

# news release

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## **MANDARIN ORIENTAL, NEW YORK APPOINTS CHRISTIAN PRATSCH AS EXECUTIVE CHEF**

**Hong Kong, 5 August 2014** – [Mandarin Oriental, New York](#) is delighted to welcome Christian Pratsch as Executive Chef overseeing the culinary program for the Five-Star, Five-Diamond luxury hotel.

Chef Pratsch has over 18 years of experience in hospitality and the culinary arts. Most recently, he completed a two-year term as Executive Chef aboard The World – Residences at Sea overseeing its six food and beverage outlets. Prior to this position, he held executive posts at InterContinental Miami, InterContinental Mark Hopkins and Raffles Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Hamburg as well as ships including Sea Cloud II and MS Europa. Chef Pratsch began his career with an apprenticeship at InterContinental Hamburg and is a certified Master Chef. A native of North Germany, Chef Pratsch is fluent in English and German. In his new role, he will oversee Mandarin Oriental, New York's culinary program including signature restaurant [Asiate](#), casual dining at [Lobby Lounge](#) and [MObar](#) and in-room dining to 244 rooms and suites as well as 64 Residences at Mandarin Oriental, New York.

Commenting on Chef Pratsch's appointment, General Manager Susanne Hatje states, "We are very pleased to welcome Chef Pratsch to the Mandarin Oriental, New York family and we look forward to benefitting from the extensive experience he brings to us from top hotels, resorts and ships around the globe."

### **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 Manhattan and Five-

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Star hospitality. Luxurious amenities include [Asiate](#), the hotel's elegant restaurant; MObar created by noted interior designer, Tony Chi; the [Lobby Lounge](#) with dramatic views of Central Park; a 14,500-square-foot, [Five-Star Mandarin Oriental Spa](#); and a state-of-the-art fitness center with a 75-foot lap pool. In addition, there is premium meeting and event space, including a [6,000 square-foot pillar-less ballroom](#) with three walls of windows overlooking Central Park. Located in Columbus Circle's Time Warner Center, Mandarin Oriental, New York is in an idyllic location just steps away from world-class dining, shopping and entertainment, including the Broadway Theater District, Lincoln Center, Central Park, Jazz at Lincoln Center and the Time Warner Center's collection of upscale retail shops and restaurants.

### **About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group**

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from a well-respected Asian hotel company into a global brand, the Group now operates, or has under development, 44 hotels representing close to 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 20 hotels in Asia, ten in The Americas and 14 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 13 Residences at Mandarin Oriental connected to its properties.

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