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PHILIPPE LEBOEUF RECEIVES BEST INDEPENDENT HOTELIER OF THE WORLD AWARD

Hong Kong, 2 November 2018 - Philippe Leboeuf, Area Vice President of Operations and General Manager at Mandarin Oriental, Paris, has been named 2018 Best Independent Hotelier of the World. Leboeuf will be presented with his award at the 38th annual Hotelier of the World Awards at Lotte New York Palace, New York, on 12 November 2018. The awards are held by leading global hospitality trade magazine Hotels to honour excellence in hospitality leadership.

Voted the world's best hotelier by *Hotels* magazine readers, Philippe is a leading figure in European hospitality and the second French national to have received the award, following Hervé Houdré, in 2006.

The award recognises individuals according to defined standards of service, overall operational excellence, creativity in management and their contribution to the greater good of the global hotel industry.

With more than 25 years of senior management experience in the luxury hotel sector, Philippe has worked in some of the industry's key locations internationally. He joined <u>Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group</u> from Claridge's in London, where he was General Manager from 2007 to 2010.

Under Philippe's leadership, Mandarin Oriental, Paris has become one of the city's pre-eminent luxury hotels. As Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group's first property in France, it celebrates the Paris of Today and Tomorrow, blending contemporary Parisian elegance with Mandarin Oriental's legendary, award-winning service. As Area Vice President of Operations, he supervises the group's Marrakech and Geneva hotels, too.

"I am really thrilled to have received this prestigious accolade," says Philippe Leboeuf, "It is a great achievement, not only for me, but also for all colleagues, who work by my side, day and



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night, to deliver the legendary service for which Mandarin Oriental is renowned. We will continue to focus on our mission, which is to delight our guests and to ensure their stay with us is a memorable one".

"We are delighted to congratulate Philippe on this well-deserved accolade, and wish him continued success," said Christoph Mares, Chief Operating Officer for Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group. "Philippe works hard to motivate his team. He is passionate, with an innate understanding of the luxury hospitality industry, combined with an extraordinary attention to detail," he added.

About Hotels magazine

One world, one market, one magazine.

For more than 45 years, *Hotels* magazine has been the leading source of news and analysis for the global hotel industry. Reaching more than 90,000 hotel professionals in more than 160 countries through print and online communications, *Hotels* magazine provides critical information on all aspects of the worldwide hotel industry, including design, food & beverage, finance, development marketing and technology. Developers, investors and operators look to *Hotels* magazine to provide the latest insights on trends and the challenges and opportunities they face each day.

About Mandarin Oriental, Paris

Mandarin Oriental, Paris is a celebration of Paris today and tomorrow, inspired by fashion and artistic creativity and underpinned by the brand's legendary service. This truly Parisian five star hotel provides an oasis of tranquillity and a cocoon of luxury. The <u>98 chic and elegant rooms and 40 spacious suites</u> offer guests an exceptionally stylish Parisian experience with their nod to couture and unique art pieces. Located in the very heart of the city, the hotel's best kept secret is its inner garden providing a sanctuary from the bustling city and a peaceful dining haven. A wide range of dining options are overseen by celebrated Chef Thierry Marx, including



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two-Michelin starred, fine-dining restaurant, <u>Sur Mesure</u>, all-day dining <u>Camélia</u>, a <u>Cake Shop by Mandarin Oriental</u>, a cool cocktail <u>bar</u>, as well as <u>L'Honoré</u> serving health conscious cuisine. Finally, <u>the Spa at Mandarin Oriental</u> offers unique wellness and relaxation experiences, in a soothing, contemporary environment, featuring luxurious private treatment rooms, an indoor pool and a state of the art fitness centre. Mandarin Oriental, Paris is the preferred choice of discerning travellers who believe they have found the city's best kept secret address.

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 31 hotels and seven residences in 21 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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