

# news release

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## **MANDARIN ORIENTAL, PARIS UNVEILS ITS URBAN ROOFTOP VEGETABLE GARDEN**

**Hong Kong, 11 October 2016** – As part of its mission to do ‘[More for a Sustainable Future](#)’, [Mandarin Oriental, Paris](#) has unveiled its new rooftop vegetable garden. Perched atop the city’s most fashionable district, the garden complements the hotel’s rooftop beehive and will contribute to the existing year-round supply of fresh, organic produce for guests to enjoy.

By sowing the new vegetable garden, the hotel reinforces its commitment to environmental responsibility. Executive Chef, Thierry Marx, will use the garden’s produce as seasonings and herbal tea infusions at [Sur Mesure par Thierry Marx](#). Ten types of fresh mint, plus other herbs, including thyme, rosemary, sage and fennel, will be grown in the garden, alongside vegetables, such as courgettes, tomatoes, celery and onions.

Already, bees from the hotel’s hive have gathered nectar from the vegetable garden’s many flowers to produce an aromatic honey. In July 2016, they yielded 20 kg of honey, which Executive Chef, [Thierry Marx](#), and Pastry Chef, [David Landriot](#), have used in their recipes. The hotel installed the beehive to help reverse a decrease in the French bee population. An important part of the pollination process, bees thrive in Paris which is a pesticide-free zone.

Alexis Martinez, Chef Barman at [Bar 8](#), is already using the hotel’s aromatic herbs and honey to create original cocktails, such as the ‘Mandarule’, which is made with tarragon, passion fruit, ginger beer and Hendrick’s Gin. His ‘Honey Love’ contains Calvados, honey, lemon juice, plum bitter and champagne. Both cocktails are priced at EUR 27.

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Since opening in 2011, Mandarin Oriental, Paris has been recognized as an eco-responsible hotel and is the first in France to obtain High Quality Environment certification (HQE). As an HQE certified building, the Palace consumes 20 to 30% less energy than a non-HQE building. The entire life of the hotel is organised around achieving this goal.

Guests can enjoy a green stay from 925 Euros for one night in a Deluxe Room by booking online at [www.mandarinoriental.com/paris/](http://www.mandarinoriental.com/paris/). Guests can select the 'Act for the Planet' option, where a donation of eight euros will pay for a tree to be planted within the Paris region. Alternatively, room reservations can be made by contacting the reservations office at Mandarin Oriental, Paris on +33 1 7098 7333 or emailing [mopar-reservations@mohg.com](mailto:mopar-reservations@mohg.com).

### **About Mandarin Oriental, Paris**

[Mandarin Oriental, Paris](#), one of only nine hotels in the city honoured with the prestigious 'Palace' distinction, has a premier location on Rue Saint-Honoré and just steps from Place Vendôme, surrounded by history and fashionable shopping. The hotel's [98 luxurious rooms and 40 suites](#) offer guests an eminently stylish Parisian experience, and are among the most spacious in Paris. An inner courtyard camellia garden provides outdoor dining and is a peaceful oasis in the city. Other dining choices, include the two-Michelin star signature restaurant, [Sur Mesure par Thierry Marx](#), [Camélia](#), [The Cake Shop](#) and [Bar 8](#), all under Executive Chef and Culinary Director Thierry Marx. [The Spa](#) brings relaxation in a peaceful, modern setting, and an indoor pool and a fully-equipped fitness centre complete the hotel's leisure facilities.

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

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