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Artist Residence

Young hoteliers Justin Salisbury and Charlie Newey transformed a rundown pub in West London – built in 1852 and designed by master builder Thomas Cubitt – into an award-winning boutique hotel. They spent two years carefully restoring the building, sourcing vintage and bespoke furniture and eclectic contemporary art, creating a charmingly eccentric ‘rough-luxe’ decor and

the warmest of welcomes. We stayed in the Grand Suite which boasts a four-poster bed and a huge free-standing cast-iron bath. Under the same roof as the hotel is The Cambridge Street Kitchen, a relaxed eatery which tellingly attracts locals of all ages as well as hotel guests. Downstairs is Clarendon Cocktail Cellar, an intimate haven of mixology prowess – we recommend The Titanic cocktail from the film-inspired menu. artistresidencelondon.co.uk



Sky Garden

Enjoy incredible 360-degree views of London and beyond, from 500 feet up, at the top of the fifth-tallest finished building in London, 20 Fenchurch Street. Known as ‘the Walkie Talkie building’, it sits near the Thames directly opposite The Shard, and at the top – under a large glass dome – sits Sky Garden, London’s highest public garden, featuring exotic plants. It is open seven days a week, accessible by a swift and smooth lift, and equally spectacular by day or night, with a huge Thames-facing open-air terrace, observation decks, two restaurants and two bars. Members of the public can visit Sky Garden free of charge but must book in advance. Tickets are released three weeks ahead of time. skygarden.london

Jonathan Charles Fine Furniture

British embassies worldwide are furnished in style with elegant pieces by Jonathan Charles Fine Furniture. English furniture designer Jonathan Sowter is the visionary behind this brand, which specialises in fine antique reproductions, using age-old manufacturing techniques and an in-house brass foundry to produce bespoke pulls, hinges, locks and keys. Whilst some pieces are faithful reproductions, others are brand new, often designed around an inspirational detail. The brand also designs and manufactures a transitional range, stocked by discerning interiors shops at home and abroad. The inviting King’s Road showroom features a carefully curated selection of contemporary and classic pieces. jonathancharlesfurniture.com ■

