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YA GE CHINESE RESTAURANT AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, TAIPEI AWARDED ONE MICHELIN STAR STATUS BY THE INAUGURAL MICHELIN GUIDE TAIPEI 2018

Hong Kong, 15 March 2018 – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Taipei</u>'s Ya Ge restaurant has been awarded one Michelin-star status. The gourmet Chinese restaurant has been included in the *Michelin Guide Taipei 2018*, the first-ever Michelin restaurant guide published in Taiwan. Following recognition of <u>Ya Ge's</u> culinary excellence, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group now holds a total of 22 Michelin stars for 15 of its restaurants, more than any other hotel brand in the world.

Within its sophisticated, contemporary interiors created by internationally renowned designer Tony Chi, Ya Ge offers a wide selection of timeless, authentic Cantonese classics. Under the direction of Chef de Cuisine Tse Man, Ya Ge's experienced kitchen team add enticing touches of modernity to seasonal menus that feature dishes made with locally grown produce.

In addition to the main dining room, the restaurant has five intimate private dining rooms, the largest of which can accommodate up to 20 guests, ideal for business entertaining and family or social dining. A carefully selected collection of fine wines and premium Chinese teas are on offer to guests.

"It is a tremendous honour for Ya Ge to be recognised in Taipei's first edition of the prestigious Michelin restaurant guide. My heartfelt thanks to the culinary and service teams at Mandarin Oriental, Taipei who make every dining experience at Ya Ge truly exceptional and memorable for our guests. It is inspiring to have their achievements recognised by this most important of gastronomic guides." says Michael Ziemer, General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Taipei.

In addition to recognizing excellence at Ya Ge, the *Michelin Guide Taipei 2018* features Mandarin Oriental, Taipei as one of its recommended hotels.



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About Chef de Cuisine Tse Man and His Culinary Style

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Chef Tse began his career as an apprentice, aged 14, acquiring the expert culinary skills in Chinese cuisine that propelled him to future leading roles at several prestigious restaurants. At award-winning Fook Lam Moon, where he worked for more than ten years, he was inspired by the restaurant's motto, "to select ingredients of the highest quality with outstanding culinary style to produce traditional, classic Cantonese fine dining."

Prior to joining Mandarin Oriental, Taipei in March 2017, Tse worked as Executive Chinese Chef at the Four Seasons Hotel Shenzhen restaurant, Zhuo Yue Xuan.

Drawing upon nearly 50 years of experience in creating delectable Chinese classics, Chef Tse carefully handpicks the finest, freshest ingredients to bring out the best flavours in food. Chef Tse has revolutionised Chinese cooking in Taipei, offering diners a special, one-of-a-kind epicurean experience that reveals the authentic full flavours of Chinese gastronomy.

About Mandarin Oriental, Taipei

<u>Mandarin Oriental, Taipei</u>, with a prime location in the city's most established business district, is poised to deliver a new era of luxury hospitality. 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 <u>restaurants and bars</u> will showcase innovative and superlative cuisine, while the spacious <u>spa</u> will introduce the Group's awarding-winning spa concepts together with holistic signature treatments and a range of wellness programmes. In addition, the diverse <u>meeting and event</u> spaces, including a spectacular wedding chapel, will bring a level of sophistication and elegance to any occasion.



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About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from its Asian roots into a global brand, the Group now operates 31 hotels and eight residences in 21 countries and territories, with each property reflecting the Group's oriental heritage and unique sense of place. Mandarin Oriental has a strong pipeline of hotels and residences under development, and is a member of the Jardine Matheson Group.

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