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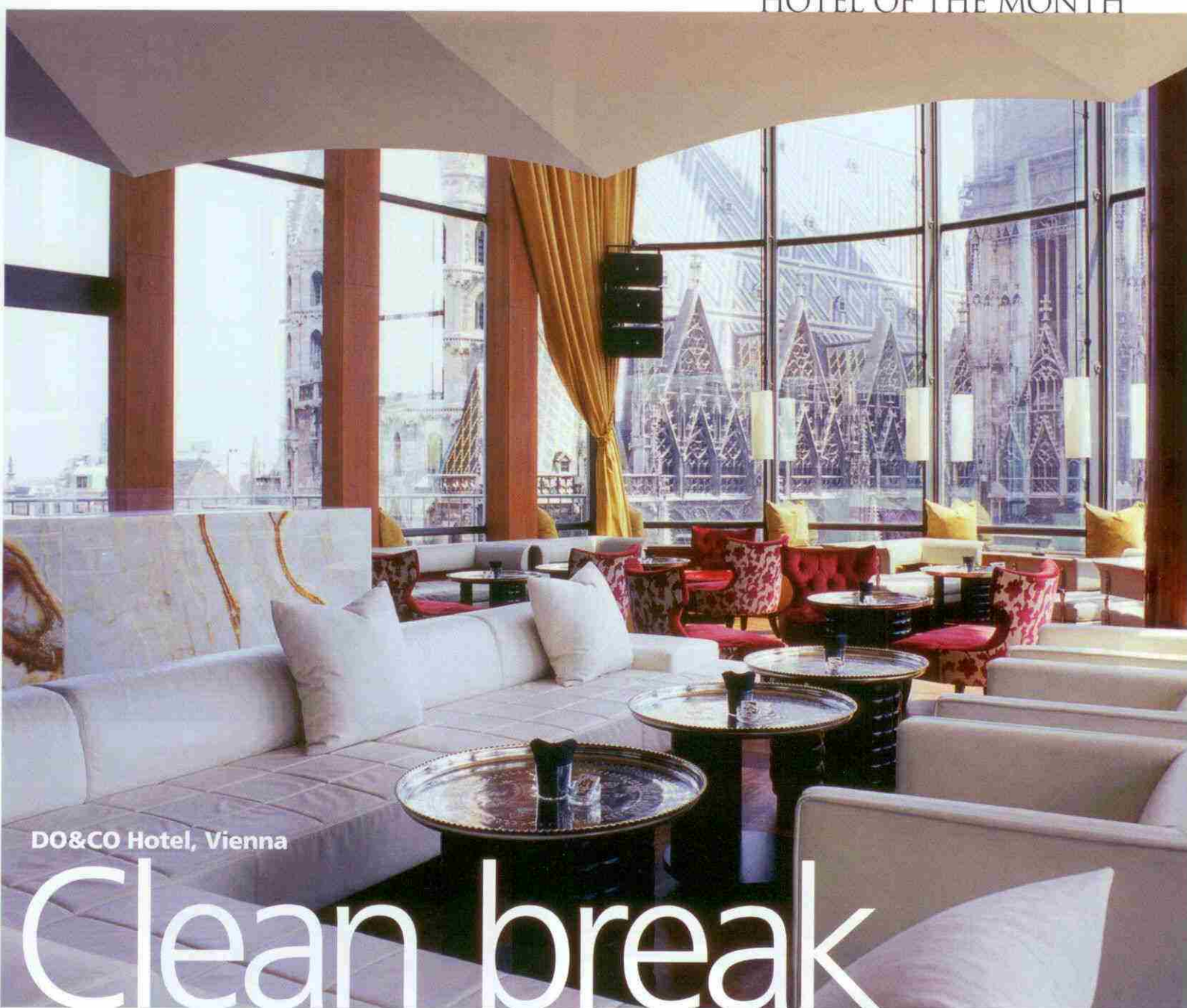
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DO&CO Hotel, Vienna

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With this cosmopolitan boutique hotel on offer, Austria is our top tip for a hot mini-break destination

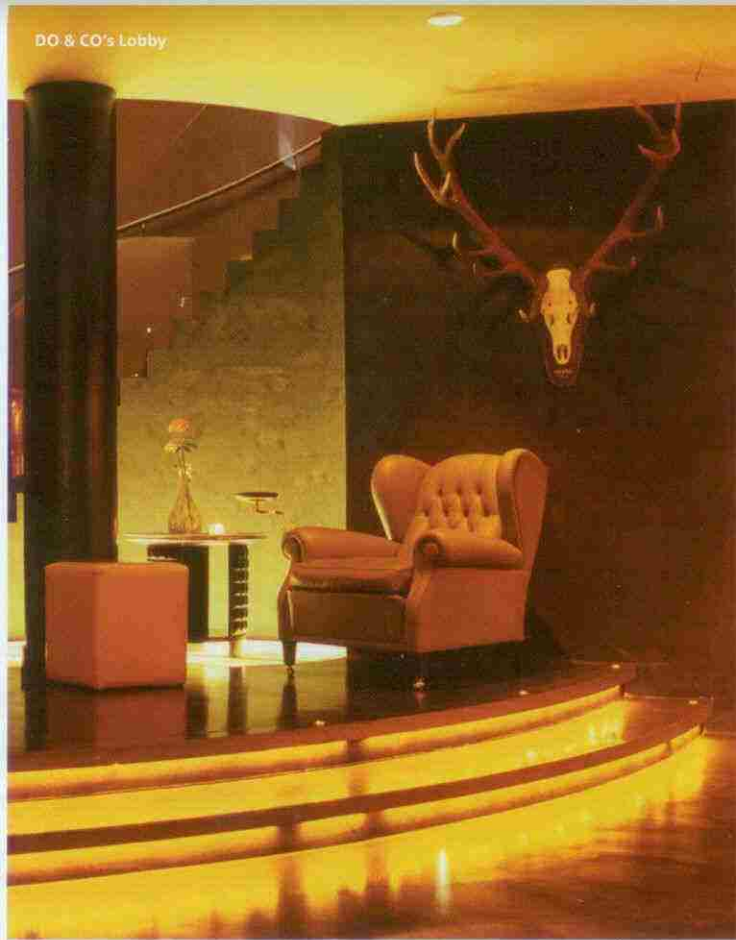
WHY VIENNA?

It's a fascinating blend of tradition and innovation. A young creative scene has injected an avant-garde quality into this venerable city of culture and the arts. Vienna was the creative nucleus of Europe back at the beginning of the 20th century when Josef Hoffmann, Otto Wagner, Kolo Moser, Adolf Loos and Gustav Klimt heralded the great age of Austrian Modernism. Nowadays the traditional strains of the waltz are accompanied by the resonant beats of electronic music, while creative designs are given a platform at the springtime Viennafair and the annual festival for fashion and photography in June. With a direct flight on Austrian Airlines it's a mere six hour journey from the Emirates and once there the city is easily accessible on foot and with the help of the VIP Vienna card.

WHERE SHOULD I STAY?

You will be spoilt for choice in Vienna but we recommend the cosmopolitan DO & CO hotel which is in the heart of the (pedestrian) city centre, directly opposite Vienna's most famous landmark – the St Stephen's Cathedral. The hotel is situated

DO & CO's Lobby



One of the suites at DO & CO which includes a private terrace and a unique view of St Stephen's cathedral



The live cooking station and interior of the acclaimed DO & CO restaurant



A view of Onyx bar





This is a standard room with state of the art 'infotainment'

on the 3rd – 6th floors within the Haas Haus building, which is an icon for modern architecture in the city. DO & CO comprises 41 double bedrooms including two exclusive suites with their own Onyx bar and Jacuzzi.

DESIGN FEATURES WE LOVE

Foremost must be that all rooms offer a unique and fascinating view on St Stephan's Cathedral. In fact the use of glass is what struck us most about the transparent suites which boast exquisite leather, travertine natural stone and the finest teak all presented in an unconventional way with cosy flair. Add to that the latest in smart technology plus Bang & Olufsen multi media entertainment and flat screens plus an exclusive 'wine bar' in all rooms, and we guarantee most budding Modernists will not be disappointed.

WHERE SHOULD I DINE?

Fortunately as a hotel guest you will have priority at the DO & CO restaurant which is the place to be in Vienna and on the impressive 7th floor of the building. It is billed as an 'all in one gourmet entertainment' experience and the focal point is its open kitchen. The spices at the wok station impress in the same way as the finest sushi and sashimi. While the classics of Viennese cuisine are also on the menu, we recommend their fish dishes. Enjoy a digestif afterwards at Onyx Bar which is Vienna's hottest night spot.

WHAT SHOULD I SEE WHILE I'M THERE?

Aside from the traditional sights of the Hapsburg, Schonbrunn and Belvedere palaces we recommend a visit to the Vienna Architecture Centre (Architekturzentrum Wien). This offers tours of the most prominent constructions of the 20th and 21st centuries and gives an insight into the not only residential and office buildings but also interior design and the city's development area. Also worth visiting is the private art collection of Swiss couple Herbert and Rita Batliner which is on permanent display at the Albertina. If this all sounds like too much culture, just enjoy the café society – Demel is one of the oldest and best in town.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING HOME?

Don't leave Vienna without bringing back some Meinl coffee and of course the Sachertorte from Café Sacher (this can be ordered and shipped worldwide and arrives in pristine condition). Mozart chocolates are also a must, but if your budget stretches visit Kochert jewelers and view their delectable Sisi stars and other hand crafted gems. It's worth noting that in January and February a fantastic Shop and Win competition beckons tourists. Instant prizes at the Tourist Office and a luxury trip and EUR10,000 in spending money is top prize. With more than 20,000 retailers spanning former purveyors to the royal court, haute couture flagship stores and hip boutiques it's a top class shopping destination. hotel@doco.com, www.doco.com. For more Austrian inspiration, see our Swarovski world story on page 95