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DERBY HOTELS COLLECTION



ABOUT DERBY HOTELS COLLECTION

Derby Hotels Collection was established in 1968 with the opening of Hotel Derby and is one of Spain’s most prestigious hotel group (www.derbyhotels.com).

Each hotel is unique and original and it’s characterised by spaces where luxury is brought to life. Each of the establishments of **Derby Hotels Collection** is unique and each space transports you on a journey back in time of ancient history, culture and art.

All of our hotels are designed and prepared to cover all of our customer’s needs, relax, leisure or business. Each one of our staff is trained to give the best service and will make sure that the client’s stay is unforgettable.

We combine international cuisine with a range of Spain’s typical dishes, offering our guest’s and outsiders the chance to experience an amazing gastronomic adventure in all of our restaurants.

The hotels are prepared for leisure and relax, but also for work and enjoyment of great gastronomical experiences. **Derby Hotels Collection** has now 12 hotels and 2 luxury apartments:

Derby Hotels Collection has 900 members of staff and more than 1.200 rooms available.

Besides, **Derby Hotels Collection** offers a wide range of holiday apartments in Barcelona. The **Barcelona Apartments** (barcelona-apartment.com) are built to accommodate and offer the amenities and the home feeling that people look for whilst visiting the city.

HOTEL DERBY ****	BARCELONA 1968
HOTEL GRAN DERBY SUITE ****	BARCELONA 1983
HOTEL ASTORIA ***	BARCELONA 1987
HOTEL BALMES ****	BARCELONA 1989
HOTEL & SPA CLARIS *****GL	BARCELONA 1992
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HOTEL URBAN *****GL	MADRID 2004
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BARCELONA

BARCELONA HOSTED THE BIRTH OF DERBY HOTELS COLLECTION IN 1968, THE YEAR DERBY HOTEL OPENED. SINCE THEN, THE HOTEL HAS BECOME A LANDMARK IN THE CITY OF BARCELONA.

WELL KNOWN FOR THE MODERNIST MOVEMENT AND APPRECIATED FOR ITS DISTINCTIVENES, THE CATALAN CAPITAL IS THE IDEAL SETTING FOR HOTELS TRADEMARKED BY CULTURE, ART AND LUXURY.



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CLARIS,

THE TREASURE

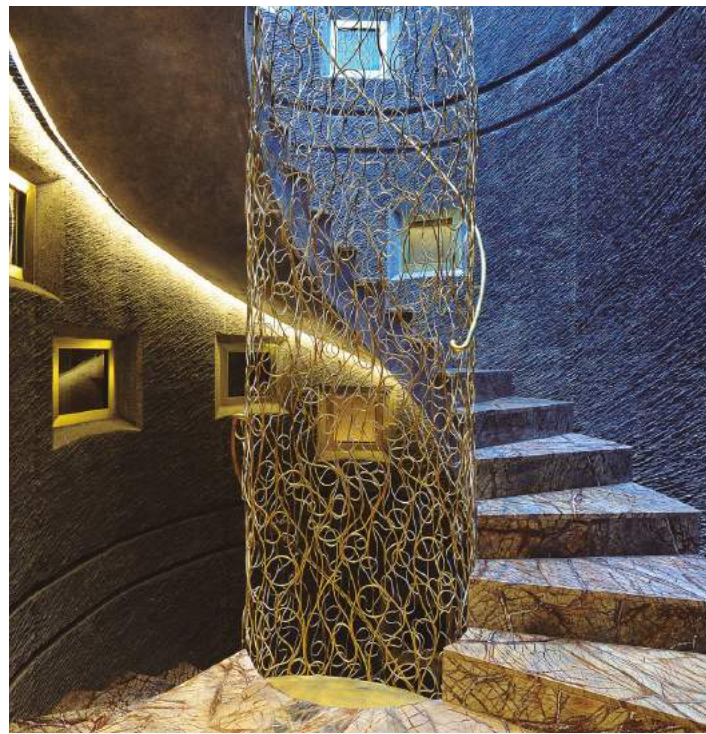
HOTEL

This hotel stands out for having one of the private and most important Pre-Columbian art collections of Spain. It is also unusual that all the rooms are different. **The Claris Hotel & Spa** is one of a kind. It is a real treasure and holds inside items from the spectacular collection of pre-Columbian art. It is a place to find archaeological pieces and antiques combined with the most contemporary designs.

The other great treasure of **Claris Hotel & Spa** is the **La Terraza del Claris** restaurant rooftop terrace, one of Barcelona's most exclusive cocktail bar and restaurant. This open terrace is the perfect place to spend relaxing afternoons and evenings. Moreover, the Hotel & Spa Claris boasts the **Mr. Kao** restaurant, a unique dining concept that blends the best of Chinese and Mediterranean cuisine. The Claris Hotel & Spa also houses the **Mayan Secret Spa**, awarded "Best Luxury Historical Hotel Spa" at the World Luxury Spa Awards.

Claris is a 5 star luxurious hotel with 124 rooms located in the old Vedruna Palace, dated 1892, at the core of the Eixample's district of Barcelona. This hotel belongs to the prestigious and exclusive Small Luxury Hotels of The World of which it is a founding member —this organisation has an unrivalled selection of some of the world's finest small independent hotels.





BARCELONA HOTEL BAGUÉS, A JEWEL OF A HOTEL



Hotel Bagués opened in September 2010 and has a Modernist twist to its design. The hotel shows the passion for art, which can also be seen throughout all the hotels of the group. Hotel Bagués is built in one of the renowned jewellery shops in Barcelona, called Regulador Bagués, which is on Las Ramblas, one of the famous city avenues.

This five star hotel has 31 luxurious rooms and each one of them displays pieces of the Masriera jewels collection. This hotel is a jewel itself with a permanent exhibition of the art works The Masriera Museum of pieces by modernist artist Luis Masriera handed on by Bagués-Masriera.

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APARTHOTEL

ARAI, LIVING

HISTORY OF

THE CITY

This apart-hotel is a renovated seventeen-century palace and still preserves the character and beauty of its original architecture. **Derby Hotels Collection** acquired this historic building and renewed it and as a result. **Arai** is now a luxurious hotel that displays pieces of art from the private Clos Foundation collection, as well as a seemingly endless range of objects and photographs that were uncovered during the buildings' renovation.

Arai offers 31 exclusive rooms that provide a sense of elegance and comfort. It is classified as a four-star superior boutique apart-hotel located in Barcelona's historic city centre at the heart of the Gothic area and inside the city's triangle formed by Las Ramblas, the Cathedral and Barcelona's harbour.





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SUITES AVENUE, LUXURY AT PASSEIG DE GRÀCIA

Suites Avenue opened in March 2009 and it offers a new concept of accommodation constructed in an avant-garde building which holds 41 luxury apartments that are fully equipped for medium to long stays. There are an unsurpassable range of exclusive services such as gym, sauna, exterior swimming pools, a communal terrace, function rooms, parking and a museum that showcases unique pieces of Hindu and Buddhist art.

This building has a spectacular stainless steel façade that has been designed by the renowned Japanese architect Toyo Ito and Spanish Carlos Bassó. **Suites Avenue** has become an architectural icon of the city, located on the central avenue of elegant Passeig de Gracia, boasting for its spectacular frontal views of Gaudí's Modernist building of La Pedrera. Without a doubt, this is an exceptional way to experience what the city has to offer.

BARCELONA

GRANADOS 83,

BOHEMIAN

SPIRIT OF NYC

SOHO

Granados 83 is a superior 4-star hotel that was thought for tourists visiting the city, but also for people living in Barcelona. It has two terraces: the 8 one, which is a rooftop terrace, and the **Gbar**, at the back of the building. Inside you can find the Restaurante 3, a restaurant that offers one of the most surprising food choices in town.

Granados 83, which opened in 2006, has 77 rooms of which 7 of them are lofts and some have semi-private pools. **Granados 83** is located right in the middle of the city, in the street Enric Granados, and like some of the most chic hotels is a member of Design Hotels.





BARCELONA BALMES RESIDENCE (LUXE), A MODERNIST BOUTIQUE HOTEL

In 2009, **Derby Hotels Collection** decided to take a step forward and changed Spain's hotel boutique industry by opening **Balmes Residence**, a new concept of Boutique hotels in the heart of Barcelona. Apartment-suites with kitchens and suites that occupy a single space in a typical 20th century Art Nouveau building with coved ceilings and mosaic floors. This is a perfect example of the architectural heritage of Barcelona city.

Just located minutes away from the exclusive avenue of Passeig de Gràcia and near the shops of the Rambla Catalunya, **Balmes Residence** is the ideal spot for romantic weekend getaways, medium or long-term stays.

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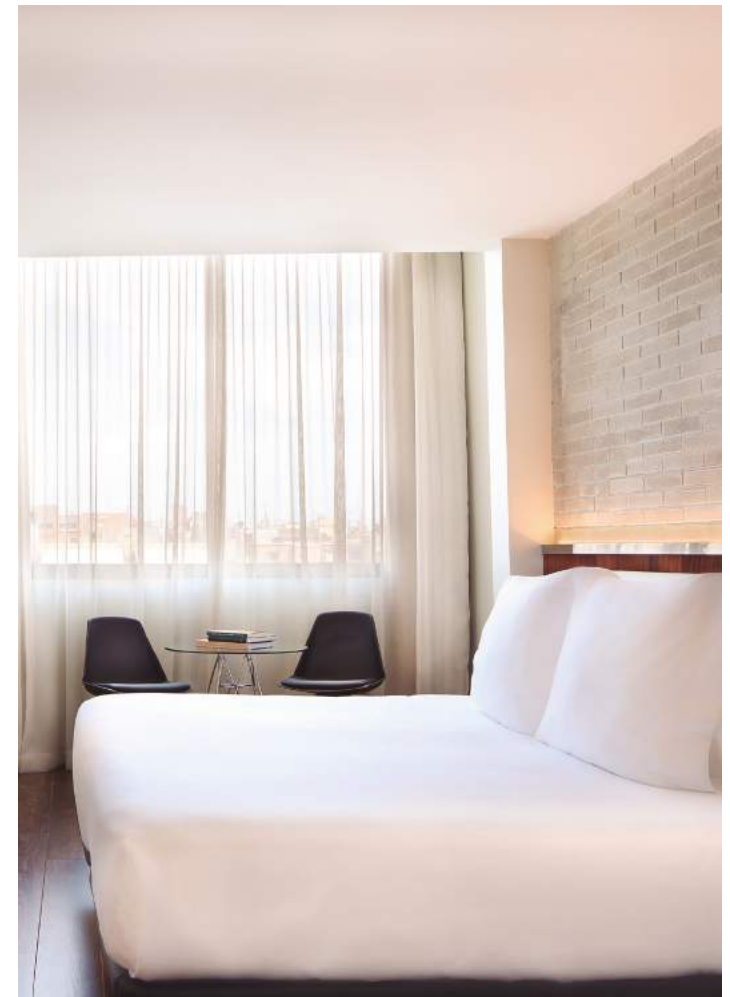
BALMES,

AN OASIS IN THE

CITY

Is it possible to enjoy nature in the middle of the city? **Balmes** is the place where that wish comes true. Although it may appear impossible, this hotel offers all you need to enjoy peace and quiet in an atmosphere where nature is the main element. It is worth mentioning that it features a collection of African art that shows three-dimensional wooden African masks and sculptures from different sub-Saharan African countries.

Balmes is a modern four-star hotel that has 102 rooms and a range of tailored options, from double and family rooms to exquisite suites and luxurious apartments, just steps away from one of Barcelona's main avenues, Avinguda Diagonal. The hotel combines its central location with the tranquillity of its pool and interior garden. It is simply an oasis in the heart of Barcelona's shopping district.





BARCELONA

GRAN DERBY

SUITE, THE

HOTEL OF THE

ORIGINALS

This is one of **Derby Hotels Collection's** flagship hotels and it holds a number of very impressive pieces of contemporary art, including some of the masterpieces of Spanish artists such as Picasso, Josep Guinovart, Tàpies, Mariscal, Brossa, Pijuan and Chillida amongst others. Undoubtedly, this is one of the great luxuries of staying at the Gran Derby.

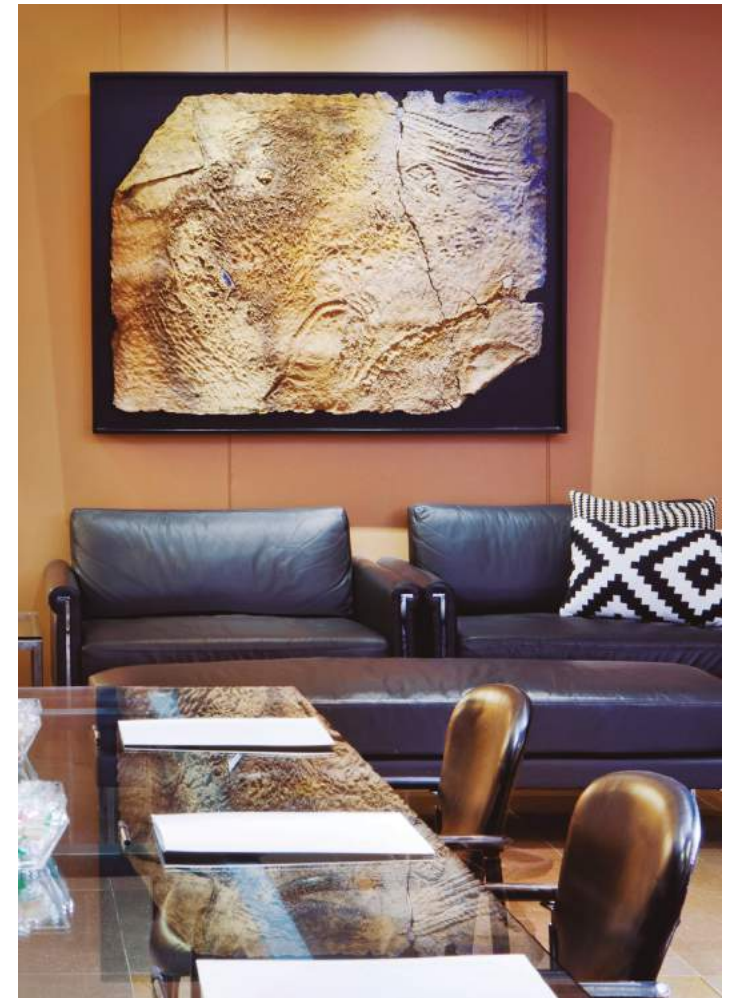
Grand Derby Suite offers luxury deluxe rooms completely refurbished in an avant-garde style and ethnic décor, combined with early African and Asian furnishings and art. **Grand Derby Suite** is a 4 star (LUXE) establishment located in the commercial district of the city. It offers 43 rooms, standard, junior suite duplex and deluxe rooms. This Hotel is also a proud member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

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DERBY, THE CONTEMPORARY HOTEL

Hotel Derby is one of our business-driven hotels .It is both urban and classic enhanced with lithography's of Catalan artists such as Miró, Guinovart, Tàpies, Mariscal and Hernández Pijuán. **Derby** was opened at the same time that the company was established and now is a staple in the city. **Hotel Derby** is set in an excellent location, as can be found in one of the best commercial and business areas of Barcelona, Avinguda Diagonal and Francesc Macià Square.

The hotel has 117 rooms, meeting rooms and multipurpose venues for events, pool access, solarium, gym and sauna, in addition to two restaurants and a designer bar where guests can try a range of cocktails and the best market-fresh Catalan cuisine in the city.





BARCELONA

ASTORIA, THE SAME HOTEL AS ALWAYS

Astoria is a three star hotel from the fifties. Some of the hotel’s main features are the exquisite pieces of art —modernist posters, frescoes and busts alongside marble and delicate Lalique crystal— that decorate its walls and that contrast with the new and modern rooms.

The **Astoria** was acquired by Derby in 1987. It has 117 elegant rooms, a business centre, meeting rooms and unsurpassable venues like the terrace and outdoor swimming pool, rooftop gym and sauna, gourmet restaurant and museum dedicated to the Catalan illustrator Ricard Opisso. It is located very near to exclusive Passeig de Gràcia, an ideal place to go off and have a stroll around the city’s most exclusive shops.

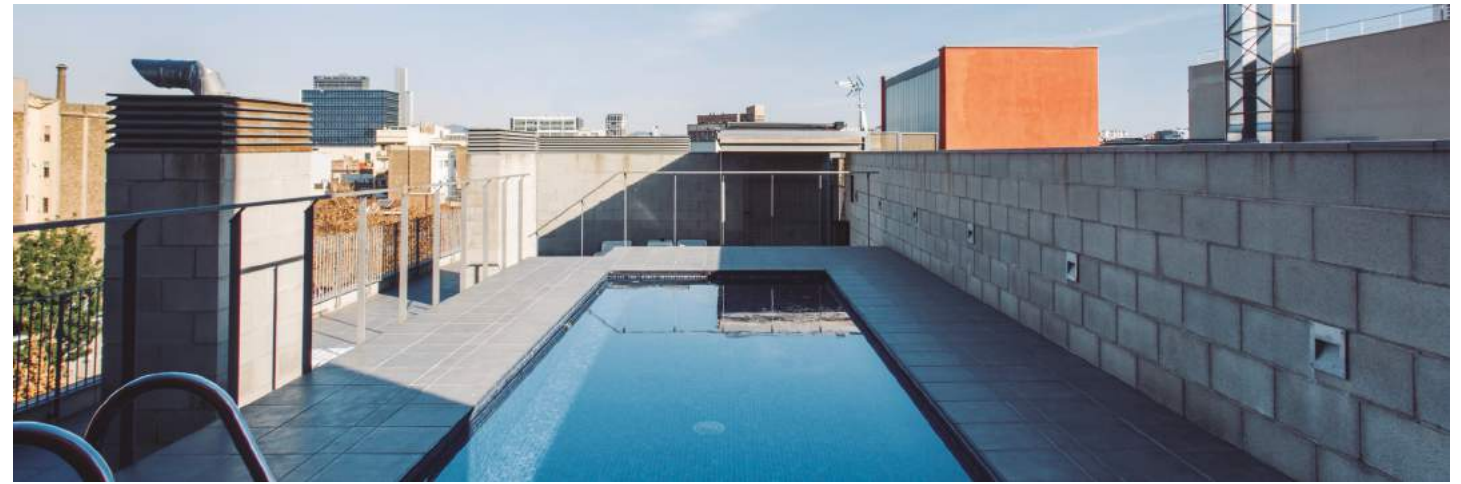
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APARTMENT

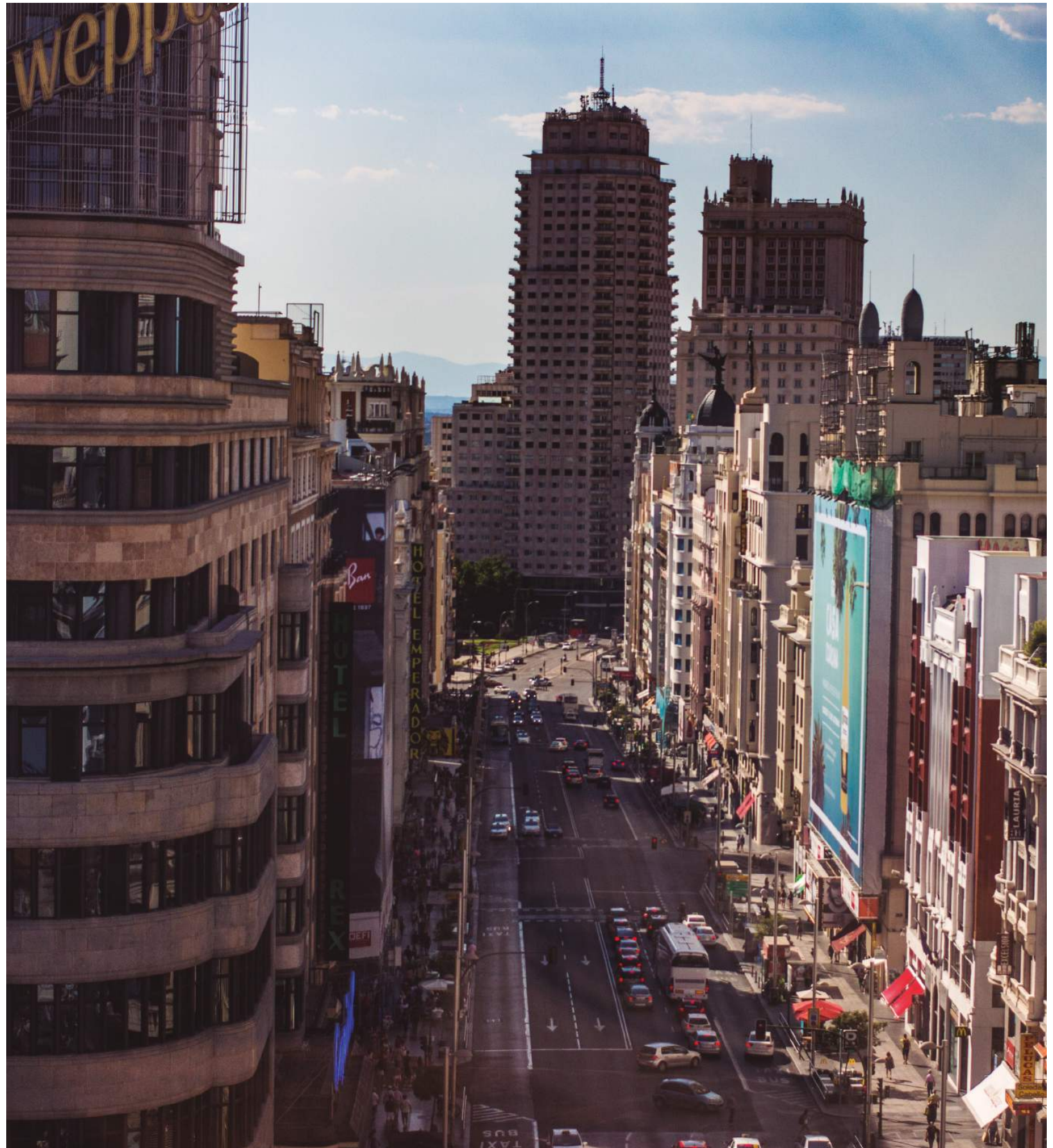
Barcelona Apartment's philosophy is based on a love for art and design, and its apartments are located in a collection of some of Barcelona most emblematic buildings, all of which are of historic or artistic interest.

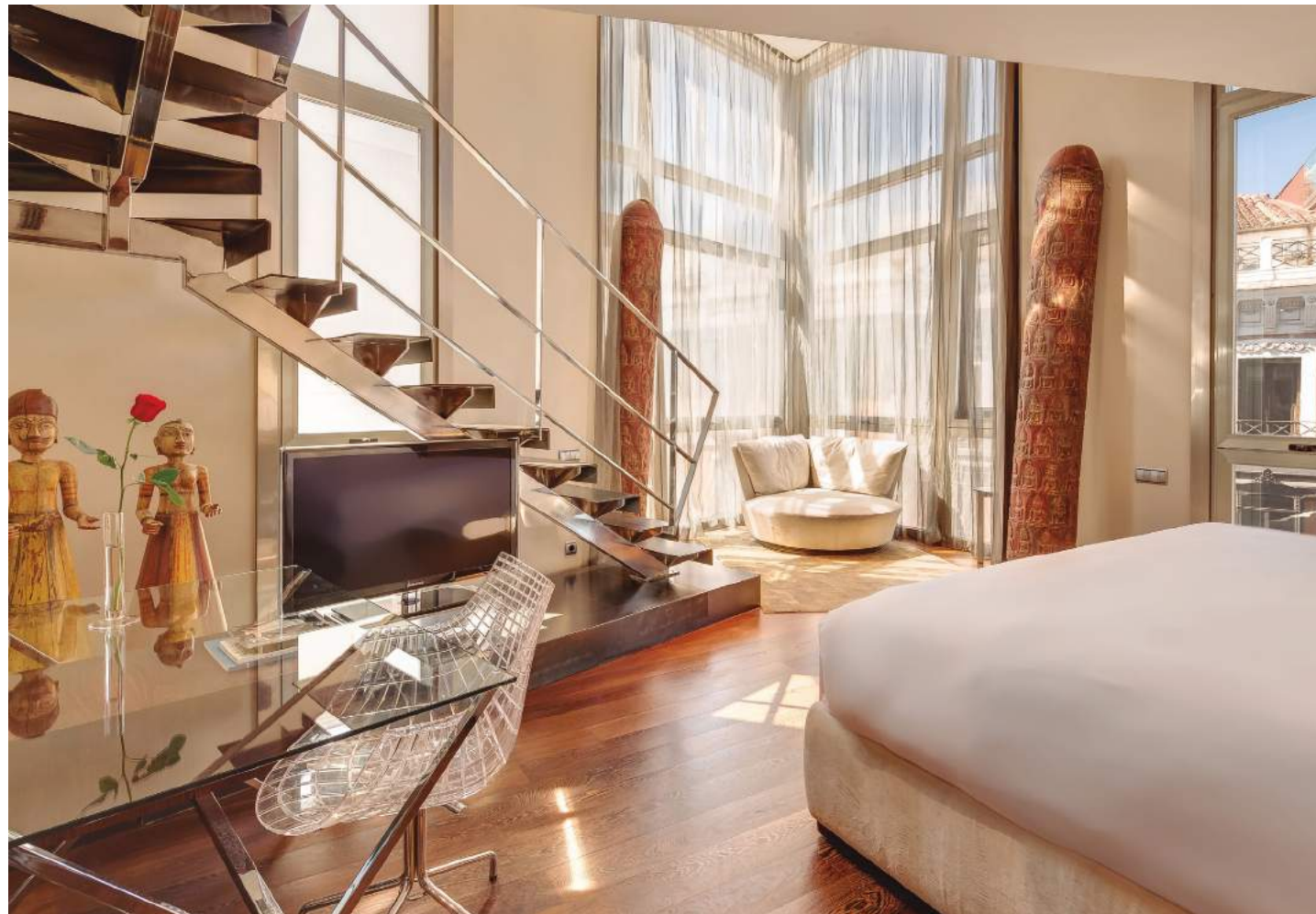
Barcelona Apartment offers more than 200 apartments in 12 buildings of unique architectural value in the city center and other areas of interest. The apartments are of varying sizes, and we provide a highly personalized service to ensure that guests enjoy an extremely comfortable and luxurious stay.



DERBY CITIES MADRID

DERBY HOTELS COLLECTION STARTED EXPANDING IN MADRID BACK IN 1996. VILLA REAL HOTEL, WITH ITS FIVE STARS, IS A PLACE FULL OF ART THAT BLENDS PERFECTLY INTO THE FAMOUS BALCONIES THAT OVERLOOK THE MAJESTIC RETIRO PARK, MADRID'S LARGEST GREEN AREA. RECENTLY, THE GROUP OPENED HOTEL URBAN, WHICH HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST AWARDED HOTELS IN THE WORLD.





MADRID

HOTEL

URBAN, THE

PALACE OF

MODERNITY

With a swimming pool under the blue sky by day and an exclusive setting under the moon by night, a spectacular patio connected to the heart of the city and an avant-garde architecture, **Hotel Urban** is a five-star Gran Luxe Hotel and, without a doubt, a winner of today's luxury portfolio of hotels. Its location is unique and is only a walking distance from all the capital's main attractions. The Urban Hotel has the best amenities and services that modern technology can offer at the moment.

The Glass Mar, the **CEBO** restaurant and la **Terraza del Urban** are considered one of the biggest gastronomic attractions of the city. **Glass Mar** is known for its amazing cocktails and presents a gastronomic proposal based in marine ingredients with a relaxed and informal cooking style, designed for sharing. The gastronomic restaurant **CEBO**, with a Michelin Star, offers a creative Mediterranean cuisine based on seasonal products and served in a luxurious and cosmopolitan atmosphere. Finally, la **Terraza del Urban** is the best venue to enjoy summer nights and views of Madrid's skyline.

Urban Hotel is a step beyond the conventional 5 star deluxe hotels. It has 96 rooms designed in a minimalist style and it is located in central San Jerónimo Street in Madrid.

MADRID

VILLA REAL, AT THE HEART OF MADRID

"A hotel over the Retiro Park", Madrid's largest park. **Villa Real Hotel** offers 115 elegantly decorated bedrooms and modern suites that have private balconies or terraces with privileged views over the Retiro Park, the Botanical Gardens or the Paseo de la Castellana. Some of the rooms are built on two different levels and have jacuzzis. Culture and art stand side by side in **Villa Real Hotel**. On view are sculptures, Greek Apulia vases and over two hundred Roman mosaics.

It is also very well known for its restaurant **East 47**, which offers Mediterranean signature cuisine. It is an exquisite 5-star hotel located in the heart of the city, in the Plaza de las Cortes, in front of the city's Parliament, El Congreso de los Diputados and only a few minutes from the renowned central Puerta del Sol's square. This area of Madrid is well known by its elegant avenues, where most luxurious hotels in Madrid are to be found.



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PARIS

IN MARCH OF 2009, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST COSMOPOLITAN AND MULTICULTURAL CITIES BECOMES A DERBY HOTELS COLLECTION DESTINATION. THE RICH HISTORY OF PARIS, TOGETHER WITH ITS MODERNITY, SUITS PERFECTLY DERBY'S ETHOS.





PARIS BANKE, A BUILDING WITH HISTORY

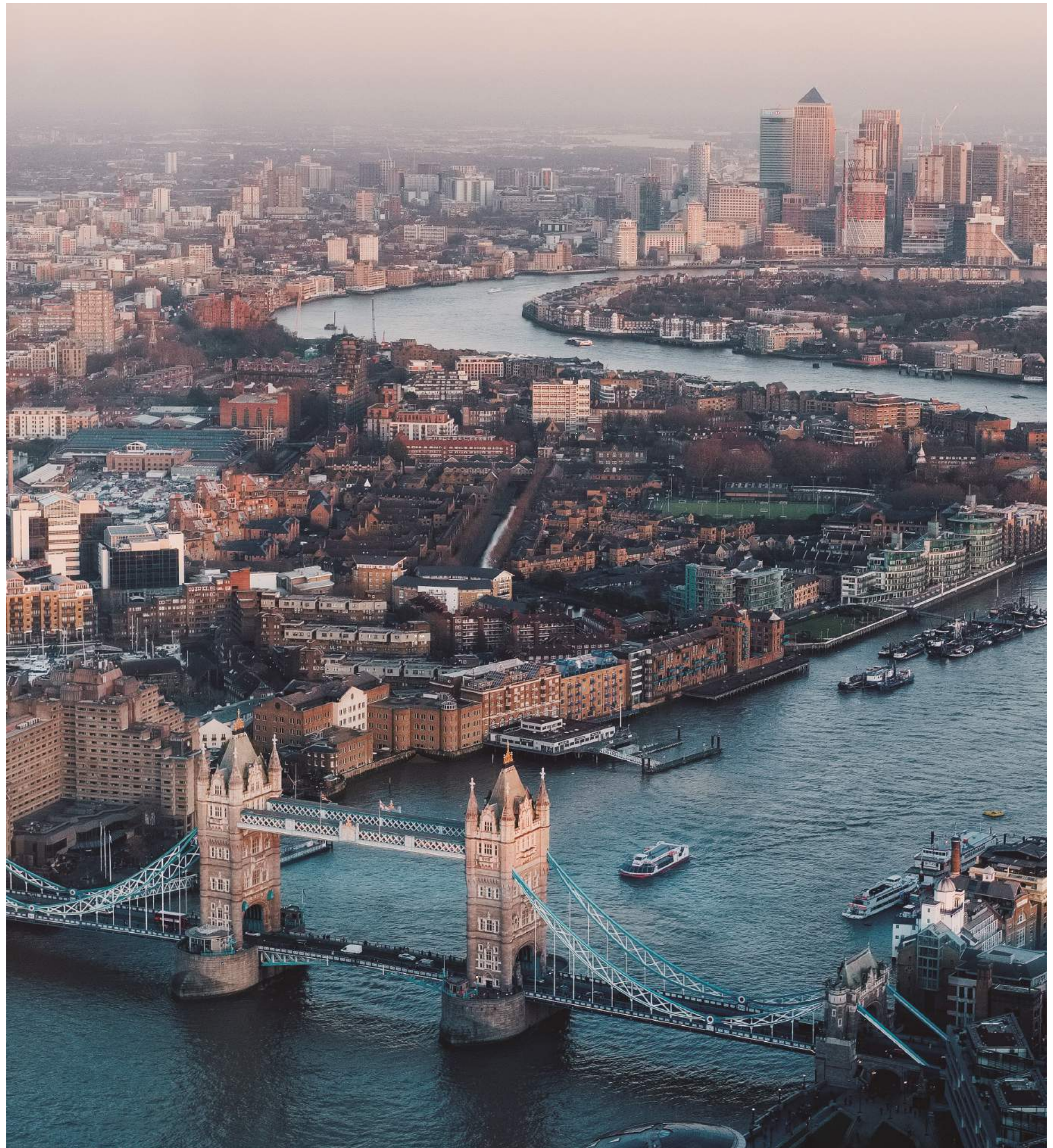
Derby's Hotels Collection first Parisian hotel, Banke, welcomes you with a spectacular lobby crowned with a refined glass cupola. The hotel has 91 rooms and suites, and two gastronomic spaces with a bar where you can enjoy live music. Furthermore, the hotel has a spa, a hammam, a sauna and a fitness area for those who want to keep fit during holidays.

Hotel Banke endows with its own art collection, which is now a unique characteristic of all the establishments under the name of **Derby Hotels Collection**.

The building where the new Parisian hotel is located was constructed between 1906 and 1908 by architects Paul Friesse and Cassien Bernard, in collaboration with Gustave Eiffel. It was in fact one of the first buildings to be erected in Pillet-Will, where Napoleon III was born in 1808, who in turn was fully involved in the urbanisation of that area between 1864 and 1880.

DERBY CITIES LONDON

IN 2004, DERBY HOTELS COLLECTION OPENED THIS HOTEL IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST COSMOPOLITAN AND MULTICULTURAL CITIES. LONDON, A CITY RICH IN HISTORY, CULTURE AND ART SUITES PERFECTLY THE CHARACTER AND ETHOS OF DERBY HOTELS COLLECTION.





LONDRES

THE CAESAR, LIVE A VICTORIAN STORY

This hotel has developed a concept that goes beyond mere functionality; this charming 4-star hotel has been remodelled in a Victorian building just off Hyde Park, and offers a peaceful setting as well as access to Queens Gardens, the hotel's private garden. It is a perfect place to unwind from the city's frantic rhythm. It keeps the Victorian classic English-Style façade of the area, which contrasts with a modern minimalist interior. Inside, you will discover another Derby's art collection displayed on the hotel's walls, exquisite Roman mosaics.

The Caesar features 140 stylish fully refurbished guest bedrooms, with warm comfortable atmospheres and its modern amenities, a gymnasium, sauna, business room and two unique gastronomic areas, **XO Bar** and **XO Restaurant**, enabling you to savour creative international cuisine with a Spanish twist at the heart of England's capital.

THE GREAT PROMOTER

JORDI CLOS

Jordi Clos feels passionate about hotels, art, culture and his home city, Barcelona. He is the promoter and president of **Derby Hotels Collection**, a collection of hotels that unify art, luxury and culture. He is a collector, a scholar and sponsor of art and culture. He is well known in his country for his amazing collections, the Jordi Clos foundation, the Egyptian Museum of Barcelona, the School of Egyptology and even for his own archaeological excavations.

Surrounded by a highly professional team of experts, Jordi Clos has created a variety of unique and fascinating hotel spaces where art and gastronomy make feel each client as a bon vivant. In Jordi’s own words: “Each hotel has a unique history tied to the time it was created and to the place where it is located”.

Considered to always be a step ahead, the hotels created by Jordi Clos always follow a pattern: quality above all. Jordi says: “Our materials are always unique, from the sculptures and the paintings to the marble in the bathrooms or the wood of the tables. The buildings are designed by me and for me; I design them the way I like”. Clos creates a drawing of the hotel, the rooms and other areas. He does not take on easy projects something well known by prestigious architects such as Oriol Bohigas, Carlos Bassó, Jordi Garcés or Toyo Ito.

The identity is the core of everything and each of the hotels has its own theme that makes it different from the rest. Jordi transforms the hotels into small museums of Egyptian and oriental art, roman mosaics or engravings from Napoleon’s time. He combines Art Nouveau, Art Decó and modern paintings with contemporary art, and blends it into the style of each one of the hotels.

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FUNDACIÓ ARQUEOLÒGICA CLOS

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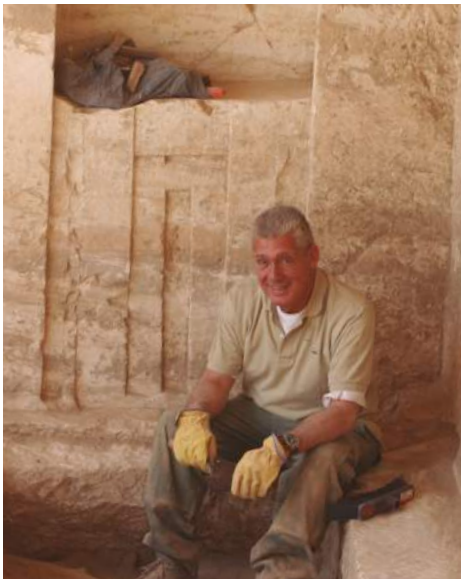
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L’ESCOLA SUPERIOR D’HOSTALERIA DE BARCELONA



ACCOLADES

2016
Gold Medal of Merit of the Fira Internacional de Barcelona.

2014
Gold Medal to the Cultural Merit by the Barcelona Council.

2012
Invested Cavaller Cofrere de Mèrit by the Cofraria del Cava de Sant Sadurní.

2003
Creu de Sant Jordi by regional Government, Generalitat de Catalunya.

2002
Award Juan Lladó sponsored by Ortega y Gasset Foundation.

2002
Winterthur award as Chairman of DHC.

2001
Key of Barcelona for his profesional career.

2000
Awarded by the Generalitat de Catalunya with the Medal to Turistic Merit.

2000
Golden Merit Medal Minia Governorate de Egipto.

1997
Ali Bej Award as a renowned personality in Turism, by the Catalan Association of Journalists and Writers.

1996
Montblanc Award to Culture.

1996
Finalist for Spain in the Honor Award of the Rolex Awards as a Culture Patron.

1996
Silver Medal to the Tourist Merit by the Spanish Government.

1992
Entrepreneur of Barcelona’s Olympic Year.

1991
Proclaimed Hotelier of the Year by Barcelona’s Hotel Union.

1988
Personal Medal to the Turistic Merit by the Generalitat de Catalunya.

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

JOAQUIM CLOS

Joaquim Clos Casellas, a hotelier bred to the business. **Joaquim** started as a bellboy with only 12 years dragging suitcases that weighed more than him down the lobby of the Hotel Claris. After following closely the footsteps of his father, today he is the CEO of the chain. Thanks to his sensitivity for art and excellence, the identity of the Clos family is present in every corner of the hotels and apartments that make up the Derby Hotels Collection group.



CEBO Madrid (2018)
1 Michelin Star to restaurant CEBO Madrid in the Hotel Urban 5* GL.

Claris (2018)
25 Best Hotels in Barcelona “Condé Nast Traveler” USA.

Claris (2015)
“Top 20 Best Hotels in Spain & Portugal” Ranking Condé Nast Traveler Readers’Choice Awards.

Banke (2012)
“Top 25 trendiest Hotels in France” Travellers’ Choice Hotel Awards. Tripadvisor.

Urban (2012)
“Top 25 trendiest Hotels in Spain” Travellers’ Choice Hotel Awards. Tripadvisor.

The Caesar (2011)
Silver Award Visit England Tourist Board.

Urban (2011)
“Top 100 Southern Europe Hotels” Ranking Condé Nast Traveler Readers’Choice Awards.

Urban & Villa Real (2010)
Featured in the Gold List by Condé Nast Traveler’s.

Urban & Villa Real (2009, 2010)
“Top 100 Southern Europe Hotels” Ranking Condé Nast Traveler Readers’Choice Awards.

Banke (2008, 2009, 2010)
Featured in the Hot List by Condé Nast Traveler’s.

Urban (Nov 2008)
Featured in the Gold List by Condé Nast Traveler’s.

Granados 83 (Nov 2008)
“Best hotel refurbishment in Spain”, award granted by the magazine Gran Hotel.

Claris (Mar 2007)
Small Luxury Hotels of The World “The Best SLH Club Experience”.

Derby Hotels Collection (Apr 2007)
“Best Webpage”: derbyhotels.com

Urban (Jan 2007)
Restaurant Europa Decó of hotel Urban awarded the prize to the Best Restaurant by the Community of Madrid, city’s government.

Urban & Villa Real (2007)
Featured in the Gold List by Condé Nast Traveler’s.

Urban (Nov 2006)
“Best Hotel in Europe”, Condé Nast Johansens.

Claris (Oct 2006)
“Most fashionable hotel in the world”, according to the web of Tripadvisor, one of the biggest worldwide.

Urban (Jul 2006)
Eventoplus “Best Hotel for Events”.

Urban (Jun 2006)
“Best Urban Hotel” given by a jury of experts in the tourist sector during the “Premios a la Iniciativa Hotelera” sponsored by the magazine Gran Hotel.

Derby Hotels Collection (May 2006)
“Best Hotel Chain in Spain”. Sixth Edition Quatrium Awards.

Villa Real (2006)
Featured in the Gold List by Condé Nast Traveler’s.

Urban (2007)
Featured in the Hot List by Condé Nast Traveler’s.

Claris (2000)
Best Hotel in a City in Europe, awarded by Condé Nast Johansens.

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