## **CLASSIC DRIVER**

## **Palais Coburg: Viennese blood**

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Its vast central portico with many elegant pillars gives it strong architectural presence. And thanks to Silvio Nickol, who opened the Palais Coburg gourmet restaurant in 2011, it is also home to a chef who serves up truly princely dishes for discerning palates.

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