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Mandarin Oriental expands Caribbean footprint with Grand Cayman property

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Wellness and spas will be the theme of the resort. Image credit: Mandarin Oriental

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Mandarin Oriental is branching out in the Caribbean with its first property located in the Cayman Islands.

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The new property on Grand Cayman will be a 100-room beachfront resort equipped with all the same modern amenities as the standard Mandarin Oriental experience. As the demand for luxury travel grows, Mandarin Oriental is looking to meet that demand with an expanded portfolio of properties.

"We are delighted to announce this exciting new project, which will be the group's second property in the Caribbean and a fitting extension to our growing global resort portfolio," said James Riley, group chief executive of Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, in a statement. "The owner has assembled a spectacular site and has the long-term vision to create a unique resort experience that, together with Mandarin Oriental's renowned service, will ensure an exceptional offering in Grand Cayman."

Cayman Islands

Mandarin Oriental, though having its roots in Asia, currently operates properties throughout the world.

From Atlanta to Paris, the brand has many hotels, but it has mostly kept clear of one popular travel destination: the Caribbean.

All that is changing with the announcement of a new property on Grand Cayman. The 67-acre property is scheduled to open in 2021.

The theme of Mandarin Oriental, Grand Cayman is wellness. The property will be fully equipped with a spa, hiking trails, tennis courts and a state-of-the-art fitness center.



Mandarin Oriental, Paris exterior. Image credit: Mandarin Oriental

Mandarin Oriental has invested heavily in the popularity of wellness in travel with new itineraries and unique partnerships recently.

As the Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London prepares to open its new spa, the brand's New York location is augmenting new wellness initiatives. New relaxation lounges, treatments, fitness classes and more are enhancing the health of the New York property.

By partnering with Abb Tea Company, Mandarin Oriental is revamping its relaxation areas and providing complimentary tea for post treatment tranquility ([see story](#)).

Last fall, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group rebranded and began managing a hotel on Canouan Island in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, marking the hotelier's entry into the Caribbean ([see story](#)).

"We are pleased to partner with Mandarin Oriental to bring the most exclusive resort and branded residences to the Cayman Islands," said Ryan Melkonian, managing partner of Melkonian Capital Management, the development partner for the property, in a statement. "We are creating a very special destination that we expect will be among the best in the Caribbean."

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