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Matild Palace: a night at the palace



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The renovated imperial palace is imbued with a regal aura thanks to its extraordinary history. In addition, Matild Palace offers guests the chance to experience a new era of haute cuisine.

[The Luxury Collection Hotels & Resorts](#), part of [Marriott International](#), announces the opening of **Matild Palace**, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Budapest. Owned by the Özyer Group, the opening marks The Luxury Collection's debut in Hungary.

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Matild Palace opens after a meticulous five-year restoration.

Restoration led by award-winning interior designer [Maria Vafiadis](#) and acclaimed Hungarian architects [Péter Dajka and Puhl Antal](#) transformed it into a 130-guestroom luxury hotel.



We are thrilled to celebrate this moment, pivotal to the growth of The Luxury Collection brand, with the opening of Matild Palace, a hotel that will redefine Budapest as a destination. The property allows our guests to realize the dream of living inside a royal palace, equipped with modern amenities and impeccable service. We look forward to welcoming them on their journey to discover this timeless city.

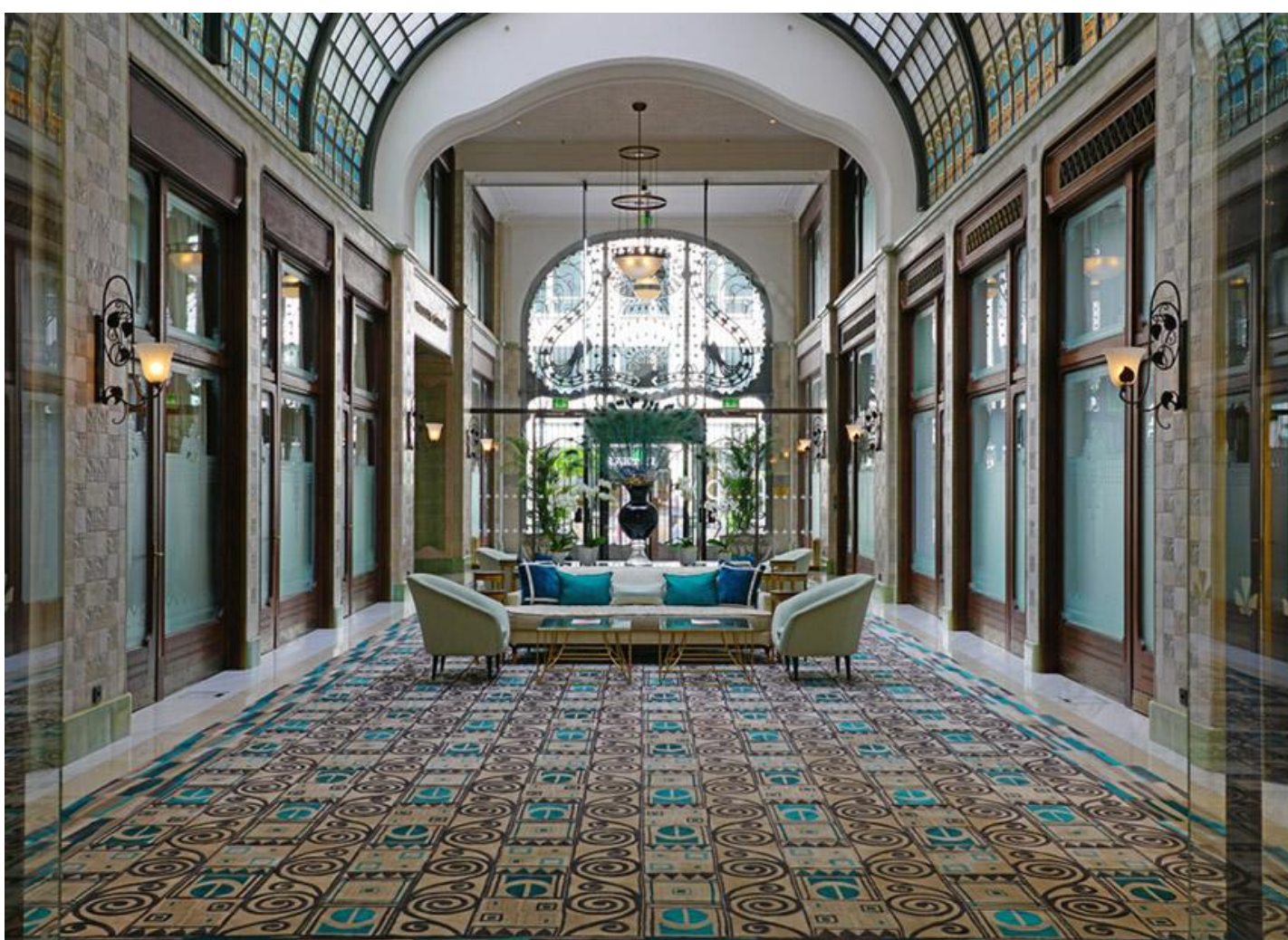
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Directing the renovation was Maria Vafiadis, founder of [MKV Design](#). She ensured the building's new chapter honored its historical legacy. She did this through an extraordinary design that reflects the hotel's remarkable location, situated in the heart of Budapest, just steps from the Danube River. The design celebrates the building's past as a thriving social destination in the city, creating a modern and elegant ambiance for discerning guests, both local and global.



Matild Palace: the return of an icon

Steeped in history, Matild Palace was built 120 years ago during the Belle Époque was developed under the patronage of Her Imperial and Royal Highness Marie Clotilde of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha with the aim of creating a social gathering place in the city. Her idea was to create, within two baroque palaces, a sort of gateway for those visiting the Pest side of the city coming from the Elizabeth Bridge.



An epicurean destination under the auspices of Wolfgang Puck

Internationally renowned **Chef Wolfgang Puck** will oversee Matild Palace's gastronomy, bringing a new era of entertainment and dining experience to the city. His renowned restaurant Spago marks the debut of the Beverly Hills dining phenomenon in Hungary, with a menu featuring traditional Hungarian cuisine reimagined with a modern twist and made with local products.



The Chef will also oversee the culinary offerings at rooftop bar *The Duchess and Matild Café & Cabaret*. The Duchess will be a secret liquor library, while Matild Café & Cabaret, opening in September, will bring back the historical atmosphere of what was the most fashionable address for Hungarian high society during the Belle Époque.

Spago and Matild Café & Cabaret will be open all year round, and together they will be part of the first gastronomic street of Budapest.

Matild Palace: exclusive rooms and elegant suites

Matild Palace has **111 elegantly appointed guestrooms** and 19 suites, with many providing spectacular views of the city and the Danube. The four-room categories are inspired by the exuberant lifestyle of the Duchess and the Budapest of the early 20th century. Each room has a ceiling over four meters high and celebrates Hungarian culture in every element, with finely hand-carved headboards, traditional fishbone parquet floors, and luxurious bathrooms inspired by iconic Hungarian baths. A color palette of teal, green, gold, and copper – Budapest’s iconic hues – decorate the rooms. The hotel also features several interconnecting family suites.



Matild Palace's rooftop Loft rooms offer breathtaking views of the city or the Danube for a truly unique stay thanks to large tilting windows.

The eclectic mix of contemporary design and vintage furnishings pays homage to the Duchess' artisans who used to frequent the palace. For a super-exclusive stay, **The Crown Tower Suite**, located on the fifth floor, is split over three levels and is the first suite in Hungary with a 48-meter-high **private tower** and 360-degree views of the city. Finally, to experience a day like the Duchess, the **Maria Klotild Royal Suite** was designed for just that purpose, reinterpreting Maria Clotilde's private suite. It features a spacious bedroom, bathroom, living room, and separate study, decorated with elegant chandeliers and handmade glass mosaics.

Wellness and Relaxation

The exclusive Swan Spa offers a modern wellness experience linked to the Hungarian spa tradition, with spa treatments and Hammam rituals designed to awaken guests' senses. A salt and steam bath and the exclusive use of ESPA products for all treatments complete the offer. For those who want to stay active while traveling, the hotel has a state-of-the-art gym.



Exceptional meeting and event spaces

The hotel's grand architecture provides the perfect backdrop for any type of event. In fact, Matild Palace is ideal for all occasions, from business meetings to special events. Guests can rely on planning experts, Wolfgang Puck's culinary direction, and state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment available in the meeting rooms to make sure every experience will be truly memorable.

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