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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BARCELONA ANNOUNCES NEW LUXURIOUS SUITES

Hong Kong, 3 April 2014 – After five successful years as one of the best hotels in the city, [Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona](#) is pleased to announce the addition of 17 spacious and luxurious suites and five additional rooms to its inventory, bringing the total room count to 120.

Located in the modernist building adjacent to the hotel on the city's most luxurious boulevard, Passeig de Gràcia, the rooms are all easily accessible via the main building. Each of the new rooms and suites range from 44 to 124 square metres, and all have been exquisitely designed with an emphasis on style and space.

The award-winning Spanish designer [Patricia Urquiola](#) who created the original hotel, and whose highly regarded designs form part of the permanent collection at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York, was re-commissioned to create the décor for the new rooms, following the same avant-garde and cosmopolitan style that characterises the rest of the hotel.

In this latest concept, Urquiola expands on her ideas for the existing Presidential and Penthouse, creating a harmonious link throughout the property between avant-garde European tastes and traditional Orientalist styles. She has also introduced new interpretations of Catalan modernism in the hydraulic mosaics and art works commissioned exclusively for [Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona](#).

The new [suites](#) evoke an at-home sense of comfort, with exquisite details in the finish combined with exceptional butler service to cater to guest needs. Urquiola has created flexible spaces, using textile screens, Tai-ping carpets and unique pieces of furniture designed exclusively by the Urquiola Studio.

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The generous size of the suites (Junior Suites start at 55m², Premier Suites up to 124 m²) means they can easily be reconfigured from two to three bedrooms, while allowing for generously-sized living areas. Ceilings have been elevated to give additional height to the rooms and natural light streams in from both sides of the property: from the exterior and from the inner atrium of the building. Throughout, bronze highlights pick up the accents of warm, oak wood floors, beautifully finished carpentry frame pale rugs and brightly coloured decorative pieces, while floor-to-ceiling windows juxtapose contrasting pale and dark walls to create an overall look that is spacious, modern and light.

As well as a collection of exclusive pieces created by the Urquiola Studio in Milan, design highlights include lamps by *Flos*, sofas and tables by *Moroso*, Husk chairs for *B&B*, the *EMU* stools and *Mutina* mosaics.

The flagship Barcelona suite has a 123 m² terrace complete with an outdoor Jacuzzi and solarium. Superior suites have smaller private terraces or balconies, as well as a modular feature that includes work areas, dressing rooms and living spaces that can be reconfigured to cater to anything from private dinners to business meetings. Spacious bathrooms have an elegant, spa-like atmosphere enclosed within light, tinted opaque glass with enormous walk-in showers.

Elsewhere the interior works to bring the outside in with terraces that run the length of the building, designed not for views, but as outdoor living space, comfortably furnished by *Patricia Urquiola for Kettal*. Guests have easy access to the Passeig de Gràcia and its emblematic buildings, such as the Casa Batlló, one of the principle works of architect Antoni Gaudí, or, they can relax in the [Mimosa Garden](#), a spacious interior patio typical of the urban landscaping of the Eixample.



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“We are delighted to launch our new additional suites,” said Gérard Sintès, General Manager. “With this addition, [Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona](#) offers guests more choice and a unique degree of luxury and exclusivity, all of which re-affirms our position as one of the most prestigious hotels in Europe, with a spectacular location in the heart of the city.”

Bookable from 8 April 2014, guests can benefit from the [Suite Temptations](#) package available for three nights until July, with a range of fantastic benefits, including a spa credit, daily buffet breakfast and an extra complimentary night.

For reservations and information please visit the website at www.mandarinoriental.com, contact the hotel directly on +34 93 151 88 88 or via e-mail at mobcn-reservations@mohg.com.

About Patricia Urquiola

Spanish designer Patricia Urquiola created the original interior for the [Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona](#). Born in Oviedo (Asturias), she studied architecture in Madrid and finished her education at the Polytechnic University of Milan, graduating with a thesis overseen by respected Italian architect, Achille Castiglioni.

Patricia Urquiola’s creations have been distinguished by numerous awards, among them the ADI Design Index, International Design Yearbook, IMM Cologne Award, Good Design Awards of the Chicago Athenaeum, Red Dot Award, Hall of Fame Interior Design, Caesar Awards, Design Award of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Elle Decoration International Awards. She has been nominated as Designer of the Year by magazines Wallpaper, AD España and A&W Germany; and as Designer of the Decade by H.O.M.E and Häuser Magazine.

Urquiola received a gold medal from the King of Spain for her contribution to the Beaux-Arts in Spain, and has been awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Isabella the Catholic.

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Her *Fjord Armchair and Foot Stool for Moroso* and *Bague Lamp for Foscari* are part of the permanent collection at Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York.

About Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona

[Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona](#) is an elegant, contemporary hotel in the heart of the avant-garde city's celebrated Passeig de Gràcia. Located in a renovated mid-20th century building, offers exceptional services and facilities including an award-winning spa, innovative dining at Blanc Brasserie & Gastrobar and two Michelin-starred dining by Carme Ruscalleda, within an exquisite interior created by world renowned Spanish designer Patricia Urquiola.

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