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... *Hola! A sumptuous serving of the city's outposts of good food, design, retail and more. Buen provecho!* ...



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Hotel Villa Magna, Salamanca
Old-world manners

Villa Magna is among Madrid's most exclusive hotels. Offering its old-school charm and class in the capital since 1972, the landmark reopened in 2007 after it was refurbished by Madrid-based designer Thomas Urquijo. Besides preserving the original façade, Urquijo made sure all 150 rooms were exquisitely decorated with restored antique furniture.

For your gastronomic enjoyment the Villa Magna Restaurant is the spot for lunch; in the evening, pop by the wood-panelled Magnum Bar for a pre-dinner *vermut*.

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Hotel Único, Salamanca
Lap of luxury

Home to Ramón Freixa's Michelin-starred restaurant, this intimate, luxurious hotel housed in a 19th-century building is set in the heart of well-heeled Salamanca. Único's lobby matches the hotel's surroundings with opulent decor: think marble mosaics, mirrored floors and elaborate chandeliers.

The lavishness of the atrium is balanced by the warm room interiors, which sport polished wooden floors, soft-coloured rugs and huge beds covered in lush linens, all courtesy of Spanish designers María José Cabré and Pilar García Nieto.

Único has 44 rooms, including six suites. To enjoy some peace and quiet book one of the King Courtyard or King Garden rooms overlooking the relaxed greenery of the hotel's patio. Meanwhile, the Grand Suite has its own lounge and hot tub.

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MONOCLE COMMENT: Único is the first of two hotels in Madrid by Barcelona-bred Pau Guardans. The second, The Principal (see page 20), opened in 2015.



No time to waste

Sharpening his culinary prowess in his family's Barcelona restaurant, Ramón Freixa opened his eponymous venue at Hotel Único in 2009. It now has two Michelin stars but still room for just 35 diners so be sure to ask reception to book a table well in advance.