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## SUMAHAN ON THE WATER

The hotel is owned and designed by the prominent Istanbul architects Mark and Nedret Butler with interiors by interior designer Yasha Butler. This family team of designers has grasped this unique opportunity, to turn the 19th century industrial complex into a special luxury hotel.

"Sumahan on the water" a newly restored nineteenth century Ottoman distillery opened its doors as a hotel in May 2005. "Suma" is the word for unadulterated spirit, and "Han" is the word for inn during the Ottoman period. Sumahan is among the city's most enduring design phenomena, a hotel that integrates high quality design and respect for the site's historical content. The "Sumahan on the Water" experience is all about modern comfort in a historic, as well as a spectacular setting with personal, customized service. The hotel has 20 rooms, and each accomodation has been skillfully designed to showcase a superb architectural style. The hotel is exceptionally well located with most rooms having a fireplace and large windows looking out over the Bosphorus and a panoramic view of the European side of Istanbul and the Old City. The furnishings are contemporary; the large bathrooms are well appointed with thick Turkish towels and many of the rooms have their own Turkish style bathroom or hamam. The rooms are equipped with internet connections, LCD TV including DVD/CD players and other essential amenities. The hotel may be reached by sea or by car; with only a 15 minute ride by boat to downtown Istanbul. The hotel's Launch (a special boat designed by Mark Butler) is "on call" for personalized service across the Bosphorus from the hotel, all year round. The Launch is also available for private excursions along the European and Asian shores of the Bosphorus. The hotel also includes Kordon Restaurant, one of Istanbul's best seafood restaurants offering a wide variety of daily fresh fish. Other facilities include a small health club with exercise equipments, massage and a Turkish Bath by appointment.

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