

Arts Hotel & Conference Centre Barcelona, Spain



Client
The Travelstead Group

Value
€138.2 Million / £92 million

Schedule
August 1990 – Feb 1994

Assignment
Construction Management

Architect
Skidmore Owings & Merrill



On the shores of the Mediterranean and overlooking the Port Olímpic, the Hotel Arts Barcelona rises into the skies, one of the most emblematic buildings of Barcelona today. Its unique location, surrounded by beaches, cafés and promenades, is just a step away from both the historic city centre and the leading shopping and leisure areas.

Construction of a 48-storey hotel complex, the highest in Spain at the time, consisting of a Ritz Carlton Hotel on 32 floors, offices and luxury apartment suites on 12 floors, a convention centre and conference facilities, health resort, shopping complex, dining facilities and a 536 space underground car park. The project also included a 6-storey office block next to the Tower. The construction works were scheduled to make the Hotel ready to receive the 1992 Olympics visitors.

The team was composed of a multidisciplinary group of professionals who kept a spectacular pace permitting the completion of the works in 12 months.

The building represents a part of the new image Barcelona acquired with the Olympic Games in 1992 and soon became a well known landmark.

- **The Hotel Arts** has 482 luxurious rooms with panoramic views of both the city and sea, marble bathrooms, light and window control panels, safety deposit box, satellite TV, video, compact-disc player, mini-bar and fax/PC connections.
- **365 double rooms:** 252 with king size beds, 113 with two beds
- **44 Executive Suites:** 33 with king size beds, 11 with two beds
- **The Club:** 32 double rooms (22 with king size beds, 10 with two beds), 12 Executive Suites (8 with king size beds, 4 with two beds), 1 Presidential Suite and 1 Japanese Suite.
- **Apartments:** 27 duplex apartments with one, two or three rooms.