



Luxurious suite a magnet for stars

MIKE SMITH reveals why stars rave about Sydney's Sheraton

ALWAYS a target of the paparazzi, Paris Hilton couldn't hold back her delight when the door opened to her luxury Sydney hotel suite.

"This is beautiful, Hilton said," recalls Sheraton on the Park managing director Sean Hunt.

It was in January, during the socialite's visit to promote a beer and while Mr Hunt was showing her around her \$4025-a-night Royal Suite.

The lavish Elizabeth St address has had its share of celebrities — among them, John Travolta, Michael Jackson, Kylie Minogue and Michael Buble — and the view from the balcony is spectacular: lush Hyde Park sprinkled with fairy lights, majestic twin-spired St Mary's Cathedral, Woolloomooloo and its restaurants, and the glistening waters of the harbour towards the Heads.

The new-look Royal Suite is the vision of international designer Joseph Pang, also responsible for the refurbishment of the hotel's Hyde Park Suites, and the new furnishings are custom designed — the rich chocolate-coloured timber blending with the "warm biscuit tones" of the fabric.

After a couple of glasses of bubbly at the 21st level executive lounge, it's time to venture into the suite.

The suite features plenty of glass that allows natural light to filter through and make the suite feel even bigger.

There is enough space at the dining table to entertain another three couples.

The executive desk is as comfortable as it looks with its timber and leather features.

Also included is a high-speed internet connection and an iPod dock.

Across the room, however,

stands a distraction.

In front of the cushy lounge and basket of fruit on the coffee table, partially blocking the view of Hyde Park, is a big plasma screen TV, complete with Bose sound system, that would have been a haven for Hilton when she finally had the chance to relax.

Another TV can be watched from the comfort of a cosy king-size bed, and there is a smaller tele in the adjacent brightly presented marble bathroom with its separate shower and spa behind private timber shutters.

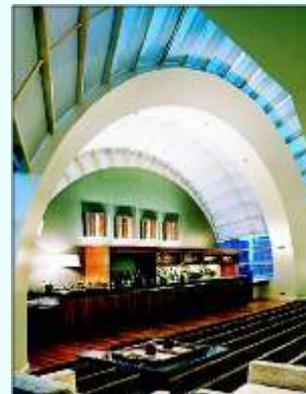
LOWDOWN

STAY: Sheraton on the Park, Elizabeth St.

PACKAGE: Weekend surprise packages from \$245 a night on Fridays and from \$285 a night on Saturday and Sunday with an upgrade to a Hyde Park view room, including breakfast for two.

EAT: Botanica Brasserie, midweek lunch \$59, Saturday \$69. Dinner \$69, weekends \$95. Phone (02) 9286 6650 or email fb.reservations@sheraton.com

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Lap of luxury:

Located in the heart of Sydney, Sheraton on the Park features a spacious, lavishly appointed Royal Suite (left) which has views of Hyde Park.