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Baccarat Hotels and Residences Dubai arriving in 2026

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With one other branded property live in New York, the launch in EMEA will continue the luxury house's expansion into high-end hospitality. Image credit: Baccarat Hotels and Residences Dubai

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French crystal maker Baccarat's namesake hotel line is breaking ground in Dubai.

The brand is bringing a new property to the Middle East in partnership with real estate and investment company Shamal Holding and H&H Development, a local firm. Opening in 2026, the Baccarat Hotel and Residences Dubai continues the luxury house's expansion into high-end hospitality.

"For over two centuries, Baccarat has defined luxury, translating its essence into contemporary lifestyle offerings including Baccarat Hotel New York, the first hospitality flagship for the brand," said Abdulla Binhabtoor, chief portfolio management officer at Shamal Holding, in a statement.

"Inspired by this, Baccarat Hotel and Residences Dubai introduces a glimmering new masterpiece with an otherworldly lifestyle experience for those who choose to see life in a new light," Mr. Binhabtoor said. "We are working alongside a team of extraordinary partners led by H&H Development to deliver an industry-defining project, setting a new standard of elevated living in Dubai.

"We remain committed to bringing the extraordinary to the communities we invest in, as we play our role alongside our partners and stakeholders in supporting Dubai's growth and ambitions to be the number one city to live and work in."

Breaking ground

Currently underway in downtown Dubai, the structure that will house the Baccarat-branded lodging concept features a two-tower design.



The property is planned to contain 144 hotel rooms and 49 permanent luxury residences. Image credit: Baccarat Hotel and Residences

Envisioned by award-winning architects at the New York-based Studio Libeskind, each crystal-inspired column will cut into the city's famed skyline once complete.

Besides the hotel and homes 144 guest rooms and 49 residences will be located within the building's first pillar fine dining menus at on-site restaurants, plus a bar and cafe, as well as a range of amenities including a spa and pool, are coming soon.

Shamal Holding, the owner of the Baccarat Hotel and Residences brand in the region, is backing the collaborative effort. H&H Development will oversee day-by-day construction.

Having worked with the likes of Mandarin Oriental, OWO, Six Senses and Cipriani Residences, 1508 London (see story) has been tapped to head interior design.



 $\textit{Executives from Shamal Holding and H\&H Development break ground on the Baccarat Hotel and \textit{Residences Dubai. Image credit: Shamal Holding and Head of the Baccarat Hotel and Residences Dubai.} \\$

"Our expertise in the region, underpinned by a commitment to excellence and innovation in construction, uniquely positions us to bring this development to life," said Miltos Bosinis, CEO of H&H Development, in a statement.

"We are proud to be working alongside Shamal Holding, and with our team of world-class partners, we are poised to craft an unparalleled living experience," Mr. Bosinis said. "Situated in Downtown Dubai, the Baccarat Hotel and Residences is a testament to our commitment to crafting spaces that emphasize cutting-edge design and sophisticated luxury, tailor-made for those who express an elevated style of living right in the heart of our city."

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