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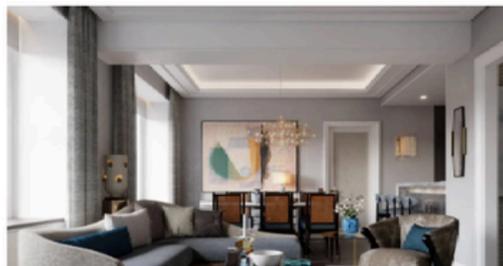
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## Inside Waldorf Astoria New York's luxury residences

The Waldorf Astoria New York is undergoing a top-to-toe makeover that will create 375 ultra-luxurious condominiums at one of the world's most famous addresses

BY SUZANNE ELLIOTT



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While the luxury residences are a first for the Waldorf Astoria, glamorous residents are not. The Manhattan landmark has welcomed many long-term guests since it opened in 1931. Cole Porter lived in the hotel for the last three decades of his life and immortalised the hotel's namesake Waldorf Salad in his song 'You're the Top'.

Over the years, a who's-who of world leaders and celebrities have stayed here, including every president from Herbert Hoover to Barack Obama. Back in the '70s, Frank Sinatra leased Suite 33A – at a reported \$1 million a year – while Marilyn Monroe stayed in Suite 2728 for much of 1955. Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra, and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor also chose to call the hotel home.



## Luxury condos on top of a New York icon

The apartments, ranging from studios to four-bedroom units and penthouses, start from \$1.8 million with the larger apartments on the market for \$18.5 million.

The interiors were designed by Jean-Louis Deniot whose custom creations promise to complement the building's Art Deco history with contemporary luxury. The artwork, curated by world-renowned auctioneer and collector Simon de Pury, will, we're told, add 'a touch of modern glamour to the historic building'.



## Tempus Hot List: August 2023

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From the hottest hotels to where to sip sangria in the sunshine, discover August's best buys to know and places to go, before September's back to school feeling rolls around.



### Visit RH England The Gallery at the Historic Aynho Park

Luxury design and lifestyle brand RH, formerly Restoration Hardware, has long been a staple in North America for interiors aficionados and lovers of luxury home furnishings but, having not previously had a retail presence here, the brand has remained slightly under the radar in the UK – until now. Instead of setting up shop in central London, the brand has gone for a bolder approach for its launch into the UK, opening experiential RH England, The Gallery at the Historic Aynho Park, a 17th century estate in the Cotswolds, spanning 73 acres, this August. The 55 sq metre manor – restored by esteemed architect Sir John Soane in the 19th century – is now home to several hospitality outlets – restaurants The Orangery, The Loggia, and The Conservatory, as well as a Wine Lounge, Tea Salon, and Juicery – all seamlessly integrating RH's luxury home furnishings with rare art and antiques. The Gallery is also home to an exhibition celebrating Sir John Soane, as well as a design and architecture library featuring an extensive collection of books dedicated to design,

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### 1 THE OWO RESIDENCES BY RAFFLES UNVEILS PENTHOUSE

The OWO has unveiled its highly-anticipated penthouse residence, with an internal area of 7,700 sq.ft. and unobstructed vistas of St James's Park. Winch Design, renowned for its expertise in luxury superyachts and residences, crafted the interiors and collaborated with over 40 suppliers.



Bespoke furniture, fabrics, artwork, and accessories beautifully capture the building's inspiring history and exciting future, while honouring London's creative flair as a hub of art, culture, and design. Complete with a private gym, sauna, cinema, games room, staff quarters, and expansive terraces with panoramic views, The OWO Penthouse is a one-of-a-kind residence with services and amenities provided by Raffles London and The OWO's destination restaurants.

### 2 VALOURAN ANNOUNCES HISTORIC GRADE II-LISTED THE CHAPEL AS INAUGURAL SITE

Property developer Valouran has announced the development of The Chapel, a historic Grade II listed building in St John's Wood, into five luxury apartments. The 14,805 sq.ft. property, has a diverse history as commercial offices, event space, TV studios, and



a squash court. Led by Darling Associates, the restoration preserves its architectural heritage while infusing contemporary design and eco-friendly amenities. Gunter&Co will curate the interiors, embracing understated luxury with natural materials. Sustainability is prioritised with zero-emission heat pumps and biodiversity-enhancing green spaces. Positioned in St John's Wood, Valouran continues its commitment to innovative developments, with more projects planned across London.

### 3 RH UNVEILS THE GALLERY AT HISTORIC AYNHO PARK

This summer marks the opening of RH England: The Gallery at Historic Aynho Park — a landmark estate, famously remodelled by Sir John Soane in 1798. Spanning 73 acres and over 60 rooms, RH England has been transformed into an opulent design and hospitality destination and marks the beginning of the



retailer's global expansion. The estate houses three primary restaurants: The Orangery, The Loggia, and The Conservatory (opening in Autumn) along with The Grand Viewing Terrace, The Tea Salon, and The Sir John Soane Exhibition, showcasing architectural works. The Architecture & Design Library holds a rare collection, while the east wing houses The RH Interior Design Studio, offering professional design services, private client presentation rooms and a vast assortment of textiles, furniture, and lighting finishes.

### 4 EL FUERTE OPENS FOLLOWING RENOVATION BY JAIME BIERESTAIN STUDIO

The historic, family-owned El Fuerte Marbella, first opened in 1957, has reopened its doors as a brand new five-star hotel. Its reimagined interiors were brought to life by Jaime Bierestain, whose contemporary yet Andalusian-inspired design



pay homage to the hotel's heritage while embracing modern luxury. Light-filled spaces adorned with fortress pillars and palatial arched doorways maintain the hotel's charm. The Le Marche restaurant boasts earthy terracotta, golden brown, and green tones, complemented by soft fabrics, providing a relaxed ambiance. Additionally, Soleo offers a beachside dining experience, while the rooftop terrace, Edge by Paco Perez, provides stunning sea views and a pool. The basement hosts the cool sanctuary of Claris Spa.

### 5 BONADEA SECURES POSTCODE EXCLUSIVITY FOR SILVIA FURMANOVICH

Bonadea, a leading tableware, glassware and objet d'art destination, now holds exclusive rights to stock and sell Silvia Furmanovich's home accessories. The São Paulo-based jewellery designer ventured into the category in 2022, creating art-like, handcrafted jewellery



boxes, trays, frames, and marquetry-made products. Founded by Creative Director Gemma Martinez de Ana in 2016, Bonadea opened its London store in 2021. Furmanovich's designs celebrate the natural world, combining wood marquetry, ebony, copper, vintage lacquer, shells, bamboo, and netsukes with gold, diamonds, and colored gemstones. The store showcases a signature range, including the Acacia Wooden Marquetry Jewellery Box and the Celestial Vide Poche tray, perfectly complementing Gemma's whimsical tablescapes and objet d'art.

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## AREA FOCUS THE LOBBY

Hotel lobbies are more than just a gateway; they are the first glimpse of what's to come for the guest, making it a crucial space for designers to get right. SPACE rounds up the most impeccably crafted hotel lobbies across the globe, where aesthetics and functionality converge to create unforgettable first impressions.

### ST REGIS JAKARTA INDONESIA

Indonesia's rich musical heritage inspired Champalimaud Design in their collaboration with L&SITT for the St Regis Jakarta lobby. The 'Sound of Light' chandelier, influenced by Indonesia's Gamelan music, dynamically responds to Indonesian composer Andi Rianto's music, casting a captivating, shimmering light across the lobby. The hotel celebrates Indonesian art, featuring local artists' work and interpretations of Indonesian design throughout. An enchanting video installation by Triwanama adds a touch of local lore to the reception area, breathing life into the expansive space.

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# Waldorf Astoria New York teases 2025 opening with luxury condo announcement

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Towers of the Waldorf Astoria.

Since its highly acclaimed opening in 1931 - as the world's largest and tallest hotel - the Waldorf Astoria remains one of New York City's most prominent landmarks. It has been undergoing a full & meticulous renovation - and The Towers will sit atop the 375-guestroom hotel.

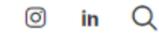


31 Park Avenue - and owning the entire block!

The residences at The Towers of the Waldorf Astoria will offer a diverse range of options, from elegant studios to luxurious four-bedroom units and magnificent penthouses nestled within the iconic copper pinnacles. Several marquee residences boast expansive private outdoor spaces. Each residence features all-new windows that incorporate modern sound-attenuating technology while paying homage to the original 1931 design.

Privacy and security are paramount at The Towers of the Waldorf Astoria, providing residents with a distinct residential experience separate from the hotel. With two fully staffed residential entry lobbies available 24/7 and a striking porte cochère boasting double-height vaulted ceilings, residents enjoy a private entry with 24-hour valet service from East 50th Street.





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# MAKE YOUR MARK

*With help from industry experts, we look at how to effectively reflect your ethos through your interior design, and the importance of this.*



Interior design can offer an opportunity to serve as a visual representation of your hotel's brand identity and values. When guests enter your venue, if the design elements immediately convey the hotel's ethos, this can create a consistent and more memorable experience. This consistency, in turn, can build trust and enable guests to connect with your brand on a deeper level.

In order to showcase the personality of your brand through design, drawing inspiration from surroundings is a great place to start. Milan's Casa Baglioni is located in the design district of Brera - an area known as the 'artists' district', recognised for its timeless charm and considered the most beautiful in Milan.

Lorenzo Soleri, General Manager at Casa Baglioni in Milan, explained how they worked with local Milanese architects, Spagnulo & Partners, for the design, as the team wanted the hotel spaces to draw inspiration from the art and design world of 1960s Milan.

The hotel's furnishings, crafted by Italian artisans, also echo the famous works of Milanese sculptors and artists - a large chandelier is reminiscent of Lucio Fontana's neon artwork (on display at the nearby Museo del Novecento), while ceilings and floors feature colours and geometric shapes once favoured by Gio Ponti.

Lorenzo explained: "Precisely, as the name suggests, Casa Baglioni reflects a new concept of hospitality, where the settings - thanks to a refined combination of colours,

materials and textures - are like those of an elegant home in the Brera zone: sophisticated, welcoming and precious at the same time.

"Our common spaces, such as the lobby and the second common living area, 'salotto', offer an in-house bar corner for guests to sit and relax, to reinforce a 'feel at home' concept as soon as they walk through the doors."

A venue's layout and spatial organisation can have a drastic effect in reinforcing a brand's message, and it's Casa Baglioni's subtle combination of textures and colours that add fluidity to the space.

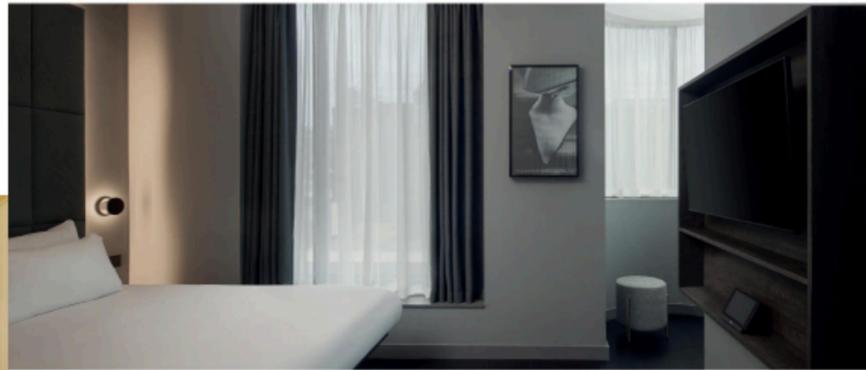
"For example, decorative glass vases, that sit on bookshelves in the bedrooms, have been designed to discreetly partition areas of the room. Our larger rooms are cleverly zoned using chrome dividers, curved walls and distinctly high ceilings to maximise space and views," said Lorenzo.

Also noticing the importance of spatial organisation and design in emphasising a venue's ethos is Kajsa Krause, Principal and Director of Strategy at Champalimaud Design, who sees how the layout and spatial planning of a hotel directly influences how guests will experience and interact with the different spaces.

"Flow, furniture placement and the points of connection between the discrete spaces all have an impact. Sensory management is a key component of a guest's journey, and the best designs are attuned to appeal to all of a visitor's senses. To provide a complete ambiance, from lighting and

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Pg 48 left - Hotel Amano  
Pg 48 right - Lime Wood Hotel - Image by Jake Eastham  
Pg 49 - Hotel Amano



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textures to sounds, scents and tastings, throughout the journey is the key to creating the most memorable and transformative spaces," said Kajsa.

In Kajsa and her team's design for the Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, they layered cut-outs based on Arabic geometric patterns for door signage, backlit for added ambiance, which seamlessly integrated into the design, while providing functional direction for guests.

Kajsa sees that every great hotel begins with a strong concept, rooted in all that makes the property unique: identity, history and location: "This involves a deep understanding of the ethos that the hotel represents, and the emotions that it hopes to evoke in guests. Consider elements that tell a story and resonate with the hotel's brand message. At the Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, we drew inspiration from the destination's ancient history, ultimately designing our interiors around a theme of 'The Land where the Ocean meets the Desert.'"

Both furniture and décor play a huge role in communicating a hotel's values to consumers, as they collectively work to represent these through their choice of materials, craftsmanship and design.

Kajsa explained how high-quality, sustainably sourced furniture echoes a commitment to environmental responsibility, while unique, handcrafted pieces can showcase support for local artisans.

With the demand for technology in hospitality continuing to grow, modern venues which pride themselves on keeping up-to-date with tendencies must now consider the role that tech integration can play in reflecting a hotel's ethos.

Technology can be integrated into a hotel's interior design to enhance guest experience and reflect its ethos - whether that be wellness, personalisation or service. Smart lighting, climate control and room access can provide convenience and customisation, while advanced audio-visual equipment can elevate entertainment options.

Kajsa believes that technology should add value to the overall guest experience, while remaining entirely unobtrusive: "This is especially important for hotels that aim to build a harmony between modernity and tradition."

To ensure your venue doesn't fall behind or become outdated, certifying that your interior design evolves to reflect changes in your ethos, or brand identity, over time is essential. In order to do this, you should stay sharply attuned to guests' changing lifestyles and needs. Kajsa recommends regularly reviewing and refreshing your interior design to reflect any shifts in the hotel's ethos or brand identity: "Collaborate with interior designers who can incorporate new elements, while preserving the hotel's unique character and heritage. Consider repurposing existing furniture or décor, updating colour schemes or



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# WALDORF ASTORIA NEW YORK UNVEILS LUXURY CONDOMINIUM RESIDENCES

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Master bedroom in a residence at The Towers at Waldorf Astoria New York

The Towers at Waldorf Astoria provide a discreet residential experience separate from the hotel, ensuring privacy and security. Owing to the generous scale of the property, residents will enjoy the highest number of service staff of any super-luxury residential building in New York. Some of the numerous benefits include 24-hour valet service, six dedicated residential elevators with destination dispatch technology, and a dedicated private concierge. Notably, each residence features a concierge closet for secure and private deliveries, laundry and room service that's accessible from within the home and the common corridor.

Over and above this, residents will have exclusive access to over 50,000 square feet of private residential amenities designed by Jean-Louis Deniot. These amenities include a stunning Sunlight Pool with views of Park Avenue, a verdant Winter Garden, private bars, renovations of the original Waldorf Astoria, a state-of-the-art fitness center, spa, private spa, and several entertaining spaces for private functions.

In addition to the private residential amenities, residents will have priority access to the Waldorf Astoria New York's renowned heritage spaces, spa, restaurants, and bars. The Waldorf Astoria New York's renowned service will be extended to the condominiums, offering residents signing privileges, preferred pricing, and a la carte services such as housekeeping and 24-hour in-residence dining.

"Waldorf Astoria New York is our flagship and origin story, and we look forward to reopening its doors to welcome guests to the iconic landmark which is integral to the fabric of our brand as well as New York," said Qing Michael, Global Head of Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts. "We are excited to offer a new residential component to the hotel, which will meaningfully infuse a new life and spirit to the space and inspire us to bring our iconic 'True Waldorf Service' to the next level for residents."



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The iconic Waldorf Astoria New York on Park Avenue is introducing a new era of luxury living with its first-ever luxury condominium residences: The Towers.



Entrance hall in a residence at The Towers at Waldorf Astoria New York



Kitchen with bar seating in a residence at The Towers at Waldorf Astoria New York



Kitchen with bar stools in a residence at The Towers at Waldorf Astoria New York

Developed by Dajia Insurance Group and designed by renowned architects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, the historic landmark of Waldorf Astoria New York has undergone an extensive restoration to offer a world-class residential lifestyle in the heart of Midtown Manhattan.

For nearly a century, the Waldorf Astoria has epitomized timeless glamour and opulence, hosting Hollywood's elite, world leaders, and unforgettable cultural events. Now, it sets a new standard for luxury living in New York City with its exclusive private amenities and access to the unrivaled services of the globally renowned Waldorf Astoria hotel group.

Internationally acclaimed designer Jean-Louis Deniot has meticulously crafted the sophisticated residential interiors and amenities, blending modern elements within the building's historic Art Deco design. From studios to opulent penthouses, each residence boasts custom features, including solid custom paneled interior doors with bespoke antique bronze hardware, Italian-manufactured custom cabinets by Molteni&C, and vanities with polished marble countertops. Every residence has also been outfitted with all-new windows featuring modern sound-attenuating technology while paying homage to the original 1931 design, and herringbone floors with a custom cerused finish. To top it off, residence kitchens come complete with a full suite of integrated state-of-the-art Gaggenau appliances.

"The Waldorf Astoria has a forever lavish aura," says Jean-Louis Deniot. "The interiors will reflect the magnificence of the



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Champalimaud Design, the New York-based interior design studio, has created extraordinary spaces throughout the St. Regis Jakarta by incorporating Indonesia's traditions of design, music, and art. Their concept tells the story of Jakarta, of the culture, and of the people. Throughout the public spaces, restaurants, and bars, Champalimaud has created spaces that evoke connections, engagement and conversation, taking guests on an enriched journey through the hotel.

Courtney Brannan, Principal at Champalimaud Design, said: "Inspired by the rich jazz traditions of Indonesia, we looked to infuse Jakarta's cultural heritage with a contemporary energy. We collaborated with local artists to elevate our designs and create an immersive, memorable visit for guests. We hope the hotel will be experienced as a representation of the city, captivating for both locals and guests from far away."

Indonesia's rich musical heritage provided key inspiration for Champalimaud Design. Gamelan is the traditional instrumental ensemble of Indonesia and an integral part of Indonesian culture heard at religious ceremonies, celebrations and dance performances. The harmony between dance and music is echoed in the kinetic "Sound of Light" chandelier in the lobby, created in collaboration with celebrated Czech glassmaker LASVIT. The chandelier's lighting elements follow the lead of the music playing, undulating and moving according to the sounds and rhythm of the music by Indonesian composer Andi Rianto. The chandelier produces a shimmering light that dances across the space and illuminates the ceiling.



St Regis Bar

Incorporating the work and spirit of the local community and artisans is integral to Champalimaud Design's philosophy and the St Regis Jakarta is a celebration of Indonesian art, with the studio's interpretations of Indonesian design and the work of Indonesian artists incorporated throughout the hotel. In a dynamic video work by artist collective Tromarama, local florals float across the reception area ceiling, adding life to the double volume space.

There are a diverse range of musical genres in Indonesia and the hotel's signature St. Regis Bar, unique and different at every St. Regis hotel around the world, is full of details and nods to the different instruments and elements of music. The wall-covering mimics the sound waves of jazz, while the striking mural captures the interplay of jazz and art, reflecting the rhythm, energy, and spirit of the history of jazz in Indonesia. The mural



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Champalimaud Design, has released its latest redesign of the Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental, the iconic beachfront resort in Abu Dhabi. Champalimaud Design has integrated a sense of place, emphasising high craftsmanship and weaving a contemporary sensibility through renovated guest rooms, suites, public spaces, and restaurants.

The concept for the Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental is inspired by its position between one of the world's largest continuous deserts and the aquamarine waters of the Arabian Gulf, telling a rich tale of 'The land where the Ocean meets the Desert'. The studio's narrative was informed by an exquisite landscape of patterns shaped by nature and by the layered history of cultural exchange in Abu Dhabi. The redesign of the Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental presents a vision of sophistication and modernity which authentically reflecting the traditions of the Emirates. Design elements come together to immerse guests and inspire an emotional connection to the location. Artworks throughout were curated by art consultant /STO, completing the final layer in a rich visual story.

Kajia Krause, Principal and Director of Strategy, Champalimaud Design, said: "This design narrative brings to life a romantic and bespoke, sophisticated yet understated residential sensibility. There is a major focus on craftsmanship and precision. It is luxurious in every aspect, from the broad concept to the mood of the lighting and the tactility of the materials."

Upon entering the lobby, guests are welcomed by ornate marble and gilded ceilings paired with new contemporary furnishings and finishes. Along the corridors, bright wall trim and seat wall coverings are contrasted against dark stone door drops and custom carpet patterns inspired by raked sand, which pick up the tonality of the various existing marble colourations to blend in with the grand corridor atriums. Door signage is designed with layered cut-outs based on Arabic geometric patterns, backlit for added glow and ambience as you move through the corridors.



The hotel's rooms and suites possess a modern residential aesthetic. Headboard walls are adorned with backlit screens inspired by the geometric lighting effects of traditional Arabic screens. An oversized mirror integrated at the end of the screen reflects the terrace and surrounding views, giving a sense of expanded space and deep connectivity to the sky and the ocean. Headboards, bedside tables and lamps were designed and curated to bring a rich sensibility, using thoughtful leather and metal detail throughout. These are softened with bespoke colourful ceramic lamp bases, soft linen shades and custom area rugs inspired by the patterns created by water and sand. Each custom light fixture draws inspiration from organic forms and local gardens.

Bespoke furniture and upgraded finishes throughout the suites carry on the visual theme of tradition through a contemporary lens. Mother of pearl inlay in the bedroom dresser references the history of pearl diving that once sustained the Arabian Gulf, while sheer drapery and a deep aqua blue accent colour scheme connect the outdoors to the indoors. Cured wood flooring is complemented by hand-tufted rugs with patterns inspired by the movements of sand and water. New screens have been added to the arrival entry areas, alongside an upgraded custom pattern at the headboard wall. Integrated custom light fixtures evoke the heritage of oil lamps and hanging lanterns, and heritage of oil lamps and hanging lanterns, a nod to local traditions of the past now interpreted in a modern design. The interior doors were replaced with new white door frames and fluted translucent inset panels for a renewed experience that provides more light between

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The image shows a large, ornate stone building, likely Aynhoe Park, with a central courtyard and manicured lawns. To the right, there is a promotional graphic for 'Christmas at BLENHEIM PALACE' featuring a night scene with lights and trees.

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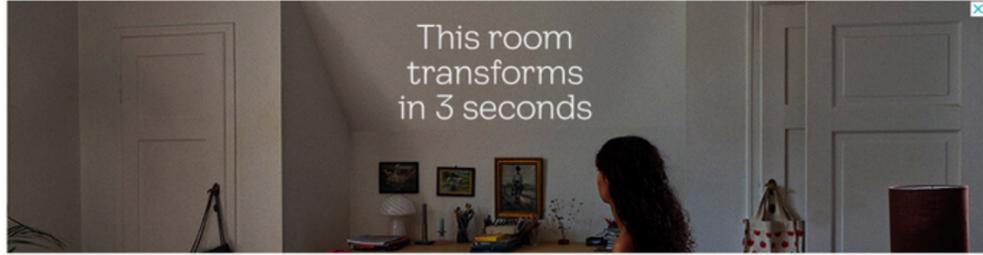
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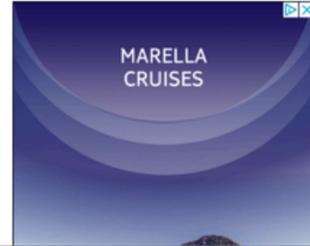




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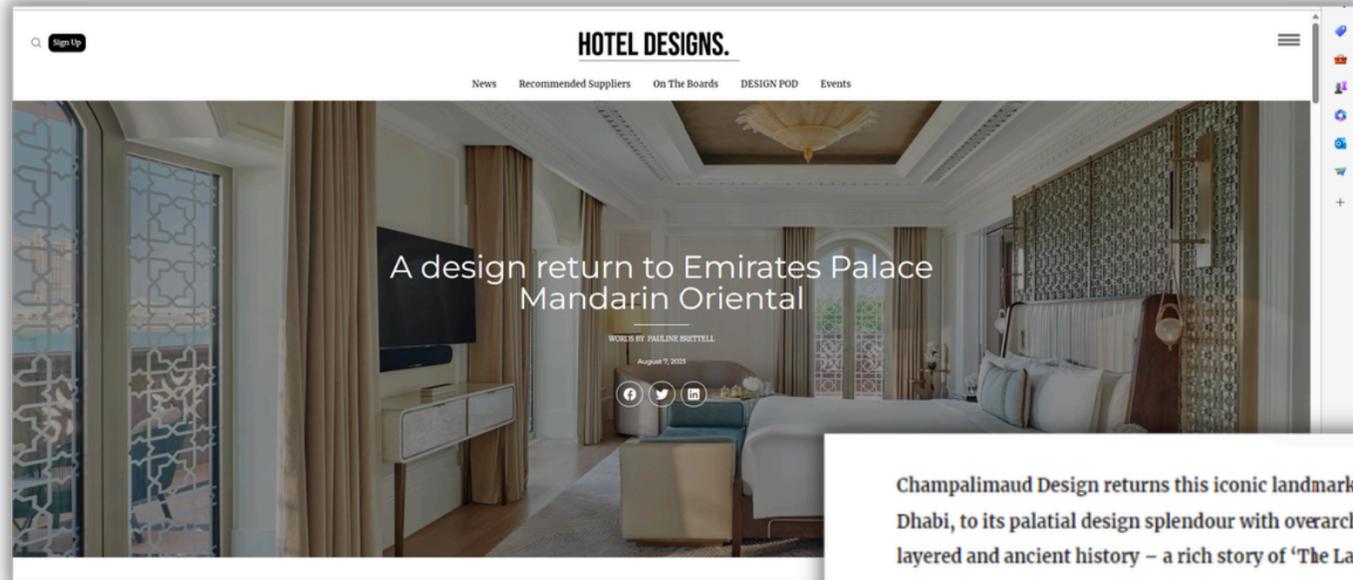
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resort have been redesigned and renovated with an emphasis on sophistication and modernity - though the overarching design narrative is rooted in the rich culture and traditions of the Emirates.

Principal and Director of Strategy for Champalimaud Design Kajsa Krause says there was also a specific focus on craftsmanship and precision. "It brings to life a romantic and bespoke, sophisticated yet understated residential sensibility... It is luxurious in every aspect, from the broad concept to the mood of the lighting and the tactility of the materials."



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Custom carpet patterns were inspired by raked sand to highlight the tonality of existing marble colourations within the lobby, as ornate marble and gilded ceilings are paired with new contemporary furnishings and finishes. Artworks throughout were curated by art

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**Courtney Branan**, Principal at Champalimaud Design say of the project, "Inspired by the rich jazz traditions of Indonesia, we looked to infuse Jakarta's cultural heritage with a contemporary energy.  
 "We collaborated with local artists to elevate our designs and create an immersive, memorable visit for guests.  
 "We hope the hotel will be experienced as a representation of the city, captivating for both locals and guests from far away."

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## St Regis Jakarta

**Champalimaud Design**, the New York-based interior design studio, has created extraordinary spaces throughout the **St. Regis Jakarta** by incorporating Indonesia's traditions of design, music, and art.

Their concept tells the story of Jakarta, of the culture, and of the people.

Throughout the public spaces, restaurants, and bars, Champalimaud has created spaces that evoke connections, engagement and conversation, taking guests on an enriched journey through the hotel.

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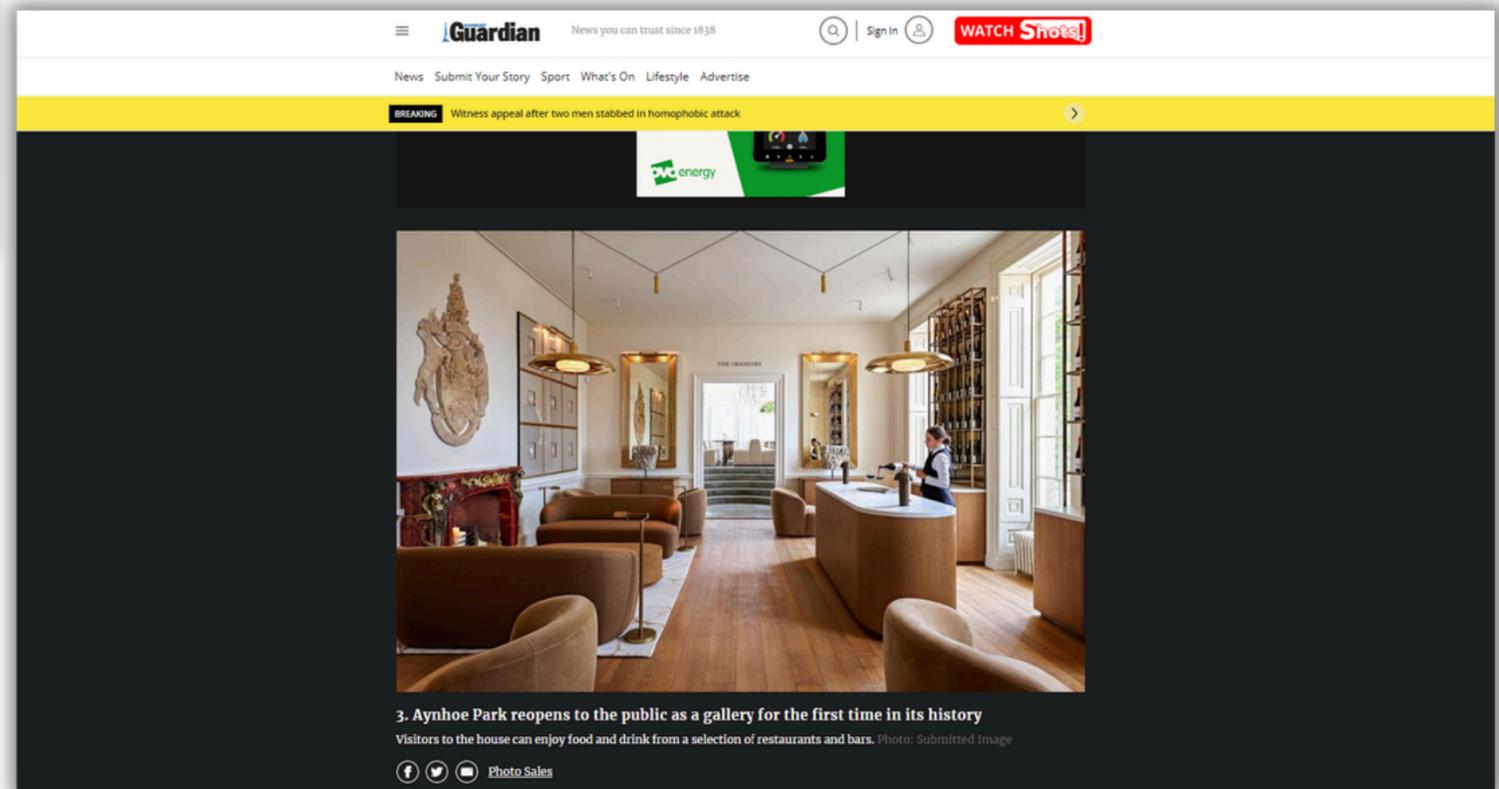
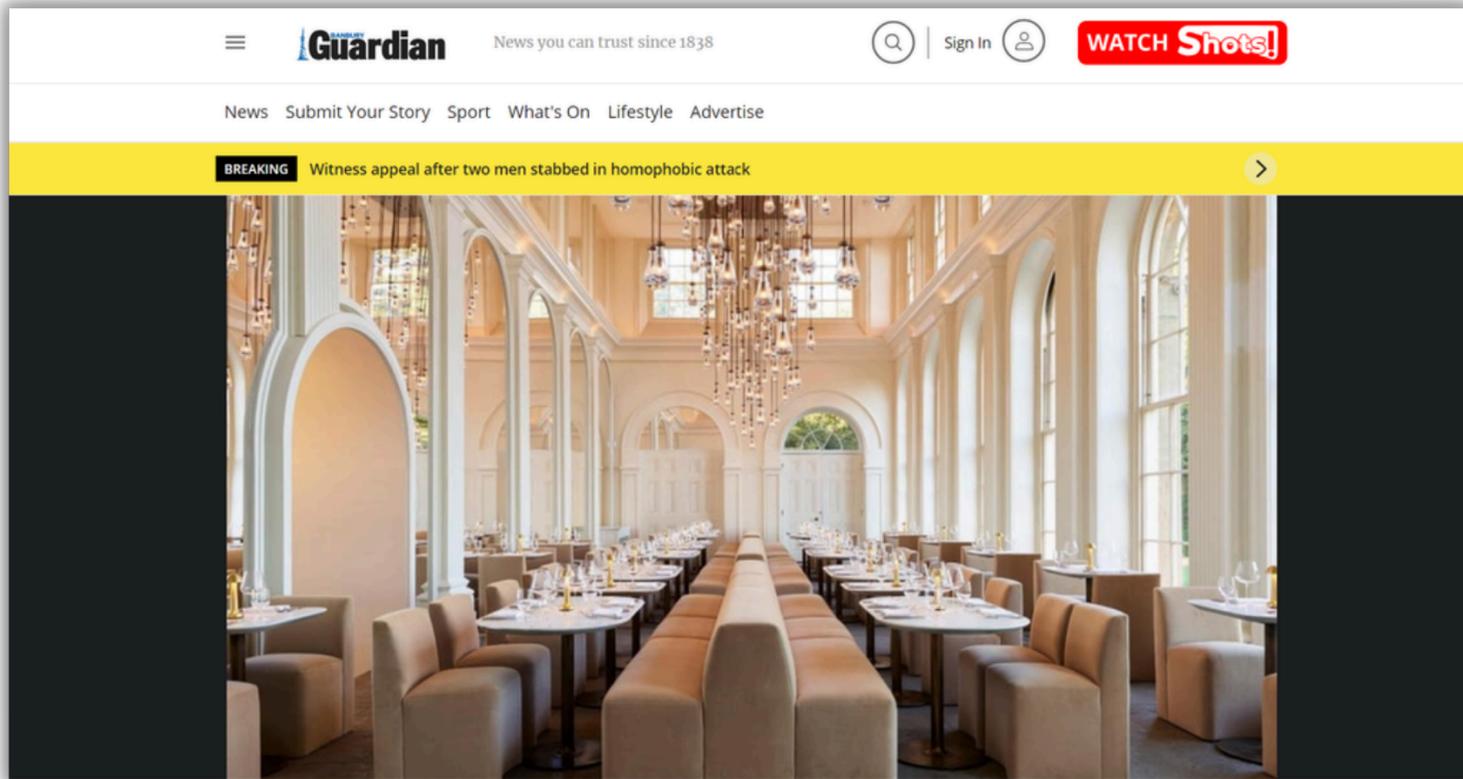


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the iconic Waldorf Astoria New York on Park Avenue.

The celebrated New York City landmark has introduced an unprecedented residential lifestyle to the heart of Midtown Manhattan, offering residents a world of exclusive private amenities along with special access to the best-in-class services found only at the globally renowned Waldorf Astoria New York.

The Waldorf Astoria has been a beacon of timeless glamour and luxury for nearly a century – home to Hollywood’s elite, host to countless world leaders, and the site of cultural events and galas that hold a special place in the hearts of New Yorkers and visitors from around the world.

When the Waldorf Astoria opened on Park Avenue to rapturous reviews in 1931, it was the largest and tallest hotel in the world and remains one of New York City’s most prominent landmarks.

The property is in the midst of an unprecedented restoration, undertaken with care by developer Dajia Insurance Group and renowned architects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, with great attention given to the original Art Deco design. This talented team has invested years of work to understand the building’s history and maintain its heritage for future generations, while bringing it into a new age.

The full block property will include condominium residences atop the 375-key Waldorf Astoria New York hotel.

The sophisticated residential interiors and amenities by internationally acclaimed designer Jean-Louis Deniot, the visionary behind some of the world’s most opulent private homes, create a truly modern experience within the building’s historic framework. Deniot has carefully considered each detail, designing his own custom creations for The Towers that include: solid custom-paneled interior doors with bespoke antique bronze hardware, custom cabinets manufactured by Molteni&C in Italy, vanities with polished marble countertops, custom forged polished nickel fixtures, and tile mosaics featuring a Waldorf Astoria-inspired pattern, done in a modern style with a nod to French Art Deco, further complementing the building’s history.

The wide variety of residences range from gracious studios to opulent four bedrooms and magnificent penthouses within the iconic copper pinnacles and several marquee residences with expansive private outdoor spaces. Every residence has been outfitted with all new windows that feature modern sound-attenuating technology while paying homage to the original 1931 design, and herringbone floors with a custom cerused finish. Residence kitchens feature a full suite of integrated state-of-the-art Gaggenau appliances, all fully vented to the outside.

Privacy and security are paramount at The Towers of the Waldorf Astoria, which offers a discrete residential experience separate from the hotel. There are two residential entry lobbies—both fully staffed 24-hours a day—and a dramatic porte cochère with double-height vaulted ceilings that will offer residents a private entry with 24-hour valet service from East 50th Street. There are six dedicated residential elevators with destination dispatch technology, as well as a secure residential entrance into the Waldorf Astoria New York, offering access to the hotel’s numerous food and beverage venues, as well as the world-class spa. Residents

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## A Celebration of Heritage and Culture Through Design: St. Regis Jakarta by Champalimaud Design

Glamour, Gamelan and Dancing Chandeliers - An Oasis of Light and Sound Make for Memorable Moments



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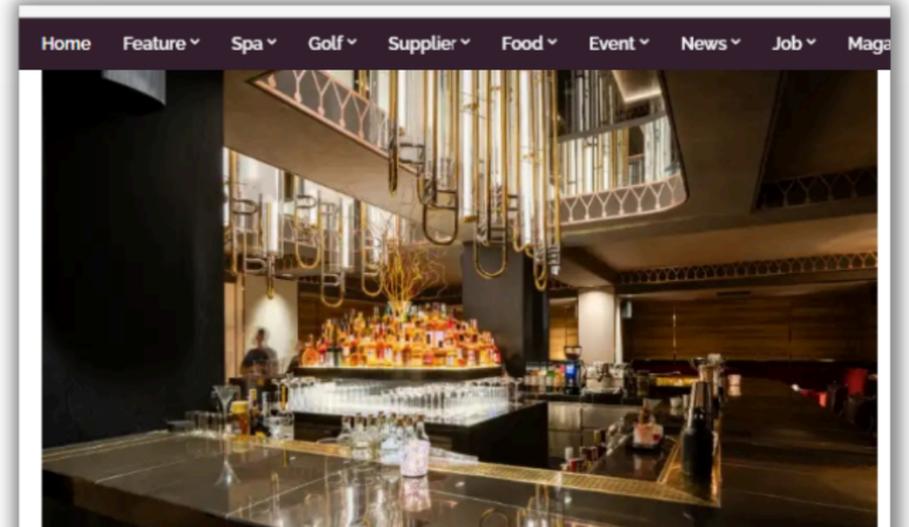
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Indonesia's rich musical heritage provided key inspiration for Champalimaud Design. Gamelan is the traditional instrumental ensemble of Indonesia and an integral part of Indonesian culture heard at religious ceremonies, celebrations and dance performances. The harmony between dance and music is echoed in the kinetic 'Sound of Light' chandelier in the Lobby, created in collaboration with celebrated Czech glassmaker LASVIT. The chandelier's lighting elements follow the lead of the music playing, undulating and moving according to the sounds and rhythm of the music by Indonesian composer Andi Rianto. The chandelier produces a shimmering light that dances across the space and illuminates the ceiling, creating a memorable arrival for guests. Incorporating the work and spirit of the local community and artisans is integral to Champalimaud Design's philosophy and the St Regis Jakarta is a celebration of Indonesian art, with the studio's interpretations of Indonesian design and the work of Indonesian artists incorporated throughout the hotel. In a dynamic video work by artist collective Tromarama, local florals float across the reception area ceiling, adding life to the double volume space.



There are a diverse range of musical genres in Indonesia and the hotel's signature St. Regis Bar, unique and different at every St. Regis hotel around the world, is full of details and nods to the different instruments and elements of music. The wallcovering mimics the sound waves of jazz, while the striking mural captures the interplay of jazz and art, reflecting the rhythm, energy, and spirit of the history of jazz in Indonesia. The mural was created by Indonesian artist Eddy Susanto and the studio collaborated with Susanto on the colour, figures, and segmentation of the piece. Inspired by Java Jazz, the mural is "painted" using texts depicting Javanese Wayang Figures in Javanese Shadow Puppet Performances. The central chandelier above the main bar is a custom designed glass sculpture inspired by the trombone and saxophone, incorporating long cylinders of



Lumens Bar embraces and explores how light and metals play together, with a colour palette influenced by the bronze tones of instruments. The studio created a central feature that mimics liquid and captures light in different ways as guests walk around the bar, while over the bar are beautiful crystals that are reflected in the room itself and onto the deep red upholstery. The wall architecture is a beautiful rhythm of lines and arches with a champagne coloured gold leaf applied.

Dining spaces include the Rose Gourmand Deli, Drawing Room, Tea Room, J.J.A. restaurant, offering upscale dining and Bel Étage, for all day dining. The colour palette of Bel Étage was inspired by the local cuisine of Indonesia. Rich reds, oranges and saffron colours, reminiscent of the persimmons and turmeric used in Indonesia were woven throughout the space. The studio introduced designs that would allow the space to transition throughout the day, morning light turning into a moodier setting at night.





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# Rich Culture meets modern luxury: Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental By Champalimaud Design

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Champalimaud Design returns this iconic landmark in Abu Dhabi to its palatial design splendour with overarching concepts originating from the destination's layered and ancient history.



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The concept for the Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental is inspired by its position between one of the world's largest continuous deserts and the aquamarine waters of the Arabian Gulf, telling a rich tale of 'The Land where the Ocean meets the Desert'. The studio's narrative was informed by an exquisite landscape of patterns shaped by nature and by the layered history of cultural exchange in Abu Dhabi.

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The redesign of the Emirates Palace Mandarin Oriental presents a vision of sophistication and modernity while authentically reflecting the traditions of the Emirates. Design elements come together to immerse guests and inspire an emotional connection to the location. Artwork throughout was created by UAE consultant VISTO, completing the first layer

## Inside The Waldorf Astoria Residences New York's Exclusive Private Spaces

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The Waldorf Astoria has been a hallmark of glamour and luxury since 1931. This Park Avenue landmark is now stepping into a new era of glamour and, by doing so, will open a whole new world to exclusive and personalised experiences.

Upon arrival, residents take the elevator, which leads them into an opulent world which extends to 50,000 square feet of private amenities, encompassed by the world-renowned and possibly unrivalled Waldorf service.

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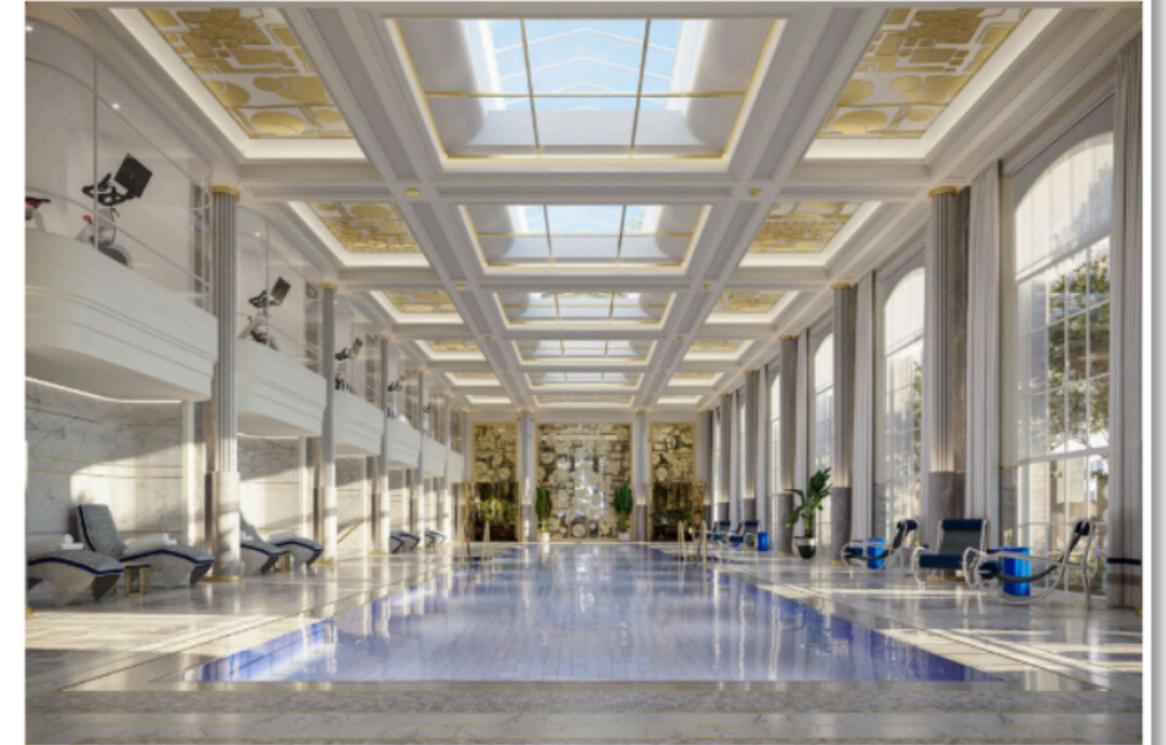
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## Starlight Lounge

Perched above the iconic Park Avenue and connected to the Starlight Terrace, the Starlight Lounge is a crowning jewel in New York's skyscape. The space showcases an intimate atmosphere against the city's dramatic skyline, where classic cocktails meet contemporary flair.



The stunning 25-meter Starlight Pool will overlook Park Avenue in a dramatic double height-space, illuminated by a restored skylight that allows the architects' original intent to be observed again for the first time in 70 years. With a meticulously crafted drinks menu and an unprecedented level of bespoke service, this lounge doesn't just offer nightlife – it redefines it.





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