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The first British ship arrived in India at the port of Surat in the year 1608 CE. Captain W Hawkins, the captain of the ship, was the first British to set foot in India. He met Jahangir but did not get his permission to trade.

Thereafter, Sir Thomas Roe, arrived in India who acquired permission to establish a trading centre in Surat. Later, Delhi went in to the hands of Shahjahan. Shahjahan gave permission to the British to carry out trade in Bengal.

The history of Calcutta as a British settlement dates from the establishment of a trading post there by Job Charnock, an agent of the English East India Company, in 1690. Since then, trade and commerce has been flowing like the Hugli in the City despite several ups and downs.

Founded in 1827, The Bengal Club, a social and business club in the city, is possibly the oldest social club in India. When Calcutta was the capital of British India, the Club was considered to be the 'unofficial headquarters of the Raj'.

Today, in these changing times, we welcome you to another marvel in the city. A business club par excellence in the heart of city ... **THE QUARTERS.**

With impeccable decor and the highest examples of architectural excellence, **THE QUARTERS** near Park Street will offer almost everything that you might expect from a centrally located business club of the highest order anywhere in the world.

Leaf through these pages for a tour of work of art that just money can't buy,



Saying 'Khamma Ghani', with the gesture of folding hands in front of the chest and a bit bent at the waist, is the expression of greeting guests. It means, 'many greetings' in Rajasthani dialect. The phrase is composed of two words; 'Khamma' which means greeting and 'Ghani' refers to the zeal of expression. It is believed that the word originated in Mewar in the early 15th century and obtained a special place in Rajasthan. The significance of this Rajasthani expression implicit in showing a great reverence to guests assuming next to God. The image above is of a painted and gilded public reception area, Kuchaman fort, Rajasthan.

The Reception

A double height reception area in the Art Deco style of art and architecture will welcome you at **THE QUARTERS**.

Chequered floors, a grand ceiling and chandeliers will add to the warmth here with majestic and comfortable seating in an area that is just the tip of the iceberg welcoming you to the opulent, luxurious and classy interiors.

The lift lobby next, with its efficient and royal interiors will offer you a taste of a state-of-the-art elevator with a touch of class in every detail.



The Reception



The Lift lobby



A conference is generally understood as a meeting of several people to discuss a particular topic. It is often confused with a convention, colloquia or symposium. While a conference differs from the others in terms of size and purpose, the term can be used to cover the general concept. The picture above shows a section from 'The conference of Berlin, as illustrated in 'Illustrierte Zeitung', 1884'.

Conference Rooms

Time for some serious business and meetings. A presentation to decide on the way forward or to evaluate and analyse the market conditions in your area of business.

Majestic **Conference Rooms** at **THE QUARTERS** will have ample space and seating capacity to host large gatherings of employees or business partners for a marketing or sales conference as well as usual meetings.

Replete with high speed WiFi connectivity, computer connection points, a very large screen Interactive Flat-Panel Display monitor, Apple TV as well as stereo and surround speakers, microphones, laser pointers, HDMI cables and converters among other things necessary for such meetings.

There will also be an **Executive Room** for smaller and informal meetings to make sure parallel meetings of sorts may continue at the same time.

The Conference Room



The Executive Room





Once owned by Yves Saint Laurent and designed by Irish artist Eileen Gray this 24 inches high unique chair is known as a 'dragon's' armchair. It was sold for US\$ 28.3 million, setting a world price record for a work of decorative and applied art of the 20th century.

The Lounges

Lounge comes from the French word 's'allonger' meaning 'to lounge about, lie at full length.' Whether you're talking about a room with seats in a hotel made for waiting, or a nice comfortable sofa, or the act of reclining comfortably, a lounge has everything to do with making yourself comfortable in one spot for a while. It also means to hang around in an easy way, the way you might lounge around the poolside area in a luxury hotel or a club.

THE **QUARTERS** will have the **Club Lounge** and the other, atop the building, among the stars called the **Sky Lounge**. There will also be a '**Members Only**' **Lounge** for the privacy of esteemed members.

Relax there at ease and nibble on some quick bites and sip on a cocktail while you spend some time with yourself with a book of your choice, in print or on the Kindle. Check on 'things to do' on your tablet computer or just close your eyes and lose yourself with some relaxing music.

You may chat away slowly with a friend or a companion or even discuss a business deal at leisure.

The **Club Lounge** will also have screening facilities where you may catch a cricket or football match or a film of your choice.



The Club Lounge

The Sky Lounge





A symposium was a social gathering in ancient Greece. At symposia, male citizens would gather for dinner, drinking, conversation, music, and entertainment. The Symposium was a key aspect of ancient Greek culture immortalized in ancient pottery and the works of Plato and Xenophon. Most famously, in Plato's Symposium, Socrates discusses the nature of love as he drinks wine with a group of friends.

The 'Members Only' Lounge

Whatever be your special occasion or excuse, there's no particular reason why you may choose to mingle with esteemed Club members and let your tie loose and your hair down.

THE **QUARTERS** will boast of a lavish '**Members Only**' Lounge where you'd love to unwind at the beginning of a weekend, before a stretch of festive holidays or in the winter months around the end of the year and the beginning of a new one.

Enjoy curated bites and spreads with the drink of your choice and exchange pleasantries outside business. Get to know more about your fellow members while you engage in a spirited tête-à-tête with them.

Members Only
Lounge





Steel French forks dating from the late 1500s to the early 1600s, with mother-of-pearl and beads.

The Eateries

'And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.'

~ Luke 12:19-20 King James' version of The Bible.

There's one lifetime and hence, be happy with your sumptuous eats, the classiest champagne in your flûte and conclude it with a well-balanced dessert at the fine-dining restaurant at **THE QUARTERS**.

Before that, step in to the **Rooftop Bar** for some heady cocktails, by wizard mixologists or some Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Mabec or Sauvignon Blanc. Or a double of a Spey Side Single Malt or even a Bourbon. Raise the toast for an acquisition, a merger, a promotion, an award or just a birthday or anniversary. Find your excuse and while away your time while you plan for something or just recollect golden memories.

The opulent 10000 square-foot **Banquet** at **THE QUARTERS** will welcome you to have a bigger gathering for an office event, a celebration, an awards ceremony or whatever you may have plans for where you need a large space. Of course, there will be **smaller Banquets** as well to host comparatively lesser number of people.

When in the mood for a quick chat or some brainstorm or an interview, sip on some well-brewed coffee or some First, Second or Autumn Flush Darjeeling with quick eats like an Asparagus roll or a Panini at the large, domed triple-height **Atrium Café**.

Be it Columbian Andean, Ethiopian acidic, Indonesian civet, Yemeni Mocha, Mexican café de olla, Jamaican Blue Mountain, Brazilian cafezinho, Italian espresso, Vietnamese Robusta or smooth, rich Indian Arabica varieties, you will have it all here. Well, you may also wish to cool off in the summers with a cold brew, an iced latté or tea as well.

To top it all, there will be a **Private Dining Room** as well to host your most esteemed guests.

The Atrium Café





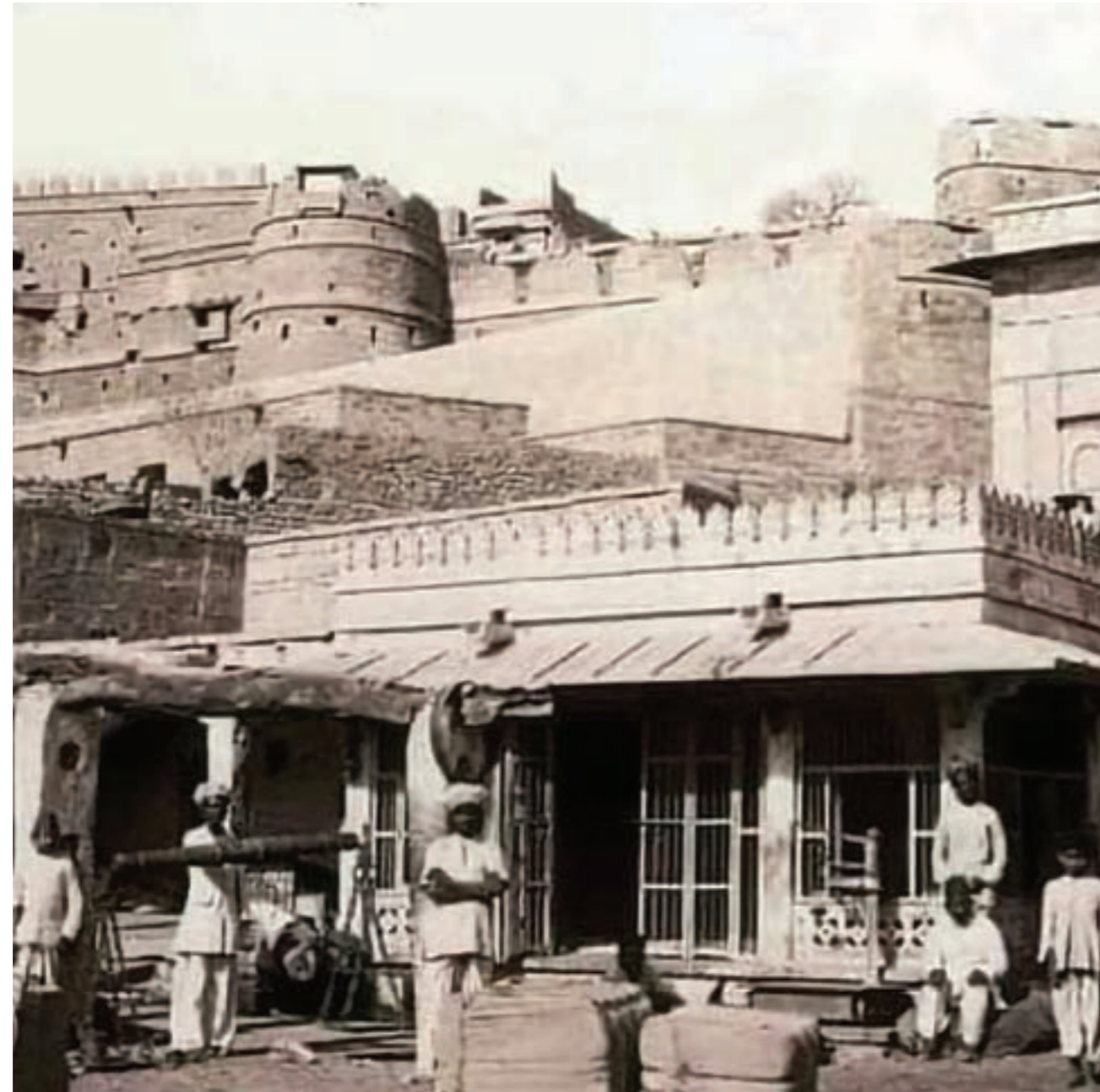
The Restaurant



The Bar



The Banquet



The history of guest houses can be traced back to antiquity. Perhaps the most well-known, earliest examples of guest houses were the lodging built along the Silk Road - the famous network of overland trade routes from East Asia to Europe. Finding a safe place to sleep has always been an important travel logistic. The picture shows a silk route guest house in Jaisalmer before the partition of India and Pakistan.

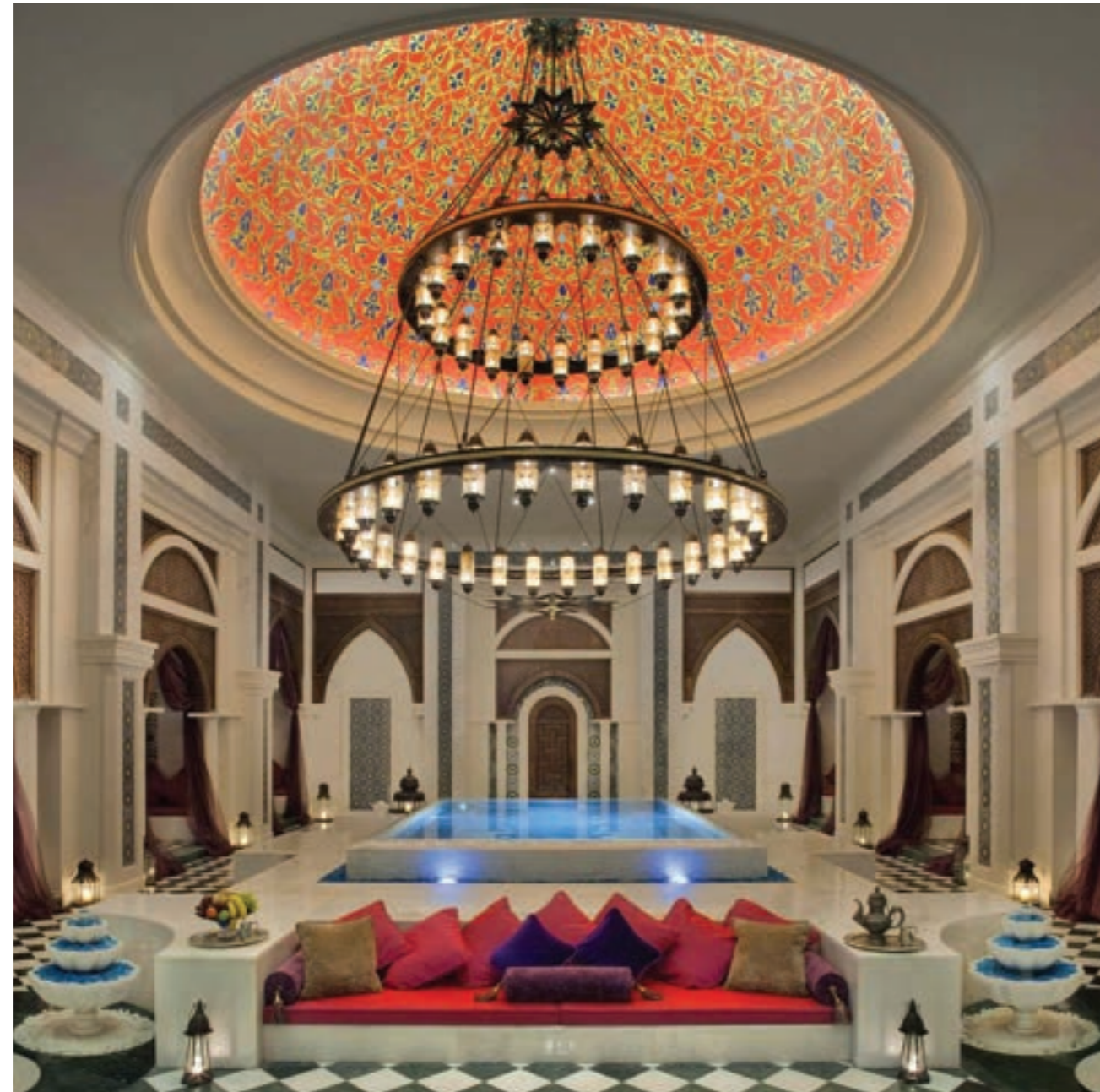
The Guest Rooms

THE QUARTERS will be a proud address to many of your guests from the city or outside, or even overseas. The thirty-four luxury Guest Rooms will be ready to host your guests in immaculate style and honour.

At par or even better than any 'star' hotel in the city, the Guest Rooms will provide all the services that will pamper your guests. In-room dining to valet services just for them serviced by efficient personnel who would be happy to cater to all their business and gastronomic needs at THE QUARTERS.



The Guest Room



Gold has been touted for its wrinkle-fighting and radiance-boosting properties for centuries: Cleopatra allegedly worked face masks made from it into her famously lavish beauty routine. That's just one of the reasons that the queen of the Nile would feel right at home at Jumeirah Zabeel Saray in Dubai, an opulent resort frequently visited by royalty. In the hotel's marble- and mosaic-bedecked Talise Ottoman Spa, guests can book a full-day journey fit for a queen, including a milk and rose oil bath, argan-oil massage, the use of an Arabian gold hammam, caviar lunch in the spa suite and a custom-made 24-karat gold facial mask.

The Spa & Salon

Appearance and hygiene is of foremost importance when it comes to working with confidence or to emit your personality among co-workers, colleagues and business partners. A well-groomed gentleman or a beautiful lady, both are looked upon as one who love themselves. Which is why, it may be inferred that they care about their work and business the same way they care for themselves. They aren't just 'presentable', they become ideals or personality icons in the way they come across to others.

The reason why there will be a most modern **Spa & Salon** to make sure your sauna, whirlpool, jet bath, steam, massage, mud bath, salt scrub, seaweed body wraps, clay or herbal body masks, reflexology and waxing needs are fulfilled at THE QUARTERS. The Salon will also offer nail services, such as manicures, pedicures and paraffin treatments along with the usual hair styling, cutting and beard trimming.

All just ready to pamper yourself after a busy day's work.

The Spa



The Salon





The word gymnasium is the Latinisation of the Greek noun γυμνάσιον (gymnasion), “public place for physical exercises; exercise area”, in pl. “bodily exercises” and generally “school”, which in turn is derived from the common Greek adjective γυμνός (gymnos) meaning “naked” or “nude”, by way of the related verb γυμνάζω (gymnazo), whose meaning is “to train naked”, “train in gymnastic exercise”, generally “to train, to exercise”.

The Gymnasium & Play Areas

All work and no play will make **THE QUARTERS** a dull place. Which is why, there is a future-ready **Gymnasium**, a **Games Room** and a high-ceiling **Multipurpose Arena**.

Shed some kilos and burn some calories at the well laid out and lavish Gymnasium or score over your partner at a game of cards, pool, billiards, snooker, carrom, chess or table tennis. Wish to play soccer or even indoor cricket? Head to the unusually large Multipurpose Arena for them. Use the same space for a large seminar or event, if you wish to.

There’s possibly no other such business club located at the centre of the city anywhere such as **THE QUARTERS** where you may find such spread out options to engage in actions to ensure a ‘healthy mind in a healthy body’.



The Gymnasium

The Games Room



The Multipurpose Arena for Sports





The Multipurpose Arena for Banquets

The Multipurpose Arena for Seminars





Ancient Greeks and Romans built artificial pools for athletic training in the, for nautical games and for military exercises. Roman emperors had private swimming pools in which fish palaestras were also kept, hence one of the Latin words for a pool was 'piscina'.

The Pool & Sitout

The Rooftop Pool & Sitout area will possibly be the most important and sought after places to unwind after a long day's work or, before a fresh, new presentation or an acquisition.

Swim or paddle under the sky for each one of your armstrokes are sure to make you healthier, fitter, better and faster in your endeavours.

Cool off after with a lemon-barley lemonade, a cool drink, a lime and soda mix or a pint of chilled beer at The Sitout adjacent to the Pool.

This could be the ideal place to hang-out with friends and colleagues in the evenings, out in the open for some cool breeze ... a respite from the air-conditioned interiors through the day. Well, one may also arrange a poolside party as well here with some barbecue. Just the place for it.



The Swimpool

The Pool @ Sitout





Children playing cuju (like soccer) in Song dynasty China, 12th century.

Games on Sports Turf

The 65,000 square feet area on the terrace will provide ample reasons for you to spend some leisurely time there.

Take part in a intra or inter-office **five or seven-a-side soccer or cricket** tournament or practice cricket in the **practice range**. **Volleyball or basketball** too. Game for some **mini-hockey** or a **9-hole golf**? Find space for that as well. Play **Pickleball** or **Tennis** if you may wish to or spend some time in the **Cabanas** with some quick snackfood.

Tennis on the Terrace



Golf on the Terrace





Pickleball on the
Terrace



Playcourt on the Terrace



Focusing on the aesthetics of Japanese culture, ToTo created the Miyabi Collection in order to bring art and beauty into your bathroom. Designs meant to represent each season are painted on a white canvas: bamboo and plum for summer, the maple leaf for fall, the pine tree for winter and the plum tree for spring. ToTo also offers sinks that will match these beautiful Japanese-inspired toilets. Prices of the Miyabi Collection range from \$3,455 up to \$7,150.

The Restrooms

Last but not of the least importance, The Restrooms at THE QUARTERS will be designed impeccably and in the finest class. With all modern fixtures and fittings as well as helping hands to clean and assist the user at any time.

Both the Gentlemens' and Ladies Rooms will leave a lasting impression after use by members as well as guests and business associates. The tiles, the flooring, the hot and cold water, the bidet and temperature controlled commodes, the showers ... will all ensure health, hygiene, cleanliness, comfort and above all, satisfaction of the highest kind.



The Ladies Room



The Gents' Room





From the house of



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