# VINTRY & MERCER

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# PAST MEETS PRESENT

Vintry & Mercer is set in London's Vintry Ward, among the livery halls, guilds and narrow streets that line the banks of the Thames.

This is where past and present intersect, where the long traditions of trade and commerce come to life in the contemporary style of the hotel's 92 bespoke rooms and suites.

The dynamism between old and new plays out again and again — in the hotel's two restaurants, or the barrel-aged cocktails from the speakeasy bar, in the old traveller maps decorating walls, or the modern chandelier by Moooi.

It's a hotel in the heart of the City, alive with the bustle of commerce and conversation that reflect its first-class location at the centre of a turning world.

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#### THE OLD

"London is on the whole the most

**HENRY JAMES** 

possible form of life."

guild established in 1364, was the centre for London wine merchants, and Mercer, established in 1304, was for noble textile sellers who specialised in fine silks and damasks. The nearby street names — Wine, Honey, Saffron, Garlic, Cinnamon — pay tribute to the exotic ingredients that once arrived on the shores of the Thames, filling the city with colour. The hotel's interiors echo this layered history — leather door handles, velvet curtains, palm leaf wall-prints inspired by the East Indies.

intry & Mercer is inspired by the historic trading guilds of the area, the clothworkers and ironmongers, the salters and grocers. Vintry, a



#### THE NEW



"The City seems so much more in earnest: its business, its rush, its roar are such serious things, sights and sounds."

CHARLOTTE BRONTË

intry & Mercer sits tucked away on quiet Garlick Hill, named after the bulbs sold by Cockney traders. Now this historic locale is a destination for the modern traveller — someone who wants the luxury of today laced with a taste of the past. It's a place where architectural wonders like St Paul's Cathedral share the cityscape with global powerhouses, from the Bank of England to the Bloomberg Media Group. In the narrow backstreets nearby, history perseveres. Yet guests are connected to the rest of the capital via the extensive rail and underground network, accessible from Mansion House and Cannon Street stations.

NTRY & MERCER MAP

LONDON BRIDGE

THE SHARD

CITY HALL

#### BARRICAN OLD SPITALFIELDS MARKET MOORGATE 0 LIVERPOOL STREET GUILDHALL NEW LONDON THEATRE ST. PAUL'S BANK OF ENGLAND ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BANK COVENT GARDEN 0 0 LEADENHALL MARKET ROYAL OPERA HOUSE MANSION HOUSE BLACKFRIARS SOMERSET HOUSE MONUMENT STREET O TOWER OF OXO TOWER SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE TATE MODERN FMRANKMENT NATIONAL THEATRE

SOUTHWARK <del>O</del>

LONDON EYE

→ WESTMINSTER

WATERLOO

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## GETTING HERE

#### BY AIR

London Heathrow (LHR) — approximately a 60-minute drive from the hotel. The Heathrow Express operates out of Paddington station every 15 minutes with a journey time of 15 minutes. Paddington Station is approximately a 35-minute drive from the hotel or by tube from Mansion House Underground Station.

London Gatwick (LGH) — approximately a 90-minute drive from the hotel. The Gatwick Express operates out of Victoria station every 30 minutes with a journey time of 30 minutes. Victoria Station is approximately a 20-minute drive from the hotel or by tube from Mansion House Station.

London City (LCY) — approximately a 30-minute drive from the hotel. The DLR operates from Bank Station, which is a 10-minute walk away and then a 20-minute travel time on the DLR direct to London City Airport.

Stansted (STN) — approximately a 60-minute drive from the hotel. The Stansted Express operates out of Liverpool Street Station every 15 minutes with a journey time of 50 minutes. Liverpool Street Station is approximately a 15-minute drive from the hotel.

Luton (LTN) — approximately a 75-minute drive from the hotel. A train service to Luton Airport is available from St Pancras Station and is approximately a 45-minute ride way. A five-minute bus connection is required to the Airport Terminal.

#### **BY TRAIN**

The nearest underground station is Mansion House on the Circle and District line — only a two-minute walk from the hotel. London Cannon Street station is a similar distance from the hotel and connects guests to Southeastern services. Bank station, which is serviced by Northern, Central, Circle, District, and Waterloo and City lines, is a five-minute walk. St Pancras International is a 20-minute tube ride away, connecting guests to Paris and Brussels by the Eurostar.

VINTRY & MERCER IN NUMBERS

ROOMS FLOORS TYPE OF ROOM Superior Deluxe

RESTAURANTS Vintry Izakaya Mercer Roof Terrace VINTRY & MERCER THE HOTEL

#### THE HOTEL HITHE

"London is like a smoky pearl set in a circle of emeralds."

WILLIAM HENRY RIDEING

intry & Mercer's main entrance opens onto Garlick Hill — a narrow street built in the ninth century to link the port of Queenhithe with Cheapside's markets. Where once the hithe welcomed traders from afar, now Vintry & Mercer invites travellers to relax in the grand armchairs and spoon-backed chairs of the Lobby and Reception. Both rooms are decked in shades of green and cream, pillars are wrapped in greenery, and windows are accented by the hues of living flora. At the heart hangs a dramatic chandelier by Moooi — a subtle reference to Vintry & Mercer's sister hotel, The Ampersand, which also has a feature light winding up its spiral stair.

#### **ROOMS AND SUITES**

Plush velvet curtains, bespoke fabrics, leather door handles - each design detail at Vintry & Mercer has been inspired by the merchant taylors who touted their wares on the nearby streets. This is seen again in the antiquarian images of the old worshipful companies on the walls the grocers and haberdashers, the ironmongers and vintners. There are historic navigation maps, and palm leaf wall-coverings, made-to-measure velvet headboards and soft Persian carpets. Each element is a nod to the past and to the exotic lands merchants once travelled from, bringing honey and saffron from afar. But alongside these elegant references, rooms are equipped with modern luxuries -LCD TVs with movies on demand, Wi-Fi throughout, C.O. Bigelow Apothecaries bathroom products, as well as Nespresso machines and Marshall speakers for Superior rooms and above. Some rooms can be interconnected for families, and twin beds are available on request. Windows are triple-glazed so that rooms remain a place of calm.





VINTRY & MERCER STANDARD ROOMS

## **STANDARD**

14-16 SQM

intry & Mercer's Standard Rooms offer an intimate central London base. Guests can fall back onto the soft double beds, backed by large ochre-coloured headboards with matching cotton velvet curtains. Feature wallpaper depicts abstract maps of the city.





VINTRY & MERCER SUPERIOR ROOMS



### **SUPERIOR**

17-22 SQM

ntique-style maps adorn the walls in Vintry & Mercer's Superior Rooms, depicting old trade routes. Elegant, homely details include custom-designed velvet headboards in shades of teal, Nespresso machines, Marshall speakers, and large walk-in showers.



VINTRY & MERCER DELUXE ROOMS & STUDIOS



### **DELUXE**

21-24 SQM



### **STUDIOS**

21-28 SQM

hese rooms have king-sized beds backed by deep purple velvet headboards, and a chaise longue or plump armchair. An intricate needle-and-thread wallpaper references the mercers who used to import fine silks just a stone's throw from where the hotel now stands. There are also larger Deluxe Studios offering even more space to unwind.



VINTRY & MERCER STUDIO SUITE

## STUDIO SUITE

27-32 SQM

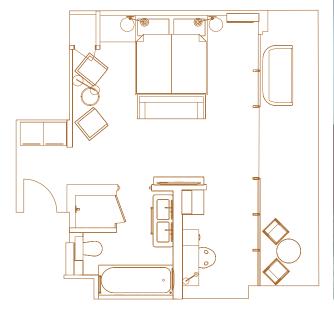


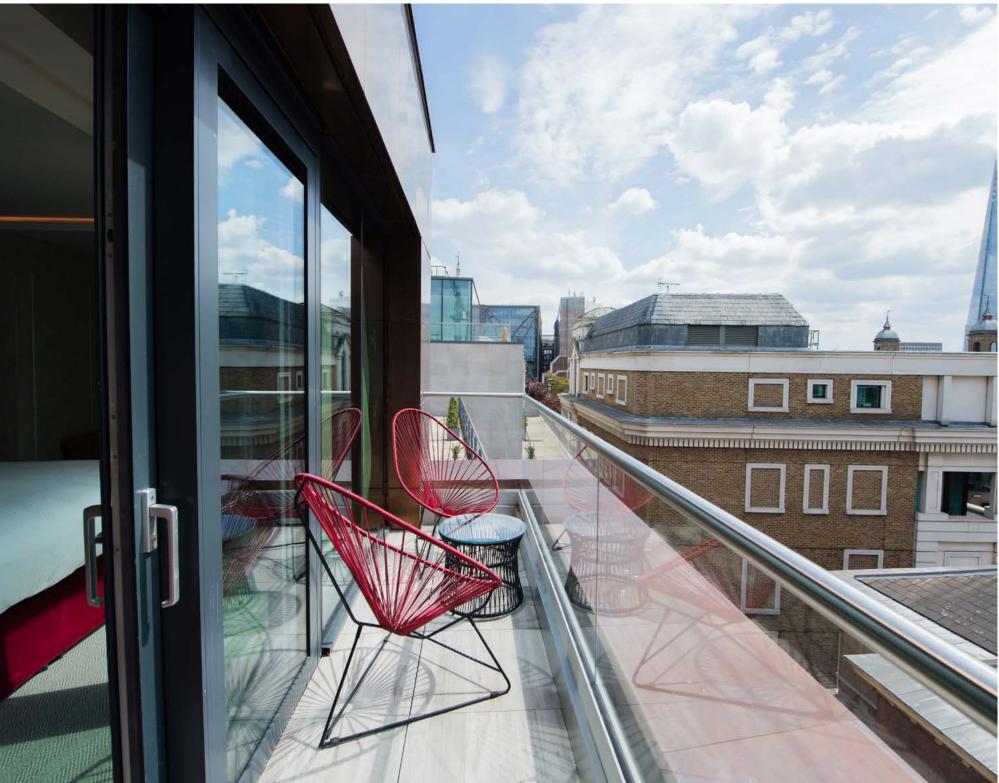
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## BALCONY SUITE

27-32 SQM

alcony Suites have long external balconies spanning the width of the room, and Corner Suites offer views of the cityscape through floor-to-ceiling windows on two sides. Guests can relax on the king-sized beds, lounge in the upholstered sofas of the sitting area, and soak in the freestanding bathtub, complete with an in-built television.





VINTRY & MERCER VINTRY IZAKAYA

## VINTRY — IZAKAYA —

intry Izakaya is an Asian tapas eatery on the ground floor, with a menu that pulses with fresh, bold Asian flavours from morning to night. Wine is central to our approach — close to the hotel, merchant sailors landing from Bordeaux used to store their wines. At Vintry Izakaya, our wine is tapped straight from the large barrels lining the gantry, and can be enjoyed at the bar or with a meal. Our dishes incorporate the flavours of Asia, from the salty tang of miso and the fiery kick of kimchi, to the freshness of yuzu and gentle heat of wasabi — each dish served on small plates, perfect for sharing.





VINTRY & MERCER MERCER ROOF TERRACE





n one sweep, the view from Mercer Roof Terrace takes in London's skyline, from the dome of St Paul's Cathedral to the glass tip of The Shard. Here, guests can dine al fresco or enjoy a drink at the bar above the city lights. Inside, the atmosphere is warm and convivial, with floor-to-ceiling glass doors opening wide to bring the outdoors in. The menu celebrates the best of modern British cooking, showcasing meat and fish from the British Isles, cooked using our charcoal oven. Cocktails include inventive recipes using house-infused spirits displayed in colourful glass carafes on the bar.



VINTRY & MERCER DO NOT DISTURB



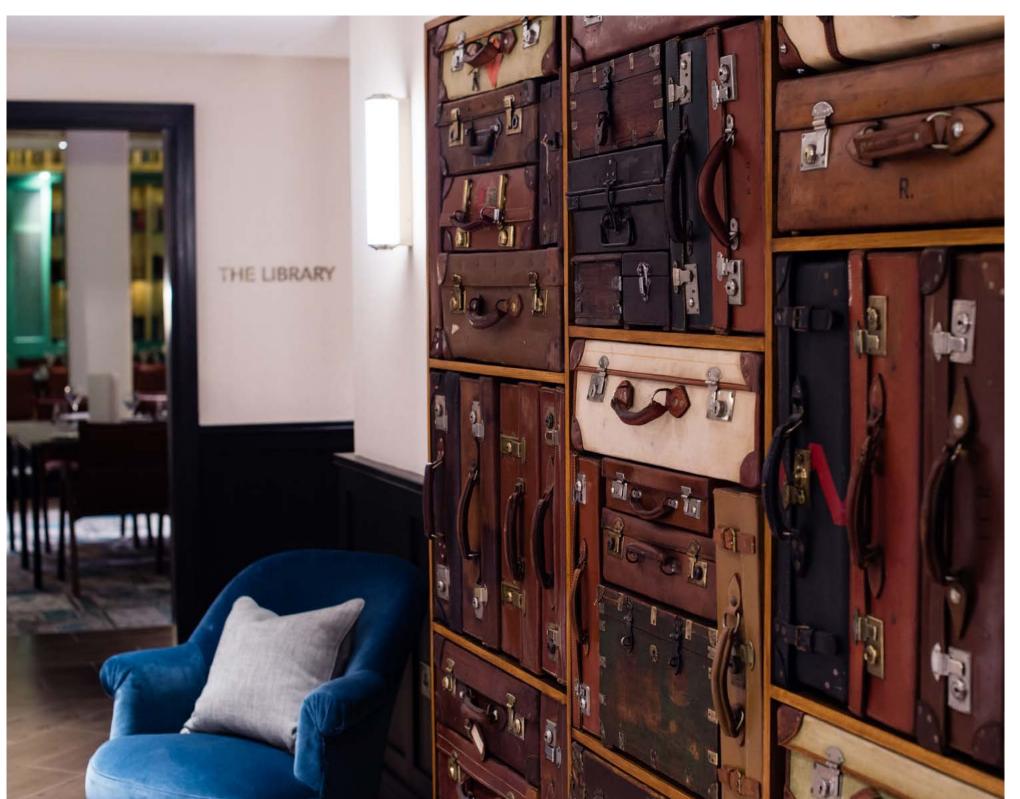


discreet, underground and sophisticated speakeasy cocktail bar taking inspiration from the clandestine bars of 1920s New York with hand-beaded images of Ziegfeld Follies girls lining the walls, beckoning guests into this secret bar through a darkened entrance tucked back on Garlick Hill. DND offers guests speciality barrel-aged and house cocktails alongside a menu of small plates, while relaxing on plush velvet chairs and leather banquette seating.

Do Not Disturb is available for Private Hire and can accommodate up to 60 people for sit down or 80 for standing events. For more information please contact our Events team on events@vintryandmercer.com



VINTRY & MERCER BREAKOUT SPACES



# BREAKOUT & WORKOUT

intry & Mercer is a place to unwind, in a modern environment inflected with notes of the past. On the lower ground floor the fitness studio is kitted out with the latest Life Fitness workout equipment — a treadmill, exercise bike, cross trainer and rowing machine, as well as an integrated digital screen with Internet access and iPhone dock. There's also a breakout space with small desks, complete with state-of-the-art computers available for guests to use any time of the day. Here, old leather suitcases pile high in an art installation that celebrates the history of travel.



VINTRY & MERCER MEETING ROOMS

## MEETING OR DINING

There are three meeting rooms on the lower ground floor, each inflected with individual character and style, in a part of the hotel that is secluded and quiet.

Features include large LED screens, top-of-the-range audio and visual equipment, mini-bar fridges,
Nespresso machines and high-speed internet.



Capacity: 32 seated | 35 standing
The Library is a reflection of
London's history as a trading
entrepôt, with the ceiling decked in
an enormous navigation map taken
from old travel books. When not
hired out, the Library is a quiet spot
for guests to go and read books, or
just a place to get lost in thought. It's
the largest of the meeting spaces and
can be hired for private use, offering
an informal setting for events or
business meetings.





#### THE DRAWING ROOM

Capacity: 10 seated | 25 standing
The Drawing Room is interconnected to The Library and offers
an intimate space for meetings
and events. The history of the area
is played out in the design — wine
red walls and a bold, limited
edition print of the city. There's
also a French panelled ceiling and a
copper mesh chandelier.



#### THE MUSIC ROOM

#### Capacity: 10 seated

The Music Room has eclectic teal blue wall panels, wooden writing tables and a bespoke carpet inspired by the British Regimental tiles. Colourful, iconic British album covers decorate the walls. It's a place where guests can meet, dine and listen to music — using the room's collection of records, or their own favourite vinyls.



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