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MARK S. BRADFORD - GENERAL MANAGER OF MANDARIN ORIENTAL, SHENZHEN

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group has appointed hospitality leader Mark S. Bradford as General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Shenzhen, where his second project in China with 178 spacious guest room, 8 excited dining outlets, several distinctive event spaces and a renowned Mandarin Oriental Spa.

Mark, who successfully oversaw the launch of the Group's first hotel in Beijing, has now been given the important role of establishing a new luxury Mandarin Oriental hotel in vibrant Shenzhen, the newest first-tier city in China.

The hotelier has two decades of experience with Mandarin Oriental, initially joining as Hotel Manager with Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok, later becoming General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Chiang Mai. Mark was the launch General Manager of the 63-villa resort Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech, the Group's first Morocco property, and has also worked at Mandarin Oriental, Jakarta and the former Mandarin Oriental, Manila.

Before the move south to Shenzhen, he was the opening General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Wangfujing, Beijing, a 73- room boutique hotel that set new hospitality standards in China's capital, receiving accolades galore, including Double Five-Star awards for the hotel and spa from Forbes Travel Guide 2021. The two stylish restaurants, Café Zi and Mandarin Grill + Bar, received The Plate from Beijing Michelin Guide in consecutive years, 2020 and 2021.

"It is a dynamic destination and the hotel is located in a key location in Shenzhen, on the upper levels of a stunning 79-storey building, with extraordinary views from both the rooms and restaurants," he said. "I'm proud and enthusiastic to be working with a passionate,

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service-focussed team, and look forward to delighting our guests with the levels of service excellence that Mandarin Oriental is renowned for."

Mark worked in Paris after graduating from the prestigious Lausanne Hotel Management School in Switzerland with an MBA in Hotel Management. Raised by British parents in Switzerland, Mark spoke French at school and English at home, and is colloquially fluent in both languages. An avid art, music and culture connoisseur, he is excited at the prospect of exploring Shenzhen's contemporary art scene and discovering emerging talent.

During his earlier time in Beijing, the hotelier was renowned for passionate support of the contemporary China art scene, with an impressive collection of works arrayed around the hotel, regular special exhibitions and a commitment to introduce guests to art galleries.

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