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MANDARIN ORIENTAL SUITES, BARCELONA ←

In time for its fifth anniversary, the Mandarin Oriental in Barcelona is expanding to include a further 17 suites, housed in a modernist building next door. Once again outfitted by Spanish designer Patricia Urquiola, the new suites feature warming woods, tactile upholstery and a palette of greys with lime-green accents, while the furniture is a mix of bespoke pieces by Studio Urquiola, along with Flos lamps, Moroso sofas and tables, and 'Husk' chairs for B&B Italia. Each suite comes with a private butler and lift access, but for the best experience, we recommend the signature Barcelona suite, which comes complete with its own outdoor Jacuzzi and solarium. **Lauren Ho**
Passeig de Gràcia 38-40, tel: 34.93 151 8888, www.mandarinoriental.com. Rates: from €725

Splendid isolation

SUBLIME COMPORTA, PORTUGAL →

An hour south of Lisbon, amid rolling dunes and rice paddies, the small fishing village of Comporta is fast becoming the destination of choice for the capital's elite. Privately owned by the Espirito Santo banking dynasty, the peninsula, which is being carefully developed, will see a host of luxury hotels open over the next few years. First up is Sublime, a 14-room boutique hotel by husband-and-wife team Patricia and Gonçalo Pessoa, who turned a dream holiday home into a dream hotel, with the help of local architect Alberto Charrua. Comprising ten suites and four double rooms, the sleek villa features furniture by Gervasoni along with sturdy Moroccan doors. The restaurant serves up a light Mediterranean menu, and there's a bar, small spa with an indoor pool, sauna and steam room, and an elegant outdoor pool set in an organic garden.

Rupert Eden

61-1 Muda, Grândola, tel: 351.912 083 653, www.sublimecomporta.pt. Rates: from €200



Love a duck

MOTT 32, HONG KONG ←

There's no shortage of places to eat in Hong Kong, but a clutch of new restaurants with interiors as distinctive as their cuisine stand out. Leading the pack is Mott 32, named after New York's first Chinese convenience store. It is housed in the basement of a former bank and comprises five private dining rooms, in which local designer Joyce Wang has blended touches of industrial New York with classic Chinese décor. The menu is refreshingly fuss-free; we recommend the Beijing-style roasted duck – thanks to a bespoke duck fridge and oven, Mott 32 serves up the crispiest skin this side of the Yangtze. **Catherine Shaw**
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