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Lydmar Hotel



THIS NEW 46-ROOM boutique property was recently created from the

former Swedish national archives building, a handsome butter-yellow 1829-vintage structure located on the waterfront next to the National Museum and close to the Old Town.

The light, attractive public areas are appointed with modern Swedish furniture and striking contemporary art. Upstairs, we discovered that the various accommodations are grouped around comfortable, well-lit lounges, each equipped with a flat-screen television and stocked with books and magazines. These engaging public spaces create a warm, relaxed atmosphere, more like that of a private house than a hotel.

Throughout the **Lydmar**, new technology blends with restored 19th-century plaster and woodwork, and tall windows afford memorable park and waterfront views. No two rooms

are alike. Our 560-square-foot Medium Room made an immediately favorable impression. Windows hung with pale-blue velvet curtains, parquet floors, a louvered armoire, and handsome oak shelving all complemented an exceptionally comfortable bed backed by a brown leather headboard. The bath was spacious, with a huge white ceramic sink, a combination tub and shower and Swedish Byredo Parfums toiletries.

The Lydmar has a popular restaurant where the menu offers international bistro fare, as well as local seafood such as fillet of char with lavaret roe (a whitefish found in northern lakes). Throughout our stay, we found the staff to be extremely friendly and obliging. All told, this is a remarkably pleasant and well-run hotel with a perfect location. **AH**

Medium Room, from \$505; Large Room, from \$790. Tel. (46) 8-22-31-60. www.lydmar.com



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