

Cour du Corbeau, an outstanding hotel located in Strasbourg, joins the MGallery collection

April 8, 2010 – Cour du Corbeau, one of Europe's oldest hotels, has joined the MGallery collection. Fully renovated, the establishment in Strasbourg makes guests feel welcome in an exceptional setting.

THE REVIVAL OF AN HISTORIC LANDMARK

Built in 1528, Cour du Corbeau – the crow's courtyard in French – is an important part of Strasbourg's cultural heritage. Located down the street from Notre-Dame Cathedral, the half-timbered structure is considered to be one of the most beautiful examples of Renaissance architecture. Illustrious guests who are known to have sojourned there include Frederick II, King of Prussia; Joseph II, Emperor of Austria; Voltaire; and Alexandre Dumas *père*.

Comprised of ten buildings organized around pathways, recesses and staircases, Cour du Corbeau has several mysterious ornamental features, including an enigmatic coat of arms, an angel on one of the façades and a crow on a turret.



SOBER AND ELEGANT

In 2009, the hotel was completely renovated leaving the traditional style intact. Every detail of the building has been restored – the coat of arms, the rafters, the balustrades, the stained glass windows and even the frescoes.



The interior has also been thoroughly redesigned. Along with a new line of neo-baroque furniture, a wide range of materials comprising Vosges sandstone, cobblestone, terra cotta tiles, ceramic tiles, copper, glass, slate, granite and pebbles has been artfully deployed to create a contemporary atmosphere. Alternating beige and brownish-gray tones with splashes of aubergine, raspberry and violet adds warmth and ambience. Delicately sculpted crystals in the wall lights and multifaceted lamps create dramatic lighting and numerous private spaces. Each of the 57

rooms has a distinctive style thanks to its specific architecture, decoration or history. Some feature large bay windows, mansard roofs or private yards but all provide exceptional comfort and space.

WARM HOSPITALITY

Cour du Corbeau offers its guests a unique experience in an exquisite setting.

Highly attentive yet discreet, the hotel staff is dedicated to ensuring that guests enjoy their stay. Attendants are on hand to park their car or carry their luggage as soon as they arrive, or even provide them with a little history about the hotel. During their stay, guests will receive a take-home gift from the region: gingerbread in the fall or plums from the local orchard in the summer. In the same spirit of regional discovery, Cour du Corbeau serves a hearty breakfast of local products, such as fresh mirabelle plum jam, wild rose jam and quince jelly, and traditional pastries such as streussel, kougelhoppf and bretzel. For guests seeking to further indulge their palates, the hotel offers a cocktail assortment of salted meats and farm-made cheese.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Rooms: 57 rooms, including 19 suites, offer graceful, restyled Louis XV furniture, refined solid oak parquet floors and such modern conveniences as LCD flat-screens and Wi-Fi.

Bar: Open every day from 2:00 p.m. to midnight. Features a 16th century cobble stone terrace.

Tea room: An authentic experience and moment of relaxation over a delicious snack of pastries.

Hotel services: Wi-Fi, computer desk, free Internet access, laundry, room service, concierge, porter, mini bar, LCD TV, safe, adjustable AC/heat, direct-dial phone.

Tarif City Experience: Offer includes a room for two, breakfast, a "city pass" for each person (free entry passes or reduced tickets for different activities in Strasbourg) and a box of chocolate.

> €362 for two nights

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