

# THE HOT LIST 2016

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RESTAURANTS AND BEACH CLUBS IN THE WORLD



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By the pool at the Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech

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SANT FRANCESC HOTEL SINGULAR, MALLORCA, SPAIN

This 19th-century manor house, set back on a cathedral square in Palma, was abandoned until new owner Andrés Soldevila Ferrer (whose family owns Barcelona's Hotel Majestic) poured about £1.2 million into a makeover that will (quietly) knock your



socks off. The stately lobby, with its mix of Mallorcan marble and contemporary paintings by established Spanish artists, sets the tranquil tone perfectly. The 42 bedrooms are resplendent in an understated medley of soft earth tones, creamy linens, polished wood and hand-stitched upholstery. The soundtrack is of the clapping hooves of horses as they pass pulling hansom cabs at the Sant Francesc cathedral opposite. Everything is wonderfully well-considered, from the restored ceiling frescoes to the homemade cakes served at breakfast on the palm-shaded garden terrace. There are also lemon-infused treatments in the spa and a rooftop-pool terrace from which to enjoy the views with a glass of local Gin Fizz. The Quadrat Restaurant, headed by chef Simon Petutschnig, dishes up an original and refined mix of Asian- and Catalan-inspired dishes, such as duck dim sum and grilled Iberian pork, accompanied by an impressive wine list.

### FLASH POINT

Tiny but perfectly formed, this is the impeccable, grown-up hotel Palma deserves.