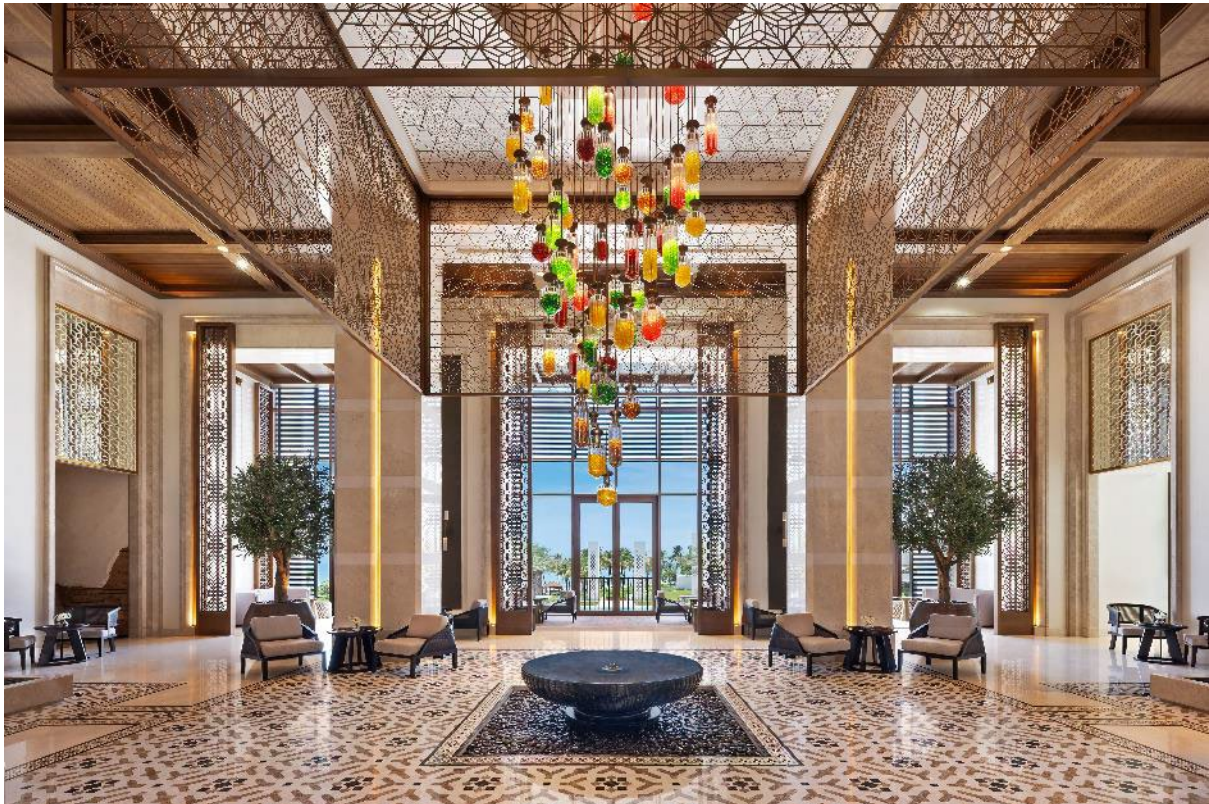


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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MUSCAT BRINGS EXCEPTIONAL HOSPITALITY TO THE SULTANATE OF OMAN



Hong Kong, 3 June 2024 – [Mandarin Oriental, Muscat](#) has opened its doors today, marking the Group's debut in the Sultanate of Oman. The distinctive architectural design of this urban resort and branded residences takes full advantage of the views over the Arabian sea, while its location in the heart of the city in Shatti Al-Qurum, a prestigious neighbourhood, is perfectly positioned to explore Muscat's intriguing ancient architectural treasures and vibrant culture. Enhancing its heartfelt charm is the breathtaking backdrop of the majestic Hajar Mountains. Mandarin Oriental's legendary service, combined with distinctive dining concepts, a world-class spa and authentic Omani-inspired experiences, will ensure that the much-anticipated resort will bring a new level of exceptional hospitality to the country.

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Envisioned by renowned French interior designer **Xavier Cartron**, the hotel's architecture draws inspiration from the richness and diversity of Oman's culture, inviting guests to embark on a journey of discovery. Entering the hotel lobby through grand Omani wooden doors, guests experience a seamless blend of influences from various regions and civilizations, honouring the culture and craftsmanship of Oman. At the heart of the lobby, three fountains stand as a tribute to the country's rich legacy, reflecting the cultural tapestry woven from the threads of the Middle East, Africa and Asia. The hotel's stunning chandelier beams with colourful crystal lanterns, illuminates the lobby from all angles. Finally, the captivating sea views, framed by exotic coconut and palm trees, evoke a sense of wonder for guests to further explore the allure and mystique of Muscat.

The natural beauty of Oman inspires the design of the 103 guestrooms and 47 suites, featuring locally sourced natural materials including Desert Rose marble and Ashwood. Each handcrafted piece invites travellers to uncover the country's treasures. The bed backboard draws inspiration from the "Kuma", the traditional Omani hat, while authentic motifs and fabrics pay homage to traditional handwoven patterns. Brass lanterns are inspired by the iconic "Khanjar", the Omani daggers showcasing the region's artisanal heritage. With a collection of 156 private homes, The Residences at Mandarin Oriental offer an unparalleled waterfront lifestyle, featuring exceptional comfort and service.

The five distinct restaurants and lounge will provide a wide range of international cuisines with Mandarin Oriental's renowned culinary excellence under the leadership of **Executive Chef Raymond Rjaily** who joins from Mandarin Oriental, Jakarta. The signature restaurant, [Essenza](#), invites you to a journey through Italy's coastal regions, featuring traditional recipes passed down through generations. [The Mandarin Cake Shop](#) specialises in indulgent pastries, cakes and offers a bakery corner with an array of viennoiseries, breads and savouries, paired with a selection of specialty teas and coffees. **Executive Pastry Chef Stephane Tranchet**

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leads this team, having worked at legendary Michelin-starred institutions around the globe, and more recently at Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo, where his signature “cloud cake” established his status as a pastry maestro.

Offering a holistic wellness experience, [The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Muscat](#) blends Mandarin Oriental’s award-winning Asian inspired treatments with local healing traditions. This serene urban oasis enjoys natural daylight with stunning sea views. Tailormade wellness journeys, guided by experts, include exclusive body massage and skincare treatments, alongside bespoke wellness therapies. The spa features a traditional Hammam, combining Moroccan healing techniques with modern therapies, embracing a personalised approach to relaxation. Exquisite mosaics adorn the interiors, and fragrant oils scent the air, enhancing the soothing experience. Additionally, a relaxing 30-metre outdoor pool provides the perfect place for refreshing laps and unwinding with an array of tasteful light bites and drinks from the pool bar. The little ones can enjoy the kids’ pool and play area nearby as well as a kids’ club located in the promenade.

For the most sophisticated events and weddings, the hotel offers 2,000 square metres of indoor venues and an additional 335 square metres of outdoor space. All venues are bathed in natural daylight, including a one-of-a-kind 800-square-metre ballroom with spectacular sea views, an adjoining Bridal Room and three dedicated banqueting and meeting spaces.

To celebrate the opening, the resort has introduced a [Fans of Muscat](#) package. This exclusive offer includes luxurious accommodation, a private guided tour of the Royal Opera House and credit for culinary and wellness experiences.

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Mandarin Oriental is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Recognised for creating exceptional properties, each destination reflects the Group's oriental heritage, local culture and unique design. The Group's mission is to completely delight and inspire guests through delivering passionate service. Having grown from its Asian roots over 60 years ago into a global brand, the Group now operates 40 hotels, 12 residences and 23 *exclusive homes* in 26 countries and territories with many more projects under development. Mandarin Oriental continues to drive its reputation as an innovative leader in luxury hospitality, delivering sustainable growth over the long term.

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