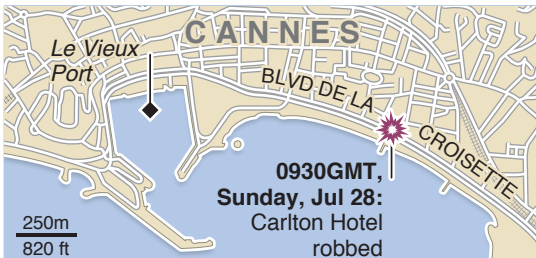


Brazen jewellery heist in Cannes

An armed thief has stolen jewels worth more than \$136 million in an audacious daylight robbery at a diamond exhibition in the French Riviera

Leviev claims its jewels are **"among the most outstanding in the world"**



◀ Crime scene:

Hotel was hosting Leviev's **Extraordinary Diamonds** exhibition



WORLD'S BIGGEST JEWELLERY HEISTS (by size of haul)

1 Jul 28, 2013: Man armed with pistol walks through front door of Carlton Hotel and steals diamond jewellery worth more than **\$136m**

2 Feb 25, 2005: KLM cargo truck at Schipol airport, Amsterdam robbed of estimated **\$118m** in jewels bound for Antwerp, Belgium

3 Dec 4, 2008: \$107m of gems stolen from Harry Winston jewellery store in Paris, France. Police have since recovered 80% of goods

4 Feb 16, 2003: Largest ever haul from fortified "Diamond Centre" in Antwerp, in which at least **\$100m** of gems go missing

5 Aug 6, 2009: Theft of more than **\$65m** worth of jewellery from Graff Diamonds store in New Bond Street, central London, UK

6 Feb 18, 2013: Men disguised as police conduct heist on tarmac at Brussels airport, Belgium making off with **\$50m** of diamonds

■ **Previous heist at Carlton Hotel – Aug, 1994:** Three thieves burst into exclusive jewellery store, firing machine guns into air, and steal **\$43m** in jewels