

Wretched excess

**People talk about
using marble in the bathrooms.
Well, marble wasn't good enough for us
— we have onyx!**

**Clement Kwok, chief executive
of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels,
owners of the Peninsula London, its new
£1bn hotel overlooking Buckingham Palace,
where the cheapest room costs £1,300 a night
and pages are dressed all in white,
including pillbox hats and gloves**