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STRIKING STANDALONE EVENT SPACE, AND SKY-HIGH GALLERY, AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, SHENZHEN

Mandarin Oriental, Shenzhen, located on the upper floors of a striking new 79-storey building in the fast-growing Greater Bay Area, has a series of exclusive meetings and event spaces, all with fabulous views of the surrounding area.

The hotel, which occupies the 67th to 79th floors of the UpperHills building, has 178 luxurious and spacious rooms, eight different restaurants and bars and a standalone adjacent building, The Cube, that offers 1,500sqm of light-flooded event space, with a host of novel features including floor-to ceiling glass windows and clever design details that maximise, and personalise, event space.

There are numerous other alluring features for event planners including a dedicated driveway and direct access to the event areas, a car-load lift, two other loading lifts and a wedding showroom. Guests who want to arrive with a flourish can land helicopters on the 79th floor helipad.

The Cube is both eye-catching and innovative, inspired by the concept of the memory cube. Its physical appearance is striking, featuring a structural concept that allows long spans for the ballroom spaces. These comprise the 700sqm Grand Ballroom and the Mandarin Ballroom and Oriental Ballroom, each with 400sqm of space.

The curtain wall design of The Cube, and other parts of the hotel, has oversized glass, which allows for fabulous views from every single area. Another ingenious concept allows the foyer of The Cube to be partitioned, adding an extra layer of exclusivity; textured panelling for walls and doors creates a contemporary mood.



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There is a further 900sqm of covered outdoor event space, Terrace, overlooking the greenery of Beacon Hill and the thriving urban landscape of Futian business district. The overall concept of The Cube is meant to give a spatial experience that expands boundaries from inside to outside, making sure that the great scenic views surrounding the venue have maximum impact.

Planners also have the option of booking The Gallery, a 358m high banquet space offering sweeping views towards Lotus Hill Park and the glittering skyline of the Central Business District. The twinkling lights of Shenzhen city at night are a magical sight – as is the evening light show.

The stunning design of The Cube was created by the SOM collective, known for some of the world's most distinctive buildings. The creative team were determined to maximise views from the floor-to-ceiling windows, allowing guests to have breathtaking open vistas of the surrounding area, in particular a framed terrace outlook over Lotus Hill Park, one of the city's great green lungs. A zig-zagging bridge that links The Cube to the park is a powerful landscape feature in its own right.

All events, large or small, feature legendary Mandarin Oriental levels of service excellence, as well as superb culinary options created by the hotel's food and beverage team, headed by Swiss-born Executive Chef Reto Weber.

Customised menus for dinners, banquets and other gatherings can be created in conjunction with hotel chefs who, in turn, are inspired by pioneering Michelin-starred Chef Fei, who presides over The Bay by Chef Fei in the hotel.

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The hotel's prime location, in the Futian business district, with grand vistas of the surrounding area, ensures that Mandarin Oriental, Shenzhen, will become the first-choice location for conferences, wedding banquets and special events. It offers a comprehensive, one-stop-shop package that incorporates stunning architecture, innovative event-space design, gourmet-level cuisine and, of course, sublime Mandarin Oriental service.

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