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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, HONG KONG HONOURED AS THE HOTEL OF THE YEAR IN VIRTUOSO® 2013 BEST OF THE BEST HOTEL AWARDS

Hong Kong, 19 August 2013 – Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong was named the Hotel of the Year by Virtuoso® in its Best of the Best Hotel Awards 2013. The iconic hotel was recognised for excellence out of Virtuoso's extensive collection of more than 983 hotels, resorts, villas and private island-retreats in 100 countries.

Now in its seventh year, the annual Virtuoso® Best of the Best Awards honour the properties and individuals worldwide that best exemplify Virtuoso's commitment to delivering exceptional experiences. While the editors of *Virtuoso Life* magazine, the network's award-winning publication, combed through hundreds of options to determine the nominees, it was Virtuoso's travel advisors who ultimately decided the winners in each category.

"A Best of the Best Hotel Award is a true honour. We are delighted to be recognised by Virtuoso's travel advisors, who are some of the most valued professionals in the industry, and who demand excellence for their discerning clientele," said Jonas A Schuermann, General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong. "It is an acknowledgement that we hold high, especially for 2013, which marks the hotel's 50th anniversary. We have been delighting guests with our award-winning service and impressive facilities for 50 fantastic years, and are looking forward to the next 50 years in the heart and hearts of Hong Kong."

About Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong's 50 Fantastic Years

The iconic Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong has been delighting guests with its award-winning service and impressive facilities for 50 fantastic years and, after thorough renovations in 2006, offers guests 21st-century luxury combined with Oriental heritage. Throughout 2013, Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong will be celebrating its "50 Fantastic Years" with a host of special



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promotions to honour this milestone achievement. These year-long offerings will commemorate the famous hotel's 50-year history, as well as initiate the hotel's second 50 years in the heart and hearts of Hong Kong.

About Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong

The iconic Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong is the epitome of contemporary luxury, combined with Oriental heritage. Having delighted guests with award-winning service and impressive facilities for 50 years, it is the much-loved address for those seeking an exclusive sanctuary in the heart of this exciting city. The spacious rooms and suites offer magnificent views of the famous Victoria Harbour and city skyline. A collection of 10 outstanding restaurants and bars, including two with Michelin stars, and a Shanghainese-inspired holistic spa, indoor pool and 24-hour fitness centre make Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong the quintessential home away from home for discerning leisure and business travellers alike.

Photographs of Mandarin Oriental are available to download in high and low resolutions from the Photo Library of the Media section at www.mandarinoriental.com/hongkong.

About Virtuoso

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Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most prestigious hotels and resorts. The Group now operates, or has under development, 44 hotels representing over 11,000 rooms in 27 countries, with 18 hotels in Asia, 12 in The Americas and 14 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates, or has under development, 14 *Residences at Mandarin Oriental* connected to its properties.

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