

# Stay in Scotland Yard, the new super luxury hotel, for £10,000 a night



OUTSIDE GREAT SCOTLAND YARD, ST. JAMES'S

Great Scotland Yard, the former home of the British Metropolitan Police, has been developed into a luxury five-star hotel. You can stay in the building – often featured in the work of Charles Dickens and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle – for what is expected to be a £10,000 a night.

Lulu Group International, the Abu Dhabi-based group run by billionaire Indian tycoon, Yusuff Ali, has overseen the conversion of the building into 153 rooms – a development that is thought to have cost £75 million. Some of the suites will have views of London's most famous sights, Westminster Abbey, Nelson's Column and Buckingham Palace.

The luxury hotel that is steeped in British policial history will include references to the famous criminals of time gone by. In a secret whisky bar, a decadent chandelier made of glass shards will be a nod to the Forty Elephants, a 19th century gang of women known for smashing shop windows to steal jewellery. There will also be artwork by prisoners and old military uniforms.



THE HOTEL'S SECRET WHISKY BAR

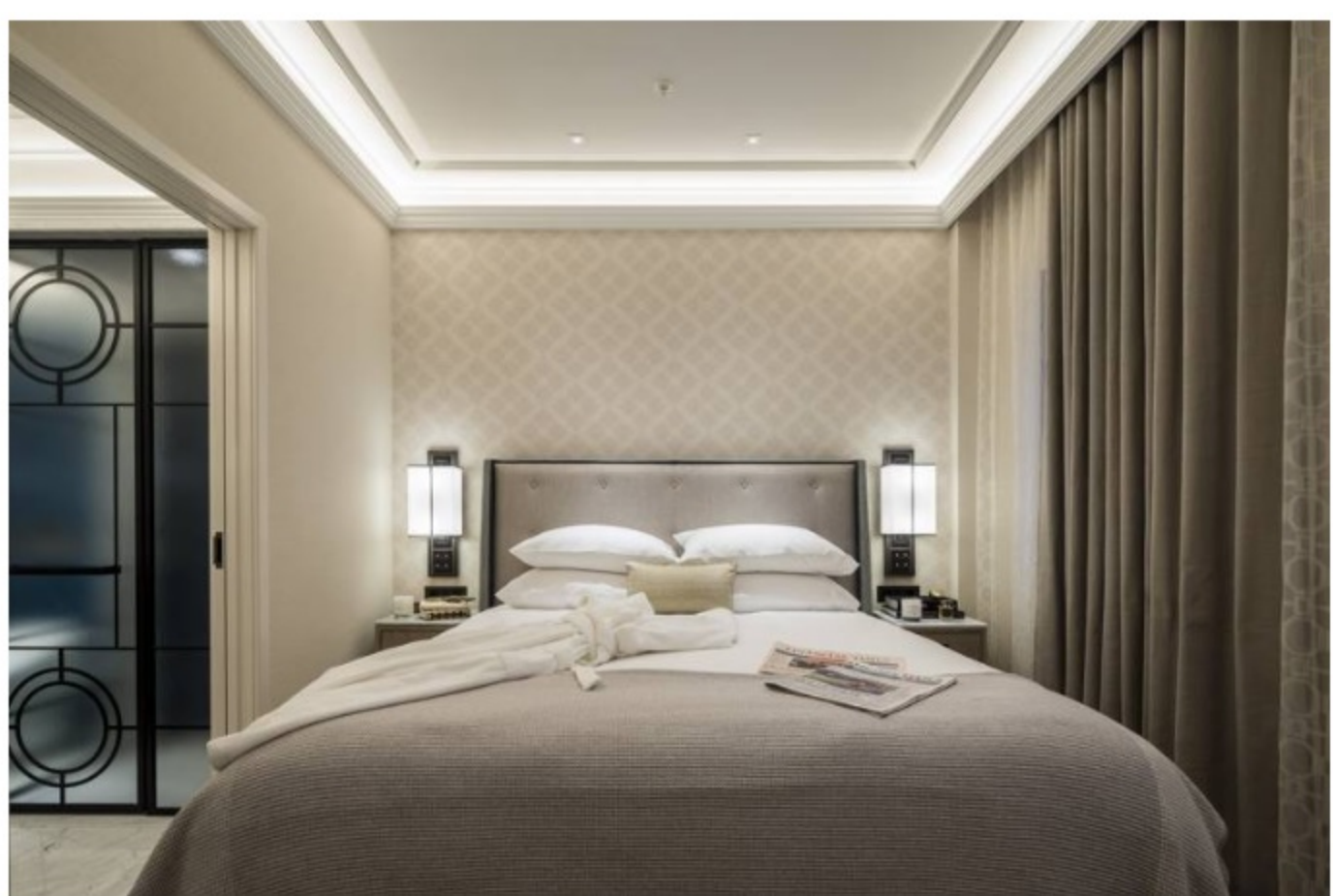
Rooms that were once prison cells have been transformed into meeting rooms and work spaces that can be rented. Guests to the hotel will be able to visit a tea parlour, ballroom and restaurant. Robin Gill, who trained under Marco Pierre White and Raymond Blanc, acted as a consultant on the project and has chosen Alex Harper to head up the hotel restaurant.

Great Scotland Yard was chosen by Sir Robert Peel, then Home Secretary, as the headquarters for the Metropolitan Police when it was formed in 1829. It remained its home for 60 years until the force moved to New Scotland Yard in 1890. The government sold the leasehold of the building as part of a wider sell-off of its estate in 2013.

The hotel is due to open this year and will be operated by Hyatt, the American hotels group.



INSIDE GREAT SCOTLAND YARD



ONE OF THE HOTEL BEDROOMS