



# CLARIDGE'S



## **CLARIDGE'S CONTINUES ITS STYLISH COLLABORATION WITH FASHION ARTIST IN RESIDENCE DAVID DOWNTON**

### **ESTEEMED ILLUSTRATOR AND FASHION ARTIST IN RESIDENCE, DAVID DOWNTON, CAPTURES ICONIC HOTEL GUESTS AND FASHION'S MOST FAMOUS FACES**

Claridge's, in the heart of Mayfair, has an ongoing collaboration with artist David Downton, who, in 2011, was appointed the hotel's first ever *Fashion Artist in Residence* to capture some of the hotel's distinguished guests. Downton, known for his classically elegant, yet highly contemporary portraits of style icons and stars of stage and screen, is widely regarded as the foremost fashion illustrator of his generation.

Celebrating the poise and glamour of iconic beauties, creatives and style icons, Downton's work at Claridge's captures a moment in the hotel's vibrant history and cements its love affair with fashion. The works from the legendary fashion artist highlight his ability to gracefully capture the elegance and personality of some of the style world's most famous faces including Sarah Jessica Parker, Dita Von Teese and Diane Von Furstenberg and are a timeless addition to Claridge's historical art collection.

Many of Downton's subjects have been drawn at his favourite table four in the glamorous setting of Claridge's Fumoir bar. The decadent space, originally designed by Basil Ionides in

the 1930s with elegant Lalique crystal panels and Art Deco details, is the room that David affectionately refers to as his 'office'.



Commenting on his role, David Downton said: “Being artist in residence at the most beautiful hotel in London has, as I've often said, been the gig of the century. I expected the luxury of course and the service, but who knew about the magic? Claridge's is Claridge's and everywhere else is everywhere else...”

Claridge's General Manager Paul Jackson said: “Over the years, some of our most iconic guests have been captured on camera and we feel David's drawings add another dimension to the already established archives of Claridge's. David Downton has been a long time friend of the hotel and we have admired his work for many years. It is a pleasure to share David's talent with our guests!”

#### **ABOUT DAVID DOWNTON**

David Downton has attended Paris Haute Couture shows for more than a decade. Best known for his contributions to Vogue, Christian Dior and the British Fashion Council, Downton's instantly recognisable illustrations are loved and adored around the world.  
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#### **ABOUT CLARIDGE'S**

At the centre of London's Mayfair, [Claridge's](#) embodies grand English style, timeless glamour and impeccable, intuitive and highly tailored service. It is London's art deco jewel, and home to breathtaking rooms and suites. From London's finest afternoon tea in the Foyer to vintage champagnes and rare spirits at Claridge's Bar or after-dinner drinks in the Fumoir, all are part of the hotel's unique splendor and charm.

#### **ABOUT MAYBOURNE HOTEL GROUP**

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