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EXCITING: Hotel owner Aatin Anadkat and manager Maria Kyriatzidoy celebrate opening night

Boutique hotel sets a standard

A £2 million investment has resulted in the opening of Leicester's first boutique hotel.

Developed by 26-year-old entrepreneur Aatin Anadkat, Hotel Maiyango is above his Maiyango restaurant and bar, which opened in 2005.

The hotel boasts a rooftop bar and balcony with views across the city centre skyline.

The hotel has 14 rooms and is in a former shoe factory in St Nicholas Place, which, said Mr Anadkat, gave it the advantage of large windows in all of the rooms.

Mr Anadkat, who attended nearby Leicester Grammar School, is a University of Leicester graduate who said he wanted to give his city a new standard in hotels.

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"I wanted to create something of the highest quality for Leicester, a city which is striving for high standards in its buildings, shopping, restaurants and cultural life," he said.

"Hotel Maiyango is part of that renaissance. It is the next step for hotels in the city."

The interior design of the hotel is billed as a showcase for the talents of Leicester designers and artists.

All the bespoke furniture was designed by Alistair Woodgate, of city design house Creative Ape.

Original art used throughout the hotel is by De Montfort University graduates Lillian Adams, Hannah Coleman, Charlotte Buckin and Helen Whitelee.

Mr Anadkat said the hotel's

design was modern, with each room having a large plasma TV and internet access.

He said: "There is a very tailored, personal service for guests.

"It is all about attention to detail. From the moment a guest checks in, I want them to feel completely looked after."

The hotel is near the High-cross Quarter extension to the Shires shopping centre.

Mr Anadkat said: "Standing on the top-floor balcony, I can see the new Leicester emerging and I share the city's excitement about its future."

Robin Pointon, director of development at Leicestershire Promotions, welcomed the hotel during an opening party this week.

He said it was a positive contribution to city attractions and would have a ripple effect on other developments.