

## MANDARIN ORIENTAL PUDONG, SHANGHAI HOSTS TOP SPORTS STARS AS PART OF LAUREUS WORLD SPORTS AWARDS 2015

**Hong Kong, 22 April 2015** – [Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai](#) was delighted to extend its luxury waterfront hospitality to the remarkable leading men and women from the world of sports in April. The award-winning landmark on the Pudong riverfront was chosen as the Official Hotel of the Laureus World Sports Academy, held on 15 April 2015 at the Shanghai Grand Theatre.

A spectacular addition to the dramatic Pudong skyline, Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai redefines luxury waterfront living in the city. With an unrivalled location, legendary service and world-class facilities, the hotel was deemed the ideal Shanghai destination to host the attendees of the 2015 Laureus World Sports Awards.

Welcoming the group's arrival, Pierre Barthes, General Manager of Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai, said: "Since our opening in April 2013, Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai has been the official hotel for a number of key international events in the fields of film, fashion, sports, politics and music. We were therefore truly honored to be the Official Hotel of the Laureus World Sports Academy." The attendees that stayed at Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai included International celebrities *Bill Murray, Henry Cavill, Ha Ji Won*, legendary athletes *Li Na, Li Xiao Peng, Yang Yang, Liu Xiang, Deng Ya Ping, Eric Cantona, Michael Johnson, Nadia Comaneci, Schalk Burger, Alan Eustace, Carles Puyol*, and much more.

Laureus World Sports Academy Chairman Edwin Moses, said: "Shanghai was an incredible host city for the 16th Laureus World Sports Awards and Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai was a great location to host the Laureus Academy and our guests. On behalf of the Academy, I'd like to thank Pierre Barthes and his team for their hospitality."



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On 13 April, the hotel's award-winning restaurant [Fifty 8° Grill](#) hosted the star-studded Laureus Academy dinner. The following day, Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai successfully catered the Laureus' Award Welcome Party at the iconic Shanghai Pearl Tower close by the hotel, bringing together sporting legends, international celebrities, leading sport industry figures and top government officials.

Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai is part of Harbour City, a new 25-hectare mixed-use development comprising office towers, residences, high-end retail and dynamic entertainment, plus extensive landscaped gardens. It is ideally situated within walking distance of corporate offices and tourist sites, and has direct access to the Huangpu riverside promenade and Shanghai Metropolitan Marine Yacht Club, enabling guests to enjoy sunset cruises along the river.

### **About Laureus World Sports Awards**

Since its inception in 2000, the annual Laureus World Sports Awards ceremony celebrates the most remarkable men and women from the world of sport, plus the greatest sporting achievements fans have admired throughout the year.

The annual Awards Ceremony consists of seven categories with the potential for additional discretionary Awards. Each winner receives the Laureus Statuette, crafted by Cartier, with its representation of the striving human form against an engraved representation of the continents.

Though the Laureus World Sports Awards brings a high profile focus onto the very best of professional sport, it is also those at the grassroots that benefit. Proceeds from the Awards directly benefit and underpin the work of the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation which supports over 150 community projects around the world. These projects have already helped improve the lives of millions of young people through the use of sport.

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Each year stars from the music, film, television and fashion industries join sports stars for this truly global event that is watched by a television audience of hundreds of millions of people, on some of the world's top networks.

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

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