



## PALACE HOTEL TOKYO

### **Palace Hotel Tokyo Named World's Top New Large Hotel For Design**

*Travel + Leisure 2013 judges survey 2012 hotel debuts and hail Japanese design as best*

TOKYO (13 March 2013) — Palace Hotel Tokyo joined elite company this month after *Travel + Leisure* recognized the Marunouchi property as 'Best Hotel, 100 or More Rooms' in its annual Design Awards.

Citing the hotel for its “understated luxury,” its “traditional grandeur” and “sense of sophisticated restraint,” the hotel won top honours in its category and is the first ever Japanese hotel to receive a [T+L Design Award](#).

“More than anything, we wanted the look and feel of this hotel to exhibit and celebrate hallmarks of Japanese aesthetics,” said Masaru Watanabe, the hotel’s executive director and general manager. “The *T+L* award puts an exclamation point on the realisation of that ambition.”

The ninth annual *T+L* jury included luminaries in the fields of interior design, journalism, architecture, fashion, culinary and creative design. The 7-member panel also singled out the world’s top new museum, mode of transportation, spa, restaurant and public space among other categories.

For Palace Hotel Tokyo, the *T+L* award caps a string of recent acknowledgements, from the hotel’s inclusion on *DestinAsian*’s “[Luxe List](#)” to recognition by the Hotel Investment Conference in Asia Pacific as “[Development of the Year](#)”. And while *Elite Traveler* hailed the hotel’s Palace Suite as one of the “[Top 101 Suites in the World](#)”, back home, *Nikkei Trendy* lauded the property for being the top luxury hotel in Tokyo and evian SPA garnered a *SpaFinder* Crystal Award for ‘Best Spa Concept’ in Japan.

A half-dozen design firms collaborated on the hotel’s development, with GA Design International having taken the lead.

### **ABOUT PALACE HOTEL TOKYO**

Opened in May 2012, [Palace Hotel Tokyo](#) redefines the fine art of Japanese hospitality. With 290 rooms and suites, 10 restaurants and bars, an evian SPA and incomparable views of the city’s most rarified green space - the Imperial Palace gardens - the latest addition to Tokyo’s luxury scene is a destination unto itself.

Rebuilt from the ground-up and yet heir to a legacy that goes back more than half a century, the contemporary interpretation of Palace Hotel Tokyo presents travellers with an unfiltered celebration of the country’s culture and an unparalleled experience of Japan.

Located at 1-1-1 Marunouchi, the hotel is a 10-minute walk from landmark Tokyo Station and mere steps away from Marunouchi Naka Dori, one of Tokyo’s most upscale shopping and dining destinations.



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