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THE OPUS SUITE AT THE BERKELEY DESIGNED BY INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED ARCHITECT AND DESIGNER ANDRE FU

The Opus Suite at the Berkeley, designed by internationally renowned interior architect Andre Fu, is one of the largest and most luxuriously designed hotel rooms in London. Overlooking Hyde Park and Knightsbridge it occupies an expansive 260 sq m where sliding doors merge the living room, study, master bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and dining room creating a cohesive space which is comfortable and stylish.

Maybourne's collaboration with Andre Fu is the first time Fu has expressed his unique and multi-layered vision in Europe. As one of Asia Pacific's most sought after talents following his award – winning design concept for the Upper House in Hong Kong, Fu comments, “*Western people*

are fascinated with 'new China and new Asia'. My interiors are visually calm and balanced. There's symmetry in my work which goes beyond decoration; I like to feel that guests will experience an emotional connection to the space they are in, where they will feel at ease and indulged."

The Opus suite is designed to feel like a residential home for long stay guests and is equipped with a state of the art kitchen by Poggenpohl. It offers a unique in – house chef service from the Berkeley's two legendary Michelin starred chefs Marcus Wareing and Pierre Koffmann, who can be exclusively booked to come and cook their gastronomic signature dishes for everything from an intimate private dinner to entertaining a party of up to 10 guests.

The suite's colour scheme is based on a muted 'green tea' palette, mixed with a variety of textures including bamboo, limestone, soft fabrics and bronze. All the furniture has been specifically designed for the suite and manufactured in Asia; carpets are bespoke designs by Andre Fu for Tai Ping. Fu also chose the art and sculptures on display for which he states, *"The pieces have been commissioned to interact within the space but they also provide a strong sense of personality."* Fu collaborated with Hong Kong-based art consultant, Alison Pickett to create a mixture of free-standing sculptures and wall-hung installations. There are gypse, stone and iron sculptures by Belgian artist Christian Cadelli, bronze installations by the UK's Barnaby Gorton and a stone sculpture by Taiwanese artist Cynthia Sah.

Justin Pinchbeck, General Manager of the Berkeley comments, *"The Berkeley is remarkable amongst London's luxury hotels for its ability to adapt, evolve and to reflect contemporary life. Andre Fu's luxury suite is a perfect example of how an established building in the centre of a major capital can embrace the newest design aesthetic and provide guests with an environment which they will enjoy and want to return to time and time again."*

About Andre Fu

Andre Fu was born in Hong Kong. He went to boarding school in the UK and Cambridge University followed by an MA in architecture. He set up his studio AFSO in 2003 in London and returned to Hong Kong the following year. His first major project was for the JIA boutique hotel in Shanghai which introduced him to the world of restaurant design and hospitality. His design concept for the Upper House in Admiralty, Hong Kong, immediately established his reputation as the most sought-after design talent in Asia Pacific. Conde Nast Traveler US described him as the '*Asian Design Sensation*' and Vogue UK as a '*Design Wunderkind*'.

Recent projects include the 1ST TOO restaurant at the Shangri-La in Istanbul and the Inagiku Japanese restaurant at the W Hotel in Guangzhou.

About the Berkeley

In leafy Knightsbridge, the Berkeley, part of Maybourne Hotel Group is the essence of contemporary chic. With stunning rooms and suites, two Michelin-starred cuisine from Marcus Wareing, Pierre Koffmann's French Brasserie, classic British dishes in the Caramel Room, fashionista fancies for afternoon tea at Prêt-à-Portea, cocktails in the Blue Bar and the Spa complete with rooftop pool, the Berkeley is rich in pleasure and discoveries that will surprise and enchant.

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