aji amarillo and rice, and *Causa*, which is mashed potato dumplings topped with king crab. Also on the menu is the delicious *Cebiche Clasico* made with fluke, cilantro, aji limo, red onions, choclo and leche de tigre.

For lunch, guests can choose between two-course or three-course menus at CHF 45 and CHF 55 respectively, while for dinner, a four-course tasting menu at CHF 75 is available. Lunch will be served from noon to 2.30pm, and dinner from 6:30pm to 10.30pm. For restaurant reservations, call +41 (22) 909 00 00 or email mogva-restaurant@mohg.com.

Guests can book the accommodation package, *A Taste of Peru*, to make their dining experience even more special. Available for the nights of 6 and 7 November 2015, the accommodation package is priced from CHF 639 per night and includes:

- Accommodation in a Superior guestroom
- Buffet breakfast for two
- Four-course dinner for two at the hotel's Café Calla
- A special commemorative gift from Chef Oka

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A Taste of Peru package reservations can be made online at www.mandarinoriental.com/geneva.

About Diego Oka

Chef Oka was born and raised in Lima, Peru, one of the world's most eclectic culinary destinations. Blending personal experiences and a background of Japanese descent into his cuisine, Oka draws on influences ranging from his grandmother's cooking to the food he discovered while living in Mexico and Colombia. As Executive Chef of Mandarin Oriental, Miami's new restaurant, La Mar by Gaston Acurio, Oka focuses on iconic Peruvian cuisine in addition to a number of lesser-known plates that showcase the multi-culturalism and biodiversity of the country. Before joining La Mar in Miami, Oka served as executive chef at other La Mar locations, starting with the original Lima restaurant in 2005 and followed by Bogota, Colombia and San Francisco, CA, among other cities.

About Mandarin Oriental, Geneva

A living example of Swiss hotel tradition at its very best, Mandarin Oriental, Geneva has a superb location on the River Rhône, located within the heart of the city's shopping, historic and business districts. Following an extensive refurbishment completed in March 2013, the hotel features 189 elegant and spacious rooms and suites, with many suites enjoying private terraces with supreme views of the river, Old Town and snow-capped mountains. Michelin starred dining; unparalleled service and luxury make it the ideal choice for discerning travellers.

About Mandarin Oriental, Miami

Contemporary in design and with a prominent waterfront location, the luxurious [Mandarin Oriental, Miami](#) features [326 elegant guest rooms and suites](#) – offering dramatic views of the bay and the Miami skyline. Amenities include [two high-energy restaurants](#) including [La Mar](#) and [Azul](#), [MO Bar + Lounge – a dynamic cocktail bar](#), [an award-winning tri-level spa](#), [Oasis Beach Club](#), [the luxury boutique Shanghai Tang](#) and [extensive meeting and business facilities](#). For more information or reservations, please contact reservations directly at +1 (305) 913 8383 or visit mandarinoriental.com/miami.

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