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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, WASHINGTON DC NAMES PHILIPP KNUEPFER HOTEL MANAGER

Industry leader brings international experience to the luxurious property in the nation's capital

Hong Kong, 11 December 2015 – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC</u> has named seasoned hotelier Philipp Knuepfer as its new Hotel Manager.

"Philipp's comprehensive industry experience matched with his loyalty to the Mandarin Oriental brand, makes him an ideal addition to our executive team," said Adriaan Radder, General Manager at Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC. "We are delighted to have his leadership skills and service-oriented focus heading our extensive hotel operations."

Most recently, Knuepfer served as Hotel Manager at Mandarin Oriental, Taipei where he oversaw the hotel's day-to-day operations of 301 guest rooms, 26 residences, 11 food and beverage outlets, banquet facilities for up to 1,480 guests, 12 spa treatment rooms and extensive wellness facilities. With over 13 years of experience with Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, Knuepfer held other key positions including Executive Assistant Manager at Mandarin Oriental, Singapore; Director of Food and Beverage at Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi, Chiang Mai; and Assistant Director of Food and Beverage Manager at Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur.

Knuepfer received a diploma in Hotel Management at the International School for Hotel & Catering Business in Munich, Germany. Continuing his education, Knuepfer earned certificates in Hospitality Management with majors in Finance, Marketing and Human Resources at Cornell University and a Master of Business Administration from the RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia.



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About Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC

Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC offers an ideal location on the southwest waterfront providing picturesque views of the Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, Tidal Basin and Washington Marina in addition to being within walking distance of the nation's most cherished monuments and the city's famed cherry blossom trees. The elegant retreat exudes a refined sense of style with beautifully designed rooms, spacious suites including the luxurious three-bedroom Presidential Suite, The Forbes Four-Star Spa, legendary service and exceptional restaurants. Stay connected with Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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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. Having grown from a well-respected Asian hotel company into a global brand, the Group now operates, or has under development, 47 hotels representing 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 21 hotels in Asia, 10 in The Americas and 16 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 17 *Residences at Mandarin Oriental* connected to its properties.

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