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THE FIRST CASH REGISTER OF HOTEL UKRAINE

The history of mechanical cash registers began in the United States in 1879, when James Ritty invented a device designed to prevent employee theft and fraud. Later, the National Cash Register Company (NCR) developed the technology further, turning such machines into a worldwide standard.

Beneath the metal casing was a complex clockwork mechanism that operated entirely without electricity. At Hotel Ukraine, cash registers of this kind were used in the restaurants and at payment counters. The cashier would press the heavy mechanical keys and turn the handle — with a distinctive metallic clatter, a receipt was printed and the cash drawer opened.

Today, this historic artefact serves as a reminder of the golden age of classic hotel service.

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URAL VALVE RADIOGRAM

This vintage device is a mid-20th-century Ural valve radiogram, combining a radio receiver with a built-in record player hidden beneath a hinged lid. In the halls of the legendary Hotel Ukraine, devices like this helped create a distinctive atmosphere.
Features of the exhibit:

- Produced a rich, warm sound after the vacuum tubes had warmed up.
- Allowed guests to listen to vinyl records using the built-in turntable beneath the lid.

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ELEVATOR COMMUNICATION TELEPHONE

USSR, 1970s–1980s

A special telephone set used for internal communication in the elevators and elevator service facilities of Hotel Ukraine.

Such telephones were an important part of the hotel's safety and operational communication system. In the event of a malfunction or elevator stoppage, they allowed passengers or staff to contact the dispatcher or technical service.

The solid casing, rotary dial, and simple, reliable design were typical of equipment from that period. Built for long-term daily use, this telephone became part of the hotel's technical history.

TAX-B TELEPHONE SET

An analogue telephone manufactured by Hagenuk GmbH, used by guests to communicate with the hotel's internal services. Telephones of this type were installed in guest rooms and allowed guests to contact the reception desk, hotel administration, and other hotel departments.
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Before the widespread use of mobile phones, such devices were an essential part of guest room equipment and everyday hotel service.

This telephone has been preserved at Hotel Ukraine as part of the history of its guest

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ARCHIVAL BROCHURE OF HOTEL UKRAINE, 2001

This brochure was published in 2001 for the guests and employees of Hotel Ukraine. It was in that year that the hotel officially received the name “Ukraine”, marking the 10th anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence.

Today, it is a unique archival copy, preserved for more than 25 years. The brochure has remained in excellent condition thanks to hotel employee Nataliia Fedorenko, who received it from her mother.

This exhibit is especially valuable, as the Fedorenko family has been connected with the hotel for three generations — grandmother, daughter, and granddaughter. It is a story of dedication, professional commitment, and traditions passed down from one generation to the next.

Read also: “Three Generations — One Story of Hotel Ukraine” and “40 Years at Hotel Ukraine: The Story of Nataliia Mokhinich.”

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THREE GENERATIONS — ONE STORY OF HOTEL UKRAINE

In the Lytvyn–Fydorenko family, dedication to their profession has been passed down from generation to generation. Valentyna Lytvyn worked as a housekeeper at Hotel Ukraine from 1992 to 2015. Over the years, she was repeatedly recognized with certificates of appreciation for her dedicated and conscientious work.

Her daughter, Nataliia Fydorenko, has worked at the hotel since 2007. She began her career as a housekeeper and today serves as Deputy Head of the Housekeeping Department. In 2016, she received a certificate of merit for her dedicated service and professional excellence.

The third generation of the family, Veronika Fydorenko,

THE SOUL OF HOTEL UKRAINE: 41 YEARS OF DEDICATION. THE STORY OF NATALIA MAKHINICH

A photo from the official celebration marking 40 years of professional service at Hotel Ukraine

After graduating from the Kyiv College of Hotel Management in 1985, Nataliia Vasylivna began her professional journey at the hotel as a floor attendant.

In 2001, Nataliia Vasylivna was awarded the Certificate of Honour of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in recognition of her dedicated work, professionalism, and significant contribution to the development of the hospitality industry.
Since 2010, she has been working in the Reservations Department as a Senior Administrator.

Her many years of service are a true example of dedication, responsibility, and genuine passion for her profession.
We sincerely thank Nataliia Vasylivna for her many years of work and loyalty to the hotel, and warmly celebrate this remarkable professional journey.

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FROM THE BERETTI ESTATE TO THE MODERN HOTEL UKRAINE

The site where Hotel Ukraine stands today has a rich history. In the first half of the 19th century, almost the entire hill was occupied by the estate of the renowned architect Vikentiy Beretti.

Later, the site changed owners, and in 1912 the famous 11-storey Ginzburg House was built here — one of the most prominent buildings in Kyiv at the time. The building was destroyed in 1941.

A hotel was built on this site and officially opened on 28 September 1961. In 2001, to mark the 10th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence, it received its current name — Hotel Ukraine.

In 2024, Hotel Ukraine became part of ARS Capital Holding company owned by Maksym Krippa. Since then, the hotel has entered a new stage of active development, modernization, and the implementation of contemporary solutions, while preserving its historical heritage.

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