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## LUXURY WEDDINGS BY MANDARIN ORIENTAL, TAIPEI

**Hong Kong, 6 October 2014** – The legendary reputation of Mandarin Oriental, a name synonymous with magnificent weddings around the world for over 50 years, can now be experienced at Mandarin Oriental, Taipei, where lavish surroundings, unparalleled service and a dedicated events team seamlessly combine to create the perfect bespoke wedding experience. Mandarin Oriental, Taipei is set to become the city's most coveted destination for distinctly exceptional weddings: providing a perfect setting and a place where memories will be made and remembered for a lifetime.

## Perfect wedding venue

## The only five-star hotel in the city that offers a wedding chapel

Mandarin Oriental, Taipei houses Taiwan's first spectacular Grand Salon – the wedding chapel. Located on the eighth floor of the hotel, The Grand Salon, with its stately 21-m high dome, excellent natural lighting, elegant decor and European wall relief art, is the ultimate setting for wedding ceremonies. Guests can hold a cocktail party at the Roof Garden, located next to The Grand Salon. The Bridal Salon is an exclusively designed changing suite created for the wedding couple, ensuring their perfect presentation on their special day.

The spacious and sweeping driveway enables wedding guests to arrive in style, directly to the ballroom entrance without disturbance. The opulent pillar-less Grand Ballroom with its 960 square metre space and 7.3 metre high ceiling can accommodate up to 68 tables, including space for the Bridal stage, whilst the spectacular and elegant interiors provides an unrivalled setting for a stunning wedding.

The Mandarin Ballroom houses a 4 metre high ceiling, amidst 500 square metres of space that can accommodate up to 32 tables including space for the Bridal Stage. This graceful venue is both intimate and unique with its arched decorative ceiling.



The spacious pre-function areas, with beautiful marble inlaid floors and crystal chandeliers can accommodate up to 350 guests for the arrival celebrations.

## **Customised wedding menu selections**

The wedding menu is designed by Mandarin Oriental, Taipei's Executive Chinese Banquet Chef, Lee Cheok Kwang. Originally from Singapore, Chef Lee has over 23 years of professional cooking and kitchen management experience. Before joining the talented culinary team at Mandarin Oriental, Taipei, Chef Lee had a distinguished career at various 5 star hotels including Mandarin Oriental, Singapore. Chef Lee has profound experience, knowledge and passion for his specialisation in Chinese cuisine.

Chef Lee has created a customised menu concept based on the couple's selection, making this a distinguished choice for the special day. Alongside the wedding menu, Mandarin Oriental, Taipei's Executive Pastry Chef, Frank Haasnoot, overseas a custom made range of exquisite wedding cakes, refined chocolate giveaways, as well as options for custom prepared 'Candy Bar' displays and presentations for the arrival reception. Frank, who has more than 20 years of experience in pastry excellence, became the World Champion at the 2011 World Chocolate Masters Championship Competition

#### State-of-the-art audio visual facilities

In Mandarin Oriental, Taipei, the Ballroom venues are equipped with state-of-the-art audio visual facilities, which are unique to Taiwan, and provide extremely impressive lighting effects for the event. The hotel uses one of the world's top audio brands, Meyer Sound, which is used in the national concerts, along with a full-degree-designed sound system to create the perfect sound.



The Grand Ballroom has 35 computer lights, which can present dynamic multi-functional lighting change options and colour and pattern effects which can create stunning lighting moods and effects which enhance and provide dramatic lighting specialisation to the Couple's special day. This highly sophisticated level of lighting capability is introduced into Taiwan for the first time. Mandarin Oriental, Taipei is the only luxury hotel in Taiwan with vertical video telecast, whereby the both audio and video in The Grand Salon on the eighth floor and other event venues in Basement 2 can be live broadcast.

# The Spa – perfect final touches

As the couple prepares for their wedding celebrations, The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Taipei with the Group's awarding winning spa concept will pamper them with a well-deserved wedding spa programme. The Spa offers an array of soothing treatments and therapies customised and catered to one's every need.

## **Prestigious Wedding Packages**

Mandarin Oriental, Taipei transforms dream weddings into splendid reality. The hotel's talented international culinary team and dedicated wedding planners are on hand to ensure that every detail is attended to and meticulously planned. From the moment couples walk through the door to the day of their nuptial, Mandarin Oriental's experienced team of professionals are on call to make their wedding truly outstanding.

The wedding packages include *The Classic Wedding* at TWD38,800 + 10% per table and the *Royal Wedding* at TWD58,800 + 10% per table.



The Classic Wedding and Royal Wedding packages include:

- A bespoke menu prepared by the Executive Chinese Banquet Chef, Lee Cheok Kwang and his culinary team.
- An array of complimentary wedding accessories including signature booklet, blessing book and signing pen, as well as flowers for the banquet tables and the reception table.
- Designated wedding butler service throughout the wedding
- State-of-the-art audio visual facilities with professional audio specialist
- A complimentary honeymoon night at in the hotel's Deluxe Room (*Classic Wedding*) or City Suite (*Royal Wedding*) with breakfast for two and welcome refreshment
- Preferential room rates for friends and relatives
- Exclusive bridal spa treatment in The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Taipei for three hours

Couples enjoying the *Royal Wedding* package will also receive a personalised wedding cake, a complimentary night's accommodation in any Mandarin Oriental hotel, FRETTE bathrobes, and an exclusive wedding gift box.

## **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 showcase innovative and superlative cuisine, whilst the spacious spa introduces 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 bring a level of sophistication and elegance to any occasion.



**About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group** 

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from a well-respected Asian hotel company into a global brand, the Group now operates, or has under development, 45 hotels representing close to 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 20 hotels in Asia, ten in The Americas and 15 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under

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