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Quintessentially English style with a Catalan twist, the private members' club makes its Barcelona debut

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Barry Sternlicht

The businessman with creative talents discusses the new brands that are shaking up the industry



Dennis Irvine

DENNIS IRVINE STUDIO

Having recently completed the redesign of The Estate House at Rosewood's Jumbay Bay, Dennis Irvine takes a fantasy break in the Galapagos.

Where are you?

The Galapagos Islands, Ecuador.

How did you get there?

The renowned 1906 M/Y Kalizma, the finest classic luxury yacht, previously owned and adored by Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor.

Who is there to greet you on arrival?

Andrew Hedley, Regional Vice President of Rosewood Hotels & Resorts. He is a generous and welcoming host with the most intuitive manner, anticipating guests' every desire.

And who's at the concierge desk?

Former Helmut Newton model, Cecilia Nord. We recently met over lunch at Cecilia's High Point Café, the restaurant she runs in Antigua. She is the most hospitable, knowledgeable and insightful individual I have met in some time.

Who are you sharing your room with?

My long-suffering, beautiful wife.

Is there anything you would like waiting for you in your room?

Cranberry juice with crushed ice and a local surprising trinket.

Describe the hotel, your room and the view...

Architectural forms are simple and indigenous, constructed from local materials. The hotel is unobtrusive and at ease with the environment. Every touch point, both physical and emotional, is considered but not contrived. My room is

cantilevered over the turquoise ocean with expansive vistas from all elevations. The interiors are curated, extremely comfortable and ultimately memorable for all the right reasons.

Who designed it?

It's a collaboration. The expertise of Mark Bruce of EPR Architects, who understands the heart and soul of hospitality design, combines with the flair and vision of fashion designer Emilia Wickstead and the detailing of Jean-Michel Frank.

What's the restaurant and bar like?

It's a Spanish cedar and volcanic stone courtyard surrounded by oversized black mangrove trees, flora and fauna. Lit predominantly by candles, it is atmospheric, intimate, but also engaging. The furniture and fittings have been designed with a modern interpretation of the locale in mind, with art pieces and sculptures commissioned locally for authenticity. Most importantly, it offers excellent, highly attentive and unobtrusive service.

Who are you dining with this evening?

Funny man Noel Fielding; English artist and illustrator Heath Robinson; fashion designer Paul Smith; Cecilia Nord; and my curious 10-year-old son, Jonah.

Who's manning the stoves?

Acclaimed chefs Chris and Jeff Galvin. I had the pleasure of working with them at The Pompadour by Galvin in Edinburgh and was in awe of them. As well as their expertly executed French cuisine, they have amazingly infectious, passionate personalities.

And what's on the menu?

Starter: Cancale N3 French oysters *Main:* Grilled mahi-mahi fish tacos with tomato compote and herbed rice *Dessert:* Brown sugar caramelised apple tartlet with mascarpone and organic cinnamon tuille *Post-prandial:* A selection of fine artisan cheeses served with crackers and condiments.

Would you like something to drink with that?

Lime infused water and more crushed ice.

What's in the mini-bar for a night cap?

Treats from Swiss chocolatier Teuscher.

What's on your nightstand at bedtime?

My iPad with sketch apps so that I can work on ideas that flood my mind during downtime.

What's your ultimate luxury item?

A waxwear Jack Spade travel duffle with compartments for everything so I can be as organised as I always intend, but never quite manage.

Would you like a newspaper or magazine in the morning?

No thank you, I'll catch up with events on my iPad.

Early morning alarm call or late check out?

Definitely late check out.

Bath or power shower?

Outdoor rain shower.

Swimming pool, spa or gym?

Spa, for thinking time.

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Berlin

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www.chelsom.co.uk

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Theia

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