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# KEMPINSKI HOTEL MUSCAT





SULTANATE OF OMAN



# — THE HOTEL —

#### NESTLED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF AL MOUJ MUSCAT, ENCOMPASSING OVER 6 KM OF STUNNING COASTLINE, KEMPINSKI HOTEL MUSCAT IS AN UNPARALLELED LUXURY DESTINATION IN THE CAPITAL OF OMAN.

With 310 rooms and suites, 77 beach-front residences and villas, flexible meeting and events facilities, 10 diverse restaurants and lounges, a fully equipped fitness centre and a luxury spa, it is a gateway to an authentic Omani adventure. Guests can experience a melange of local traditions and worldclass European luxury guaranteed to create unforgettable memories.

Designed by Woods Bagot, the Omani cultural influences are reflected in the hotel's architecture. The inspiration behind the lobby's design comes from nature and more specifically water lilies. Moreover, it is influenced by Al Alam Palace, the ceremonial palace of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.

The ballroom leaves a strong first impression, with a concept inspired by an Arabic lantern illuminated in the evening to reinforce the hotel as a landmark in Al Mouj Muscat.

The façade resembles an Omani fort and the landscape of Old Muscat - such as the Muttrah Corniche - a matrix of building structures outlining what was once a commercial centre.

**European Luxury in the new "heart of Muscat"** Al Mouj Muscat offers exceptional lifestyle and leisure experiences. With the location on the waterfront, the hotel guests have access to the exclusive marina, exciting retail and dining facilities, signature PGA-standard golf course and so much more.

> LUXURY SURROUNDED BY A KALEIDOSCOPE OF LEGENDS, HISTORY AND ADVENTURE



## MEET THE GENERAL MANAGER

#### CARSTEN WIEGANDT

GENERAL MANAGER - KEMPINSKI HOTEL MUSCAT

A seasoned hotelier with over 20 years of experience in hospitality, Wiegandt brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience, having worked in various countries around the world. He started out as a sales manager at one of Kempinski's landmark hotels, Kempinski Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten in Munich, and after years of steady growth, he was promoted to Executive Assistant Manager at Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich. Wiegandt later moved to China as General Manager of Kempinski Hotel Xian, and, after a successful tenure there, was assigned to various general manager roles within the company and China, including Complex Kempinski Hotel Yixing and Kempinski Hotel Wuxi, and was part of the pre-opening team at Kempinski Hotel Taiyuan and Kempinski Hotel Fuzhou.

# ACCOMODATION -

#### **ROOMS & SUITES**

Kempinski Hotel Muscat features 310 spacious rooms and suites with spectacular sea and garden views. Guests can choose from 85 Superior Rooms, 125 Deluxe Rooms, 60 Grand Deluxe Rooms, 20 Junior Suites, 13 Deluxe Suites, 5 Grand Deluxe Suites and 2 Royal Suites.

Spacious and comfortable, each room category is decorated with a mix of Arabic and contemporary finishes and fitted with the latest technology, with suites offering remarkable space and design.

Glamorous in every way, the impressive Royal Suite – located in the Royal Wing of the hotel – is outfitted with modern audio-visual equipment and features a large entrance hall, lavish living room with dining area, private media room, and separate study. The generous bedroom boasts with a spacious en-suite bathroom and walk-in wardrobe. All areas of the suite have access to a landscaped garden, a private plunge pool and direct access to the beach.

#### RESIDENCES

The Residences feature high-end luxury apartments with 77 beach-front residences and villas. Adjacent to the hotel, guests of the residences have access to all areas and facilities of the property, including its tranquil swimming pools, Kempinski The Spa, and 10 eclectic dining outlets.

Featuring 17 Studio Apartments, 30 One-Bedroom Apartments, 11 Two-Bedroom Apartments, 11 Three-Bedroom Apartments, 7 Two-Bedroom Villas, and 1 Three-Bedroom Villa, The Residences are well appointed with modern fittings, individually tailored to offer superior levels of privacy and upscale service.

Decadently designed with a remarkable spiral staircase leading to contemporary spacious bedrooms, the one-of-a-kind Three-Bedroom Villa with high ceiling and open-plan dining area is uniquely designed to offer the utmost in luxury and comfort.



ROYAL SUITE



THREE-BEDROOM VILLA

# DINING AT THE HOTEL —



#### JULIEN EL KHAL

EXECUTIVE CHEF KEMPINSKI HOTEL MUSCAT

Brazilian national Chef Julien joins the Kempinski Hotel Muscat team from Marsa Malaz Kempinski in Doha, where he held the position of Cluster Executive Chef from 2018 until present.

Julien is a classically trained executive chef with over 15 years of operational experience in Western, Oriental, Continental and Mediterranean cuisines in internationally recognized luxury hotels and restaurant groups in Europe and the Middle East. He has been with Kempinski Hotels since 2014 but has previously held key positions in the culinary team in Beirut between 2009 and 2014, London, Cyprus, Dubai and Kuwait to name a few.

### - The countdown sports lounge -



HOME OF ALL SPORTS

Located on the ground floor of Kempinski Residences, The Countdown Sports Lounge is home to all sports in Muscat and where guests can catch all the live sporting action – soccer, rugby, cricket, golf and everything in between.

A casual sports lounge, The Countdown is in the heart of Al Mouj residential community, with an outside terrace where guests will enjoy cheering for their favourite teams on multiple screens and enjoy a range of draft beverages, alongside a selection of burgers, steaks, wraps, nachos and specialty deals from the chef.



LIVE INTERACTIVE ALL-DAY DINING RESTAURANT



An open-style restaurant with show kitchens and live cooking, this dynamic venue is centred around live stations with Levantine, European, and Asian cuisines, focusing on seasonal ingredients and speciality flavours. Guests are encouraged to interact with the chefs and can request their favourite dishes to be prepared to their preference a la minute.

### — SOI SOI —

THAI STREET FOOD RESTAURANT

Bangkok's bustling street-style food scene can be found at Soi Soi. Inspired by the Thai word "soi", meaning "street", this casual restaurant blends its colourful interiors with the authenticity of the food presented. Located at Boulevard and allowing easy street access, Soi Soi features a vibrant atmosphere to create a true representation of Thai food in a buzzing ambience.



## — BUKHARA —

NORTH INDIAN RESTAURANT



Located at Boulevard, Bukhara is a warm and inviting North Indian restaurant, impeccably designed with an open kitchen with three tandoori ovens. As part of the etiquette of Indian eating, guests can get comfortable as aprons are provided and eating with your hands is encouraged for a truly ethnic experience. The decor is inspired by India's colourful culture with a hospitable ambience, and flavourful dishes.

AMWAJ

LOBBY LOUNGE



Inspired by the waves of the sea and the location of the hotel, Amwaj Lounge is the place to meet friends and business associates in the comfort of a luxury living room. Located below the lobby, Amwaj Lounge offers a standout afternoon tea, and a selection of classical French patisserie. This lounge is contemporary in design with a variety of Arabian touches, an open-style layout and exquisite Omani marble designs. Terrace seating is also available, overlooking the ocean and hotel gardens.

Translating to "power of the sea" in Greek, Zale is the only quintessential beach club in Al Mouj Muscat. An outdoor lounge perfect for entertaining, sprawling over a stretch of sand, Zale is a stylish beach-front restaurant. This venue features a sophisticated approach to the night scene in Muscat, offering a multiculturalinspired cuisine and signature flavours presented on sharing-style platters, with a medley of refreshing cocktails handcrafted by experienced mixologists.



— ZALE —

**BEACH CLUB & LOUNGE** 





A deli corner located beside The Kitchen, guests can order a cup of freshly brewed coffee to go or experience freshly-baked bread and pastries. Café One features a barista counter, dessert station, detox drinks and freshly prepared garden salads.

— 1897 —

COCKTAIL LOUNGE



The 1897 Cocktail Lounge hosts regular tasting evenings, paired side by side with specially crafted bites by Executive Chef and his team. The interiors feature a fusion of smooth leathers in pearl tones, rich wood and stone finishes, reminiscent of the traditional European lounges.

### – BOULEVARD TEA HOUSE —

A charming tea house with a dedicated "Chai Wallah" Indian Tea Master, offering a generous selection of traditional Indian tea and lassi presented in an artistic and lively display. Boulevard Tea House puts a novelty twist on classical delicacies from its own counter, with a speciality snack menu. Located at Boulevard, this cosy tea house is easily accessible from the main street and through the hotel. Terrace seating makes it ideal to spend afternoons or to have a post-meal cup of tea.

INDIAN TEA HOUSE



### – POOL BAR —

POOLSIDE PARLOUR



Located by the main pool, the Pool Bar offers a variety of refreshing mocktails, detox drinks, and smoothies, perfect for a relaxing day under the sun, with sweeping views of the beautiful ocean. A poolside snack menu is also available for the best comfort food.



# MEETINGS & EVENTS

Kempinski Hotel Muscat is an exclusive venue in town that has a dedicated events centre perfect for meetings, conferences, weddings and functions. The striking diamond-shaped building is where Muscat Ballroom is located – a 1,100 sq m pillarless ballroom with a private entrance which can accommodate up to 700 guests and can be divided into three sections. In addition, 11 separate function rooms, all offering natural daylight and conveniently equipped with high-tech audio-visual equipment, ultra-high-definition displays and Wi-Fi, are available as well.

#### **BUSINESS SERVICES**

- TOTAL MEETING AREA 3,316 SQ M
- MUSCAT BALLROOM 1,100 SQ M
- 11 MEETING ROOMS
- MUSCAT BALLROOM PRE-FUNCTION FOYER 500 SQ M

# - FACILITIES





The hotel's main pool overlooks the beach with sweeping views of the coast, perfect for relaxing time in the sun. Adjacent to the main pool lies a shaded Kid's pool for toddlers. For adults and couples looking for a quiet getaway, the Cascade Pool is a serene space away from the main hotel areas.

Providing complete rejuvenation in a world of European-inspired luxury and breathtaking experiences, Swiss luxury wellness expert, Resense, has carefully crafted the bespoke Kempinski The Spa to offer guests memorable experiences inspired by Omani wellness traditions, delivered in true European luxury. Kempinski The Spa features separate male and female areas with five beautiful designed treatment rooms and one couple's suite with a private shower. The rest of the facilities include a relaxation area, steam bath, sauna, whirlpool and bucket shower.

### — KEMPINSKI THE SPA —





## — HEALTH CLUB —

Vibrant and energetic, the Health Club is a modern gym with a dedicated personal training and assessment room, a female only gym, and a fitness class studio.



## — THE EXECUTIVE LOUNGE

An exclusive space for the exclusive individual, the Executive Lounge - located on the lobby level of the business wing - delivers added privacy and special benefits. Guests of Executive Rooms and Suites gain access throughout the day, receiving complimentary afternoon tea, snacks, and happy hour, among various courtesies.

### — COSMIC BOWLING —



The only bowling and entertainment centre in Al Mouj Muscat, Cosmic Bowling is the perfect spot for a fun game of bowling. Featuring six lanes and an energetic ambiance, the bowling centre can be booked for private events, celebrations and birthday parties. There are plenty of delicious and refreshing dishes and beverages available, perfect to unwind after work with a drink or to enjoy a light meal with friends.

### — DIPPY'S CLUBHOUSE —



For families travelling with children, the hotel's 250 sq m Dippy's Clubhouse is a fun and exciting space. Equipped with entertainment, games, activities and childcare attendants, it is a place where kids can expect nothing but fun times throughout their stay at the hotel.

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# ABOUT OMAN —

#### **OMAN - THE PEARL OF ARABIA**

The Ministry of Tourism's official slogan, used both in the country and around the world, is "Beauty has an Address".

Due to its vast history, rich culture and neutral political stance, Oman has been known as "The Pearl of Arabia". Oman is a land of antiquity and contrasts, and it abounds in natural riches.

It is the perfect destination for those wishing to have a truly Arabian experience, in addition to their beach holiday. Adventure seekers will love Oman's unspoilt beaches, tropical seas, mountains, wadis, caves and deserts.

#### **Places to Visit**

• Al Alam Palace, the Sultan's Palace in Old Muscat, displays the unique ancient architecture of the Sultanate. The Al Alam Palace is bordered by Al Jalali and Al Mirani fortresses, which were built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century to protect Oman from invasion. • A visit to the Muttrah Souk is essential to explore the essence of Muscat and experience the dynamics of the typical Omani day-to-day life.

• Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, showcasing traditional Arab architecture and insights on the Arab culture, with a library of over 20,000 information sources, as well as the second largest hand-woven carpet in the world.

• Royal Opera House Muscat, located in Shatti Al Qurum district, is the leading arts and culture organisation in the Sultanate and puts a modern twist on the traditional Omani architecture.

• National Museum of Oman, where visitors can have a glimpse at traditional Omani crafts and learn about the Sultanate's rich culture.



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