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# MOLECULAR CUISINE BY MICHELIN STAR GUEST CHEF, NGAN PING CHOW, AT VIDA RICA RESTAURANT

Hong Kong, 22 February 2017 – Mandarin Oriental, Macau welcomes Michelin starred chef, Ngan Ping Chow, to Vida Rica Restaurant from 3 to 5 March 2017. Chef Ping will offer an inspiring interactive dining experience, showcasing his celebrated molecular cooking techniques, during a three-day residency. As head of Tapas Molecular Bar at Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo, his artfully created and theatrically presented cuisine is much admired.

At Vida Rica Restaurant, Chef Ping will prepare his bite-sized delicacies in front of diners while explaining the story behind each dish and the secrets of adding the perfect finishing touch. Combining Japanese and Western cooking styles, he will create new texture and flavour combinations that stimulate both the imagination and palate. There will be two sittings limited to 12 diners each per night, priced at MOP 1,880 per person including wine pairing.

Originally from Hong Kong, Chef Ping has overseen the reinvention of Tapas Molecular Bar at Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo, where he won his first Michelin star in December 2014. The former head chef of Hong Kong's highly praised one-thirtyone restaurant, he moved to Japan in 2013, where he learned about the country's rich, diverse produce before taking the helm at Tapas Molecular Bar.

Molecular cuisine is a modern style of cooking where chefs take a scientific approach to transforming the taste and texture of food by experimenting with different physical and chemical processes, such as altering temperature and pressure.

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group has 12 Michelin-starred hotel restaurants, more than any other hotel group.



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#### **About Vida Rica Restaurant**

Awarded a Five-Star rating by Forbes Travel Guide, <u>Vida Rica Restaurant</u> is an all-day dining destination featuring expansive views of the South China Sea through a spectacular glass wall. With tasteful East-meets-West interiors, Vida Rica Restaurant offers intimate seating arrangements, luxurious private dining rooms and a grand Chef's Table, making it ideal for special occasions and exclusive parties. Using only the finest, freshest ingredients, the talented culinary team at Vida Rica Restaurant applies delicate touches to traditional recipes, infusing them with originality and character. Also, dim sum dishes, other Chinese specialities and Portuguese delicacies are served to provide a rich and varied dining experience.

## **About Mandarin Oriental, Macau**

A non-gaming luxury hotel, <u>Mandarin Oriental</u>, <u>Macau</u> is an elegant urban retreat exuding a subtle blend of the territory's Chinese and European heritage. Located in the city's entertainment and high-end retail centre, the hotel is just a few minutes' walk from the historic heart of town and enjoys easy access to all major transport hubs. The hotel has 213 well-appointed rooms and suites featuring panoramic views of the city's waterfront, and a tasteful range of dining facilities, including <u>Vida Rica Restaurant and Bar</u>, <u>Lobby Lounge</u> and <u>Mandarin Oriental Cake Shop</u>, offering a true epicurean indulgence. There are also extensive meeting facilities, and for complete relaxation and rejuvenation, <u>The Spa at Mandarin Oriental</u>, <u>Macau</u>, a five-time Forbes five-star winner, provides a comprehensive array of wellness, beauty and massage programmes. The overall spa and health facilities also include a state-of-the-art fitness centre and an outdoor heated swimming pool.

## **About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group**

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