## World's Best Suites

## Baccarat Hotel & Residences

## New York

BACCARAT HOTEL & RESIDENCES-NEW YORK, (BACCARATHOTELS.COM), which opened in March 2015, is situated just off Fifth Avenue on 53rd Street, directly across the street from the Museum of Modern Art, and delivers a service experience reflective of the over 250 years of Baccarat craftsmanship. Upon arrival, guests will quickly notice the 'Baccarat standard,' which is a focus on curating a guest's stay with the same level of detail as the design elements present throughout the property. Sought after Paris-based design duo Gilles & Boissier meticulously designed the hotel's soaring salon-style public spaces, as well as the 114 light-filled



rooms and suites of the hotel. Weaving artisanal Baccarat crystal elements throughout, they lavished attention on each surface. New York design masters Tony Ingrao and Stephen Sills, respectively, handled the 60 residences and the ground-level contemporary French restaurant, Chevalier. The skyline-shaping international architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill designed the soaring, state-of-the-art tower itself, creating a prismatic glass façade that recalls the radiance of Baccarat crystal, and subtly reflects and refracts light up and down its 50 stories. Parisian art connoisseur Frédéric Chambre spent 18 months gathering extraordinary pieces from auction houses across Paris to curate artwork for Baccarat Hotel & Residences New York. The property also partnered with the talented curator to commission new work from 11 extraordinary artists, which lines the guest room corridors for visitors to appreciate upon entry to each room.

A one-bedroom pied-à-terre in the heart of Manhattan, the Prestige Suite invites a relaxing repose, whether one is seated in the custom-designed, intimate living area or nestled in the comfort of its plush bed. Walls of floor-to-ceiling windows and shimmering Baccarat crystal sconces gently illuminate every sophisticated surface of the Prestige Suite's bedroom and living room, dressing area, and bath. In the living room, custom-designed upholstered furniture beckons, while in the bedroom a cashmere throw



tops bespoke Mascioni jacquard linens. Curated original artworks and archival drawings from the Baccarat collection adorn the walls, and the red-lacquer minibar tempts with crystal stemware and delicate sweets from Maison Ladurée. The spa-like white-marble bathroom, complements the marble nightstands flanking the bed, offering wonders of its own with Italian robes and amenities created exclusively for the hotel by Maison Francis Kurkdjian Paris. Prestige Suite guests will enjoy exclusive complimentary benefits during their stay, including beauty products from the hotel's Spa de La Mer.

The ultimate celebration of the legendary crystal maison's noble heritage of perfect craft, the Baccarat Suite is lit by crystal chandeliers and walls of windows, and is a place to entertain and relax. The suite's series of salon-like spaces extends from a resplendent foyer into a living room whose invitingly soft seating encourages long conversations over glasses of champagne. In the dining room, a butler's pantry and separate staff entrance make for effortless entertaining – a feat further assisted by an en-suite Baccarat Bar, offering fine wine chosen by the hotel's expert sommelier, as well as a full range of spirits. A separate powder room for visitors completes the spaces in the suite's public sphere. Custom-made Mascioni jacquard linens and a cashmere throw top an oversized four-poster king bed, while the spa-like white-marble bathroom features a deep, freestanding soaking tub, glass-walled shower, Italian robes, and amenities created exclusively for the hotel by Maison Francis Kurkdjian Paris.

Throughout, Baccarat crystal accessories, curated original artwork, and archival drawings from the Baccarat collection abound.

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Top to bottom: the Baccarat Suite bedroom and bathroom; a Prestige Suite living area