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## Mandarin Oriental continues expansion push in China

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The Nanjing skyline at night. Image credit: Needpix.com

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Hospitality chain Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is adding to its footprint in mainland China with a new property in Nanjing expected to open in 2022.



Mandarin Oriental, Nanjing will be part of a mixed-use development and closely located to historic landmarks including the Gate of China. The hotel will be Mandarin Oriental's fourth in mainland China, joining properties in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

## New to Nanjing

The forthcoming hotel will include 106 rooms and suites, with many featuring views of the Qinhuai River and ancient city wall. One of the property's selling points will be its proximity to historic attractions, including the Confucius Temple quarter and the Old East Gate.

Mandarin Oriental will also open three restaurants and bars at the hotel, including an all-day dining option, a Chinese restaurant and a lobby lounge. Other amenities include meeting facilities and a spacious ballroom.

Guests will also be able to enjoy treatments and therapies at the Spa at Mandarin Oriental and unwind at the hotel's indoor pool and fitness center.



The indoor pool at the Mandarin Oriental Wangfujing, Beijing. Image credit: Mandarin Oriental

"We are delighted to announce this project in a Chinese city with strong historic roots, which today is a vibrant center for tourism, commerce, finance and trade as well as an important provincial capital," said James Riley, group chief executive of Mandarin Oriental, in a statement. "We look forward to collaborating with Hongkong Land and its partners, to create a truly iconic property in the historic Jiangsu capital."

In addition to the hotel, the mixed-use development will feature high-end retail space and luxury residential homes. The central location is also served by public transportation.

Earlier this year, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group opened its first hotel in Beijing.

Mandarin Oriental Wangfujing, Beijing is located within shopping mall WF Central, which includes luxury boutiques from brands such as Audemars Piguet, Fendi and Salvatore Ferragamo. The hotelier says that the accommodations are among the biggest in Beijing, starting at almost 600 square feet, with bathrooms that feature a spa-style atmosphere (see story).

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