

THE BERKELEY

LONDON



THE BERKELEY LAUNCHES NEW RANGE OF SUITES DESIGNED BY ARCHITECT JOHN HEAH

Having unveiled a contemporary new entrance by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, The Berkeley has launched a re-designed first floor, by acclaimed resort architect and interior designer John Heah. The rooms and suites include The Gallery suite, the Park Suite with views over Hyde Park, as well as a selection of Terrace suites and The Apartment overlooking St Paul's Church, giving The Berkeley some of the most extensive outdoor spaces in London. The designer's chic contemporary style adds a subtle international sophistication to the timeless British luxury of this landmark London hotel.

Under the visionary direction of John Heah, who has worked on some of the world's most pioneering hotel designs including key Aman properties, the new first floor enhances the hotel's contemporary style. Heah's fusion of Asian and British interiors brings a well-travelled residential feel to the suites with dramatic glass terraces designed by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners. Within this urban apartment style, Heah has created a design aesthetic inspired by global travel, donating a worldly sense of calm. The serenity of the suites is enhanced by their terraces filling the space with an abundance of natural light and views of peaceful Belgravia and neighbouring St Paul's Church. With bustling Knightsbridge just around the corner and Hyde Park a stone's throw away, these new suites

thrive off The Berkeley's location in the heart of London, capitalising on the neighbourhood and giving a real sense of place.

Throughout the creative process, Heah sourced over 30 fabrics and materials from all over the world from Thai silk, to Chinese wool and Swedish wood, working closely with local craftsmen and artisans. The urban chic feel of the suites is created through Heah's use of sustainable teak complemented by a neutral colour scheme of varying tones of creams and browns, interspersed with pops of colour through an array of artwork. The hotel's co-owner Paddy McKillen and Heah, both seasoned globetrotters, have carefully selected art pieces and books from their travels to curate this residential style. The soft level lighting encased in intricately curved marble has been sourced from George Sexton Associates. Combined with the striking teak floors, this brings a graphic sense of modern linearity to the rooms and the first floor corridor with intricate details in the embedded hand woven silk and wool Nepalese carpets. A signature of these suites created by Heah, are double sided butler cupboards which offer guests a discrete level of service.

Commenting on his design Heah says, 'We have gone to great efforts to combine bespoke craftsmanship with the height of quality in all materials used and have travelled the world to collate an eclectic collection of one off pieces for these suites. Attention to detail is at the heart of our design and I hope we have created a contemporary urban style, unparalleled with anything seen before in London.'

General Manager, Knut Wylde said, 'John Heah has brought a new creative aesthetic to our room designs at The Berkeley and with his vision we believe the hotel is further established at the forefront of innovative London hospitality and design, paving the way for the next generation of travellers.'

Responding to an increase trend in intergenerational travel, many of the suites and rooms are interconnecting allowing for the space to be enlarged. The opening of Heah's suites follows a major redesign at The Berkeley after the recent unveiling of the new façade by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners as well as the new look of the lobby, the Collins Room and the Blue Bar by Robert Angell. These developments take The Berkeley into a new era with an eclectic combination of designs from some of the world's most formidable architects and designers, creating an overall aesthetic which fuses international inspiration with classic Britishness.

Rates at The Berkeley start from £490 per night and to make a reservation please call the reservations team directly on +44 (0) 20 7107 8927 or email reservations@the-berkeley.co.uk. For more information about The Berkeley please call the hotel on 0207 235 6000 or visit the website www.the-berkeley.co.uk.

ABOUT HEAH & CO

John Heah, founder of Heah & Co, built his family run architectural and design studio collaborating with his graphic designer wife Valerie and his close core team over the past 25 years. Together they offer a highly considered and bespoke service which delivers chic, contemporary and inspired interiors with a forward thinking and innovative approach. Services span across residential, hotels and resorts and clients include Aman Resorts, Four Seasons, and Maybourne Hotel Group.

ABOUT THE BERKELEY

Amidst leafy Belgravia and bustling Knightsbridge, The Berkeley, sister hotel to Claridge's and The Connaught, is the essence of contemporary chic and innovative luxury. With stunning rooms and suites, two Michelin-starred cuisine from Marcus Wareing, a fashion favourite afternoon tea at Prêt-à-Portea in the new Collins Room, cocktails in the Blue Bar and The Berkeley Health Club & Spa complete with rooftop pool, The Berkeley provides the ultimate urban retreat in the heart of London.

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