



M RESTAURANT GROUP ANNOUNCES CAPITAL M BEIJING CLOSURE



[BEIJING, CHINA 14 September, 2017] Capital M, the iconic restaurant and bar under M Restaurant Group in Beijing, will close on 17 September, 2017 when the lease ends. New locations are currently being considered. The group's outposts in Shanghai, M on the Bund and Glam, are unaffected by the Beijing closure.

"My devoted team and I are proud of what we have achieved together at Capital M," says Michelle Garnaut, founder and CEO of M Restaurant Group. "Creating fond memories with our guests and sharing in many remarkable occasions and special events has been one of the greatest pleasures over the past eight years."

The closure comes at a time when M Restaurant Group is also looking at new opportunities within and outside China.

Since its opening in 2009, Capital M has distinguished itself as one of Beijing's most spectacular dining experiences, earning numerous accolades for its modern and creative European cuisine, eclectic wine lists, hand-crafted cocktails, stunning contemporary interiors and warm hospitality.

Adding a new dimension to Beijing's ever-growing culinary scene, Capital M pioneered and advocated for responsibly and sustainably sourced ingredients, championed the slow-food philosophy and celebrated healthy, flavourful cooking. Over the years, the award-winning restaurant gained a loyal following of local and international diners and attracted such esteemed guests as actresses Gong Li, Zhang Ziyi and Nicole Kidman, conductors Charles Dutoit and Christophe Eschenbach, musicians Yuja Wang, Li Yundi, Gary Hoffman, Ma Yoyo, Joshua Bell, Karen Mok and Cui Jian, influential fashion icons Jean-Paul Gaultier, Anna Wintour and Angelica Cheung, business moguls Tim Cook, Rupert Murdoch and Lloyd Blankfein, as well as Prince Andrew of Great Britain.

Connection and engagement with the local community is a core value of the M Restaurant Group. In support of this goal, the restaurant has regularly hosted artistic, cultural and intellectual events in the city and was the proud founder of Beijing Mentor Walks, Capital Literary Festival and the M Literary Residency. Capital M also supported and partnered with The Village People Project, Lotus Charity Association, China Heritage Protection, Educating Girls in Rural China, Community Shared Agriculture, The Royal Asiatic Society, Ping Pong Productions, Asia Society, Advance, Australian Studies Centres and Australian National



University, along with various cultural exchanges with local and international organisations, to name but a few.

“We are proud to have been an active part of the broader Beijing community,” Garnaut adds. “As a socially-conscious company, we continue to wholeheartedly support the community in China.”

Capital M will remain fully operational until 17 September.

In Shanghai, M on the Bund, the group’s landmark restaurant in the city, and Glam dining lounge and bar continue to rev up the dining scene with the arrival of new executive chef Hamish Waddel and introduction of the new seasonal menus. Guests can also look forward to the regular weekly cultural exchanges focusing on literature, music and food, including the upcoming quarterly Chamber Music concert and an exciting pop-up partnership with Grassroots Pantry from Hong Kong.

“The last eight years in Beijing have been very rewarding,” says Garnaut. “We would like to thank everyone we have had the pleasure to work with, especially our dedicated suppliers; the artists, musicians, speakers, performers, movers and shakers, thinkers and designers who have inspired us; and of course our restaurant guests. It was all possible because of their fervent support. My team and I are now looking ahead, and getting ready for our next chapter. We are actively searching for a new location that matches our exacting standards.”

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About M Restaurant Group

M Restaurant Group is an award-winning collection of restaurants and lounges that have pioneered independent fine dining in Hong Kong and China. The Group was founded in 1989 by trail-blazing Australian entrepreneur Michelle Garnaut – the signature ‘M’ – with the opening of M at the Fringe in Hong Kong (1989-2009). The M collection currently comprises M on the Bund restaurant in Shanghai as well as Glam dining lounge & bar in Shanghai.

Each M venue has become a city institution, situated in an iconic location that captures the heart of its destination: from the historic waterfront Bund in Shanghai to the ancient Qianmen district of Beijing overlooking Tiananmen Square. They also share quintessential ‘M’ characteristics: delicious modern European cooking using responsibly sourced ingredients; stylishly comfortable décor; warm, polished service; fine wine and drinks, and a flourishing and fun personality.

Trendsetting, confident and gorgeous, M Restaurants boast guest lists teeming with glitterati. Famous diners have included HRH Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands, HRH Queen Sirikit of Thailand, Sir Richard Branson, Tim Cook, Jinxing, Kate Moss, Sun Li, Hugh Jackman, Jean Paul Gaultier, Mick Jagger, Jude Law, Maria Sharapova, Jason Wu, Miuccia Prada, Gore Vidal, Amy Tan, Kylie Minogue, Gong Li, Ralph Fiennes, Victoria Beckham, Nicole Kidman, Monica Bellucci, Tim Robbins, Tim Burton, Tom Hiddleston, as well as dignitaries and heads of state from many countries.

A firm believer in giving back to the community, the Group has initiated and supported a number of citywide events, such as the annual Literary Festivals, Chamber Music Concerts & Competitions and Mentor Walk, to unite and empower the society through art, culture and idea exchange. The Group also co-founded The Village People Project to introduce sustainable hygiene facilities in the rural communities in China.

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