

# THE BANKING HALL



**THE WESTIN**  
DUBLIN



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*“Nothing requires the architect’s care more than the due proportions of buildings.”*

*Vitruvius*

*With a past steeped in history, **The Banking Hall** is Dublin’s celebrated destination venue for conferences, private dinners and events.*

*Escape the typical - Imagine the difference – Make it memorable*



## 1863

### *A new Dublin landmark*

*The Banking Hall Entrance at No. 5 College Green was established in 1813 by The Royal Irish Institution to promote arts in Ireland with regular exhibitions by the old masters. The building was demolished and designed in 1863 by William G. Murray and then rebuilt in 1866 as the headquarters of the Provincial Bank, one of all Ireland's three main banks at that time. The grand design comprises a seven bay main building over three stories with a pompous pediment and columns, the relief sculptures depict colonialism. The architect William G. Murray died while in dispute with the bank over his fees as the cost of the building was twice the estimate!*

## 1900's

### *A place in history*

*After trading successfully as a bank for a century, one which witnessed an array of tumultuous change in Dublin and society, in 1966 the Banking Hall became a branch of the then new grouping of Allied Irish Bank. While it operated as a bustling bank branch, the original encaustic tiles formed the floor and the high ceilings with elaborate plasterwork and marble columns gave positive displays of its former glory. These features ensured that bank customers knew this was no ordinary bank branch. Its location in the heart of the city centre ensured it the prime position in corporate Ireland.*

## Turn of the millennium

### *A distinct era*

*With the Banking Hall restored to its former glory following significant construction from 1999, the Westin Dublin was opened in September 2001 in Numbers 35-39 Westmoreland Street, in what was a sizeable building and restoration project. The original hand carvings and plasterwork were returned to their earliest condition as were the encaustic tiles with the bank logo still visible in the foyer floor of the private entrance. Four replica crystal chandeliers were commissioned and hung from their prime positions from the 15 meters' high ceilings, with each chandelier 3 meters in height and comprising of over 8,000 pieces of Waterford Crystal. The much-admired stained glass roof was also replaced after restoration.*

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## Present

*At the epicenter of Dublin City, the 5-star Westin Dublin and the Banking Hall straddle College and Westmoreland Streets and overlook legendary Trinity College Dublin. The Banking Hall, a destination venue with its own private entrance, over which the entry pediment depicts commerce as the central figure and on each side various agricultural, nautical and other commercial activities are represented, a fitting doorway for such an auspicious backdrop.*

*This unique space in Dublin city was originally designed to impress and it has been sensitively restored to reflect its former status. A wonderful equilibrium has been created between historic architectural glory and modern amenities so that the Banking Hall reclaims its prime position as the city's leading destination venue in the 21st century.*





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### *Destination Dining and Events*

*A private entrance on College Green across from Trinity College Dublin enables guests to arrive with a sense of occasion, which is matched with the dramatic interiors of the Banking Hall. In this timeless venue, exquisite bespoke menus are paired with superlative service so guests experience the highest standard in the unparalleled surroundings of the Banking Hall.*

*Gala dining events and award ceremonies for up to 170 guests, exhibitions or celebratory events and receptions for up to 250 guests occur beneath the sparkling crystal chandeliers, while smaller bespoke dinners at executive level are memorable occasions at the Banking Hall.*

*Pre-dinner drink receptions are hosted in the adjacent Reserve or in the arrival foyer areas. The Reserve is a private bar adjacent to the Banking Hall and is located on the site of the then Dublin Metropolitan Police station, where many Irish republican soldiers, including leader Michael Collins were detained following the 1916 Easter Rising for Irish independence.*

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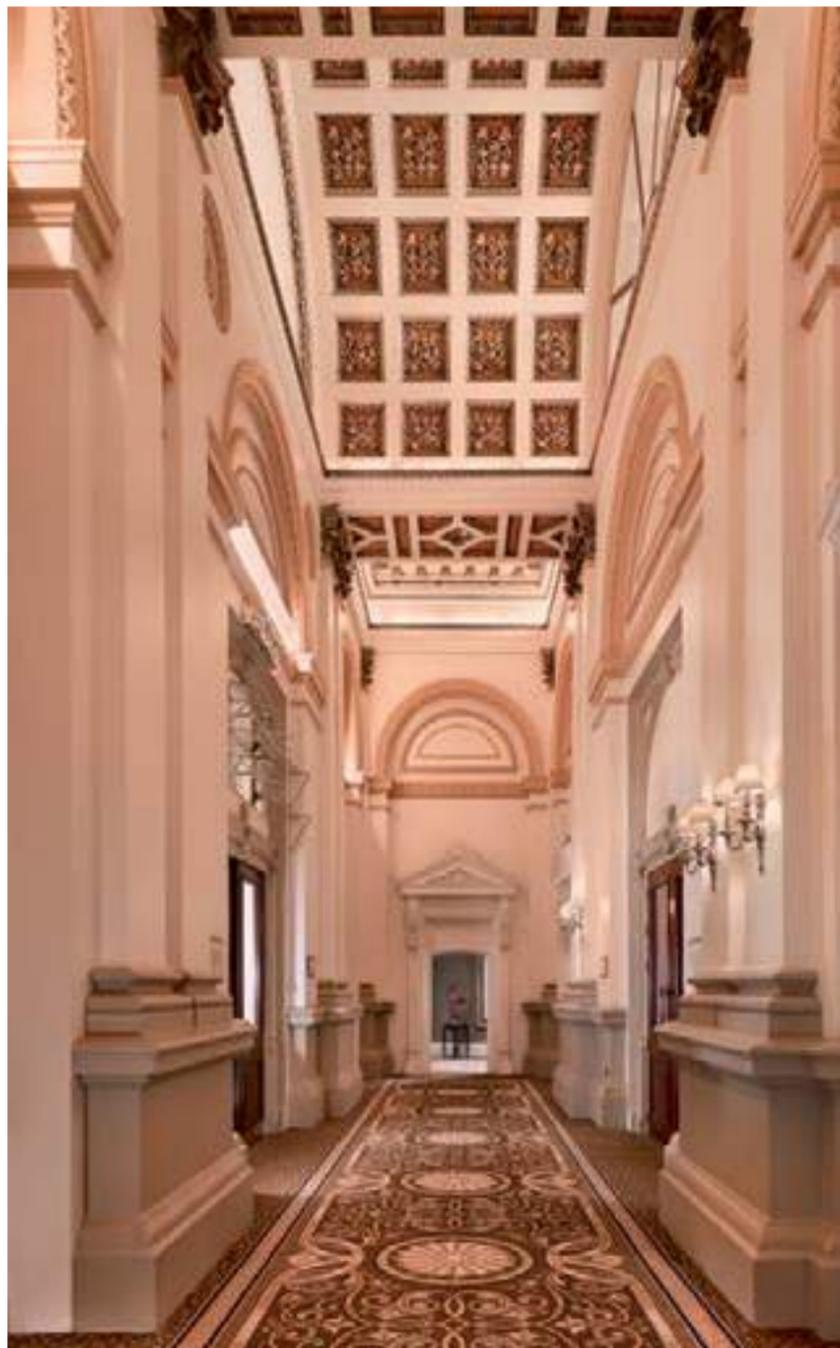
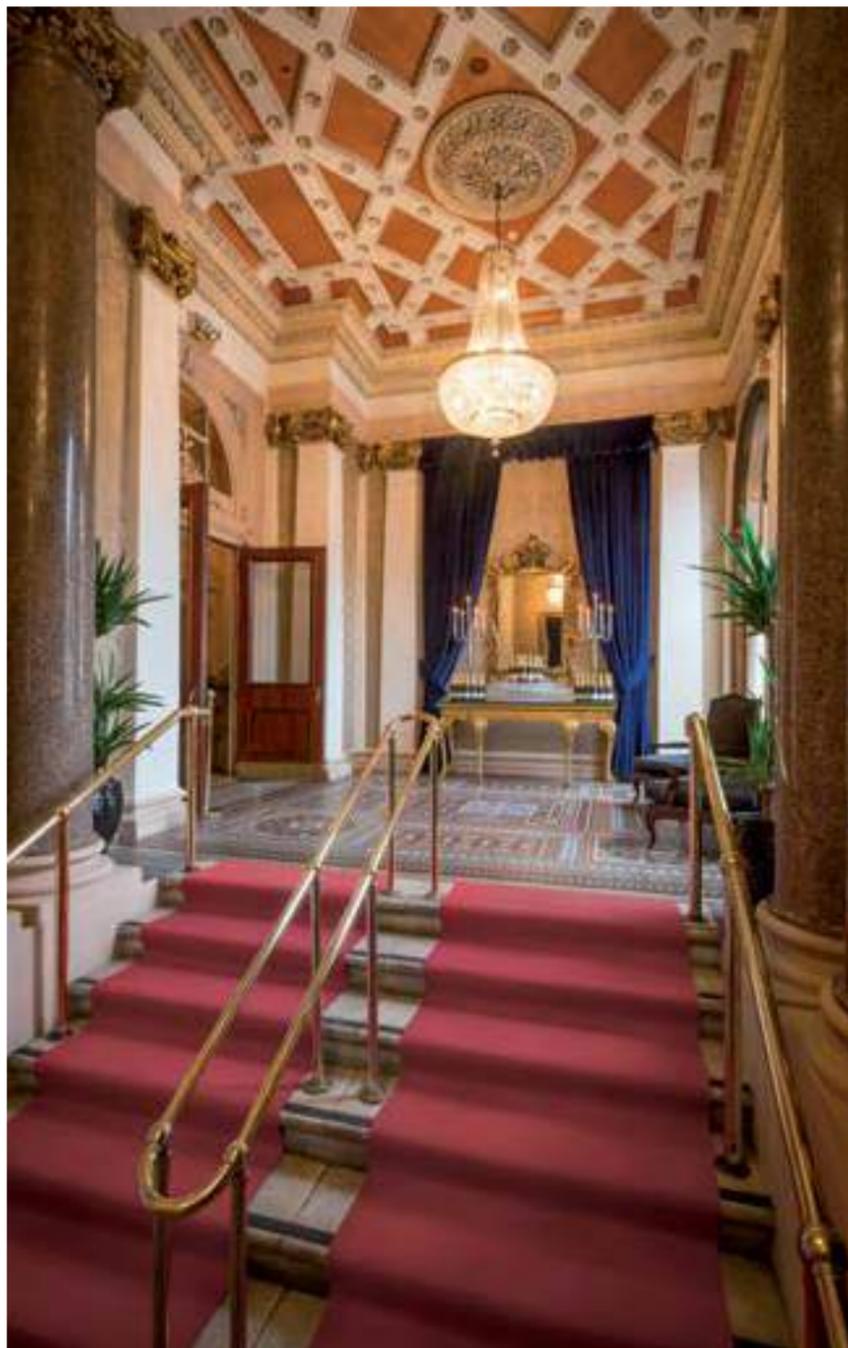


### *Conference Venue*

*An inspirational venue, the Banking Hall combines a dramatic backdrop with 21st century amenities to create an enviable city centre conference destination. Acoustic enhancements, technical support, complimentary WI-FI, creative and inspiring menus and a dedicated team of Westin Associates combine to ensure that event planners and meeting delegates sole focus is their meeting or event.*

*Theatre style events for up to 270 delegates or classroom for up to 150 delegates, the capacity of the Banking Hall is magnified through the lofty high ceilings. The adjacent Reserve is perfect for breaks, while the 6 additional meeting rooms on the mezzanine level as well as the Teller executive boardroom beside the Banking Hall, are ideal for break-out meetings.*

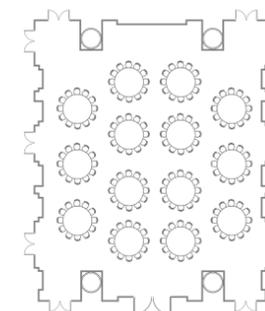




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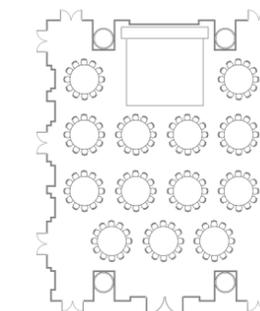
As a blank canvas the Banking Hall provides a myriad of options. Various conference choices, banqueting ranging from 25 to 170 guests, receptions and exhibitions; the list goes on with the common theme being the optimum guest experience in a memorable setting.

### Banquet Style



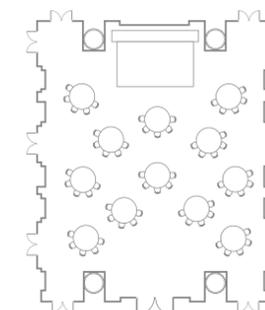
With a series of round tables and stage, capacity of up to 170 guests

### Banquet with Dance Floor



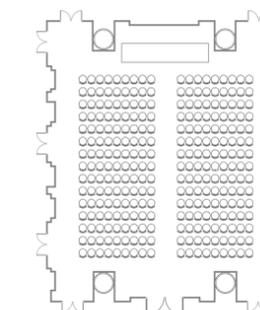
With a dance floor located in the Banking Hall, banqueting capacity on round tables of up to 140 guests

### Cabaret



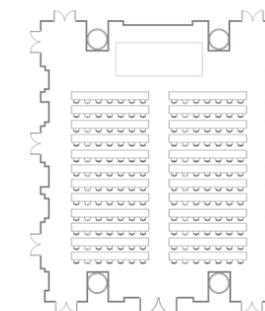
Up to 90 delegates in cabaret style with stage

### Theatre



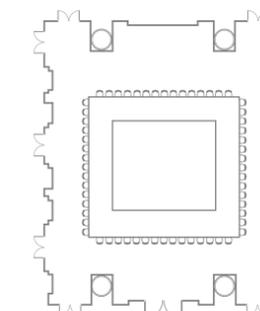
Up to 270 delegates in theatre style with stage

### Classroom



Up to 144 delegates in classroom style with stage

### Hollow



Up to 60 delegates in hollow style

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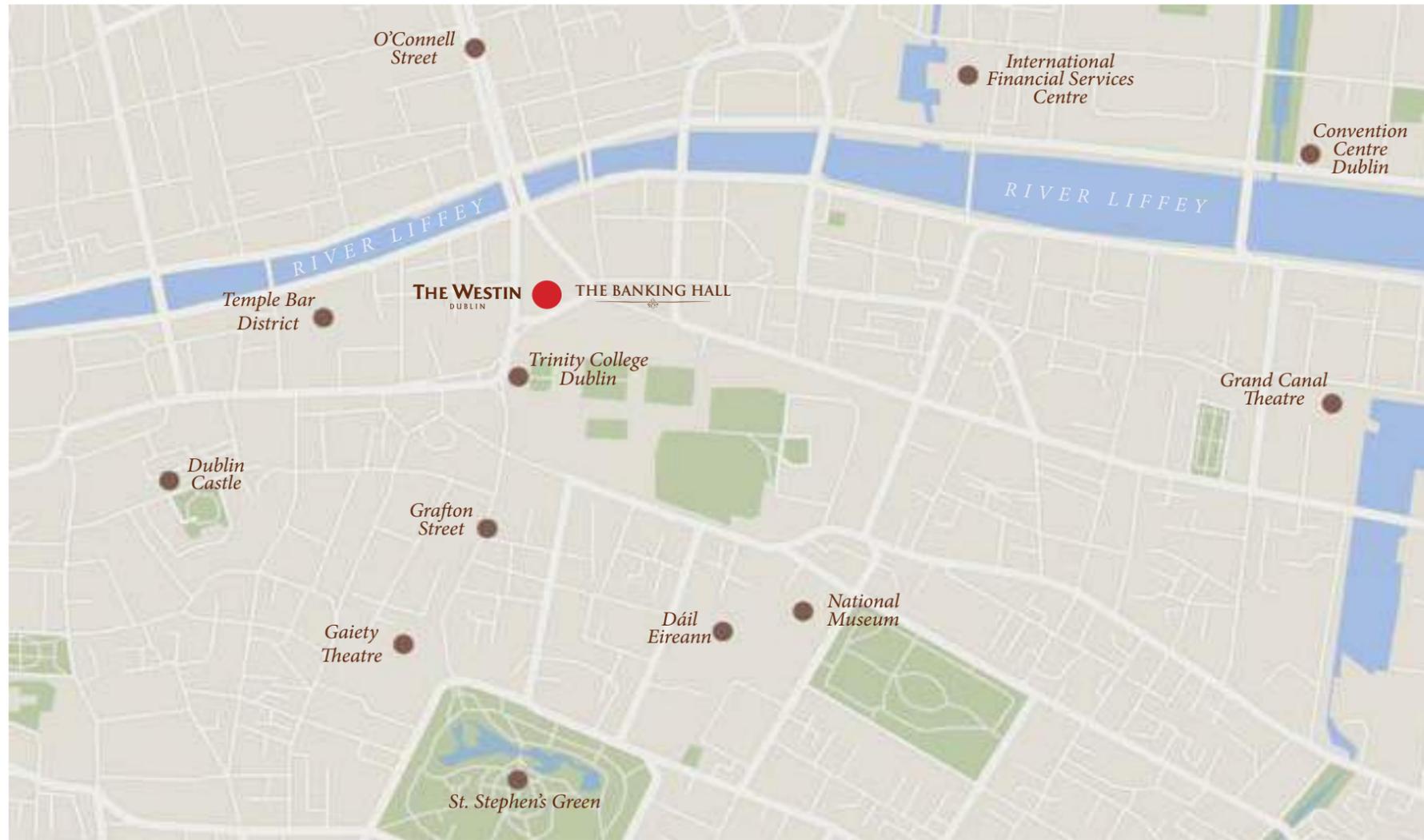
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## *The Hotel*

*The Westin Dublin, a 5-star luxury hotel occupies one of the best locations in Dublin city centre overlooking Trinity College Dublin. A warm ambience of Irish hospitality infuses with an international level of service and amenities. The hotel nestles in historic 19th century buildings which were transformed in 2001 into the Westin Dublin. Comprising 172 spacious guest rooms and suites, each one features a signature Westin Heavenly Bed® ensuring the best night's sleep and many of the suites have balconies with clear views of the cityscape.*

*Unique spaces such as the Atrium Lounge, which is located in an inner courtyard around the 6 Georgian buildings with a 5-storey glass roof, offer nutritious meals that energise; while the Mint Bar, set underneath the Banking Hall in the atmospheric old bank vaults, is home to an array of delectable cocktails.*





## Location ●

Neighbours on the doorstep of the Westin Dublin and the Banking Hall include Trinity College Dublin, Grafton Street – the city's premiere shopping street and the Temple Bar District – the cultural quarter. Within a short walking distance is the Convention Centre Dublin, Dublin Castle, St. Stephen's Green, the Dail – the Irish Parliament and the International Financial Services Centre – IFSC.



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