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Mandarin Oriental to make Australian debut in Melbourne

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Rendering of the Zaha Hadid-designed tower that will house Mandarin Oriental's property. Image credit: Zaha Hadid Architects

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Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is expanding its brand into Australia with plans for its first property in the country.

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The company has inked a management contract for a hotel and residences within a mixed-use tower in Melbourne being developed by Landream. Mandarin Oriental has been growing its portfolio, stretching its brand into new destinations.

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The 607-foot tower that will house Mandarin Oriental's property was designed by late architect Zaha Hadid. Situated on Collins Street within Melbourne's business and financial district and a short distance from entertainment, the tower includes retail and commercial activities.

Mandarin Oriental's hotel will have 196 guest rooms and suites, as well as a restaurant and bar. A fitness center, indoor pool and wellness and beauty facilities will also be accessible to guests.

At the top of the tower will be 148 Mandarin Oriental-managed residences. Those who live in these private homes will have exclusive amenities such as a private lounge, while also being able to take advantage of the hotel features.



Rendering of the mixed-use tower on Collins Street. Image credit: Zaha Hadid Architects

"We are delighted with this opportunity to open our first hotel in Australia and look forward to bringing Mandarin Oriental's legendary hospitality to Melbourne," said James Riley, Group Chief Executive of Mandarin Oriental. "This new development will be a welcome addition to the brand's growing global portfolio," he added.

Mandarin Oriental's hotel and residences are slated to open in 2023.

The hotel group is also entering a new continent with its plans for a hotel in Santiago, Chile.

Marking the brand's first South American opening, the chain is taking over management of a 310-room property this August, with extensive renovations to follow. At the time of the brand's announcement, Mandarin Oriental's presence in the Americas was limited to properties in the United States ([see story](#)).

The hotelier also has its first two Dubai openings in the works for 2018 and 2020 ([see story](#)).

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