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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, NEW YORK DEBUTS ‘MO LOUNGE’ AND CULINARY ENHANCEMENTS LEAD BY NEW F&B DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE CHEF TONI ROBERTSON

Chef Appointment Marked with Exclusive Fans of M.O. ‘Cocktail Masterclass’ Member Experience

Hong Kong, 23 September 2021 – [Mandarin Oriental, New York](#) unveils new dining experience, [MO Lounge](#), and announces the appointment of Chef Toni Robertson as F&B Director and Executive Chef. Located on the hotel’s 35th floor and adjacent to the Sky Lobby, MO Lounge offers an all-day menu of elevated comfort food and well-crafted cocktails while providing spectacular views of Central Park and the Manhattan skyline.

MO Lounge

Designed by Chef Toni Robertson, the menu at MO Lounge features the finest locally sourced and sustainable ingredients in popular, approachable dishes, while, in a nod to Mandarin Oriental’s storied heritage, incorporating Asian flavors. Standouts include the *Mushroom Char-Siu* featuring oyster mushrooms with Chinese BBQ sauce, pickled radish, and whipped almond cream; *Wonton Noodle Soup* with chicken and shrimp wonton, char siu pork, poached eggs, shitake mushroom, and bok choy; and *NY Steak Bites* with black garlic truffle butter.

House cocktails include the *M.O. Fashioned*, MO Lounge’s take on an Old Fashioned with lapsang souchong infused knob creek, angostura, and orange zest; the *Malabi*, made with vodka, amaretto, skim milk, and pistachios; and the *Lunar Eclipse*, crafted with a turmeric-infused stoli, carrot juice, lemon juice, and honey. Guests can also choose from a premium list of champagne and wines by the glass, local craft beers, craft soft and homemade iced drinks, as well as freshly-squeezed juices and smoothies for breakfast.

MO Lounge is open daily from 7:00am to 11:00pm, Sunday through Wednesday, and 7:00am to 12:00am, Thursday through Saturday. Reservations can be made online via www.mandarinoriental.com/new-york/fine-dining or by contacting Mandarin Oriental, New York at +1 (212) 805-8800.

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About Chef Toni Robertson

MO Lounge, as with the property's entire F&B operations, is overseen by Chef Toni Robertson who rejoins the hotel after seven years away. Chef Robertson was part of the original Mandarin Oriental, New York team, acting as Executive Chef when the hotel opened in 2004. A year later, she transferred to [Mandarin Oriental, Singapore](#) to act as the property's Executive Chef through 2017.

Chef Robertson formally trained at The Culinary and Hospitality Institute of Chicago, graduating first in her class. Her career was followed by over 30 years of international experience as a professional chef where she traveled the globe to lead culinary operations at luxury properties in Chicago, Beverly Hills, and San Francisco to Hawaii, South Africa, and Singapore.

“We are extremely delighted to welcome back Chef Toni Robertson,” says Susanne Hatje, General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, New York. “Her impressive culinary experience and expertise, together with the opening of MO Lounge, creates an exciting new direction to our culinary offering.”

Cocktail Masterclass

For a limited time, guests have an opportunity to learn the art of mixology directly from Chef herself. Offered exclusively through Mandarin Oriental's [Fans of M.O.](#) member benefits, the Cocktail Masterclass is offered on select Sundays through early December (*October 3, November 7, and December 5*). Fans of M.O. members and up to five guests can book the 45-minute class and learn how to create high-design specialty cocktails. Reservations can be made online via www.mandarinoriental.com/fans-of-mo/members-only#member-experiences at USD 75+ per guest, inclusive of cocktails and snacks.

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In addition to accessing exclusive member experiences, Fans of M.O. members can enjoy benefits such as early check-in, late check-out, daily breakfast, complimentary room upgrade, and more.

Reservations can be made at mandarinoriental.com/new-york or by calling Mandarin Oriental, New York at 212-805-8800.

About Mandarin Oriental, New York

A stunning fusion of modern design with stylish oriental flair, [Mandarin Oriental, New York](#) features [244 elegant guestrooms and suites](#)—all with breathtaking views of the city. Luxurious amenities include [MO Lounge](#), offering an all-day menu of elevated comfort food and well-crafted drinks, overlooking Central Park and the Manhattan skyline; a 14,500 square-foot Five-Star [Mandarin Oriental Spa](#); a state-of-the-art [fitness center](#); and a 75-foot lap pool. In addition, the hotel offers premium meeting and event spaces, including a [6,000 square-foot pillar-less ballroom](#) with panoramic views of Central Park, Manhattan skyline, and Hudson River. Located in Columbus Circle's Deutsche Bank Center, with The Shops at Columbus Circle's collection of luxury retail stores and restaurants, Mandarin Oriental, New York is in an idyllic location just steps away from world-class dining, shopping and entertainment, including the Broadway Theater District, Central Park, Lincoln Center, and Jazz at Lincoln Center.

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 35 hotels and seven residences in 24 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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