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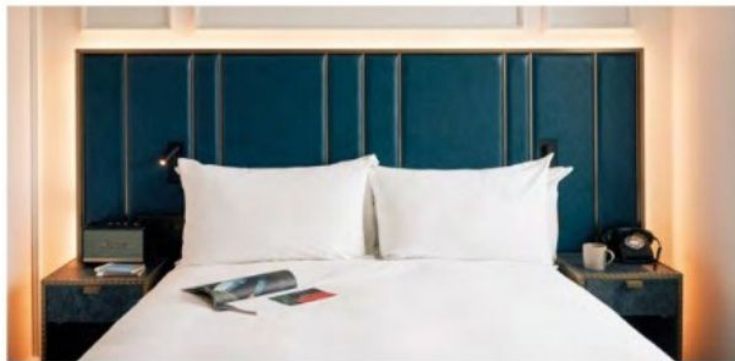
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AWAKEN YOUR CURIOSITY AND EXPLORE YOUR CITY CONNECTION AT

PAGE8, LONDON

TUCKED INTO THE HEART OF LONDON'S VIBRANT WEST END, EQUIDISTANT FROM LEICESTER SQUARE AND CHARING CROSS TUBE STATIONS, STEPS FROM TRAFALGAR SQUARE AND JUST A CITY STROLL FROM COVENT GARDEN, PAGE8 EFFORTLESSLY BLENDS MODERN SOPHISTICATION WITH LAID-BACK LUXURY, OFFERING AN OASIS FOR REST AND A PERFECT BASE FOR EXPLORING ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AREAS OF THE CITY.

BY SAMANTHA READY

The second outpost for its Hong Kong-based hospitality group founders, Page8 opened in 2021, seamlessly repurposing the former corner office building home of The Post Office and Redwood Publishing into a stylish bolthole for urban explorers. Aided not least by its unique position surrounded by a thriving metropolis of theatres, restaurants and shopping, Page8's offering is also underpinned by an ethos of city connectivity and social exploration. Extending to specially created guidebooks, insider tips, curated events and itineraries, there are also clever social spaces too, including Page Common, the ground floor coffee shop/reception area that welcomes you all at once into a hipster coffee joint, social brunch spot and a remote work heaven.

Unsure whether to check in and ascend to the perfectly formed rooms above, or take root with a freshly baked pastry and deep, rich flat white (if needing any reassurance to the attention to detail here, the house-blend allegedly took some six months to perfect...) as Page Common also serves as the hotel's breakfast spot - the avocado toast is a must - it was the former that my guest and I opted for, heading to our superior first-floor room that offered

picturesque views of the National Gallery and the bustling streets below.

One of 138 rooms that range from standard twins and doubles to superior, deluxe and family rooms, and junior suites, it followed the hotel's uniform bedroom style: dazzling white walls, rich deep royal blue headboards, bronze accents and kingsize beds. I can only describe it as the bedroom version of a Globe Trotter suitcase, a great, clean lined, simplistic yet sophisticated antidote to the city below. Alongside Marshall speakers which connect to the hotel's curated playlists, retro phones, mini bar and Nespresso machine, there are also clever electronic blinds, which are completely blackout, and, reassuringly for such a centrally based hotel, the windows are seriously soundproofed too!

More than just a place to rest your head, Page8 encourages you to be curious, which of course thanks to its unique location makes navigating the capital a breeze. Taxis are continually passing, the tube is a few minutes' walk, as is The Mall, the Strand, Tottenham Court Road and Covent Garden, in fact, it's one of the most convenient London locations I have ever had the pleasure to stay at.

Once back from city adventuring, you can once again grab a great coffee or perhaps better still you can ascend to the hotel's rooftop bar and restaurant. Served by its own entrance or accessible lift, Kitty Hawk is a herringbone-floored, statement lighting-lit oasis of luxury. Book a table to enjoy weekend brunch, the useful pre-theatre menu or range of larger plates, or, like us, nab an intimate barside table to indulge in the curated signature cocktail menu and bar snacks - it's the perfect spot for a London sunset and to sit back into the night framed by the glow of the London Eye's evening lights.

Striking the perfect balance between style and substance, convenience and charm, and offering a luxurious yet unpretentious stay in the heart of London, whether you're visiting for a city weekend or a business trip, Page8's prime location, chic design and unique ethos make it a standout choice.

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