

## ROCKWELL GROUP REVIVED THE 1800'S GLAMOUR OF GRAN HOTEL INGLÉS MADRID

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**Rockwell Group Revived the 1800's Glamour of Gran Hotel Inglés Madrid** → The *Gran Hotel Inglés* has been a landmark since it was built in 1853. As the first hotel to have a restaurant, and located on the first street to receive electric lights in Madrid, the hotel quickly became a cultural icon. Politicians, artists, writers, and intellectuals made it their gathering place. After years of neglect and disrepair, the derelict hotel has been renovated and redesigned for today's sophisticated traveller by *Rockwell Group's* studio in Madrid. *Eva Longoria*, one of the team leaders behind the project, took the time to talk to us and answer some questions regarding the magnificent project.

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*"The Gran Hotel Inglés is the second oldest hotel in Madrid, it exists since the 1800's, and the idea was to bring back all the glamour the hotel always had in that time"* *Eva Longoria, Rockwell Group Madrid Studio Leader*



Indeed, the Madrid Studio of *Rockwell Group* has brought back the glamour, elegance, and innovation of Gran Hotel Inglés, drawing inspiration from the hotel's 165-year-old history. The design concept celebrates the hotel's history as a gathering place for the avant-garde and intellectuals, weaving original imagery and salvaged historic items into the design of the public spaces, gym, spa, meeting rooms, and guestrooms. The hotel is located in the cultural and historical centre of Madrid, within walking distance to the Puerta del Sol and various monuments and tourist attractions.





"In this hotel, you feel like you're in a big home. And that's the difference, it's a very intimate luxury hotel."



The design team, headed up by *Eva Longoria* and *Elisa Rodriguez*, introduced elegance and sophistication to the lobby, celebrating its 20' ceilings with circular chandeliers and inspired by a class English manor. Some of the hotel's original chandeliers and columns were restored and featured. A central lobby bar is surrounded by a cocktail lounge with clusters of area rugs and a range of seating, creating a marvellous gathering spot for hotel guests and visitors.



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