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CHRISTIAN TAVELLI, GENERAL MANAGER OF MANDARIN ORIENTAL, KUALA LUMPUR

Christian Tavelli is the General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur, a multi award-winning hotel located in the heart of Malaysia's vibrant city.

Tavelli began his career in the hospitality industry in 1995 in Belgium. He has undertaken different managerial roles in Germany, Mexico and USA. Tavelli's outstanding performance was recognised when he was awarded the *Rosewood President's Award Special Merit* in 2007 for managing the Las Ventanas Al Paraíso, Mexico – a Rosewood Resort. He later moved to Rosewood Sand Hill, California, USA as the Hotel Manager of the opening team and was later sent to open another Rosewood property in Mexico called Rosewood San Miguel De Allende in 2009 as the Managing Director. In 2012, Tavelli was transferred to Texas, USA, where he managed the operation of an iconic 31-year old Rosewood property and served as the Managing Director. Tavelli's illustrious background have later scored him an appointment as the General Manager and Member of the Board at the 109-year old iconic property Hotel Ritz, Madrid.

Prior to joining Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur, Tavelli was leading the hotel group's USD 7.5 million system transformation project as the Project Director since July 2018. His role was to spearhead the 18-month mission of transforming the hotel systems of its 32 Mandarin Oriental properties with three teams based across Asia, Europe and The Americas.

With more than 26 years of experience in the hospitality industry and his first stint in Asia, Tavelli will lead the team at the 21-year old Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur to provide guests with legendary experiences and uphold the heritage of which Mandarin Oriental is known for, while striving to further enhance service quality and brand value into the future.

Born and raised in Argentina, Tavelli is fluent in Spanish, English, French and German. Married to a Spanish and Mexican citizen, Tavelli and his wife Tahuca have two teenage children. During his time off, Tavelli enjoys traveling with his family and indulges in his love for food & wine, diving and skiing.

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