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## MANDARIN ORIENTAL, TAIPEI SET TO BRING A NEW ERA OF LUXURY HOSPITALITY TO THE CITY

**Hong Kong, 17 January 2014** – The exquisitely designed <u>Mandarin Oriental, Taipei</u>, is scheduled to open in the second quarter of 2014 and is set to bring Mandarin Oriental's legendary service to the city.

Mandarin Oriental, Taipei is ideally located in the heart of the city on Dunhua North Road, Taipei's main boulevard renowned for its vast canopy of trees. The 256 guest rooms and 47 suites, designed with classic inspiration and contemporary touches, are the most spacious in the city, ranging from 55 square metres. All rooms and suites are equipped with the latest technology, luxurious marble bathrooms and walk-in closets. Two magnificent Presidential Suite including a Mandarin Suite, each at almost 400 sqm with a private spa and gymnasium, offer the ultimate in luxury, comfort and indulgence. All suite guests can also enjoy the prestigious Oriental Club.

The <u>restaurants and bars</u> at Mandarin Oriental, Taipei will showcase innovative concepts and superlative cuisine in stylish and sophisticated settings. Designed by international design master Tony Chi, the contemporary French Brasserie, COCO, offers classic brasserie fare along with a selection of international favourites. Ya Ge, the fine dining Cantonese restaurant provides a beautiful setting to enjoy excellent cuisine with personalised service and a range of private rooms for entertaining.

Bencotto, the Italian restaurant will serve authentic, heart-warming cuisine from a team of Italian chefs overseen by Michelin-starred Italian chef Mario Cittadini in a lively, atmospheric setting with a large open kitchen. Guests can also enjoy the ultimate in fine patisserie, cakes and pralines created by World Chocolate Master, Frank Haasnoot at The Mandarin Cake Shop with its



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beautiful courtyard setting. The stylish M.O. Bar will serve an extensive range of cocktails and Champagnes. Located adjacent to the lobby, The Jade Lounge will be the place to visit for Mandarin Oriental's renowned afternoon tea.

The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Taipei introduces the Group's awarding-winning spa concept with holistic signature treatments, combining a comprehensive range of wellness, beauty and massage programmes. Spread over two floors, the spacious spa offers 12 tranquil treatment rooms including four couples' suites and two VIP suites. There is also a Fitness Centre and a 20 metre, heated, outdoor swimming pool.

Mandarin Oriental, Taipei will also offer a versatile range of <u>event spaces</u> including the Grand Ballroom a 960 square metre space with 7.3 metre high ceiling accommodating up to 1200 guests. The Mandarin Ballroom, is a 500 square metre space for up to 550 guests and the five Oriental rooms can be configured in different sizes to accommodate from 10 to 110 guests for events and conferences. A contemporary and cafe-like breakout area for refreshments and breaks is centrally located amidst the various rooms.

In addition, the spectacular Grand Salon on the eighth floor is a prestigious and exclusive venue for wedding ceremonies, fashion events and product launches. The Chairman's Residence on level 7 is Taipei's first luxurious private event space centred around an exquisite residential design. Comprising various formal rooms, reception areas, outdoor terraces and a custom-made tasting kitchen.

The hotel is poised to become the premier choice in Taipei for weddings, combining opulent ballrooms with the hotel's spectacular Grand Salon, perfectly designed for a Wedding ceremony with its elaborately detailed ceiling and romantic design. An adjoining private garden offers an intimate space for the wedding party to enjoy a post ceremony gathering. The hotel's dedicated wedding planners will be on hand to offer a highly personalised service for each couple.



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The hotel is located in Taipei's most established business district and is a short 15 minute car journey from the Xinyi shopping and business district, Taipei 101, as well as other key city attractions. Taipei Arena, the city's premier entertainment venue for concerts, art activities and events is within short walking distance. The hotel is also five minutes by car from Songshan International Airport and 40 minutes to Taoyuan International Airport, making this the perfect base for both business and leisure travellers to enjoy Taipei's many attractions.

Taipei is considered a vibrant, contemporary and energetic city, renowned for its traditional heritage combined with a modern, forward thinking nature. With emphasis on a wonderful array of cuisines, a definitive local culture and warm hospitality, the city offers a delightful experience to any visitor. Combined with the groups' renowned legendary service, Mandarin Oriental, Taipei will provide the perfect choice for guests to experience the excitement of this attractive destination.

#### About Mandarin Oriental, Taipei

Mandarin Oriental, Taipei, with a prime location in Taipei's most established business district, is poised to deliver a new era of luxury hospitality on opening. The hotel's 303 comfortable and luxurious rooms and suites, are elegantly designed with classic inspiration and contemporary touches, and are the most spacious in the city. Six restaurants and bars will showcase innovative and superlative cuisine, while the spacious spa will introduce the Group's awarding-winning spa concepts together with holistic signature treatments and a range of wellness programmes. In addition, the diverse meeting and event spaces will bring a level of sophistication and elegance to any occasion.



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Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. The Group has grown from a well-respected Asian hotel company into a global brand and now operates, or has under development, 45 hotels representing over 11,000 rooms in 26 countries, with 20 hotels in Asia, 11 in The Americas and 14 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 13 Residences at Mandarin Oriental connected to its properties.

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