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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MARRAKECH NOW OPEN

Hong Kong, 5 October 2015 – <u>Mandarin Oriental</u> is delighted to introduce the Group's legendary hospitality to Morocco with the opening of <u>Mandarin Oriental</u>, <u>Marrakech</u>.

The elegant and contemporary resort 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 Moorish 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.

The architect of the project is Pascal Desprez while the design of Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech, rustic yet sophisticated, was created by renowned French architects, Patrick Gilles and Dorothée Boissier. With its Berber and Andalusian-Arabic influences, the resort provides relaxed and stylish luxury for the cosmopolitan traveller. Featuring natural, local materials, the interior and exterior spaces co-exist and benefit from the extraordinary light for which Marrakech is well known.

Guests at Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech will enjoy a variety of <u>restaurants and bars</u> featuring a diverse range of global cuisines. The Mes'Lalla restaurant serves a contemporary take on traditional Moroccan cuisine under the leadership of renowned Chef Meryem Cherkaoui. Le Salon Berbère offers an exceptional view over both the resort's blue and green pools and the Atlas Mountains, serving traditional Moroccan as well as international breakfast, drinks and light bites throughout the day. Beside the main swimming pool, the Pool Garden offers a refreshing outdoor environment to enjoy a variety of healthy dishes prepared with locally sourced produce.



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<u>The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech</u> is a unique environment featuring expansive spa suites with private terraces and gardens designed for outdoor treatments. The Spa also includes two luxurious hammams, an indoor heated pool, a fitness centre and a yoga studio, as well as hair and beauty salons.

Guests of Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech will also enjoy direct access to the Golf Royal and Golf Al Maaden courses, while the Amelkis course is also nearby.

"We are delighted to combine the art of oriental hospitality with the generosity and warm welcome for which Morocco is renowned" commented Mark S. Bradford, General Manager. "Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech is set to become the region's most sought after and exclusive resort, offering stylish accommodation and a range of impeccable facilities, all of which are underpinned by Mandarin Oriental's legendary service," he added.

To celebrate the opening, the property has developed two tempting offers. Experience Marrakech provides a complimentary third night for every two consecutive paid nights and Delight in Marrakech offers a resort credit of up to EUR 300 per day that can be spent throughout the resort. Both offers provide luxury accommodation, breakfast at Le Salon Berbère and limousine transfers to and from the airport.

For more information and reservations, please visit www.mandarinoriental.com. Reservations can also be made by contacting the Group's worldwide sales and reservation offices, or by calling Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech at + 212 5 24 29 88 88/ momrk-reservations@mohg.com. This offer is subject to availability and advance reservations are required. Terms and conditions apply.



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