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is conveniently situated in the heart of mid-town Manhattan and The Kitano New

THE HOTEL MELA

BEST FOR: 'At Home Sophistication' is the concept for the new 228-room Hotel Mela which opened last January. Hotel Mela defines 'At Home Sophistication' as the little touches and accents that provide the ultimate in comfort, style, luxury and familiarity of home. Items such as specialty pillows, throws, fine bedding and spa amenities provide all the comforts of home and create an inviting setting in which to relax.

WHY: Luxury and comfort are evident in the specialty pillow-topped mattresses, Egyptian combed cotton sheets, sumptuous 510-thread count Egyptian cotton duvet covers and plush pillows in all of the guestrooms and suites. This opulence carries through to the accessories and special touches such as lush chenille throws, neck pillows and fabric covered bed benches that transcend the typical guestroom to create a chic residential bedroom.

WHERE: The hotel is situated on 'Hotel and University Club Row' West 44th Street and is within walking distance to Times Square, Broadway and

other city landmarks and entertainment district.

WHAT TO DO: Close to Times Square (Theater District), you can visit broad way - Known as the 'Crossroads Of the World', Time Square is the perennial attraction for visitors to New York City. Along Broadway, there are numerous tourist shops, restaurant and cafes. Times Square is the center of the Theater District and attracts a large number of visitors each year. This 10 block strip of Manhattan (from 53rd to 42nd streets, between 6th and 8th Avenues) is called the Great White Way with over 40 theaters.

STYLE STEAL: Hotel Mela celebrates the sophistication of New York and the high-style and fine art of Italian living. In fact, the name Mela when translated means 'Apple'. The name Hotel 'Mela' honours the significant role Italian culture has played in New York City's history. New York's influence is apparent throughout the public spaces and includes hand-selected artwork of landmark buildings and historic districts.

MORE INFO: For more information visit the website at www.hotelmela.com or contact them at +1-877-452-6362.



THE KITANO NEW YORK

BEST FOR: The Kitano New York opened its doors in 1973 as New York's first Japanese hotel. Thirty-four years later it remains the first and only Japanese owned hotel and has become an integral part of one of Manhattan's historic neighbourhoods, Murray Hill. Located on fashionable Park Avenue at 38th Street, the 18-story hotel towers over looks some of New York City's most magnificent turn-of-the-century dwellings, offering spectacular views of some of city landmarks. The hotel features 149 guestrooms, including 17 contemporary suites and a one-of-a-kind Japanese Tatami Suite.

WHY: The Kitano New York is intrinsically connected to New York, both old and new. Outside are the sounds of modern urban life while inside guests enter another world entirely, one equally refined, but with a serenity that is unmistakably Japanese. The hotel offers a blend of traditional East and West services and amenities that are unmatched anywhere in the world. It is the only hotel in the city featuring an authentic Japanese Tatami Suite. Asian hospitality blends seamlessly with New York style for an ambience that is pure Kitano.

DINING OUT: The highly regarded Hakubai restaurant specialises in Kaiseki, a distinctive, delicate cuisine with its roots in Zen Buddhism and the traditional Japanese tea ceremony. The multi-

course dinner, which The New York Times calls 'rarified', is served on an exquisite array of priceless porcelain, lacquer and pottery dishes. Three Tetami Dining suites are available for private dining. Hakubai is open for lunch and dinner. The Garden Cafe in the Kitano's historic townhouse features contemporary American cuisine with a Japanese flair, along with several Japanese home-style specialties, in an airy sunlit setting.

STYLE STEAL: Bamboo and other natural materials, tatami, shoji screens and water features create a serene, authentic Japanese décor for Hakubai. In fact, the restaurant has invested more than a half-million dollars on its collection of Japanese dishes to provide the ultimate in elegance and dining pleasure. In addition, birdsong wafts in and out of the soothing music as guests relax into the tranquility of their surroundings.

GOING OUT: Every Wednesday through Friday the hotel's Bar Lounge come alive with the melodious rhythms of Jazz music offering two set at 8:00pm to 9:45pm and 9:45pm to 10pm.

WHERE: Ideally located in the heart of Manhattan's historic Murray Hill district, just steps away from Grand Central Station, Times Square and Union Square.

MORE INFO: Located on fashionable Park Avenue at 38th Street, the 18-story hotel towers over some of New York City's most magnificent turn-of-the-century dwellings and to contact them visit www.kitano.com or phone +1 212 885 7000.

