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Lalique makes edible art with Mandarin Oriental

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Lalique's RockStone 40 collection. Image courtesy of Lalique

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French lifestyle brand Lalique is translating its latest artistic collaboration into cuisine through a partnership with Mandarin Oriental, New York.

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Lalique's new RockStone 40 collection by Arik Levy will be on display at the hotel and will also serve as the inspiration for a tasting menu at the in-house restaurant Asiate. Branded culinary partnerships enable creators of luxury goods to lean into experiential offerings.

Elemental eating

RockStone 40 is a series of crystal creations that take their shape from Mr. Levy's Rocks sculptures.

Rendered in amber, blue, green and clear crystal, the sculptures were meant to reflect hues that are found in nature in water, sap and fire. Eight of each of the colors were produced in a limited-edition series.

One set of the RockStone 40 pieces will be exhibit at Mandarin Oriental, New York through the month of May. The month-long partnership with the hotel marks the first time that RockStone 40 is being displayed in the United States.

In addition to showcasing the crystal pieces, Mandarin Oriental's chefs at Asiate have used the sculptures as a jumping off point for a tasting menu.

Inspired by the four elements fire, water, earth and air the chefs developed dishes using ingredients such as duck, strawberries, avocado and fluke.



Mandarin Oriental's Asiate. Image courtesy of Mandarin Oriental

Luxury hotels often pay homage to art through food, creating memorable culinary experiences.

For instance, hotel Rosewood London similarly took inspiration from famous artists throughout history and incorporated pop art into a culinary experience.

Celebrating cubism and pop art, the hotel in London created a special afternoon tea experience to cater to travelers who are also art fanatics. Executive pastry chef Mark Perkins created six pastries that were inspired by famous artists in these categories ([see story](#)).

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