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## JK PLACE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



OVER THE YEARS J.K. PLACE has cemented its reputation as the haute couturier of hôtellerie. With stunning, sought-after prime locations in Rome, Capri, and Paris, les maisons each with fewer than 30 rooms offer bar-setting interior design, world-class cuisine, and singular service that marries elegance with friendliness. As the brand celebrates 20 years of chic European hospitality, it has its sights set on a future of exciting expansion. 2024 will see the arrival of J.K. Residence Club in Rome in a beautiful historic building on Via dei Prefetti with highly J.K. personalised services, including butlers and private chefs as well as

a well-equipped gym. Access will be available to both Club members and J.K. Place Roma guests. In Capri, an extension to the hotel is underway, which will see the addition of eight new suites and a completely renovated spa, with treatments and products from Dr Barbara Sturm. Most anticipated of all is the brand's arrival in Italy's capital of fashion: J.K. Place Milan will open in 2025 on Via Borgospesso, in the central quadrilatero della moda district. It will have 40 rooms, making it the largest hotel in the collection, as well as a spa, a street-side bar and café, and restaurant. [www.jkplace.com](http://www.jkplace.com)



## WTM 2023 OPEN FOR BUSINESS

THE 43RD EDITION OF WORLD TRAVEL MARKET LONDON kicks off from November 6 – 8, 2022, at ExCel London, with ticket booking live now, allowing visitors to make the most of advance purchasing ahead of the event. The world's most influential travel tourism event first took place in 1980 in London's Olympia; it was opened by the Duke of Kent, and featured 40 countries, 221 exhibitors and 9,000 trade visitors. WTM has grown over the past four decades, now facilitating GBP 2.8 billion in industry deals, with over 5,000 exhibitors from 182 countries and regions, and more than 51,000 participants walking the show's floors. For its 43rd show, change is afoot with a host of exciting announcements. This year, the show will open its doors at the earlier time of 9.30am, providing an extra hour for visitors and

exhibitors to have spontaneous meetings. There are also new open-for-all Community Hubs in the centre of the show, a new VIP badge to host senior industry leaders, and a big-name inspirational Closing Keynote on Wednesday, November 8. All attendees will have access to the WTM Connect Me meeting booking platform, as well as the official WTM app with all-new enhancements. The conference programme will cover eight themes – from Sustainability and Tech to Emerging Markets and Diversity & Inclusion – with the show launching its first Diversity and Inclusion Summit Tuesday, November 7. Tickets to the three-day show will be free until October 31st, after which they will cost GBP45 per person.

To book tickets and find out what else is hot and happening at WTM 2023, visit [www.wtm.com](http://www.wtm.com)



## MANDARIN ORIENTAL CONTINUES LONDON GROWTH

MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL GROUP is set to open its third London hotel in the British capital in 2028. Situated on London's South Bank with dramatic views over St Paul's Cathedral, Mandarin Oriental Bankside, London is positioned ideally to access both the City of London and the West End theatre and shopping districts, offering a perfect base for leisure and business travellers. The hotel will be part of the larger Bankside Yards development, which serves to reconnect the space between the Tate Modern and Blackfriars Station and is centred around the historic railway arches that run through the heart of the site. The property will be a contemporary standalone building, expected to have 171 guestrooms and 70

branded residences. Four culinary outlets will ensure the hotel is a destination for locals and visitors. The hotel will also offer a comprehensive spa, providing signature wellness therapies and beauty treatments, a 25-metre lap pool, a spacious fitness centre and invigorating heat and water experiences. In line with the brand's continuous commitment to sustainability, the property will benefit from the wider Bankside Yards development plan to be the UK's first operationally fossil fuel-free major mixed-use development. The residences will offer provide residents with access to Mandarin Oriental's legendary service, as well as the hotel facilities and will also feature a sky lobby lounge, private roof garden and parking. [www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com)

## ROSEWOOD BLOOMS IN GERMANY



ROSEWOOD HOTELS & RESORTS has opened reservations for Rosewood Munich, the group's first German property, ahead of its launch on September 29, 2023. Housed in two landmark, historical buildings which were formerly the headquarters of the State Bank of Bavaria and the grand aristocratic residence Palais Neuhaus-Preysing, Rosewood Munich is ideally

situated in Kardinal-Faulhaber-Straße. The property features 73 spacious guestrooms as well as 59 suites and five houses, each adorned with bespoke furnishings and offering breathtaking views of the city skyline. Munich-based architectural firm, Hilmer Sattler and London interior architectural design studio, Tara Bernerd & Partners worked in

close collaboration to bring the historic past of the legacy buildings into the modern world of today. An epicurean journey will unfold at the hotel's Alpine-inspired brasserie Cuvilliés, which offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. Alongside signature cocktails and an extensive wine list, Bar Montez will offer a varied music program with a roster of

unique artists and performers. Guests can also enjoy Asaya Spa, Rosewood's integrative wellness concept designed to support mind, body, and soul, which is set over two floors, including an indoor pool and a wellness suite for private spa experiences. [www.rosewoodhotels.com](http://www.rosewoodhotels.com)