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RENOWNED MICHELIN STARRED CHEF CARME RUSCALLEDA AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BARCELONA

Carme Ruscalledda is one of the most awarded female chefs in the world and best ambassador of Catalan gastronomy. Her talent and authority has been recognised with a total of seven Michelin stars.

Ruscalledda opened her first restaurant Sant Pau in the Catalan seaside town of Sant Pol de Mar together with her husband Toni Balam in 1988. Before closing in 2019 after a successful 30 years, the restaurant had been awarded three Michelin stars since 2005. Ruscalledda opened an outpost of her Sant Pau in Tokyo in 2004, and this establishment was also awarded two Michelin stars.

Since 2009, Ruscalledda has overseen the two Michelin-starred Moments restaurant at [Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona](#) with her son, Raül Balam. The cooperation between Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona and Carme Ruscalleda is an exciting partnership on Barcelona's renowned and inspiring culinary scene.

Ruscalledda's career has also brought her several other awards, including the National Award of Culture in 2019, the National Gastronomy Prize in 2016 and the Sant Jordi Cross, the highest Catalan honour, which she was awarded in 2004. The collaboration between Mandarin Oriental and Carme Ruscalleda brings an exciting development to Barcelona's culinary scene, which is becoming increasingly renowned as one of the most inspired in the world.

Commenting on her style, Ruscalleda says, "The quality and freshness of the produce that we use is vital. My aim has always been to provide healthy, tasty and well-prepared cuisine." Moments provides a traditional Catalan dining experience. As Ruscalleda explains, "At Moments we focus on tradition and authenticity, by returning to our Catalan roots."

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