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ROBIN ZAVOU LEADS MANDARIN ORIENTAL, HONG KONG'S CULINARY PROGRAMME AS EXECUTIVE CHEF

25-year culinary veteran continues hotel's succession of award-winning leaders

[Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong](#) has appointed Robin Zavou as the hotel's Executive Chef. With experience shaping and leading Michelin-starred and Rosette-winning teams, he now leads the hotel's culinary direction including nine highly individualistic and renowned [restaurants and bars](#), two of which boast Michelin stars, and the hotel's catering programme.

His passion and expertise encompass all aspects of a dining experience that has charmed guests of Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong for generations. Since joining the hotel in 2012, his creative nature and leadership style has ultimately shaped the culinary team.

"Robin is a leader and an exceptional chef, just the right ingredients to build upon the wonderful foundation forged," said Pierre Barthes, General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong and Area Vice President, Operations. "I have no doubt that our guests will marvel at his creativity, a trademark we search for in our culinary leadership, and inspire his team to create exceptional dining experiences."

Continuing an illustrious career that included the Shangri-la Hotel Group in Hong Kong and Singapore, before coming to Asia, he worked at two Michelin-starred and five AA Rosette-winning L'Ortolan in Berkshire and Le Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons in Oxfordshire, as well as Michelin-starred and three AA Rosette-winning New Angel in Dartmouth, U.K.

"Cooking is all I ever wanted to do as food played an important role in my family," shares Chef Zavou. "Food has taken me around the world, opened my senses and taught me more than I could imagine. I am excited to carry the hotel's legacy, working with experienced chefs, mixologists, sommeliers and an executive team to shape new traditions for the generations to come."

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As a father of two sons, the sport-loving chef values quality time with his family, and enjoys football and rugby. Apart from creating exclusive culinary experiences for the hotel's guests, he is also the Head Coach of the mini rugby team at the Hong Kong Football Club.

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