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KURT WACHTVEITL APPOINTED AS SPECIAL ADVISER TO MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL GROUP

Hong Kong, 27 May 2009 – Subsequent to the recent announcement of Kurt Wachtveitl’s retirement after 41 years as General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is pleased to confirm that Mr Wachtveitl will remain with the Group in the capacity of Special Adviser.

Throughout his career, Kurt Wachtveitl has been a pioneer in the hotel industry and has played a significant role in the global recognition of Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group. In his new role as Special Adviser, the Group will continue to benefit from his extensive skills, industry knowledge and experience.

His new responsibilities will include acting as Brand Ambassador at Mandarin Oriental events worldwide, the recruitment and development of talented employees, and assisting in the development of new hotel projects, restaurant concepts and spa operations.

“We are delighted that Kurt will remain with the Group to take up the challenge of this important new role,” said Edouard Ettedgui, Group Chief Executive, “For over 40 years he has provided the best example of gracious hospitality in the hotel industry, and we will all continue to benefit from his wealth of knowledge and extraordinary commitment.”

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most prestigious hotels, resorts and residences. Mandarin Oriental now operates, or has under development, 41 hotels representing over 10,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 17 hotels in Asia, 14 in The Americas and 10 in Europe and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates, or has under development, 13 *Residences at Mandarin Oriental*, connected to the Group’s properties.

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