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The Square

6 Bruton Street, W1 (tel: 020 7495 7100; fax: 020 7495 7150)

Having a meal in the private room at this Mayfair eatery feels like dining in an art gallery. The design, by Claire Nelson, has a sumptuous yet spare feel. The room's impact comes from a triptych of ocean-blue paintings and a single mural of a night sky. They are delicious to see, yet don't distract at all from the room, the food or the guests. A large bevelled mirror, blue suede panels, glass lamps reminiscent of the female form and subtle paint effects add depth. Hugely popular with fashionistas and media types, this is a beautiful space for beautiful people.

Capacity: eight to 18.

No hire charge.

Menu: from £60 a head.



The Waterloo Fire Station

150 Waterloo Road, SE1 (tel: 020 7629 2226; fax: 020 7633 9161)

It has been years since the Waterloo Fire Station last saw horse-drawn fire engines, yet the yellow-tiled walls and exposed red-steel beams of this historic Victorian building still see their share of excitement. The private room has been the scene of parties for the cast of *London's Burning*, Rowan Atkinson and plenty of pop stars. Seating is at wooden tables and church pews and it's a great place to kick up your heels, lending itself more to jeans and cowboy boots than black tie and tuxes.

Capacity: 15 to 90.

No hire charge.

Menu: from £15.50 a head.

The Royal Suite

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park,
66 Knightsbridge, SW1 (tel: 020 7235 2000; fax: 020 7235 4552)

On the first floor of the hotel facing Hyde Park, just above the park-side entrance, sits the vast terrace of Mandarin Oriental's Royal Suite. In one of the most enviable spots in the capital, it is a perfect place for a drinks party or an intimate balmy-night dinner. (Outside heaters provide warmth should the evening temperature drop a little.) Perfectly coiffed bells of box adorn the balustrade, and gentle candlelight creates a rarefied setting in the middle of town – you would be forgiven for thinking you were on your own tranquil estate. An added benefit of hiring this suite for a private party is that of being able to fall straight into bed, and wake to coffee on the terrace.

Capacity: six seated; 30 standing.

Hire charge: £2,000.

Menu: from £55 a head.

