



One Aldwych, in a landmark building near Covent Garden, boasts rooms (below) and a lobby (right) with a sleek, clean-lined chic.



# getaway

*Martinis meet Mozart in thoroughly modern London*

**one aldwych** London, England Smack in the heart of London (where the City meets the West End and thus within walking distance of world-class theater), this stylish new five-star hotel boasts an exquisite lap pool, a full-service spa, a private screening room, and two of-the-moment restaurants.

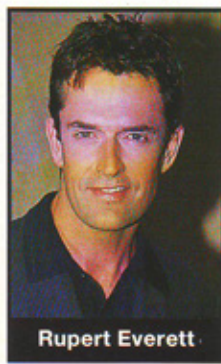
**tell me more ...** Built in 1907 to house the *Morning Post*, this dignified Edwardian building, located on a triangular site, had its interior remodeled in 1998 to accommodate 105 design-forward rooms. Traditional features like original pillars and double-height windows blend seamlessly with modern fiber-optic lighting and Philippe Starck details. Luxurious silks, white Italian linen, abundant flowers and a collection of contempo-

rary art heighten the experience. **who goes?** Geri Halliwell, Robbie Williams and Rupert Everett are among the overnight guests. Singer Natalie Imbruglia has had cocktails in the Lobby Bar, which offers 25 variations on the martini. And Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise hosted a party at the hotel's Axis restaurant for opening night of *The Blue Room*. **what to do:** Start with the neighborhood's incredible museums

and shopping, but make sure to book a one-on-one session with Matt Roberts, London's best-known personal trainer, at his club in the hotel. Relax in the stunning Bugatti-blue-tiled pool, complete with a water wall and Mozart piped in underwater. **what to book:** A suite with a personal gym, or any room with a view of the Thames. Rooms are \$392 to \$1,592. Call 011-44-171-300-0500. —Susan Redstone



Geri Halliwell



Rupert Everett