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## Mandarin Oriental makes Dubai debut

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*Premier seaview suite at Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai. Image courtesy of Mandarin Oriental*

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Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group has opened its first Middle Eastern property in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

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Opened Feb. 18, Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai is centrally located on the city's shore. This marks the first of two planned Dubai openings for Mandarin Oriental, as it expands in the key luxury travel market.

### Beach resort

Mandarin Oriental tapped Jeffrey Wilkes to design its new resort. Most of the rooms and suites in the property offer balconies or terraces with views of the water or city skyline.

A spa features nine treatment rooms with private changing areas and bathrooms. Some of these suites have ocean-facing terraces.

Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai has six restaurants, including one helmed by Portuguese chef Jos Avillez and a Japanese steakhouse overseen by Australian chef Ross Shonhan.

The hotelier is also positioning the resort as a meeting and events venue due to its proximity to Dubai's business district.



*Lobby of the Mandarin Oriental Jumeira Dubai. Image courtesy of Mandarin Oriental*

In addition to a 7,000-square-foot ballroom, the property has a private bridal room.

"We are delighted to introduce Mandarin Oriental's renowned hospitality to the Middle East and look forward to welcoming guests to the luxurious resort environs of Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai," said Werner Anzinger, general manager of the hotel, in a statement.

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

The hotelier will be managing a hotel and branded residences, which are set to open in late 2020 ([see story](#)).

Hospitality group Marriott International is similarly eyeing expansion in the Middle East, with the opening of 11 hotels in the United Arab Emirates last year.

Among the properties opened in the country were the Ritz Carlton Ras Al Khaimah, Al Hamra Beach in Ras Al Khaimah, the brand's fifth hotel in the UAE. As Marriott adds to its existing presence in the Middle East, the group expects to have an 80-hotel-strong footprint in the UAE by the end of 2023 ([see story](#)).