



Restoration Begins at Hotel Ritz, Madrid

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Work on the Hotel Ritz, Madrid's €99 million (US\$121 million) restoration began on the 28th February 2018. Mandarin Oriental, the hotel owner, plans to upgrade the 108-year old Belle Epoque-era hotel to modernise it and return it to its former glory.

Hill International – and its staff, including [John Hiscocks, architect](#) – will now have another luxury hotel to add to its growing portfolio. Hill International (Spain) has been successful in becoming the project manager for the [Hotel Ritz, Madrid restoration](#) project. After having spent two years overseeing the pre-construction phase, Hill International in Spain will now manage the construction phase.

History of the Hotel Ritz, Madrid

The Hotel Ritz, Madrid is a five-star luxury hotel in Madrid, Spain. It is in the 'Golden Triangle of Art' and found near famous museums and galleries like the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, and the Prado Museum.

King Alfonso XIII built the hotel in 1910. Once he finished touring Europe, he noticed that the Spanish Court didn't have a hotel that was grand enough for European royalty like the other countries did. To enable Spain to compete, he wanted to build a hotel at the same level as the Hotel Ritz Paris and The Ritz London Hotel. The Spanish architect Luis de Landecho and the French architect Charles Mewes were given the task of bringing King Alfonso's vision to life.

Since the hotel opened, it has become the ideal spot for celebrities, politicians, royalty and corporate leaders. See the attached infographic to find out more facts about the Hotel Ritz, Madrid.

The Planned Restoration

The plan for the restoration is to upgrade and improve the hotel's services and facilities while holding onto the original features that make the hotel unique. Rafael de La-Hoz, the Spanish architect, and the French designers Gilles and Boissier, have been brought in to work on the historic restoration.

The new 106 guest rooms and 47 suites will be designed to have a classic but contemporary feel, and the planned Royal Suite will give guests stunning views over the Prado Museum. The restoration will also include adding cultpures, antique paintings and crystal chandeliers into the hotel, and the glass roof that used to be in the lounge will be reinstated. Other changes include an upgrade to the hotel's meeting rooms, a new fitness centre, an indoor pool and a spa.

Hill International (Spain), S.A. will be in charge of the project to make sure all plans and deadlines are met. This isn't the company's first hotel restoration. It was part of the construction, repositioning and design of Hotel Villa Magna in Madrid, the Ritz Carlton in Cairo, and many more. See the attached PDF to learn more about some of the past Hill International Projects.

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Hill International (Spain), S.A.

Founded in 1998, Hill International (Spain), S.A. offers its project management service to countries in Latin America and Western Europe. The company is located in Madrid and has a subsidiary in Brazil.

Hill International (Spain) provides three services: consulting services, management services and construction claims services. Some of the management services include construction management, program management and staff augmentation, and some of the construction claims services include litigation support and fraud investigation.

In February 2008, the company became part of Hill International, Inc. and in May 2013 its name changed from Gerens Hill International, S.A. to Hill International (Spain), S.A. Watch the embedded video to find out more about Hill International, Inc.

The hotel will undergo many changes over the coming year. When the doors open again in late 2019, guests will be introduced to a rejuvenated hotel that will satisfy the needs of everyone while still holding onto its past charm.