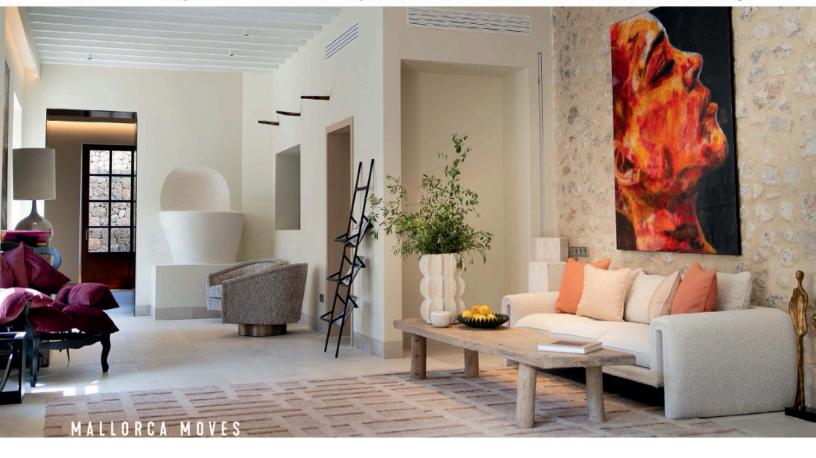


focus on cosy comfort and the importance of cultural and architectural heritage



Coming in hot, Finca Banyols Mallorca looks to be the next premium property in the rolling hills of the island's Alaró region. Surrounded by ancient olive groves, sprawling vineyards and fragrant fruit trees, the estate is welcoming its first guest to its meticulously renovated 15th-century estate. Under the Vignette Collection by IHG Hotels & Resorts, the centuries-old olive oil mill has been transformed into a five-star rural retreat. As you'd expect from a Mediterranean escape, interiors pay homage to the natural beauty of the island, with smooth, natural materials, airy spaces, warm tones and soft textures marrying the rustic and contemporary. Wellness too takes a natural turn – the on-site spa incorporates the estate's own organic olive oil and honey into its treatments. See you there next summer. fincabanyols.com

VIENNESE FINESSE

Luxury hotel heavyweights Mandarin Oriental are making their Austrian debut with Mandarin Oriental, Vienna, a striking property housed in an early 1900s former courthouse. Blending art nouveau details with the sleek, contemporary style the group are known for, 86 rooms and 52 suites feature high ceilings, intricate detailing and marble finishes. Located on Riemergasse, just steps from St Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna's Unesco-listed First District, guests will find themselves in the heart of one of Europe's cultural epicentres. Under the direction of chef Thomas Seifried, four dining options – including a fine-dining seafood restaurant – are set to be a talking point, and signature The Spa at Mandarin Oriental completes the package. mandarinoriental.com

From top: From olive mill to fivestar retreat: Finca Banyols Mallorca; all airy, light spaces; Mandarin Oriental, Vienna is gearing up to become a dining hotspot



