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Mandarin Oriental furthers investment in Dubai with second planned opening

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Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is ramping up its presence in Dubai with its second announced property in the United Arab Emirates city.

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The hotelier will be managing a hotel and branded residences, which are set to open in late 2020. This latest property addition joins Mandarin Oriental's existing beachfront resort currently in development, which is slated to open in 2018.

Doubling down in Dubai

In 2014, Mandarin Oriental announced plans to open its first Dubai property in collaboration with wasl Asset Management Group. Before this announcement, Mandarin Oriental's sole location in the Middle East was in Turkey ([see story](#)).



Mandarin Oriental Jumeirah Beach rendering

Before this first resort at Jumeirah Beach has even opened, Mandarin Oriental is investing in the city with plans for a second hotel, also in partnership with wasl. Located in downtown Dubai on Sheikh Zayed Road, this 63-story tower designed by Amsterdam-based architects UN Studio will house a mixed-use development that includes residences and a hotel, both of which will be managed by Mandarin Oriental.

Floors 16 through 38 will hold a total of 257 serviced guestrooms and apartments. Above the hotel will be the residences, which will boast private access.

While the homes are separate with their own residents' lounge, residents will be able to take advantage of hotel

services as well. This includes a two-level spa, an outdoor pool and dining, such as a rooftop bar.

"Dubai continues to develop as one of the world's leading destinations, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to operate two luxury hotels in the city," said James Riley, group CEO of Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, in a statement. "We look forward to collaborating with wasl Group to create a second iconic property and to be extending our brand's presence in the Middle East."

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