

Suite Talk



Clockwise from left: A guest room, regal details in the Grand Salon, The Bar at Baccarat, and the pool.



CRYSTAL PALACE

NEW HOTEL A glassware legend's new hotel sparkles in Midtown Manhattan.

BACCARAT'S RICH HERITAGE comes together with a French point of view throughout the newly built Baccarat Hotel in the form of oak parquet floors, velvet settees, pleated-silk wall coverings, and marble tables. A collection of salon-style public spaces welcomes guests at every turn, and cashmere throws, Mascioni jacquard linens, and gourmet delicacies await in rooms and suites. And then, of course, there's the crystalline eye candy. New York City-based Virtuoso travel agency owner Valerie Wilson tells us how this French crystal company has translated its 250-year-old brand into a stunning Midtown hotel.

What pops into your head when you think about the hotel: "A glittering piece of Baccarat crystal."

Who would you send here? "A sophisticated traveler who appreciates contemporary elegance."

Your favorite spot? "The Grand Salon – it's like being in a twenty-first-century palace."

Describe the rooms. "The Classic King is like a chic yet welcoming pied-à-terre."

What did you see at this hotel that you haven't seen anywhere else? "Baccarat crystal glasses in the minibars and bathrooms."

tip

"The Baccarat Hotel's location on 53rd Street is one of New York's best Midtown spots – it's right across from MoMA and only steps from Fifth Avenue."

– V.W.

POISED TO DAZZLE

- **GRAND OPENING:** Early February.
- **NUMBER OF GUEST ROOMS:** 114, from \$899.
- **SIGNATURE RESTAURANT:** Chevalier serves French cuisine with a modern twist from chef Shea Gallante.
- **THE BAR AT BACCARAT:** Belly up to a 60-foot bar for handcrafted cocktails – served in Baccarat crystal glasses, naturally.
- **DEEP RELAXATION:** The hotel's subterranean spa is set to open in late February.