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## THE SIGNATURE FAN AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, SHENZHEN

The signature Fan, at Mandarin Oriental, Shenzhen, reflects the traditions, crafts and skills of southern China, focussing in particular on the lion dance. The beautiful fan, which features a bold, red abstract design on a neutral backdrop, is also designed to capture the openness and inclusiveness that is found in Shenzhen, a city that is one of China's fastest growing.

The stunning artwork will be displayed in the hotel lobby, as is the tradition with Mandarin Oriental hotels, which has a destination-specific fan in each worldwide property, reflecting the individuality of the location. The fan is symbolic of Mandarin Oriental's oriental cultural roots, with the eleven-bladed fan tying together all the hotels into one single identity.

The lion depicted is also associated with China's links to the outside world in that when the animal was introduced to China from overseas it was adapted to local culture.

Foshan, together with Shenzhen, in the Greater Bay Area, is the birthplace of the southern lion and important for the development of the lion dance culture. The lion itself is an imported product, but it has nurtured the unique lion culture of China; the work itself is drawn with traditional Chinese cinnabar, with a minimalist golden spherical pattern, which reflects traditional culture, while adding a contemporary avant-garde element. These all complement the charm of Shenzhen itself.

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