



THE BERKELEY HOTEL

PRESTIGE HOTEL LAUNDRY EMBRACES WET CLEANING

A premier five star London hotel renowned for its opulent luxury, distinctive style and faultless service, The Berkeley is located between fashionable Knightsbridge and neighbourly Belgravia. Visitors to London seeking style and comfort can choose from 193 rooms and suites arranged over seven floors. A swimming pool and spa on the seventh floor offer the perfect opportunity to refresh and relax.

The hotel's basement laundry operates seven days a week from six in the morning until half past ten at night. It processes guest linens, towels and bath mats, as well as some of the hotel's more specialist items such as monogrammed spa robes and special children's bed linen. Guests can choose a same-day or express service.

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The Berkeley approached Girbau UK for advice on upgrading its laundry equipment and took the opportunity to specify the latest Agua Smart Wet Cleaning Ready washers and dryers. This means it can use the same machines for

laundry and wet cleaning. Wet cleaning offers better quality cleaning of water-soluble stains and odours and is an ideal environmentally-sensitive option for all articles that are normally dry cleaned.

Girbau installed two HS-6013 14kg-capacity and two 27kg-capacity HS-6024 INTELI washers capable of processing standard hotel laundry

and wet cleaning the delicate guest laundry that requires special care and attention. The hotel also has a HS-6008 washer for smaller loads.



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INTELI washers come with a range of 20 pre-installed programs to meet a wide range of laundry needs, and offer the ability to add a further 79 dedicated programs for wet cleaning and other applications. An important feature of the machines is the Care Touch drum which is unique to Girbau. This protects and preserves delicate wet cleaning fabrics and ensures a longer lifetime for everyday linens. Agua Smart Detergent partner, Ideal Manufacturing installed all the pumps and chemicals required for laundry and wet cleaning and provided Health & Safety advice training on site to the Linen Room team.

For drying Girbau installed a GUT30 space-saving twin stacking dryer and a 19kg capacity ED340 dryer exclusively to handle the delicate drying of wet clean items. One of the most energy efficient dryers on the market, ED Series dryers combine maximum efficiency, reduced

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- Wet Cleaning Ready washers and dryers
- Agua Smart Wet Cleaning System
- Fast washing and drying cycles
- Energy efficient machines
- Girbau equipment reliability and long life

cycle times and lower energy consumption. Cabinet insulation and a double-glazed door further optimise energy efficiency and prevent heat escaping to the laundry. The reliable and accurate built-in humidity control system automatically senses when clothes are dry and activates the cool down process for the best textile care.

Girbau also installed two pieces of wet cleaning finishing equipment: a Sidi M502 Garment Former and a MPT825 Trousers Topper. Together these enable laundry staff to accomplish the exquisite finish its guests expect when their delicate items are processed.

“Everything is working fine. We are very happy with the machines and range of programs,” said Cecil Jenkins Head Valet at The Berkeley following installation of the new equipment. “We can do everything we want with these machines including laundry and wet cleaning.”

Salvinija Barzdeniene, The Berkeley’s Linen Room Manager said, “We’re receiving very positive feedback from our guests regarding the clean, fresh smell of the wet cleaned garments.”