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THE SUITE LIFE

Geneva is home to
Europe's largest
hotel suite, the
18,083-square-foot
Royal Penthouse at the
Hotel President Wilson.
But the Woodward,
the latest five-star
pile to open on Lake
Geneva's northern
banks, just along
Quai Wilson, doesn't
bother competing in
that department. Each

like slippers and marquetry-style wood paneling that stretches beyond the floor and up the walls. There's also a Guerlain-operated spa plus two restaurants: an outpost of Joël Robuchon L'Atelier and the first European satellite for New York-based, plant-powered Le Jardinier, which



of the 26 rooms is a suite, ranging in size from just under 600 square feet to 3,300 square feet, so every guest gets to be a VIP.

It's a typically glamorous gut renovation from designer Pierre-Yves Rochon, known for London's Savoy and the George V in Paris. No matter which suite you book (starting from around \$1,370 per night) expect dazzling white-marble bathrooms, huge fireplaces, carpets plush enough to feel

snared its first Michelin star in 2020.

Rochon's imagination rescued the Belle Époque-era building from its recent incarnation as a private bank, though the property was originally built as a hotel in 1901. In a charming nod to that era, the keys come complete with old-school leather fobs, even if the openers are entirely decorative; computer chips embedded in the tassels now unlock the doors. Mark Ellwood