news release

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group Limited 281 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong Telephone +852 2895 9288 Facsimile +852 2837 3500 www.mandarinoriental.com



MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL GROUP ACHIEVES TOP RATINGS IN THE 2015 FORBES FIVE AND FOUR STAR AWARDS

Hong Kong, 12 February 2015 -- Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group attained the highest rankings for many of its hotels, restaurants and spas in the 57th annual 'Oscars' of the hotel industry: the *Forbes Travel Guide Five & Four Star Awards*. A record of 15 hotels have been awarded, with two new additions to the Five Star category this year: Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok and Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo.

Of particular note, the Group's flagship property Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong, achieved a record of 'five' Five Star ratings across all three categories for the hotel, spa and three of its restaurants, the Michelin-starred *Pierre* and the *Mandarin Grill* have been joined this year by the *Krug Room*. It is the only city hotel worldwide to receive this honour.

The Group's second Hong Kong property, <u>The Landmark Mandarin Oriental</u> also achieved Five Stars for its hotel, spa and two Michelin-starred restaurant *Amber* as did <u>Mandarin Oriental</u>, <u>Macau</u>. They both join <u>Mandarin Oriental</u>, <u>Las Vegas</u> and <u>Mandarin Oriental</u>, <u>Miami</u>, as four of only ten hotels worldwide to hold this prestigious honour, the most of any other hotel group. In addition the Group's hotels are the only ones in Miami and Las Vegas to be so awarded.

Twelve of the Group's hotels achieved Five Star distinction in both the hotel and spa categories; Mandarin Oriental, Boston, Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas, Mandarin Oriental, Miami, Mandarin Oriental, New York, Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco, Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong, The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong, Mandarin Oriental, Macau, Mandarin Oriental, Singapore and Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai were joined by new award-winners Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok and Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo.



Page 2

Mandarin Oriental, Atlanta, Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London and Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C. achieved Four Star hotel status.

In addition, out of 48 Forbes Five Star Spas, thirteen are Spas at Mandarin Oriental, more than any other hotel company. The list includes the Spas at Mandarin Oriental located in Boston, Las Vegas, Miami, New York and San Francisco together with London, Singapore, Macau and both hotels in Hong Kong. Three new additions to this year's honours list are the spas in and Bangkok, Shanghai and Tokyo. The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C. achieved Four Star spa status.

In continued recognition of the Group's commitment to dining excellence, <u>Twist by Pierre</u> <u>Gagnaire</u> at Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas, <u>Azul</u> at Mandarin Oriental, Miami, <u>Pierre</u>, <u>The Krug</u> <u>Room</u> and <u>Mandarin Grill</u> at Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong, <u>Amber</u> at The Landmark Mandarin Oriental and <u>Vida Rica</u> at Mandarin Oriental, Macau achieved the Five Star award. <u>Man Wah</u> at Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong was awarded a Four Star mark of excellence.

"We are delighted that so many of our properties have been honoured with the top level of hospitality distinction in the *Forbes* Five and Four Star awards," said Michael Hobson, Chief Marketing Officer at Mandarin Oriental. "Ensuring that we operate to the highest possible standards every day, this is truly a testament of our hotels' legendary service and commitment to excellence."

According to *Forbes*, standards for Forbes Five Star Award certifications are exact, and few properties meet them. Within the industry, these awards are highly coveted and highly respected.



Page 3

In 2015, 115 hotels achieved Forbes Five Star Award status, 55 restaurants and 48 spas have

achieved the Forbes Five Star Award.

Forbes Travel Guide's (formerly Mobil Travel Guide) Star Awards ratings process is based on

more than 500 standardized criteria for hotels, restaurants and spas worldwide, making it the

most rigorous and comprehensive in the industry. To achieve Forbes Travel Guide Four and Five

Star status, properties must meet or exceed the bar-setting service standards, which are

determined through an unannounced, undercover service evaluation conducted by Forbes Travel

Guide's expert inspectors.

Photo caption: Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong

About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the most

luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from a well-respected Asian hotel

company into a global brand, the Group now operates, or has under development, 45 hotels

representing close to 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 20 hotels in Asia, ten in The Americas

and 15 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under

development, 15 Residences at Mandarin Oriental connected to its properties.

Photography of Mandarin Oriental is available to download in the **Photo Library** of our Media

section, at www.mandarinoriental.com.

-more-



Page 4

Visit <u>Destination MO</u> (http://www.mandarinoriental.com/destination-mo), the online version of <u>Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group</u>'s bespoke publication, MO. News about our award-winning hotels, the best dining experiences, spa treatments, travel retreats and interviews with the Group's celebrity fans is now just a click away. Further information is also available on our <u>Social Media channels</u>.

-end-

For further information, please contact:

Corporate Office

Jill Kluge (jillk@mohg.com) Group Communications – Global Tel: +44 (20) 7908 7888

Sally de Souza (<u>sallydes@mohg.com</u>) Group Communications – Corporate/Asia Tel: +852 2895 9160

Live Haugen (<u>lhaugen@mohg.com</u>) Group Communications – North and East Europe Tel: +44 (20) 7908 7813

Vanina Sommer (vsommer@mohg.com) Group Communications – South Europe, Middle East and Africa Tel: +33 (1) 70 98 70 50

Danielle DeVoe (<u>ddevoe@mohg.com</u>) Group Communications – The Americas Tel: +1 (212) 830 9380

www.mandarinoriental.com