

## **Real Estate Next to Buckingham Palace**

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If you've always harboured dreams of living next to British royalty, here's the closest you might ever get to having that fantasy fulfilled. A new apartment building, No 1 Palace Street, sits directly across the street from Buckingham Palace (the official residence of Queen Elizabeth II), offering stunning views of the 42-acre royal gardens. An architecturally impressive and secure 41,000-square-foot island site, the residence is located in the heart of St. James's Park, in one of London's most sought-after neighbourhoods.







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The exterior facade of No 1 Palace Street. Orlando Rodriguez, design director at Northacre, is the man responsible for regenerating the Grade II listed property located across the street from Buckingham Palace, London

The 72 state-of-the-art apartments have been created within the grand Grade II listed property which was originally created in 1890 as one of the first landmark hotels, The Palace Hotel, for London and hosted guests of Queen Victoria before the third wing of Buckingham Palace was built. It is the only private residence to offer unhindered views across the 47 acres of the gardens of Buckingham Palace and when it completes in 2019, will provide 10,000-square-foot of facilities—a lifestyle fit for royalty.

## Queen Elizabeth II as a Neighbour









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Orlando Rodriguez, design director at Northacre, is the man responsible for regenerating the Grade II listed property that sits across the street from Buckingham Palace. "Our brief was to create the most striking apartments in London," says Rodriguez. The designer and architectural team spent months researching the history of the area and the building.

The original architectural design and interior features have inspired the designs of No 1 Palace Street, which is coming up next to Buckingham Palace. "We are enhancing and preserving the original features of the building, while creating new spaces with five different architectural styles: French and Italian Renaissance, Beaux-Arts, Queen Anne, and Contemporary," he adds.



The bedroom in the show apartment at No 1 Palace Street in London, located right across the street from Buckingham Palace, London



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## Exclusive View of the Palace Gardens

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Despite the luxury amenities on offer, Rodriguez believes that materiality is what truly brings out the beauty of the space. "Organic materials like timber oak flooring with graining and the veining in marble slabs for the project have been selected carefully. To find the perfect aesthetic, we travelled to Spain and Italy to select the marble from the quarries. We made at least 10 trips to ensure we got the best marble slabs," said Rodriguez.

Asked if he had a favourite spot and Rodriguez says, "The amazing reception area overlooking the Buckingham Palace Gardens, with all its original features reinstated". And while future residents will have to wait until December 2020 to move in, they can, for now, ruminate about what life will be like living next to the British royal family.



Inside the show apartment at No 1 Palace Street in London, next to Buckingham Palace







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