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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MANILA WELCOMES FRENCH MICHELIN-STAR CHEF NICOLAS ISNARD

Hong Kong, 30 October 2013 -- Mandarin Oriental, Manila is delighted to host French Michelin-star Chef Nicolas Isnard at the hotel's signature restaurant, <u>The Tivoli</u>, to preside over the kitchens from November 18 to 24. During the week-long promotion, which is held with the support of Etihad Airways, gourmands and food connoisseurs alike will find pleasure in the sublime signature dishes of the renowned chef.

Nicolas Isnard co-owns the L'Auberge de la Charme restaurant, which earned a Michelin star in 2009 within a year that he and his three partners began operation. The restaurant also boasts four Gault & Millau toques. His cuisine combines tradition and innovation, mixing distinctive rustic flavors with provincial produce in the presentation of classic French dishes. His innovative style has conquered the palates of connoisseurs worldwide, including Beijing, Dubai, Moscow, Abu Dhabi, Singapore, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and Macau, specifically at the Mandarin Oriental hotels in the latter three cities.

The fresh and sumptuous flavors of Nicolas Isnard's award-winning cuisine will make its way to The Tivoli via the signature three-course Business Lunch menu and the six-course Degustation Dinner menu. A selection of dishes will also be featured in the restaurant's daily à la carte menu.

*The three-course Business Lunch menu will be offered at PHP 1,950 *The six-course Degustation menu will be priced at PHP 3,400

Nicolas Isnard started his culinary career in Avignon, south of France, and later worked with many renowned chefs in France, including the one Michelin star Le Vieux Logis, and the two Michelin star La Rotonde in Lyon where he was Chef de Partie under Philippe Gauvreau. At 25,

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he was the chef de cuisine at L'Auberge du Vieux Puits under three Michelin-starred chef Gilles Goujon from 2002 to 2005, before joining Le Chateau de Curzay which gained its first Michelin star under his direction.

"We all look forward to welcoming Chef Isnard at The Tivoli" says Director of Food and Beverage Peter Pysk, adding that The Tivoli kitchen brigade headed by Executive Sous Chef Remi Vercelli are excited to be collaborating with the Michelin chef. "We feel privileged to be the third Mandarin Oriental property to be working with him, and confident that during his stint at The Tivoli, we can further delight our guests by taking their fine dining experience to a whole new level."

For table reservations, please contact The Tivoli on +63 (2) 750 8888 or e-mail: <u>momnl-tivoli@mohg.com</u>. For rooms reservations, please contact the hotel's reservations team on +63 (2) 750 8888 / <u>momnl-reservations@mohg.com</u>.

*Rates are subject to 10% service charge and prevailing government tax.

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