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The Baccarat's \$60 million

penthouse

(right) will

feature views

of Central Park

Barcelona's Marina Port

Vell (below)

will offer nearly

10 acres of mooring space

Royal Residences



I NBACCARAT'S 250 years of operation, the French glassworks has outfitted many of the world's finest residences, producing stemware, chandeliers, and other items for clients who have included King Louis XVIII and Czar Nicholas II. This year, the brand will unveil a few elite residences of its own, with the opening of its first-ever hotel and condominium development.

Designed by the New York-based architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, the new Baccarat Hotel and Residences will be set within a sparkling, multifacetedglass tower near Carnegie Hall, Central Park, and the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan. The residences will comprise 60 one- to five-bedroom condominiums (from \$3.5 million to \$60 million) that include a fivebedroom penthouse duplex with a double-height loggia and unobstructed city views. All of the condos, not surprisingly, will feature Baccarat lighting fixtures.

Residents at the Baccarat will have access to the adjoining 114-room hotel's facilities, which will include a spa, an indoor pool, and 24-hour concierge service. Baccarat plans to open additional hotels-Morocco and the United Arab Emirates are next-in the coming years. // Baccarat Hotel and Residences New York, 212.765.5300, www .baccaratresidencesny.com — CAROLYN MEERS



T HE TRANSFORMATION OF Barcelona's Marina Port Vell represents a tidal shift in Spain. The London-based Salamanca Group acquired the marina in 2010, prior to the repeal of Spain's matriculation tax, which forced owners of yachts longer than 50 feet to pay 12.5 percent of their vessels' total value to charter the boats in Spanish waters. With the tax now rescinded, Marina Port Vell is undergoing a massive renovation and is poised to become a premier yachting destination in the western Mediterranean.

Set for completion at the end of 2014, the marina will offer 162 berths, the largest of which will be able to accommodate yachts as long as 460 feet. Amenities will include a fitness center, a membership club, concierge services, and relaxation areas for crew. A shopping mall, an IMAX movie theater, an aquarium, and a museum are located adjacent to the development. In addition, the multilingual staff at the marina's reception office will be available 24/7 to help boaters with customs and travel arrangements.

Several hotels are located near the marina, which is a 25-minute drive from Barcelona's international airport. If not by land or sea, visitors will have a third option for arriving at the development: When completed, Spain's new yachting haven will also offer access to a helipad. // Marina Port Vell, www.marinaportvell.com —B.S.B.