

Vital Statistics: COMO The Treasury, Perth, Australia

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Opening Year: 2015

General Manager: Jesse Tibert

Interior Designer: Kerry Hill

**Location:** COMO The Treasury, in Perth's CBD, is on the corner of St

Georges Terrace and Barrack Street, opposite Stirling and Supreme Court Gardens. It is in the heart of the city, walking distance to Northbridge and a 20-minute drive from the airport.

48 rooms and suites, including:

**Accommodations:** 

**6 City Rooms (Average size: 55sq m):** These airy, peaceful rooms offer views of Perth's cityscape or The Treasury courtyard and feature custom-made beds dressed in Egyptian cotton.

**18 Heritage Rooms (Average size: 60sq m):** Oversized windows soak these generous rooms in an abundance of natural light, with views of either Cathedral Square, Stirling Gardens or the city.

**6 Treasury Rooms (Average size: 75sq m):** These spacious rooms overlook Cathedral Square, Stirling Gardens or the city. A number of rooms offer views of the Swan River, and each one has a generous sitting area that can accommodate either an additional bed or a cot.



- 10 Heritage Balcony Rooms (Average size: 55sq m plus balcony): These east-facing rooms feature French doors leading to either 'Juliet' or walk-out balconies overlooking Cathedral Square. Two of these rooms have fireplaces.
- 2 Treasury Balcony Rooms (Average size: 70sq m plus balcony): These spacious corner rooms feature five sets of French doors opening onto north and east facing balconies. These rooms have generous sitting areas and oversized en suite bathrooms.
- 3 Studio Suites (Average size: 80sq m): With an abundance of space, these rooms give you the feeling of a 'home away from home'. Each room has unique features and styling, such as truss ceilings, dormer windows and wood detailing. Two of these rooms have Swan River views.
- 2 Treasury Suites (Average size: 80sq m): These suites, with large light-filled bedrooms complemented by a separate sitting room, offer a residential feel. Features vary between the two suites: there is a fireplace in one and a truss ceiling in the other.
- 1 COMO Suite (Average size: 120sq m): Our COMO Suite represents the ultimate in luxury accommodation. Overlooking St Georges Terrace and Stirling Gardens, this vast space includes a formal dining and lounge room separate from the bedroom — ideal for entertaining. The stylish sitting room has views of the Swan River.

**Room Facilities:** 

Custom-made king or twin beds with Grand Posture natural firm mattresses featuring dual posture pocket spring technology Egyptian cotton bed linen

Individually controlled air conditioning In-room private bar replenished daily Samsung LED television / IPTV Multi-line VoIP phone with voicemail Laptop-size private safe

Multimedia hub

In-room technology with dual built-in USB ports Wi-Fi

Nespresso coffee machine and tea making facilities

Oversized opening windows Electronic sheer blinds and blackout Roman blinds or curtains

Built-in wardrobe and luggage rack



Bathroom Facilities: Natural light and opening windows

German deep-form Kaldewei Duo free-standing bathtubs

Walk-in showers

Twin travertine stone vanity basins Heated travertine stone floors

Heated towel rails

COMO Shambhala amenities

Bathrobes and slippers

Hairdryer

**Guest Services:** Manager on duty 24 hours

24-hour concierge

Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel

Valet parking Airport transfers

Airline reservation service

Laundry service, dry cleaning and pressing service

Daily housekeeping and turndown service

Fruit and water each day 24-hour in-room dining Foreign exchange Multilingual hotel staff Travel and tour assistance

**Business Services:** Boardroom with separate breakout room

24-hour secretarial service Business equipment on request

DVD player on request Worldwide courier service

Audio visual equipment in the boardroom (available for set-up

in private dining rooms)
Presentation supplies



**Restaurants:** 

Wildflower is the hotel's destination restaurant, serving lunch and dinner against a backdrop of sweeping views over the Swan River. Wildflower's contemporary dishes revolve around the indigenous six seasons, using the finest Western Australian produce.

Private dining is available at Wildflower for up to 20 quests.

Lunch: Tuesday to Friday, 12.00pm to

3.00pm

Dinner: Tuesday to Saturday, 6.00pm to late

**Post** is the hotel's all-day osteria and bar led by Executive Chef Kim Brennan. Post is a relaxed space to enjoy a coffee, a long lunch or a night cap, with classic Italian dishes made with the finest local produce.

Post has two private dining rooms: one for eight guests and one for 12 guests.

Breakfast: Monday to Sunday, 6.30am to 11.00am Lunch: Monday to Sunday, 12.00pm to 3.00pm Dinner: Monday to Sunday, 5.30pm to late

Other Dining:

Cape Arid Rooms are the home of the hotel's celebrated afternoon tea inspired by Australia's natural abundance and local producers. The walls are adorned with Alex and Philippa Nikulinsky's paintings from the Cape Arid Collection, from which the rooms take their name.

Wednesday to Sunday, 12.00pm to 5.00pm

In-room dining available 24-hours Boardroom available with separate breakout room COMO Shambhala menu available Children and infants menu

**Executive Chef:** Kim Brennan



# **Guest Wellbeing:**

COMO Shambhala Urban Escape at COMO The Treasury is a holistic wellness sanctuary for guests, with nurturing expertise from world-class staff.

Using carefully selected products and our own signature brand, COMO Shambhala Urban Escape offers holistic treatments including massages, body scrubs, wraps and facials.

Four treatment rooms - three single and one double 20-metre heated indoor pool Steam Room Gym



**Outdoor Activities:** Gourmet picnics by the Swan River or in Kings Park

Cycling and walking trails along the Swan River

Wildflower journeys through Kings Park

Wine trails in the Swan Valley or Margaret River

Private cruises which can be personalised to include snorkelling,

diving and sunset cruises

Heli adventures (including nature exploration and fishing)

Scenic fixed-wing flights

**Room Rates:** Room rates start from AUD 595 per night for a City Room.

> Rates are quoted in Australian dollars (\$) per room, per night (single or double occupancy) and are inclusive of breakfast at Post, in-room private bar, Wi-Fi and Goods and Service Tax.

> To view full rates, as well as COMO The Treasury's luxury hotel offerings, current packages and promotions, please visit

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## **Hotel Synopsis: COMO The Treasury**

On October 2015, COMO Hotels and Resorts – a group of privately owned and operated island resorts, city hotels and luxury adventure retreats from London to Bhutan — opened COMO The Treasury in Perth, Western Australia. It is the company's fifth city property (others are located in London and Bangkok). More than anything, COMO The Treasury represents a historic moment for an iconic quarter at the state capital's beating heart.

The hotel occupies a group of late Victorian stone and brick buildings – known locally as the 'State Buildings' – which have played an important role in the city's history for the past 140 years, serving variously as a post office, land titles office, and treasury. Also once home to Perth's original seat of government, they betray in their grand architecture all the ambitions of settlers keen to make their mark. To retain the best of that heritage has cost AUS\$110 million in a meticulous restoration project overseen by Kerry Hill Architects. Hill's remit encompassed not only the entire Cathedral Square redevelopment on Cathedral Avenue, but also the interior and exterior of this new COMO hotel.

For some time, Perth's burgeoning local economy has increased demand for a more sophisticated hub to serve the needs of both residents and visitors. The evolution of hipster clubs and cool cafes on nearby Northbridge indicates the shift in tone, as well as the luxury lures of St Georges Terrace adjacent to the hotel. The new precinct represents the apogee of that trend: a centre for culture, art, community and style, with an easy flow of footfall, anchored not just by COMO The Treasury, but a new library, which contrasts dramatically with Perth Cathedral's late 19th-century architecture, as well as bespoke retail and food and beverage offerings. These elements have been designed to work together, not in isolation, while still allowing each building's attributes to be felt by city-siders who hold the history of this neighbourhood in high regard. Thus in the precinct's renovation and conversion, Hill artfully combined not just tradition, but also modernity. "Heritage is the art of saving what is useful and beautiful but also updating it for modern use," says Terry Fripp, an associate at Kerry Hill Architects.

The hotel's 48 modern rooms are spread over four floors. The architecture includes columns and bold, cantilevered balconies designed in flamboyant neo-Renaissance style. Looking over the plaza, guests of the hotel get to use these balconies as they would have been used a century ago, with the city's most impressive landmarks on display. The restoration project has returned 95 per cent of the buildings to their 19th-century origins, including the re-installation of dormer windows and Victorian roofs finished with copper trimmings. Slate used on the roof has been replaced like for like, using more than 60,000 tiles imported from a quarry in North Wales. But where there was no heritage to follow, the architects have been confidently modern, with the introduction of materials including steel frames and glass. The combination avoids any hint of historical pastiche.



In keeping with the sense of importance these early colonists attached to their new city, Hill also retained all the interior's grandeur. The 19th-century feel – dominated by the original postal hall – has an inspiring, mood-lifting feel. To this and other public areas, Hill added a mix of subtle colours, bespoke furniture and hand-knotted rugs to create a genuine contemporary energy. One wants to get lost in the numerous opportunities, among corridors softly lit, to find a place to read a paper, have a drink, meet friends, grab brunch or celebrate with a bistro feast. The bedrooms are very large, each different, with the shape dictated by the building's existing bones. All rooms are quiet, serene retreats with acoustic technology to ensure not a whisper escapes. They are decorated in a soft, cocooning palette: beiges, whites, limed oak furniture, pale travertine, with bronze and leather trims. The grey-greens are reminiscent of the colours found in the West Australian landscape.

## **Dining**

Wildflower showcases the best of West Australian ingredients. Seating 80 guests in the main dining room, Wildflower serves contemporary dishes revolving around the indigenous ethos of six seasons. Menus are produce-driven, relying on local farmers and foragers. Throughout the year a number of guest chefs are invited to take over the kitchen. From this lofty rooftop perch, one can see the Stirling Gardens running down to the Swan River.

The interior of Wildflower is simple with marble floors and back walls of Tasmanian Blackwood. Rich velvet upholstered bench seats instil a sense of luxury throughout.

Post is named after its location, the franking room of Perth's original General Post Office in the State Buildings. Post is COMO The Treasury's inner-city osteria, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. The constantly evolving menu is a contemporary take on Italian classics and is guided by the season's bounty. The casually polished surrounds and approachable menu make Post a welcoming setting for all-day dining. The healthful COMO Shambhala Cuisine includes food rich in living enzymes, vitamins and minerals, raw food menu items and predominantly vegetarian selections. The dishes are available at Post and from inroom dining.

A number of private dining rooms, seating eight to 20 guests, are also available for private events, with catering provided by either Wildflower or Post. The grand Postal Hall makes an elegant space for large events, weddings and dinners, while The Mark offers an intimate venue for cocktail parties, launch events and private dinners.

Our Cape Arid Rooms are located in the south-eastern wing of our history-steeped State Buildings, above the official marking of Perth's Point Zero, our Cape Arid Rooms are the warm, inviting home of COMO The Treasury's celebrated afternoon tea and paintings by Alex and Philippa Nikulinsky's Cape Arid Collection, from which the rooms take their name. The space features three interconnected rooms with high ceilings, timber-shuttered windows. Dining in our Cape Arid Rooms is a delightful afternoon indulgence like no other.



## **COMO Shambhala Urban Escape**

COMO Shambhala Urban Escape provides a nurturing, personalised focus on wellbeing for hotel guests as well as Perth residents. The spa is finished with rich tones of dark wood and travertine, with softly-lit bronze ceilings. The original steel shutters and bars on the windows are dramatic, and with a sophisticated lighting scheme, give the sense of a retreat. A full selection of massages are available, as well as a number of purifying body detoxifications in the hotel's four treatment rooms.

Further to this wellness sanctuary is a 20m heated lap pool with a state of the art gym above the pool. Exercise in the great outdoors is also accessible. Unlike other major cities, the natural world is right here. The Swan River sparkles nearby. Kings Park is bushland, not manicured gardens. This is the unique appeal of Perth—the proximity of wilderness to one of the most upand coming metropolitan centres in the Southern Hemisphere.



## About the COMO Group and COMO Hotels and Resorts

COMO Hotels and Resorts, part of the Como Group, is a multi-award-winning, family-owned business with 15 hotels and resorts worldwide — each one different to the other but sharing the same core values: a deep commitment to holistic wellness, exceptional nutrition-rich cuisine, and inspiring destinations that honour the spirit of place.

Our city hotels include COMO Metropolitan London and COMO The Halkin in London, COMO The Treasury in Perth, Australia, and COMO Metropolitan Bangkok in Thailand. Our country resorts include COMO Uma Paro and COMO Uma Punakha in Bhutan, COMO Uma Ubud and COMO Shambhala Estate in Bali, and COMO Castello Del Nero in Tuscany. COMO's beach and island portfolio encompasses COMO Parrot Cay in the Turks and Caicos, COMO Cocoa Island and COMO Maalifushi in the Maldives, COMO Point Yamu in Phuket, and COMO Uma Canggu on the Bali shore. COMO Laucala Island is the Group's newest addition: a private island resort in Fiji.

The Singapore-based COMO Group of lifestyle companies is home to businesses that seek to make a meaningful difference to customers' lives with products and services focused on quality and authenticity. Founded by Mrs Christina Ong, the COMO Group encompasses the international luxury fashion retailer Club 21, the award-winning wellness brand COMO Shambhala, our food concepts, COMO Cuisine and COMO Dempsey, the philanthropic COMO Foundation, and COMO Club. This new initiative for 2022 is a one-stop digital platform that connects customers to the different experiences in the COMO Group, as well as partner brands who share our values.

For more information on COMO Hotels and Resorts, visit our website <u>comohotels.com</u>, follow our adventures on <u>Instagram</u> @comohotels, or chat to us on our <u>Facebook</u> page.



#### **About COMO Shambhala**

Founded in 1997 by Mrs Christina Ong, COMO Shambhala has evolved organically from an intimate yoga studio in Singapore into an award-winning wellness concept found in 14 COMO Hotels and Resorts properties across nine countries and four continents.

Meaning 'peace' in Sanskrit, Shambhala alludes to the pursuit of balance that defines our philosophy. COMO Shambhala advocates proactive holistic wellness, combining modern science with ancient practices.

From city centres to island retreats and highland resorts, COMO Shambhala offers a team of diverse wellness practitioners across various modalities. Our curated suite of wellness services includes treatments, experiences, products and activities. Complementing these services is our signature COMO Shambhala Cuisine, a full range of healthful nutrition-optimised dishes using pure ingredients in nourishing combinations.



**Key Biographies: COMO The Treasury** 

## Jesse Tibert, General Manager

Jesse Tibert has been with COMO Hotels and Resorts since 2011, serving several different roles at a number of properties. Most recently and during his assignment at COMO Point Yamu, Jesse was deployed to COMO Parrot Cay as task force Hotel Manager. Prior to his move to Thailand, he was the Lodge Manager at COMO Uma Punakha in the Kingdom of Bhutan.

## Kim Brennan, Executive Chef

Brennan found his passion for cooking at Lamont's in East Perth, before heading to London to hone his skills at Notting Hill Brasserie, known for its contemporary take on European dining. The lure of working alongside hatted chef Justin North in his flagship restaurant Becasse saw Brennan relocate to Sydney. In 2012, Brennan opened the acclaimed Flying Fish restaurant at Tokoriki Island Resort in Fiji alongside celebrity chef Peter Kuruvita. In 2015, Brennan joined COMO The Treasury as part of the the opening team, overseeing the successful opening of Post restaurant, The Treasury Lounge and Bar and In-Room Dining. Kim has been awarded on several occasions, including a successful 2018 win at the AHA Accommodation Award – WA's Best Chef, Manager of the Year 2018 and was promoted to Executive Chef of COMO The Treasury in February 2019.

### **Kerry Hill, Interior Designer**

The late Kerry Hill graduated from the University of Western Australia in 1968 and relocated to Asia in 1971. He was an Australian National, and held professional registrations for Architectural Practice in Singapore and most Australian States. Hill also taught in several leading architecture schools, and was an adjunct Professor of Architecture at the University of Western Australia. In 2006, his achievements in the field of Australian architecture were recognised by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects who awarded Hill their Gold Medal. He was also awarded the George Temple Poole Award for his work on Perth's State Buildings in 2016.



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