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LVMH gains approvals for Belmond acquisition

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Belmond El Encanto in Santa Barbara, CA. Image credit: Belmond

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Conglomerate LVMH Mot Hennessy Louis Vuitton is slated to close its acquisition of hospitality company Belmond next week.

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In a statement from April 12, LVMH noted that it had received the necessary regulatory approvals from competition authorities to continue with the transaction. The purchase is scheduled for April 17.

Closing date

LVMH is expanding its hospitality portfolio with the acquisition of hotel group Belmond.

Founded more than 40 years ago, Belmond encompasses 46 travel experiences, including hotels, trains and river cruises. As luxury becomes more about experiences than ownership of physical goods, LVMH's move will help it capture more of the growing high-end travel business.

LVMH is purchasing Belmond in cash for \$25 per Class A share in a transaction with an equity value of \$2.6 billion and an enterprise value of \$3.2 billion ([see story](#)).

In February, Belmond shareholders approved the acquisition.



Belmond's Orient Express. Image credit: Belmond

"Belmond delivers unique experiences to discerning travelers and owns a number of exceptional assets in the most desirable destinations," said Bernard Arnault, chairman and CEO of LVMH, in a statement at the time of the acquisition announcement. "Its heritage, its innovative services, its excellence in execution and its entrepreneurship resonates well with the values of the group and is complementary to our own Cheval Blanc maisons and the Bvlgari hotels activities.

"This acquisition will significantly increase LVMH's presence in the ultimate hospitality world," he said.

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