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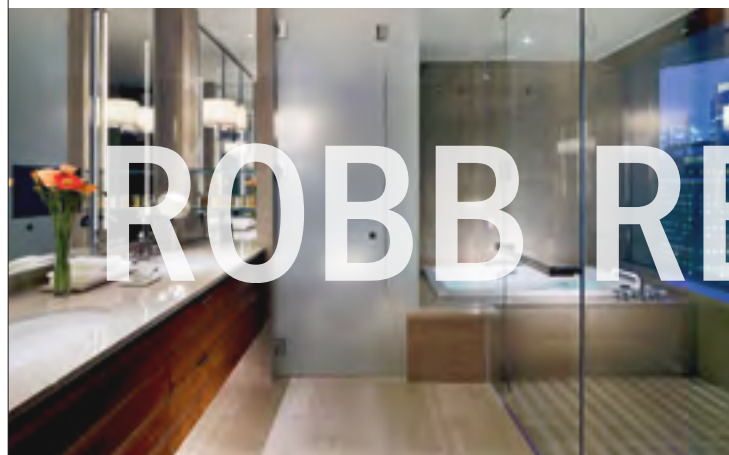
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SET ADJACENT TO the Imperial Palace Gardens in the Marunouchi central business district, the Palace Hotel Tokyo has long occupied one of the city's premium locations. Now, after a \$1.2 billion reinvention, the 51-year-old property has the amenities to match.

The Palace, which reopened in May last year, is part of an all-new, 23-storey, mixed-use tower complex that includes the hotel's 10 restaurants and bars and its 290 guest rooms and suites. Offering views of the royal gardens, the accommodations blend contemporary decor with details—such as Mashiko-yaki teacups and Nambu cast-iron teapots crafted using centuries-old techniques—

that hark back to the traditions of old Japan.

International touches include the six-treatment-room Evian Spa, the French mineral-water company's first facility in Japan. Watering holes at the hotel range from the Royal Bar—a glamorous whisky barroom with velvet high-back chairs surrounded by cases of vintage spirits—to the outdoor terrace at Lounge Bar Privé. Guests can also take a seat outside at the Grand Kitchen restaurant, which overlooks the swan-filled moat of the Imperial Palace. *Palace Hotel Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, +81.3.3211.5211, www.palacehoteltokyo.com*

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