

# Kimpton Los Monteros Hotel

*Local connection with a 70's twist.*

Design by EL EQUIPO CREATIVO

**EL EQUIPO CREATIVO**, the award-winning interior architecture studio, has once again brought its signature design to Kimpton Hotels—this time leading the redesign of all public spaces at the newly renovated **Kimpton Los Monteros Hotel in Marbella**, following their successful work on Spain's first Kimpton Hotel in Barcelona.

Their approach for the project is deeply inspired by Marbella's rich landscape and cultural heritage, aiming to capture its essence through a contemporary yet locally rooted aesthetic.





The project draws inspiration from Andalusia's rich landscape and artistic heritage, celebrating its vibrant greenery, Mediterranean light, and the enduring interplay of colour and pattern. Marbella's distinctive scenery—often evoked in Andalusian poetry—serves as a guiding thread, with an emphasis on weaving lush vegetation and natural elements throughout the space.

The design captures the greens of the landscape, the blues of the sea and sky, and the warmth of golden sunlight, creating a dynamic yet harmonious environment. Additionally, the works of Picasso, born in Málaga, and other Spanish artists influence the project, particularly in the use of curves, colour contrasts, and ceramic craftsmanship with a bold, modern twist.

While drawing from Mediterranean tradition, the design also incorporates a '70s-inspired touch that reflects the building's original architecture from that era. This influence is evident in the use of geometric patterns, built-in niches, and light-filtering elements.



# Concept and Design

Upon entering the **Lobby and Lounge** areas, guests are welcomed by a warm and inviting ambience with a white Mediterranean background, wooden elements, and colourful furnishings inspired by the 70s. Hand-painted murals inspired by Picasso add an artistic touch, evoking the home of an art enthusiast.

This philosophy carries into the **Lounges and Library**, with an eclectic, artsy warmth shaped by crafted objects, bold carpets, and wooden sliders for flexible privacy.









The existing **Andalusian Patio**, one of the hotel's original and essential element, is enhanced with a Mediterranean material palette and a central central sculptural water element that becomes the focal point.





**Azul Bar** has been a Marbella icon since 1962. The updated design embraces a 'blue' theme, featuring a striking central bar crafted with 3D ceramic elements.



Large hand-painted murals—where shades of blue take centre stage and Picasso-inspired feminine forms come to life—add a creative touch to various seating areas, transforming them into intimate, artful corners full of character.

The space effortlessly balances elegance and ease, creating a seamless day-to-night atmosphere that feels both vibrant and refined.











**The Pool Area** is reimagined with a topography-inspired design, where a warm white backdrop enhances the refreshing natural turquoise tones of the water. Multi-level platforms blend in organically, creating a vibrant and colourful atmosphere with a vintage, chic vibe that invites relaxation.



Nestled on one of these platforms, **The Costa Club Pool Bar** stands out with its terracotta tiles and latticework. A wooden pergola filters the light, casting playful shadows that evoke the essence of an authentic Mediterranean retreat.







**Jara Restaurant** reinterprets traditional Mediterranean cuisine in a space that feels like dining in a garden. A white backdrop contrasts with green ceramic tiles and plants.

**Escondido Rooftop Bar** is a bold and glamorous rooftop bar designed with slightly stepped platforms that create distinct zones for an elevated experience. The upper level hosts a chic rooftop bar infused with a '70s twist—bold geometric patterns, terracotta hues, set the tone for a stylish escape.





Descending to the lower level, a panoramic pool, framed by retro tile motifs, stretches toward the splendid Mediterranean views. During the day, the space offers a casual, laid-back vibe; by night, it transforms into a sophisticated, elevated experience. In summary, a mix of retro glamour, unexpected details, and sunset aesthetics, this rooftop is a bold reimagination of classic '70s Mediterranean chic.



# About El Equipo Creativo

Founded in 2011 by architects Oliver Franz Schmidt, Natali Canas del Pozo, and Lucas Echeveste Lacy, EL EQUIPO CREATIVO is a renowned Barcelona-based interior architecture and design studio specializing in the design of hospitality, gastronomy, and brand spaces. Our philosophy centres around the belief that spatial design should tell compelling stories and inspire people, always grounded in a solid conceptual approach.

Our portfolio includes collaborations with some of the world's most prestigious chefs, including Michelin-star restaurants, solidifying our expertise in the industry. Our work has garnered global recognition, with features in hundreds of publications worldwide. We are proud recipients of over 70 international design awards, including esteemed accolades like the Restaurant & Bar Design Awards, FRAME Awards or BOY Awards, all known for honouring innovative and conceptual design.

Beyond project recognition, our studio has also been honoured for our trajectory and methodology. We have been awarded Best Interior Design Firm (Architizer A+Awards), Interiors Practice of the Year (WIN Awards), and Firm of the Year (The American Architecture Prize). In addition, FRAME magazine has recognized us as one of the 20 most influential designers in the world.

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