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#### MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MARRAKECH TO OPEN SOON

**Hong Kong, 24 February 2015** – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech</u> is scheduled to open in the first half of 2015 in the historic and atmospheric Moroccan city.

Located near Marrakech Royal Golf Club, Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech is set among 20 hectares of landscaped gardens filled with the scent of 100,000 roses, bougainvillea, olive trees and prickly pears, and is a short drive to the city's bustling medina.

Contemporary in style, the resort's interiors have been conceived by French design duo, Patrick Gilles and Dorothée Boissier who have combined their contrasting styles to create a balanced look. Patrick has focused on clean lines and symmetrical forms while Dorothée has added subtle Berber and Spanish Arabic touches. The Gilles & Boissier style is clearly seen throughout the hotel, with its emphasis on juxtaposing aesthetics: striking but discreet, luxurious yet unobtrusive.

By combining Berber and Spanish Arabic patterns with contemporary furnishings for the villas and suites the designers have created a refined sense of place at Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech. Each of the 54 luxurious villas has its own garden and private swimming pool, while nine spacious suites have terraces with spectacular views of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains, two of which are dedicated to well-being with their own treatment room and infinity lap pool.

Berber inspiration is also found in the hotel's five <u>restaurants and bars</u>, which are decorated with contemporary reminders of Moroccan arts and crafts.

With interior decor inspired by the cathedrals of Andalusia, the Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech will offer treatments inspired by Moroccan culture, in addition to the Group's signature holistic therapies and programmes, in enchanting treatment rooms shaded by olive trees.



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Guests at Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech will delight in an atmosphere that combines the exotic charm and relaxed lifestyle of the Red City with the oriental heritage of the award-winning hotel group.

## About Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech

The elegant and contemporary 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. The hotel offers 54 private walled villas inspired by Berber and Spanish Arabic influences, all with pools and hot tubs, extensive areas for sunbathing and shaded alfresco dining. In addition there are nine suites, seven of them with their own rooftop plunge pool and all with panoramic vistas of the gardens and the surrounding countryside. Guests can experience an eclectic selection of Moroccan and international cuisine at <u>five innovative restaurants and bars</u>, relax in a traditional hammam at the <u>Spa</u>, enjoy a round of golf at one of the premium golf clubs nearby, or simply soak up Marrakech's colourful culture at the historic Medina, which is a 5-minute drive away.

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