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ANTONIO GUIDA APPOINTED EXECUTIVE CHEF AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MILAN

Hong Kong, 10 November 2014 – Acclaimed chef, Antonio Guida has been appointed Executive Chef of Mandarin Oriental, Milan which is scheduled to open in 2015.

Chef Guida was the Executive Chef of *Il Pellicano* in Porto Ercole in the Monte Argentario area of Tuscany, which was awarded two Michelin stars during his tenure. Chef Guida will be responsible for all of the culinary operations of the hotel. His appointment is effective from 10 November 2014.

Raised in Puglia in South Italy, Antonio Guida has always been fascinated by the world of culinary alchemy, which has defined his career. Following extensive travels in Europe and Asia, Chef Guida worked at various Michelin starred restaurants such as *Pierre Gagnaire* in Paris, *Enoteca Pinchiorri* in Florence and *Don Alfonso* in Sant' Agata sui due Golfi. He joined the restaurant *La Terrazza Hotel Eden* in 2000 as Sous Chef, eventually rising to the position of Chef de Cuisine before leaving to join *Il Pellicano* as Executive Chef in 2002. It was here that Chef Guida gained two Michelin stars in 2004 and 2010 and entered the list of renowned Italian restaurants, conquering the three forks of the acclaimed Italian guide *Gambero Rosso*.

Antonio Guida has a true passion for the culinary arts, characterized by an attention to detail and the refined quality of seasonal ingredients that he uses. He constantly strives to find the perfect balance between taste and presentation, and is always a source of inspiration for his team.

“I am pleased to welcome Antonio Guida to Mandarin Oriental, Milan which I believe will provide the ideal stage for him to express his talent and passion. Given his success and

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experience at a number of award-winning restaurants, Chef Guida’s cuisine is sure to delight the palates of both local and international guests alike,” commented Luca Finardi, General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Milan.

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