

WATG-designed Four Seasons Dubai to open in November

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Sprawling 14 acres along the pristine waters off Jumeirah Beach, the Four Seasons Resort Dubai is a magnificent sight to behold. Influenced by the neighboring seaside, the structure is filled with various textures and shades to create the epitome of classic Arabic architecture mixed with a more contemporary design.

Located on the Gulf, the five-star hotel comprises 237 spacious rooms — including 49 suites — giving guests some of the best views of the Gulf, Burj Khalifa and rest of the downtown skyline.

With spas, swimming pools, family activities and 10 luxurious restaurants and lounges to keep visitors entertained, the Four Seasons, which is set to open later this year, is changing the way visitors experience Dubai.

Designed by award-winning architecture and design firm WATG, the hotel was inspired by characteristics often found in Andalusian-style architecture.

"The incorporation of distinct Arabic-influenced materials and accents helped to make this building a unique, one-of-a-kind structure that will stand the test of time," said Mike Chun, SVP of WATG.

In his 35 years with the firm, Chun has been involved in directing a multitude of projects throughout the world, including the Middle East.

With other projects in the UAE currently in progress, the Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah Beach is slated to open Nov. 1.

Mark Yoshizaki, VP at WATG, has worked on numerous projects in the UAE since 1999 and has brought his knowledge of the area to the design and development of a variety of ventures in the area.

"When it comes to the Four Seasons, the location of the hotel itself was a determining factor when designing the building. Situated along Jumeirah Beach, surrounded by low rise buildings, we needed to ensure that the design made a statement without being out of context," Yoshizaki stated.

