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Architect Antonio Obrador has conserved many of the original late-19th-century building's features, such as the tiles on the walls, the mahogany lift and the stained-glass windows in the lobby. All 78 rooms and suites profit from big windows, linen of the highest quality and custom-made furniture, while the spa offers all manner of treatments by Spanish skincare specialist Natura Bissé.

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MONOCLE COMMENT: Urso's restaurant welcomes a different top chef with a special pop-up menu (and kitchen) each and every month. Everything changes, from the palate-pleasing cuisine to the palette that is used for the interior design.