

A BOLTHOLE FROM THE BLU

RADISSON BLU STANSTED AIRPORT

WHAT'S IT LIKE? A sleek, modern hotel right next to Stansted Airport, it's the closest accommodation to the terminal building. A short stroll via a covered walkway is all that separates you from your airline check-in desk.

ROOMS ANY GOOD?

Ours had recently been refurbished with free high-speed internet, satellite TV, tea and coffee and 24-hour room service. The bed was big and super comfy. Despite being so close to the runway, I could barely hear anything from outside.

EAT HERE OR GRAB A PIZZA? Eat here, if only for the incredible acrobatic display performed seven times a day at the three storey wine tower.

"Wine Angels", suspended from wires,

perform mid-air acrobatics to grab your tipples of choice from among the 4,000-bottles in an enormous wall of booze.

The hotel has also just opened a fantastic new Anglo-American restaurant called Station 169.

The classy joint cooked me up steak and responsibly sources fish with a side-helping of jazz music for a cool cross-continental vibe.

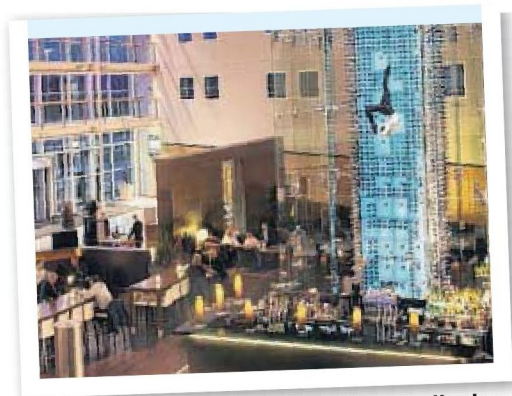
WHAT ELSE?

There's an indoor heated pool, sauna, steam room, beauty treatments and full gym – so guests can be sure they're beach body ready before they jet off to the sunshine.

The Radisson Blu Stansted Airport costs from £49.50pp, per night, based on two sharing. See radissonblu.com or call 0800 092 7670.

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HEAVEN SENT . . . a 'Wine Angel' works the bar