

## LUXURY ON RED SQUARE

Moscow has a reputation for extravagance – and for being one of the most expensive places on earth. The Ritz-Carlton, created by the renowned hotel designer Peter Silling, is the latest stylish address in the Russian capital.



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**1:** Hundreds of Swarovski crystals endow the generous pool with a touch of playful luxury.

**2:** The luxury hotel is right around the corner from Red Square and the Kremlin.

**3:** Stylish furnishings and warm wooden surfaces are typical of the 14 treatment rooms.

**4:** Water and light combine to create a unique experience under the rain shower.

With its spectacular glass-and-steel dome as well as extensive outdoor terrace, the new O2 Lounge on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of The Ritz-Carlton offers a perfect vantage point to gaze across the rooftops of Moscow and marvel at the magnificent architecture of the nearby Kremlin. Featuring a black tiled floor, ultra-chic cocoon chairs covered in red velvet brocade, white leather stools and huge benches, this smart venue is the latest hotspot to grace the Russian capital.

Opened in July 2007, the Ritz-Carlton is located in the fashionable Tverskaya neighbourhood, right in the heart of downtown Moscow. The guest rooms are not only the most spacious on offer anywhere in the city but also come with every conceivable comfort and service. "Having such an impressive presence in Moscow is part of our strategy to develop world-class hotels in cities where the economy is growing and the demand for luxury products and excellent services is high", says Simon F. Cooper, President of The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, in explanation of the decision to open a new five-star address in the Russian capital. No sojourn at The Ritz-Carlton would be complete without a visit to the Jeroboam Restaurant and a chance to sample the "cuisine vitale" of Michelin three-star

chef Heinz Winkler. Paintings by the German artist Junior Toscanelli, depicting scenes from Baden-Baden and Combray, complement the contrasting play of modern and classical styles. Meanwhile, wine aficionados will enjoy the intimate and rustic charm of the Petrus Wine Room – the perfect setting to sample from some 800 rare vintages. Whisky buffs, too, will find a selection of older and more recent vintages of Macallan Single Malt. Alternatively, the Lobby Lounge with its library-like atmosphere is an ideal location to see and be seen. Here, a vodka sommelier is on hand to advise on selection of this most Russian of drinks and explain the various nuances of the numerous sorts on offer.

#### Experts in opulence

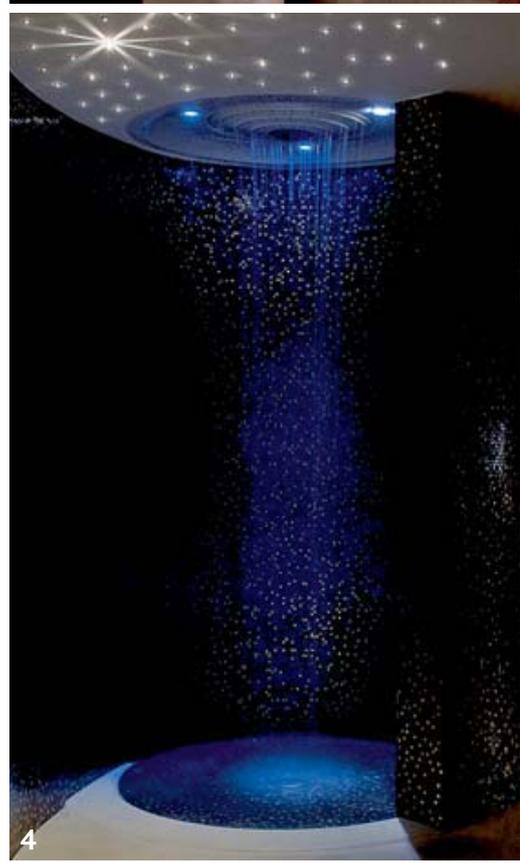
This ultimate hotel experience has been created by the renowned hotel designer Peter Silling and his team. "Guests should be able to sense and feel the luxury for which they are paying a lot of money. It's only when they get to savour this opulence in a variety of forms, materials and compositions that they feel perfectly at ease", says Silling in explanation of his elemental aim. His team of architects, designers and interior designers cooperate on a whole variety of projects across the globe. Peter Silling & Associates, who have >



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### Hotel interiors

> already designed five-star hotels for The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company in Berlin and Bangalore, operate out of both Cologne and Hong Kong – a strategy that gives the company and its 65 employees the flexibility required to respond to the needs of the international market.

Together with Susan Harmsworth from ESPA, the leading spa specialist in England, Peter Silling and his team also designed the lavish spa facilities at The Ritz-Carlton in Moscow. Those seeking a break from the stylish hustle and bustle of this busy metropolis and the hotel itself can submerge in this stylish oasis of wellness and repose. Exuding an atmosphere that combines luxury with a whiff of simplicity, the 2,000-square-metre complex boasts a swimming pool, fitness centre with state-of-the-art exercise equipment, 14 treatment rooms and a spa café. Highlights include the star-studded ceiling and bottom of the pool, golden mosaic wall coverings and countless lighting effects designed to create a magical ambience. Boasting a clear design with precise and colourful accents, this is a spa guaranteed to soothe the soul of visitors to Moscow.

#### The Ritz-Carlton

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**5:** Shimmering gold mosaics on the wall and elegant recliners in the relaxation area.

**6:** The 2,000 square metres of spa in The Ritz-Carlton in Moscow promise the ultimate in luxury.