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GENERAL MANAGER MARCEL THOMA JOINS MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MARRAKECH

Hong Kong, 11 November 2020 – Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group has appointed hospitality leader Marcel Thoma as General Manager of [Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech](#). The five-star luxury resort set in 20 hectares of alluring fragrant gardens and olive groves, only minutes from the magical city centre, is currently celebrating its fifth anniversary.

Marcel is delighted to take up his new role at the Group’s Marrakech resort. “I am honoured to join the legendary group of hotels that is Mandarin Oriental. And Marrakech is one of the most vibrant and culturally exciting destinations on the African continent. It’s thrilling to play a part in offering this unique, world-class city and its culture to such sophisticated and discerning travellers.”

With more than 20 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Marcel began his career in Zürich at the luxury boutique Widder Hotel followed by time with The Ritz-Carlton in Mexico and Spain. He then moved on to management roles with Rosewood Hotels & Resorts in New York, The Upper House in Hong Kong and latterly Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group corporate headquarters in the same city. Fluent in several languages, Marcel loves meeting new people – and meeting their expectations of a luxury resort.

“I look forward to working with the team at [Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech](#) to continue to deliver the high standard of personal service that delights our guests, exceeds their expectations, and gives them many more enticing reasons to keep coming back to [Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech](#) again and again.”

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About Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech

Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech is set among 20 hectares of landscaped gardens filled with the scent of 100,000 roses, with the snow-capped Atlas Mountains providing a stunning backdrop. Located just 10 minutes' drive from the heart of the city and the historic Medina, the hotel offers 54 private villas inspired by Berber and Andalusian-Arabic influences, all with secluded walled gardens, swimming pools and hot tubs, extensive areas for sunbathing and shaded alfresco dining. A further nine spectacular suites, seven with their own rooftop plunge pool, feature panoramic vistas of the gardens and the surrounding countryside. There are a variety of exceptional restaurants and bars, and a world-class spa offering the Group's renowned signature treatments as well as treatments inspired by Moroccan traditions. The luxury experience is completed by the Group's unparalleled service, allied to the best traditions and hospitality of the Kingdom of Morocco.

About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from its Asian roots into a global brand, the Group now operates 33 hotels and seven residences in 23 countries and territories, with each property reflecting the Group's oriental heritage and unique sense of place. Mandarin Oriental has a strong pipeline of hotels and residences under development and is a member of the Jardine Matheson Group.

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