



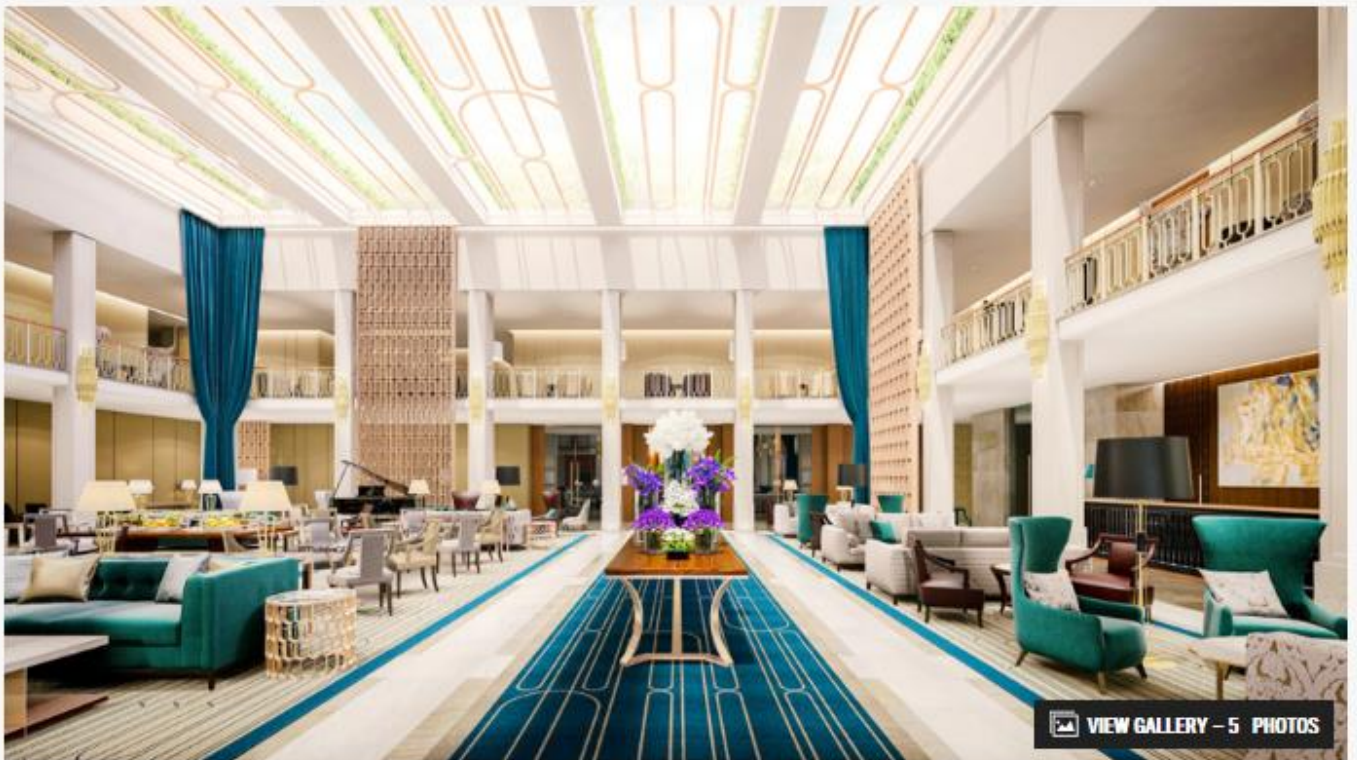
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Lisbon's Grande Dame is Back After a Glorious Renovation

Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa is once again Portugal's luxury standard-bearer.

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As Lisbon continues its emergence as one of [Europe's](#) most intriguing new destinations, fresh hotels are popping up all over the Portuguese capital. But the coastal city's newest hospitality attraction isn't actually new at all: Fresh from a multimillion-dollar makeover, the historic [Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa](#) is making waves as a new standard-bearer of European luxury.

Set within a historic building in the middle of the capital's famous Avenida da Liberdade, the hotel reopened in April following an end-to-end facelift that saw rooms expanded and brightened with modern décor; a lobby that was completely transformed with a soaring atrium; and the iconic rooftop Sky Bar reenvisioned with a contemporary atmosphere that complements the stunning Lisbon skyline views.



But the most high-profile changes didn't come until months later, when the rooftop restaurant was finally unveiled. Terraço finally reopened in August, with a menu by one of [Portugal's](#) most celebrated chefs, Porto-based Rui Paula, who until this project had never helmed a kitchen in Lisbon. A chef inspired by his own upbringing, Paula created for Terraço a menu that brings traditional Portuguese cooking to elevated new heights, with more than a few subtle surprises, like slow-cooked baby goat (sourced from the center of the country) with couscous and pan-seared sea bass served atop *xerém* ([Portugal's](#) answer to polenta).

Newer still is the six-room Tivoli Spa—the hotel's first spa in its illustrious 85-year history—which opened in September with Lisbon's first Biologique Recherche treatments. Beyond the French skincare brand's signature facials, the spa also offers therapies with international influences, from a lomi-lomi massage inspired by Hawaiian curative practices to the Indian-influenced Tivoli Fusion, which uses a proprietary blend of oils with specific strokes and movements to relax the body, stimulate circulation, and restore the flow of energy.