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Scotland Yard to become hotel

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The former headquarters of the Metropolitan police in London is to be turned into a luxury hotel.

Great Scotland Yard at number four Whitehall is set to become a five-star property with 235 rooms, including opulent £10,000-per-night VIP suites.

Galliard, the company behind the proposal, expects to complete the redevelopment in 2016.

'Our vision is to create one of London's most outstanding 5-star hotels,' commented Stephen Conway, chief executive of the Galliard Group.

'It really is a "blue-chip" building with grand architecture, a fascinating history and large, dramatic interiors.'

Guests will find themselves just a short walk from landmarks such as Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and Ten Downing Street.

Scotland Yard has a high profile history. Officers based at the seven-storey building led the investigation of the infamous Jack the Ripper and Plaistow Marshes murders and it later became a Ministry of Defence property.

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