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**MANDARIN ORIENTAL TO EXPAND ITS PRESENCE IN EGYPT WITH TWO ICONIC HOTELS AND A LUXURY NILE CRUISE EXPERIENCE**



**Mandarin Oriental Old Cataract, Aswan (left), Mandarin Oriental Winter Palace, Luxor (right)**

**Hong Kong, 11 February 2026** - Building on the forthcoming reopening of Mandarin Oriental Shepherd, Cairo in 2027, [Mandarin Oriental](#) is pleased to announce a significant expansion of its presence in Egypt through a distinctive collection of experiences. Bringing together two storied hotels and the Group's first luxury river cruise offering, this carefully crafted portfolio creates a seamless journey that unites land and river under the Mandarin Oriental brand, celebrating Egypt's culture and historical richness.

The Group will assume management of two iconic properties in Luxor and Aswan, both of which will undergo significant renovation before reopening in 2027. Complementing these landmark hotels, Mandarin Oriental will introduce its first luxury river cruise, owned and developed by K.G. Company for Real Estate and Tourism Investment, part of Garranah Group, and operated in partnership with Mandarin Oriental. Together, the hotels and cruise form a fully integrated, destination-led journey between Cairo, Luxor and Aswan. The cruise will offer an immersive voyage between the two cities and stands as a defining expression of Mandarin Oriental's commitment to exceptional, culturally rooted experiences.

In Aswan, Mandarin Oriental will assume management of the historic **Old Cataract hotel** from May 2026. The hotel will continue to welcome guests within its heritage building while a comprehensive renovation of the Nile Wing is undertaken. The entire property is scheduled to be completed in July 2027, joining the Mandarin Oriental portfolio as **Mandarin Oriental Old Cataract, Aswan**. Perched above the river and facing the Temple of Khnum, the hotel will feature elegant rooms and suites, six dining venues, *The Spa at Mandarin Oriental* and spaces designed to foster reflection and a deep connection with the surrounding landscape.



In Luxor, the iconic **Winter Palace** will close in early 2026 to begin a complete restoration, reopening in July 2027 as **Mandarin Oriental Winter Palace, Luxor**. Overlooking the Nile and located near the Temple of Luxor, the hotel will offer a refined collection of rooms and suites, six dining venues and *The Spa at Mandarin Oriental* set within tranquil gardens, alongside elegant event spaces. Respecting its legacy while embracing a contemporary spirit, the hotel will be reintroduced as a destination for cultural discovery and leisure.

The hotels are developed in partnership with Talaat Moustafa Group (TMG) Holding, one of Egypt's most respected developers. The collaboration combines TMG Holding's deep local expertise with Mandarin Oriental's legendary service and brand-led approach, underpinned by excellence, craftsmanship and a shared long-term vision. The river cruise is owned and developed by Garranah Group, whose deep-rooted connection to the Nile brings authenticity, heritage and continuity to the journey.

"Egypt is one of the fastest growing global destinations and presents a rare opportunity to create a journey that is both culturally rich and uniquely Mandarin Oriental. By uniting our first river cruise, with truly iconic historic hotels in Luxor and Aswan, alongside the upcoming Mandarin Oriental Shepherd, Cairo, we are introducing a seamless, end-to-end experience that unfolds across land and water. From the moment guests arrive in Egypt to the moment they depart, the journey is carefully curated through private access, expert guidance and exceptional care, offering encounters with Egypt's most significant heritage sites. We are proud to partner with both Talaat Moustafa Group (TMG) Holding and Garranah Group, whose shared commitment to quality and long-term vision has been instrumental in bringing this exceptional journey to life," said Laurent Kleitman, Group Chief Executive of Mandarin Oriental.

"We are honored to partner with Mandarin Oriental on this landmark project, which brings together Egypt's extraordinary heritage with a new, world class luxury journey. By combining Mandarin Oriental's legendary service with our deep local expertise, we are creating an experience that will set a new benchmark for luxury tourism in Egypt," said Hisham Talaat Moustafa, CEO of Talaat Moustafa Group (TMG) Holding.

Mandarin Oriental, Nile Cruise will introduce the Group's signature hospitality to the storied waters of the Nile. Offering three, four, and seven-night itineraries between Luxor and Aswan, the vessel is currently in design development and will blend a romantic feel with a contemporary finish. The cruise will feature generously sized suites, three distinctive dining venues and a dedicated wellness space, complemented by curated cultural programming that will form a pillar of the experience. Expert-led talks, immersive excursions and a guided journey from end to end will bring depth and continuity to each voyage.



“For generations, our family has been deeply connected to the Nile and its stories. Partnering with Mandarin Oriental allows us to share Egypt’s heritage through a new lens, one defined by exceptional care, cultural integrity and a guided journey that honours the river, its history and its people,” said Karim Garranah, Managing Director of K.G. Company for Real Estate and Tourism Investment, part of Garranah Group.

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### **About Talaat Moustafa Group (TMG) Holding**

TMG is a leading conglomerate specialized in real estate development and has outstanding track record of creating large, vibrant, diverse communities and hospitality developments, providing high-quality experiences accompanied by superb amenities. TMG stands as an industry giant, presenting world-class developments across real estate asset classes.

### **About Garranah Group**

Garranah Group is an Egyptian hospitality group with nearly five decades of experience in tourism, travel, and destination services. Through its diversified portfolio, the Group develops and owns distinctive hospitality and travel experiences that celebrate Egypt’s heritage while delivering international standards of quality, service, and design. Built on long-term partnerships and operational excellence, Garranah Group continues to contribute to the evolution of destination-led experiences across the region.

### **About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group**

Mandarin Oriental is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world’s most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Each outstanding property reflects the Group’s dual Asian heritage, while proudly distilling the Essence of the Destination, reflected in every hotel’s own fan - carefully crafted by local artisans. Driven by a passion for the exceptional, every day, everywhere, the Group’s mission is to craft time-enriching experiences that transform the ordinary to the exceptional and guests to fans through its legendary service. The Group now operates 45 hotels, 15 residences and 36 exceptional homes in 28 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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