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Mandarin Oriental coming to Moscow

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Mandarin Oriental is arriving in Moscow. Image courtesy of Mandarin Oriental

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Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is bringing its brand to Moscow with an upcoming hotel and residences.

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The hospitality company has signed a management agreement with local development firm Capital Group for a riverfront property in the city. Slated to open in 2021, this hotel will be the brand's first in Russia.

"We are delighted to be entering the Russian capital with this exciting new project located on an exceptional riverfront site in the center of the city," said James Riley, group chief executive of Mandarin Oriental, in a statement. "We look forward to extending Mandarin Oriental's service excellence to both our hotel guests and the future owners of this first luxury branded residential development in Moscow."

Moscow moves

Mandarin Oriental's hotel and residences will be located on the Sofiyskaya embankment across from the Kremlin.

The hotel will feature 65 guest rooms and suites, designed by Sergey Skuratov Architects with interior design by Pierre-Yves Rochon Studio. Amenities will include two restaurants, a bar and a spa and wellness center with a swimming pool.

With this project, Mandarin Oriental is also introducing 137 residences. This will be the first branded residences development in Moscow.



Mandarin Oriental is expanding its brand. Image courtesy of Mandarin Oriental

"Mandarin Oriental hotels are found in many major cities around the world, and bear a seal of quality that signals luxury, service excellence and attention to detail," said Pavel Te, chairman of Capital Group, in a statement.

"We look forward to creating Moscow's first hotel and residential project in a prime location in front of the Kremlin, overlooking the Moskva river," he said. "The property will redefine the standard for luxury accommodation in Russia."

The hospitality chain has been expanding its footprint to new markets. For instance, Mandarin Oriental is bringing its brand to the popular resort destination Phuket, Thailand.

The 105-room Mandarin Oriental, Phuket will be situated on a beachfront location on the western side of Phuket Island. Lately hoteliers have been expanding in Southeast Asia as the region becomes a greater draw for tourists and luxury shoppers ([see story](#)).

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