

# news release

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## **MANDARIN ORIENTAL, KUALA LUMPUR OPENS AZIAMENDI 88, MALAYSIA'S FIRST GOURMET POP-UP RESTAURANT**

**Hong Kong, 15 June 2015** – [Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur](#) will accommodate [Aziamendi 88](#), Malaysia's first pop-up restaurant run by a three Michelin-star chef, from 22 July to 31 October 2015. Spain's renowned celebrity chef, Eneko Atxa, will take up residency at the Mandarin Grill with a team of highly trained chefs, expert sommeliers and waiters from his Aziamendi restaurant in Thailand. For 88 days they will treat guests to an authentic gastronomic journey through northern Spain, highlighting Atxa's celebrated signature dishes.

Recognised as a world top 20 restaurant by San Pellegrino, [Azurmendi](#) in Bilbao, in Atxa's native Basque country, was opened by the multiple award-winning chef in 2005 as his first venture, since when it has become the only three Michelin-star establishment in the Bay of Biscay. He opened Aziamendi at ultra-luxurious Iniala Beach House, near Phuket, in 2013.

Fusing high art with haute cuisine and helping those in need, Aziamendi 88 will offer guests art and charity in addition to Basque-rooted fine cuisine. Contemporary art curated by Lim Wei Ling, founder of the Wei-Ling Gallery, Malaysia's largest platform for local artists, will be shown at the restaurant, with all pieces available for purchase by diners.

Five percent of revenue generated at Aziamendi 88 will be donated to local charity, [United Voice Malaysia](#), a self-advocacy group for people with learning disabilities, and Bali-based [Inspirasia Foundation](#), which supports non-profit societies. Inspirasia Foundation was founded by Mark Weingard, chairman and founder of Aziamendi and Iniala Beach House.

“We are delighted to welcome Chef Eneko Atxa and his inventive team at Aziamendi 88 into the kitchens of Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur. It will be the first true gourmet pop-up restaurant in the city, which we hope will lead to more in the near future. For those who have yet to discover the Basque region and its culinary delights, Aziamendi 88 will promise the ultimate gastronomy adventure,” says Michael Groll, Director of Food and Beverage at Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur.

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Weingard comments, “We are excited to bring the Iniala and Aziamendi philosophy to Mandarin Oriental. What makes this partnership work so well is our mutual love for art, design and gastronomy and most importantly, giving back to those in need. Inspirasia Foundation benefits from 10% of all Iniala’s revenue as well as 5% from Aziamendi restaurant. It is imperative to us that we work with likeminded organisations that are also willing to make a contribution to corporate social responsibility.”

To make the most of the arrival of Aziamendi 88, guests can take advantage of Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur’s *Gourmet Getaway* room package, priced at MYR 2,398++ only. The package includes a two-night stay in a Club Deluxe City View room with full Club privileges for two persons and an eight-course set lunch or dinner for two adults at Aziamendi 88. The package is valid for stays from 22 July to 31 October 2015.

For more dining information and reservations, please email [AZ88@mohg.com](mailto:AZ88@mohg.com). For *Gourmet Getaway* information visit <http://www.mandarinoriental.com/kualalumpur/hotel-offers/>

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