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# BARCELONA

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Members' club and upscale hotel **Soho House Barcelona** is now open in the city's **Gothic Quarter**. The first Spanish outpost from the brand houses **57 rooms**, a **Cowshed spa**, a **cinema**, a **rooftop pool**, **Cecconi's Italian restaurant** and **The Green Room speakeasy**.  
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**BUSINESS**



**DESIGN**

	MELIÀ BARCELONA SARRIÀ	MERCER BARCELONA
<b>Location</b>	In the <b>financial district</b> just off Avenida Diagonal, lined with shops, restaurants and bars	Nestled on one of the narrow streets of the <b>Gothic Quarter</b>
<b>Décor</b>	The recently renovated property features <b>contemporary art</b> , <b>clever lighting</b> and a spacious lobby split into individual lounges	The hotel building, refurbished by Rafael Moneo, <b>includes original Roman walls</b>
<b>Clientele</b>	<b>Executives</b> , <b>conference-goers</b> , spa fans	<b>Creative types</b>
<b>Rooms</b>	Guest rooms come with <b>king-sized beds</b> , <b>plasma TVs</b> and <b>marble bathrooms</b> . The Level rooms and suites get executive perks like priority check-in, concierge access and free apéritifs and canapés	28 rooms with <b>Scandinavian furniture</b> , <b>beamed ceilings</b> and abstract paintings
<b>Food &amp; Drink</b>	Sample <b>healthy modern cooking</b> at <b>Cheeso</b> , Mediterranean cuisine at Restaurant UNO and cocktails at cosmopolitan Bar Cel	Catalan cuisine at The Restaurant with head chef Harry Wieding; <b>tapas and fresh seafood</b> at <b>Le Bouchon bistro</b>
<b>Strengths</b>	The YHI Wellness Spa offers a <b>wide range of treatments</b> as well as a <b>sauna</b> , <b>Turkish bath</b> , heated pool and 24-hour gym	<b>Rooftop terrace with an outdoor swimming pool</b> , pool bar service and views over the city's Gothic Quarter
<b>Weaknesses</b>	Lower rooms at the front of the hotel can be affected by <b>noise from the road</b>	<b>Service can be slow</b>
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Free</b>
<b>Price</b>	Doubles from <b>AED 415</b>	Doubles from <b>AED 1,250</b>
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