

NY CITY'S BEST HOTELS

Mandarin Oriental, New York

A FORBES FIVE-STAR HOTEL, MANDARIN Oriental, New York is ideally situated in the Time Warner Center complex at Columbus Circle and 60th Street, offering exceptional views of the Manhattan skyline and Central Park or the Hudson River from every room. The property boasts 248 stylishly appointed rooms and suites that combine residential urban chic furnishings with state-of-the-art technology, including a home theater experience with digitally delivered high-definition picture on large flat panel LCD televisions; surround sound stereo system, including CD and DVD options; and laptop connections to LCD television and in-room entertainment systems. Additional indulgences include luxurious Italian bed linens by Fili D'oro and bath amenities by Aromatherapy Associates and Fresh

Guests can take their stay up another level by requesting the hotel's Presidential Suite. The suite features over \$100,000 worth of Bang & Olufsen entertainment technology including a 65-inch plasma and 40-inch LCD television, five independent audio zones, an eight-speaker surround sound system, Blu-ray high-definition HD-DVD player, and an Xbox 360 gaming console, as well as electronically controlled light and temperature systems. Located on the 53rd floor, the suite measures 2,640 square feet, and offers guests panoramic views of Central Park, the Hudson River, and Midtown Manhattan.

Business travelers will be pleased to know that Mandarin Oriental, New York has been named as the "Best Business Hotel in America" by



Entrepreneur magazine and one of the "Best Business Hotels in the World" by *Travel + Leisure*. All guests have access to high speed wireless Internet, face-to-face video conferencing, and VOIP Voice over Internet protocol phones. Additionally, guest rooms can become mini theatres with laptop connections to LCD TV screens.

Active travelers will appreciate the state-of-the-art fitness center, with cardiovascular and weight training equipment, as well as the 75-foot lap pool bathed in natural sunlight from floor-to-ceiling windows, providing exceptional sunset views of the Hudson River.

To unwind, guests can take advantage of The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, New York, a Forbes Five-Star spa offering six multi-functional treatment rooms with private showers, a VIP Spa Suite with fireplace and private steam and shower, an Oriental Tea Lounge, men's and women's heat experiences rooms, and spa cuisine.

Diners will not be disappointed with a nice selection of food and beverage options to choose from, including Asiate, serving contemporary cuisine with Asian influences by Chef de Cuisine Brandon Kida and an award-winning wine collection; MObar, which serves stylish cocktails and provides a lively atmosphere for pre- or post-dinner drinks; and Lobby Lounge for those looking to enjoy small plates, cocktails, or afternoon tea with captivating views of Central Park.

Rudy Tauscher, originally from southern Germany, is the General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, New York and Area Vice President, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group. ●



Central Park from the Hotel (top); MObar (above); General Manager Rudy Tauscher (inset); Center top to bottom: Presidential Suite Living Room; Oriental Study Room; Amethyst Crystal Steam Room; 75-foot Lap Pool (right)