

SUMMER SEASON 2022

SOMERSET HOUSE | MOVING
VENUE

MOVING VENUE X SOMERSET HOUSE



BOLD IDEAS

NEW VOICES

REMARKABLE EVENTS

A season at Somerset House

INTRODUCTION

Summer 2026

A landmark collaboration between Somerset House and Moving Venue offers an exclusive opportunity to host extraordinary events in London's iconic courtyard, The Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court. For a limited season, this Grade I-listed setting is transformed with elegant, purpose-built structures that blend seamlessly into their historic surroundings, creating a breathtaking architectural canvas for summer parties, corporate events, brand activations,

weddings and private celebrations. Somerset House is the home of cultural innovators and a registered charity at the heart of London's creative scene, offering a unique setting where ideas thrive and events inspire. With exquisite catering provided by Moving Venue, expert production, and creative freedom at its heart, this is a rare chance to create unforgettable events in one of the city's most prestigious cultural spaces, exclusive for 2026 only.

CAPACITIES

SEATED: UP TO 500

STANDING: UP TO 2,500



The venue

SOMERSET HOUSE

Hidden within the grand facade of Somerset House lies one of London's most impressive architectural spaces, The Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court. Framed on all sides by sweeping neoclassical wings, this vast courtyard sits at the heart of a Grade I-listed cultural landmark, offering a rare sense of scale, symmetry, and spectacle.

At its centre, 55 dancing fountains bring movement and theatre to the stone setting, while the surrounding architecture creates a dramatic sense of enclosure,

at once, intimate and monumental. The buildings themselves are rich in history, with elevations that catch the light beautifully, and elegant detailing that nods to centuries of craftsmanship.

Centrally located between The Strand and the Thames, Somerset House is a London icon — recognisable, prestigious, and deeply woven into the fabric of the city's cultural and creative life. The Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court is its crown jewel: timeless, atmospheric, and unlike anywhere else.



Concept

The aesthetic is thoughtfully curated, elegant, understated, and designed to complement the grandeur of Somerset House's architecture. A sophisticated structure nestles within the Courtyard, blending beautifully into its historic surroundings. Inside, the styling is effortlessly refined: neutral tones, cultivated olive tree planters, sculptural furniture, and beautifully considered bar installations create a timeless, high-end atmosphere without overpowering the space.

This is your canvas; luxuriously paired-back yet infinitely adaptable. Whether you envision subtle refinement or a bold, immersive brand expression, Somerset House invites you to curate your own creative vision, bespoke styling, or handpicked entertainment. From quietly sophisticated to strikingly transformative, it's all yours to shape.





Exterior day

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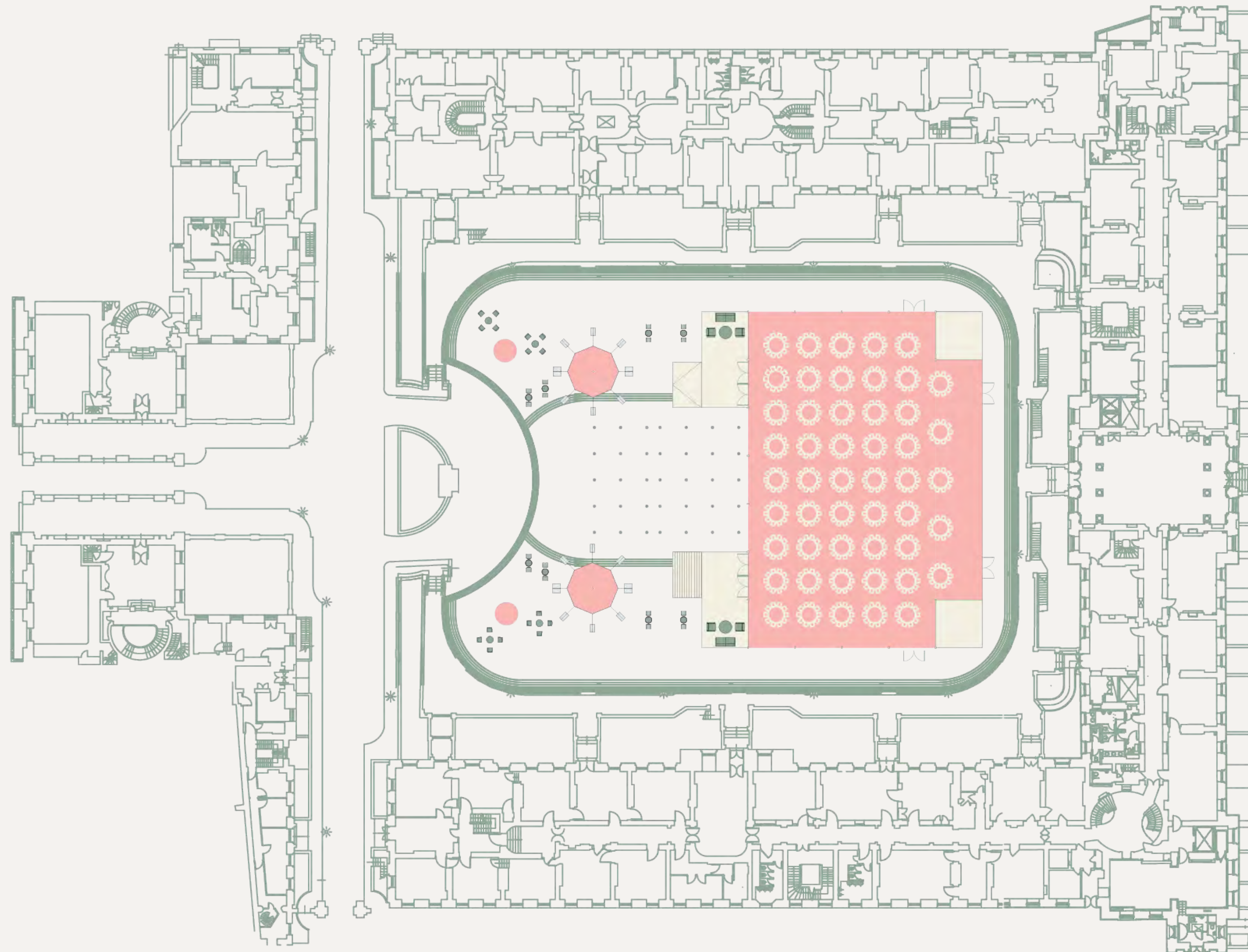
Interior day

Exterior evening

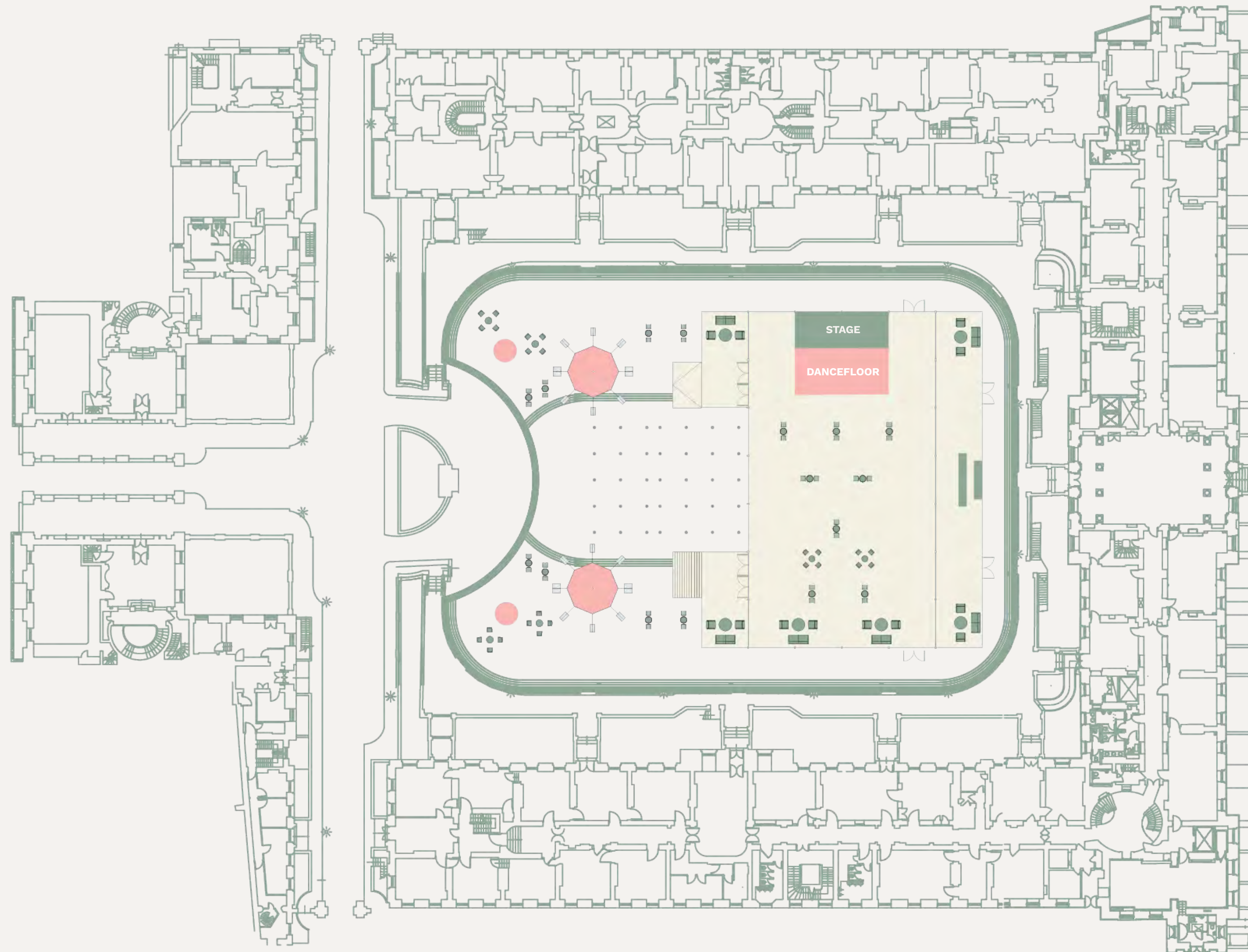


Interior evening

Floor plan seated



Floor plan standing



Perfect for...



SUMMER PARTIES

Our summer parties offer a unique blend of atmosphere and style.



WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Host an unforgettable celebration in one of London's most iconic settings.



BRAND ACTIVATIONS

Create unforgettable brand moments in one of London's most iconic settings.



DINNERS

Host an exceptional dinner in a setting your guests will never forget.



DRINKS RECEPTIONS

Raise a glass in one of London's most atmospheric open-air settings.



PRODUCT LAUNCHES

Launch your product in a space that commands attention.



AWARDS & CHARITY EVENTS

We take care of every detail so you can focus on celebrating success.



PRIVATE PARTIES

The Courtyard offers a striking backdrop for a private party with real character.

The perfect summer venue





SOMERSET HOUSE

A ONE-OFF, LIMITED-SEASON COLLABORATION,
OFFERING EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO ONE OF LONDON'S
MOST ICONIC CULTURAL LANDMARKS.

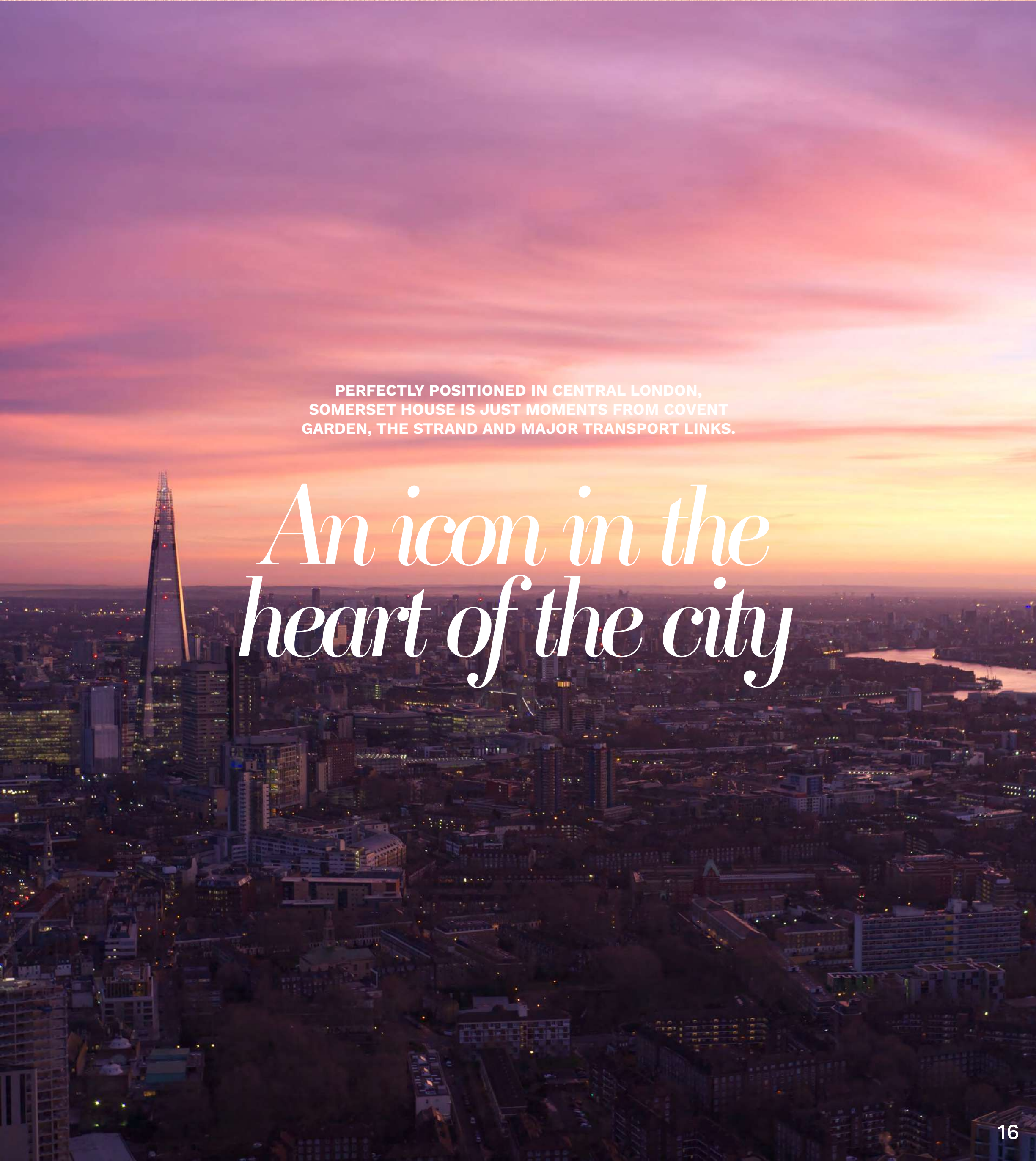
A rare opportunity



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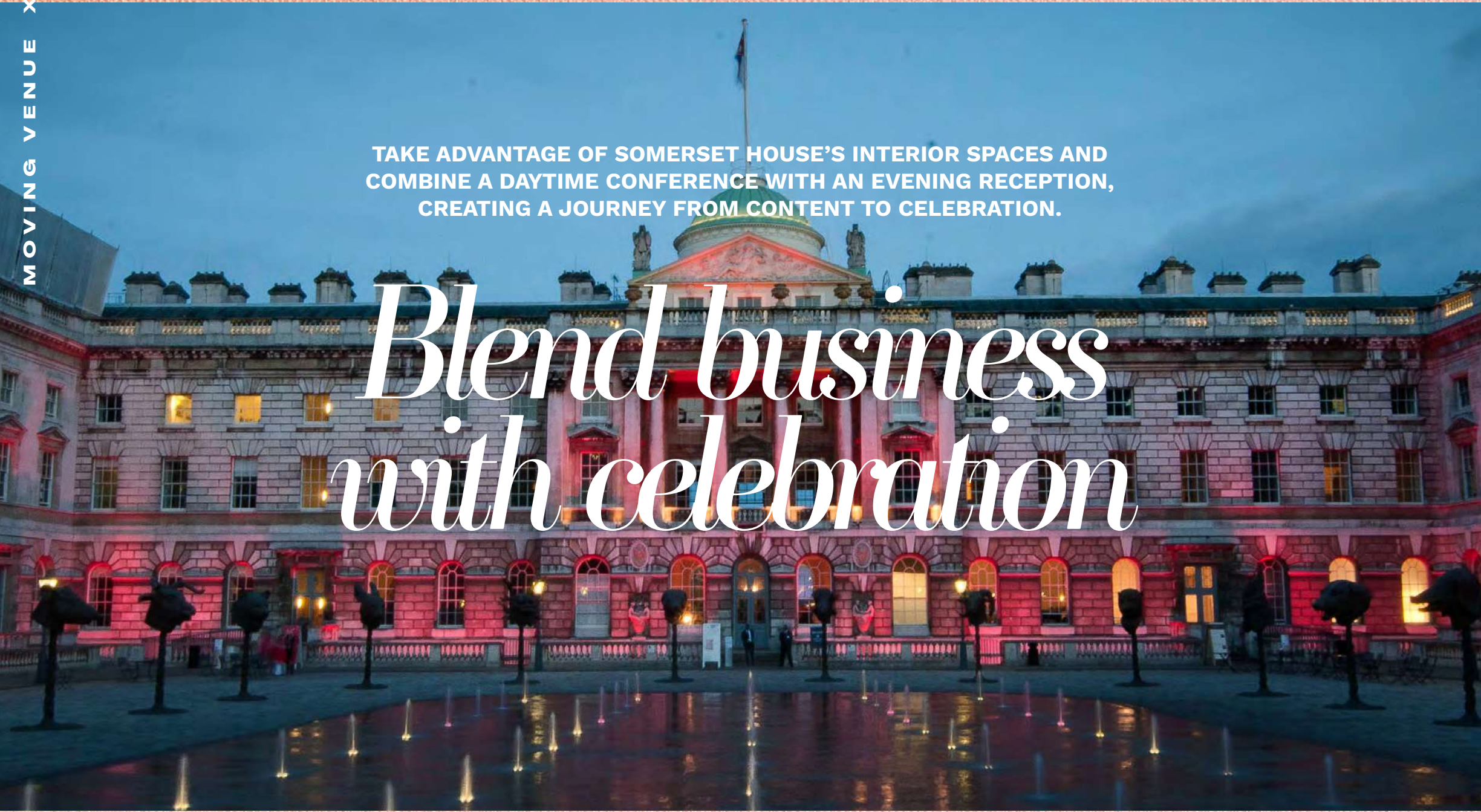
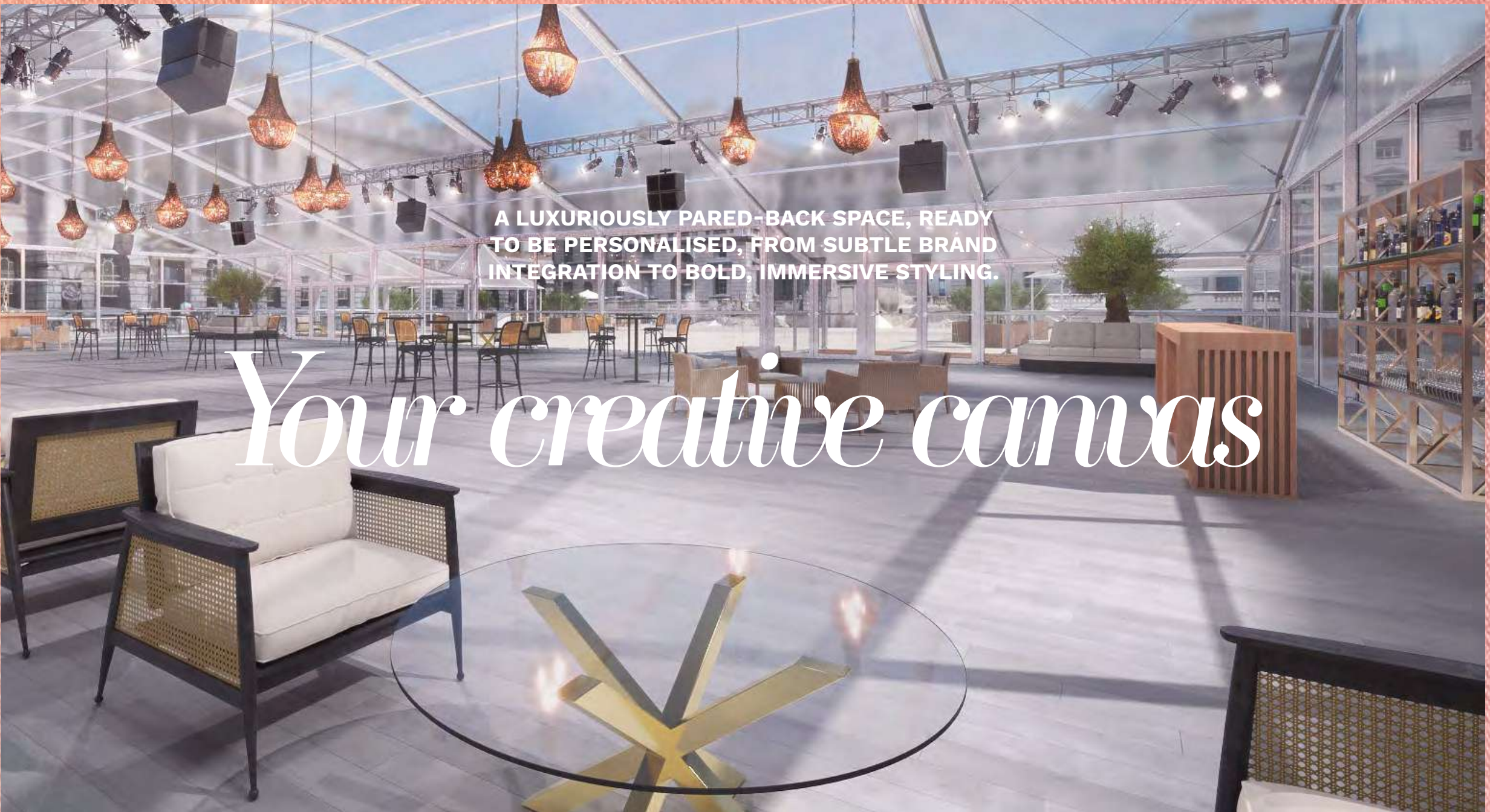
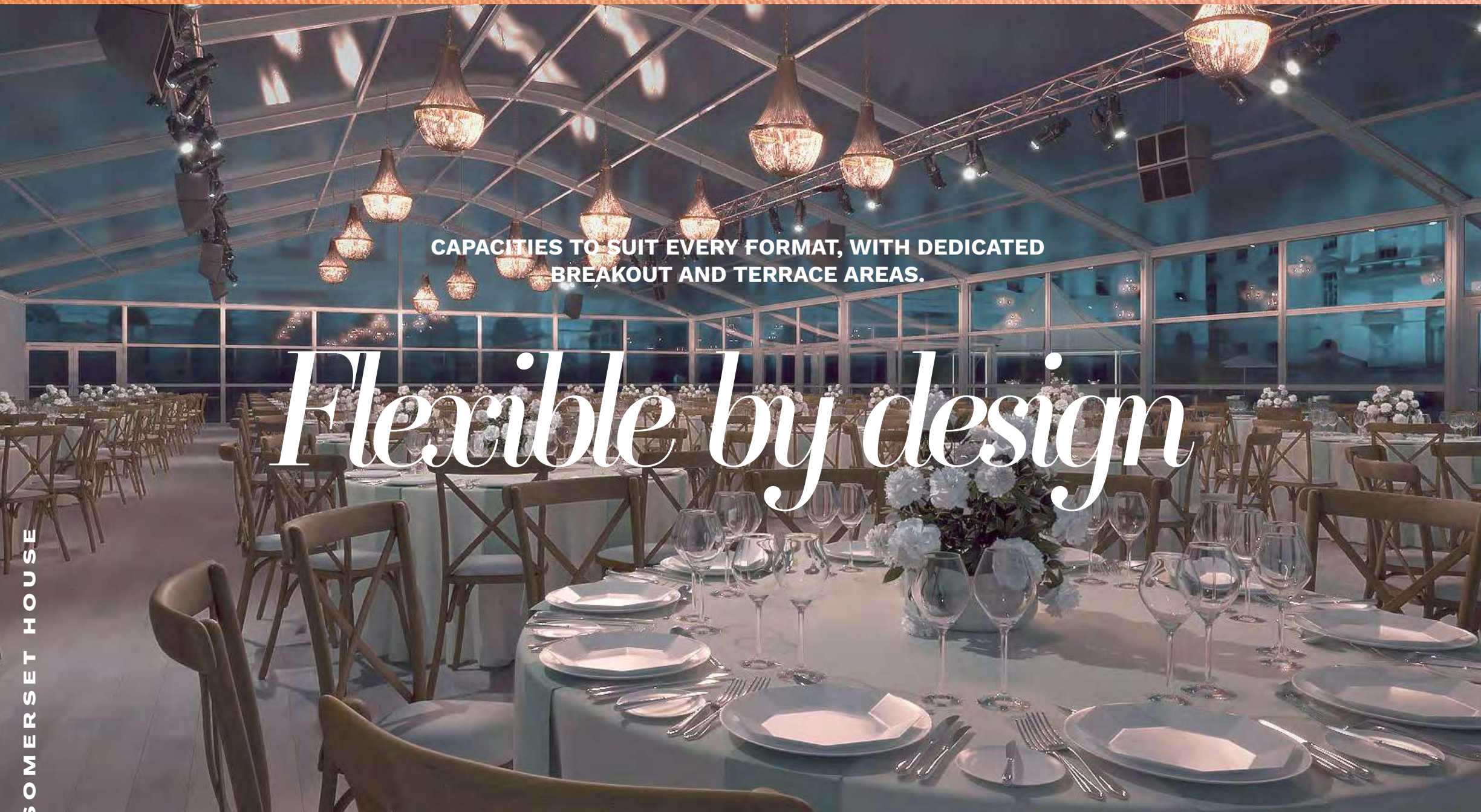
THE COURTYARD IS TASTEFULLY TRANSFORMED WITH MULTIPLE
PURPOSE-BUILT STRUCTURES THAT HONOUR THE GRANDEUR OF
SOMERSET HOUSE'S GRADE I-LISTED ARCHITECTURE.

A historic setting reimaged



PERFECTLY POSITIONED IN CENTRAL LONDON,
SOMERSET HOUSE IS JUST MOMENTS FROM COVENT
GARDEN, THE STRAND AND MAJOR TRANSPORT LINKS.

An icon in the heart of the city



AS A REGISTERED CHARITY, SOMERSET HOUSE GIVES CLIENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE ARTS THROUGH THEIR EVENTS. IT'S A POWERFUL WAY TO ALIGN WITH CREATIVITY, CULTURE AND MEANINGFUL SOCIAL IMPACT.

Purpose with impact

MOVING VENUE X SOMERSET HOUSE



SOMERSET HOUSE IS MORE THAN A HISTORIC LANDMARK, IT'S THE HOME TO A THRIVING COMMUNITY OF ARTISTS, MAKERS, AND CREATIVE BUSINESSES. HOSTING YOUR EVENT HERE PLACES YOUR BRAND AT THE HEART OF LONDON'S CULTURAL CONVERSATION.

The home of cultural innovators



A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HOST OUTDOOR EVENTS WITH THE ASSURANCE OF REFINED COVER, PREMIUM PRODUCTION AND ATMOSPHERIC DESIGN, ALL FRAMED AGAINST A HISTORIC BACKDROP.

Elegantly outdoors





Package inclusions

STRUCTURE INCLUSIONS:

- 35m x 20m pillar free clear structure, with an additional 35m x 5m at the rear including x2 draped off 5x5m corners for back of house and additional space for tables, bars or other activations. X2 10m x 5m terraces at the front as entrances
- X2 7.5m round sailcloth tents with centre poles and wooden planter ballasts, each hosting a 4.5m circular bar
- Furniture package for either standing or seated events
- All kitchen equipment
- Use of the fountains

PRODUCTION PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Fully RGB controlled lighting of the sailcloth tents and exterior of the structure
- Fully RGB controlled uplighting to the surrounding
- Lighting within the structure including focused lighting for stage wash and bar
- Upgrade packages to include stage and dancefloor
- Distributed PA system to the structure
- DJ equipment and booth
- Handheld microphones
- All control, rigging and power distribution

From your initial enquiry through to the final moments of your event, you'll be supported by a dedicated team from both Somerset House and Moving Venue. Our experienced event professionals will work closely with you at every stage, guiding you through your event journey, from concept to delivery.

Bespoke and tailored upgrades are available upon request.

Exquisite catering

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MOVING VENUE VENUE CATERERS

With over 40 years of experience at London's most iconic venues, and more than a decade as an accredited partner at Somerset House, Moving Venue brings precision, creativity, and calm authority to every event. We know the space, understand the logistics, and deliver with absolute attention to detail.

From beautifully presented dishes to striking food stations, and seamless behind-the-scenes service, our catering enhances every moment. For a setting of this calibre, you need a team that understands how to deliver without compromise.



SAMPLE MENUS

Canapés



Cold

Pea, asparagus, truffle custard tart (v)

Courgette cannelloni, cashew curd, multigrain croute, smoked vinegar gel (vg)

Smoked Chalkstream® trout, apple, wasabi snow, caviar

Singaporean spiced chicken, sesame seed cone, mint, chilli, cucumber salsa

Warm

Truffled pomme anna, curd, shaved summer truffle (v)

Pepper tarte tatin, balsamic, vegan cream cheese (vg)

Kunafa 'candyfloss' monkfish, passion fruit, blood orange salsa

Cannon of lamb, salsa verde

SAMPLE MENUS

Bowl food

Cold

Greek salad, heritage tomatoes, whipped feta, Kalamata olives, oregano, pitta chips (v)

Broccoli variations, black garlic purée, smoked almonds, nori coral (vg)

Roast corn-fed chicken and mango salad, chilli toasted cashews, spicy Rujak dressing

Seabass crudo, squash spaghetti, seaweed salad, orange segments, chilli oil

Warm

Tempura oyster mushroom, teriyaki sauce, sesame, wakame (v)

Vegan Gambian peanut stew (vg)

Crab risotto, crab toast, Keta caviar, lemon and bisque

Beef rump, parmentier potatoes, peppercorn sauce, crispy onions

SAMPLE MENUS

Three course meal

Starters

CHALKSTREAM TROUT®

Gazpacho, charred hispi cabbage, whipped wasabi

ALLOTMENT SALAD

Marinated summer vegetables, London dairy curd, almond and mushroom soil (v)

Main Course

CORNISH LAMB RUMP

Sticky lamb belly, BBQ peas, pistachio cream, trofie, sheep's labneh

CRISPY FRIED SWEET CORN

Herb and feta polenta, sweetcorn cream, corn and cracked wheat salad, buttermilk dressing (v)

Desserts

CHOCOLATE CREMEUX

Dark chocolate mousse, soy caramel, crushed caramelised pistachio nuts, soy olive oil split (v)

STRAWBERRY AND LIME MOUSSE

Strawberry mousse, compote, lime whipped cream (vg)

Testimonials

“It’s been lovely working with the team to bring the event to life. It was a huge success overall and the space was incredible.”



“Thank you again for looking after our guests so well on Thursday. The food was stunning and I received so many compliments. I have to say it’s the very best event food I’ve ever had and I’d include my own wedding in that! Thanks also to you and your team for looking after us so well – including your ops manager. I was really impressed with the chaps in the cloakroom who had a very cold and thankless task down there. I also appreciated your proactive, organised and warm manner. Really looking forward to working with you again.”

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“Thank you both for all of your wonderful work on this event, I appreciate all of your time and patience helping us make this happen! We are hearing really wonderful things and only getting great feedback, which is frankly unprecedented in my line of work. We were so pleased with how smoothly things went and how well it all came together. I hope to work with you again for our next big event!”



“We just wanted to share how happy we were with the results of the event last night. We had great feedback so far! So thank you so much for working with us on delivering it.”

Gordon Brothers

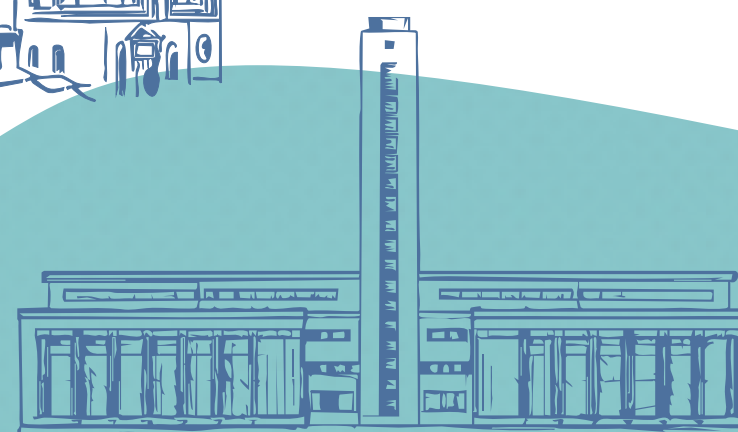
“A huge thank you for everything yesterday. It was such a pleasure to work with you, you were SO helpful every step of the way, from pre-event and throughout. All the staff were professional and friendly and the food was really delicious, I know we mentioned it a number of times onsite but it really was super tasty!

Thanks so much for everything and hope to work together again very soon!”



SOMERSET HOUSE

Location



**SOMERSET HOUSE
STRAND, LONDON
WC2R 1LA**

TUBE

**TEMPLE: CIRCLE & DISTRICT LINES
3-MINUTE WALK (250M)**

**COVENT GARDEN: PICCADILLY LINE
8-MINUTE WALK (650M)**

**EMBANKMENT: CIRCLE, DISTRICT,
NORTHERN & BAKERLOO LINES
10-MINUTE WALK (700M)**

**HOLBORN: CENTRAL LINE
11-MINUTE WALK (800M)**

TRAIN

**CHARING CROSS
10-MINUTE WALK (700M)**

**BLACKFRIARS
13-MINUTE WALK (1KM)**

**WATERLOO
15-MINUTE WALK (1.2KM)**

BOAT

**EMBANKMENT PIER
7-MINUTE WALK (600M)**

*Let's make
Summer 2026
your most
memorable yet.*

Dates are available
throughout June and July 2026.

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