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Mandarin Oriental enters Oman with Muscat property

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Rendering of Mandarin Oriental, Muscat. Image courtesy of Mandarin Oriental

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Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is expanding its hospitality brand's presence in the Middle East with an upcoming opening in Muscat, Oman.

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Slated to debut in 2021, Mandarin Oriental, Muscat will include a resort and branded residences. The number of visitors to Oman has been growing, as the country attracts residents of other Gulf States, Europeans and Asians.

Moving into Muscat

Mandarin Oriental's Muscat property will be located on the beach in the Omani capital 20 minutes away from the airport by car. The hotel will also be in a central district, putting guests nearby to the Royal Opera House, the Grand Mosque and the traditional souk Muttrah.



The Grand Mosque in Muscat. Image credit: Oman Tourism

The property will have 150 guestrooms and suites in the resort. Individuals will also be able to purchase 155 private apartments that range in size from 800 to about 2,800 square feet.

Mandarin Oriental, Muscat is being developed by Eagle Hills Muscat.

"Muscat is an entrancing destination with character, charm and an abundance of visitor attractions," said James Riley, group CEO of Mandarin Oriental, in a statement. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to expand our brand presence on the Arabian Peninsula with this exciting project in partnership with Eagle Hills.

"We look forward to bringing Mandarin Oriental's legendary service standards to Muscat."

Beyond Oman, Mandarin Oriental has its sights set on the Middle East.

The hotel group is ramping up its presence in Dubai with its second announced property in the United Arab Emirates city.

Mandarin Oriental 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 ([see story](#)).

This year, the hotelier is also debuting a property in Doha, Qatar.

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