



Keys to the castle

Experience all the glamour of a hotel stay every day with a residential resort property

Residential resorts are designed to make every day feel like a holiday; pairing the opulence of a luxury hotel with the comfort and privacy of being in your own home. Often situated alongside and bearing the name of five-star hotels, the very best offer unparalleled amenities in stunning settings. Two of the most exciting residential resort developments currently on the market are the Meliá Residences Phuket Karon in Thailand and the Mandarin Oriental Residences Honolulu in Hawaii.

Above and right: A remote Meliá Residences Phuket Karon villa looking out to the ocean

Meliá Residences Phuket Karon

Scheduled for completion in July 2021, Meliá Residences Phuket Karon has already scooped one prestigious industry award – it was named the Dot Property Southeast Asia Awards Winner for Best Resort Residence in 2019. The award is well deserved; it's clear that Meliá Hotels International meticulously planned the development down to the finest detail to create a "personal paradise" for every resident.

Located on the western coast of Phuket, and nestled up against acres of tropical rainforest, all residences provide dramatic

panoramic views of the Andaman Sea. The rich jungle foliage provides peace and privacy, belying the fact that popular Karon Beach and the residence's own beach club are just a short shuttle ride away.

Additional luxurious amenities include a rooftop swimming pool, an eco-adventure park and landscaped gardens, as well as the amenities of the adjoining Meliá Phuket Karon Hotel which residents can access, such as a fitness centre, restaurant and spa.

The size has been carefully limited for exclusivity: there are 73 units in total, comprising 59 condominiums and 14 villas

with their own private luxury swimming pools.

Properties in the development are available to purchase now and prices start from \$260,000 for a one-bedroom condominium and \$920,000 for a three-bedroom villa. Three years of guaranteed seven per cent rental returns means the residences also present a smart investment opportunity.

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Mandarin Oriental Residences Honolulu

For a more metropolitan development that nonetheless retains easy access to nature and the coast, look no further than the Mandarin Oriental Residences Honolulu; a luxury development in the Hawaiian capital that's due for completion in mid-2023.

The apartments are set on the uppermost floors of a striking 37-storey building with architecture inspired by traditional Hawaiian homes and their shaded verandas. The building's skyscraper status ensures the homes offer spectacular panoramic views from the mountains all the way to the sea, encompassing local landmarks Diamond Head and Ala Moana Beach Park.

Its design has been conceived by world-leading designers, artists and architects including Architects Hawaii Limited, the internationally recognised interior designer Dianna Wong, Milan-based luxury kitchen designers Molteni & CiDada and masters of water features, Fluidity Design.

Mandarin Oriental's list of associated amenities for homeowners is just as impressive. Residents will receive exclusive access to a floor including a luxury pool, a Peloton spin studio, a golf simulation room, a lounge terrace with fire pits and cabanas, a karaoke room and luxury cinema.

In addition, priority seating at an intimate, Michelin-starred dining experience is included, located in a surreal, speakeasy-themed space underneath a floating garden.

As the homes sit above the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, hotel staff are on hand 24/7 to tend to residents' needs.

Residents can also access the hotel's own amenities, including the largest spa on O'ahu and bespoke luxury shopping through the Retail Salon.

The Mandarin Oriental Residences development comprises 99 homes in total. Prices range from \$3.5 million for an apartment to \$35 million for the full-floor penthouse – a superlative four-bedroom residence known as Hale Nani (Hawaiian for 'glory') which is set to break records as the most expensive condominium ever listed in Honolulu.

For a glimpse of what the completed residences will be like, the Residence Gallery in nearby Ala Moana was unveiled in early 2020 and is designed to whisk visitors on a virtual fly-through tour of the properties.

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Above: View from a suite at the Mandarin Oriental Residences Honolulu, overlooking the city, the mountains and the ocean
Below: Peace and relaxation; completely alone with the ocean

