

MAISON ALBAR HOTELS LE MONUMENTAL PALACE

Welcome to your five-star second *home*.







Art Nouveau and Art Deco design

A casually luxurious









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A historically luxurious address.

It is not just the Monumental Palace's name that is monumental. The 5-star hotel stands in one of Porto's mythical buildings: built in 1923, it was first home to a boarding house. In the 1930s and 40s, as the city became increasingly prosperous and industrial, it evolved into the Café Monumental, the most famous café in the city, where all of Porto's high society flocked to listen to its two orchestras. Now, behind a neo-Gothic facade, an imposing 5-star hotel resurrects this Portuguese city's glorious past. By choosing this extraordinary place, guests make themselves part of history: this property knows no proportion.



Your five-st second home in the *heart* of Porto

Porto, a lively, fascinating city, offers a spectacular show. The city centre, with its eclectic blend of Romanesque, gothic, baroque and contemporary architecture, is classified a world heritage site by UNESCO. Famous for its port cellars along the banks of the Douro, Porto is coming back to life, metamorphizing as it rediscovers its past radiance.

With its old, crested mansions, facades decorated with colourful azulejos, baroque churches, yellow tramways, quaint shops, fashionable restaurants and hip bars, a very cosmopolitan Porto awaits travellers.





The Avenida dos Aliados

The Avenida dos Aliados, the Champs-Elysées of Porto, is known for its magnificent architectural heritage, but also for its central nature. The architecture is sumptuous, a parade of richly decorated bourgeois stone buildings topped with domes and spires. This is where Porto's inhabitants like to meet.



Art Nouveau and Art Deco design, CREATED BY ARTUR MIRANDA & JACQUES BEC

To design the Monumental Palace, it was essential to think big and dare to be excessive. The project was entrusted to the founders of the OITOEMPONTO agency, the French Jacques Bec and the Portuguese Artur Miranda. Renowned for their talent for interior architecture, this is their first hotel. The decor swings between Art Nouveau and Art Deco and dares to be grandiose: columns, marble, mirrors... For materials, such as the brilliant lacquered wood and woodworking, they turned to Porto's artisans. Their creation is a version of historical, cosmopolitan Porto, and the atmosphere that of a place that has crossed eras to reach today.

66 Such *places* no longer exist today in Porto.

JACQUES BEC

A casually *luxurious* haven

A welcoming atmosphere is perceptible as soon as one enters through the tall carriage doors. The Monumental Palace's different living spaces are decidedly warm. Travellers feel immediately at home. The living room, reserved for guests, with its fireplace and comfortable armchairs, is an invitation to relax and get together. A second space with a calmer, more relaxing atmosphere awaits: a library with 3,500 volumes, old books in every language. The Monumental Palace celebrates the French art de vivre with its 63 spacious, yet intimate rooms and 13 suites, of which 3 are clearly exceptional, as their names evoke: they are senseless, excessive, staggering and monumental, the epitome of ultimate luxury.









The halls leading to the rooms and suites are covered with a green leopard print carpet, reminiscent of a trip on the Orient Express in the 1930s. The two designers played with a combination of materials and juxtapositions to render each room unique. The design is tailormade: graphic motifs elegantly dress the walls in a sensual suede material and the noble furnishings feature lacquered wood.

Spread across the first three floors, the 63 rooms offer 29 m² of sumptuous elegance à *la française.*

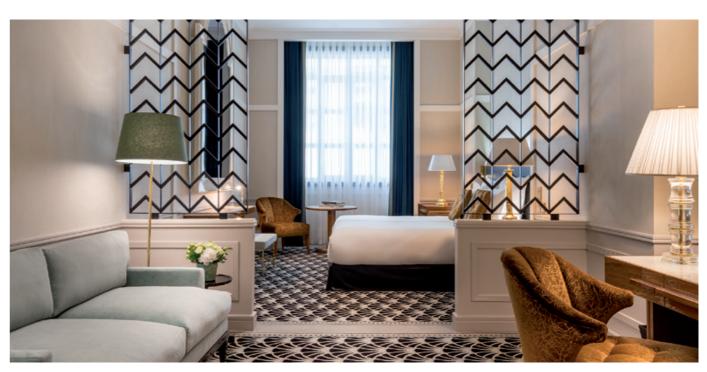
Suites and immoderation.

The 5 Insensés 42-44 m² and 5 Audacieuses 46-49 m² suites, bathed in light and offering cosy tranquillity, are an invitation to sober luxury. The suite Excessive, a magnificent 62 m² duplex featuring ochre and sage green tones, is found on the 5th floor of the hotel and offers an enchanting atmosphere with its two portholes and balcony, perfect for contemplating the lights of the Portuguese city. It has a stunning white and sage green marble bathroom with silver and gold detailing. The staggering 80 m² suite Affolante is a subtle mix of the 1930s and modernity. The bedroom and living room are in nuances of beige and blue, complimented with pastel fabrics, and the furniture has noble, harmonious lines and features brilliant lacquered wood. The bathroom adds light to the suite with its white marble.

The **suite Monumentale** represents ultimate luxury. This 87 m² suite is designed as an apartment able to welcome a family, for a stay that harkens back to the art de vivre of old bourgeois mansions. It is made up of a forest green, chocolate and ochre bedroom, two spacious bathrooms, a working kitchen, a sublime dining room appointed in gold and lacquered wood, and a beige and grey living room with exceptional details such as a leopard print sofa, for an incredible journey back to the 1960s.

Meeting and conference rooms.

The hotel has three conference rooms for exclusive meetings and professional events, allowing participants to work in a peaceful environment that favours exchange.





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An *exceptional* gastronomic destination

ENTER INTO MAISON ALBAR – LE MONUMENTAL PALACE, AND EMBARK ON TWO GASTRONOMIC JOURNEYS.





Julien Montbabut

French starred chef Julien Montbabut imagined Le Monument as a tale of his encounters and adventures since his arrival in Porto. Discover **10 or 14 dishes**, each one telling a story through words and your taste buds.



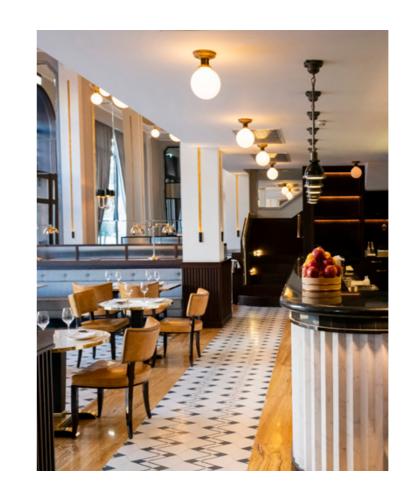
Olivier Da Costa

Internationally renowned Portuguese chef and entrepreneur Olivier Da Costa has brought his **Yakuza** concept to Maison Albar Le Monumental Palace, offering a unique fusion culinary experience that brings together Japan and Brazil. 19

YAKUZA BY Olivier PORTO

Yakuza by Olivier Porto revisits Japanese cuisine with a trendy concept in an intimate space full of history. Its eclectic menu will seduce gourmets in search of an exclusive culinary experience. Try traditional dishes such as sushi, sashimi and maki, enhanced by surprising exotic flavors. Yakuza is the perfect blend of East and West.

Olivier Da Costa makes gastronomy rhyme with trendy.







Start or end your evening at the Bar Américain. Located at the back of the Maison, this cozy and intimate setting will be the perfect backdrop for all your meetings, personal or professional.









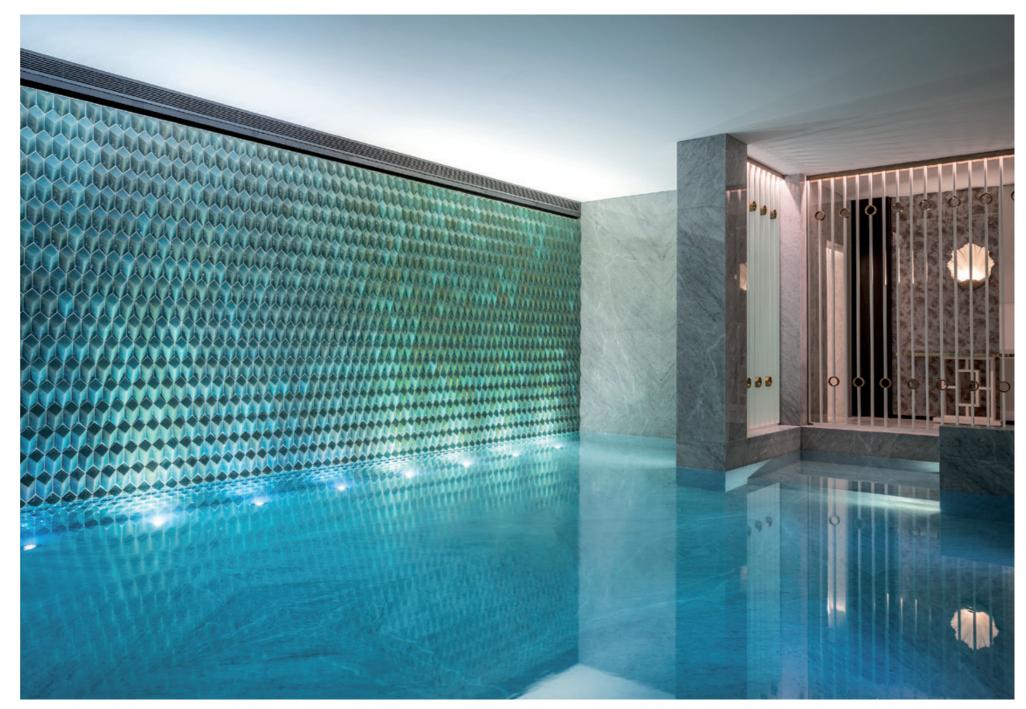
Discover the Chef's influences and inspirations. After travelling two years through marvelous Portugal, the starred Chef Julien Montbabut retraces his journey and his encounters through a unique menu composed up of 10 or 14 plates. Taste the region's wonders through his selection of the best local products and producers.

Open only in the evening tuesday to saturday, the restaurant is a marble showcase with a subdued, exclusive atmosphere.



A magnificent wellbeing space,

The hotel proposes a moment of total serenity in a luxurious 350 m² wellbeing space, the Monumental Nuxe Spa: a mesmerizing space with a shimmering blue indoor pool, three treatment rooms including one for couples, a hammam, a sauna. Paved in mosaic and marble, guests discover here an exclusive sanctuary, offering ultimate release and relaxation.





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