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### ANDAZ AMSTERDAM PRINSENGRACHT

For his latest project, cheeky-chappie Dutch designer Marcel Wanders has utterly transformed a 1970s public library into a be-there hotspot. Local references abound: tulip-shaped chairs; wallpaper that mixes witty historical clippings with blue-and-white Delft porcelain design; fake books bearing names of prominent Amsterdammers – all done subtly enough to stay the course, at least for a weekend, without beginning to grate. The lobby (no formal reception desk; staff with iPads) is dominated by a giant curiosity cabinet filled with zany sculpture, a globe, a wooden leg. Behind it, a glass-box lift whisks guests up through the atrium, past geometric confetti lighting. The open-plan lounge – no bar as such, but a drinks table, which staff and customers mill around – faces one of the smartest canals in town and became a hip hangout within weeks of opening. Bedrooms continue the quirky, homegrown theme (graffiti and more Delft-blue on the walls), but the restaurant is quite low-key: minimalist white, black and bare wood. Here it's the Franco-Dutch cuisine that dazzles (brill with cockles and capers; transcendently good bouillabaisse). **FLASH POINT** The blend of heritage and edgy eccentricity gets to the heart of what Amsterdam is all about. +31 20 523 1234; [www.amsterdam.prinsengracht.andaz.hyatt.com](http://www.amsterdam.prinsengracht.andaz.hyatt.com). Doubles from about £295