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From Joan Miró to Salvador Dalí: Art at the Dolder Grand

Keith Haring, Takashi Murakami, Fernando Botero, Andy Warhol, Salvador Dalí... Since the reopening of the Dolder Grand in 2008, more than 120 works by some of the world's greatest artists have graced the premises of this luxury hotel in Zurich. Guests are guided through the collection with the help of QR-Codes next to the art pieces.

It is not every hotel that greets guests with museum-quality works of art: a monumental sculpture by Joan Miró overlooks the driveway and the 11-metre long *Big Retrospective Painting* by Andy Warhol reigns over the lobby. While some pieces remain permanently in place, much of the collection revolves and regular guests are often delighted to discover new pieces when they return.

The Dolder Grand's owner, Urs Schwarzenbach, a passionate art collector, acquired the works over the course of several decades and, after buying the hotel, decided to display many pieces so that hotel guests could also enjoy them in an inspiring setting. The spectacular architecture by Foster + Partners – the immaculately restored historic Main Building flanked by two curving modern wings – and beautiful hotel grounds provide a perfect setting for the paintings and sculptures. Today, for art aficionados and to the delight of all guests, the Dolder Grand is both art museum and hotel.

Salvador Dalí, Fernando Botero, Jean Tinguely

Most of the works of art can be found in the public areas – both indoors and outside – while some are reserved for hotel guests to enjoy on their way to their rooms. Salvador Dalí's *Femmes métamorphosées – Les sept arts* greets diners on their way into The Restaurant (19 Gault&Millau points, 2 Michelin stars). Approaching the Spa, guests encounter the distinctive *Le Monde* by Niki de Saint Phalle and Jean Tinguely, and Fernando Botero's voluptuous *Woman with fruit* lends a playful air to the spa terrace. Damien Hirst, Donald Judd, Henry Moore, Julian Schnabel, Max Ernst, René Magritte ... the list of famous artists represented is long. While the collection comprises mostly modern and contemporary works, it includes works by artists from other periods, including Camille Pissarro, and the great 19th-century Swiss artist Ferdinand Hodler.

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Being able to stroll through the Dolder Grand and admire the works of art undoubtedly has its charms. However, for those wishing to take a more systematic approach to the collection and learn more about the works, QR codes have been placed next to each piece. A digital art guide that provides background information on the works and their artists.