10 years beneath the baobab
“It seems impossible until done.
A good head and a good heart are
a formidable combination.”

NELSON MANDELA
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I still remember it as if it were only yesterday. I was only a child sitting in my parents’ living room, listening with fascination to my father’s stories about Africa. That was how Africa was born within me. Ten years ago, in that same living room, surrounded by my parents, my daughters and a few good friends, Africa Digna was born.

Most people thought this was an idealistic project, and they were right. But thanks to that idealism we have managed to reach the African continent, the great unknown.

Today we are still dreaming, but now we can look back at ten years of experience and repeating ten years of disappointments but also ten years of results that helped us to learn and to grow.

If you are reading this letter you are probably also part of this dream. I am honoured to present this activity report, which also lists all the things that are still to be done.

We will continue to invest the money that you entrust to us to enhance the lives of African people. We will protect the youngest, the most vulnerable, and we will help the most enterprising to achieve their projects. We have faith in people.

We promise to cooperate as directly as possible with African communities and spend every cent in an effective way. The projects are theirs and not ours, and that is how they should see them.

For ten years we have been chasing a dream. We have been walking together beneath the baobab. And I hope to go on walking with you all for many more years.

Thank you for believing in Africa Digna.
A dream:
To Support dignity

YEAR 0
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YEAR 1
First steps
little collaborations

YEAR 2
Focus: ‘Grasp all, lose all’

YEAR 3
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Beneficiaries must collaborate with time
or money

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Specialization:
in education and health

YEAR 5
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We support medical doctors with passion
for Africa

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Raising awareness:
Our society must be involved

YEAR 7
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We support long term projects

YEAR 8
Debate:
We are concerned about how to do it better

YEAR 9
Human capital:
We support social entrepreneurs

YEAR 10
Formula:
(Dignity = Education + opportunity) x health

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=Dignity
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Only one thing we ask: the collaboration of the beneficiaries in every project with time, hard work or money.

The Leitmotiv

**SOS-tainable Cooperation**

We want to support social entrepreneurs with long-term projects that can improve the quality of education and health in their communities.

Through them, we will help to give African people a better life.

**Efficient Cooperation**

We promote and support specialised medical missions to Africa in order to improve the lives of people with scarce resources.

Our Values

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transparency // positivism // talent // professionalism //
humility // integrity // enthusiasm // respect // dignity
Our Impact

One in every two people is living below the poverty line.

INVESTMENT IN DIGNITY

1.044.025,85€

+ than 80.000 people

BENEFICIARIES

EDUCATION

443.196€

48%

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

+ than 70.074

42.242 people

27.832 people

Better access health

Drinking water

INVESTMENT

1.044.025,85€

EDUCATION

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48%

HEALTH

489.012€

52%

AwAReNess

anD MiCROPROJECT

89%

932.208,18€

111.817,67€

Direct Beneficiaries

+ than 11.478

10.220 people

1.244 people

School residence

Scholarships

ProjectS

932.208,18€

89%

Awareness

11%

111.817,67€

People

Cost of a dignified life

13 € per person

Ten years later, more challenges await us.
The Entrepreneurs

Education and health are the pillars of wellbeing, but there must always be a leader, someone who wants to get involved in a new project.

Victorio Torres

Sometimes fortune smiles and you get the chance to meet a real hero. Dr. Victorio Torres, a paediatrician from Madrid, is without any doubt one of them. He has been living in Kenya for 15 years, fighting AIDS. We were lucky enough to meet him through Nicolás Martin, the Spanish ambassador in Kenya, and from the very beginning we knew that our relationship would last a long time. His dream is that pregnant, HIV-positive women should receive the same treatment in Kenya as they do in Europe, and thereby stop this terrible epidemic. Kenya is one of the countries with the highest infection rates in the world.

Moses Okoth

He is a health technician. He feels proud of Kenya, his country. Moses captivated us from the very start. He was interested in receiving training in ultrasound diagnosis. As a health technician, he knew that the death of his first son could have been prevented with an ultrasound diagnosis. Dr. Albert Bossy, a renowned radiologist and an expert in ultrasound, got him a scholarship to train in Barcelona. Moses attended classes at the Hospital Sant Joan de Déu and at the Clínica Corachán. Together, we built a small dispensary near one of Nairobi’s poorest slums, where people live on less than a dollar a day. Now the dispensary is a big Medical Centre. His dream is to transform it into the best hospital in the area.

Sasha Fisher

We met Sasha, founder of Spark Microgrants, thanks to our trustee Inés Cuatrecasas, who lives in Rwanda. Sasha had a dream: to grant people small opportunities that could produce great returns, thereby bringing back a sense of optimism to the more vulnerable communities of Rwanda. Based on small micro-credits, the communities work together to bring about big changes at a very low cost.

Antoinette Mukakalisa

She is from Rwanda and the founder of Tujijurane, an NGO that offers training and education to the poorest citizens. Antoinette has founded a pre-school and a primary school in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. She wants it to become the best school in the country, so that children can get scholarships to go on to study at secondary school. Antoinette has shown us that the best weapon against poverty is education. Thanks to her, today we understand better than ever that education has to be one of the pillars of Africa Digna.

They want to help, they dream of a better world for themselves and for their people.

They fear nothing, not even death. They dare to create something in the middle of nowhere.

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Mary Jo Van Aardt  Mary Jo is Kenyan she is one of those people who create a massive impact from the very start. She lives on the Kenyan coast, where she manages a tourist resort. Mary Jo combines her work with her humanitarian cooperation in the area. She dreams of renovating the government schools, which are currently in very bad shape. By doing this, she hopes to attract the best teachers, thus enabling pupils to receive a quality education. To date, she has renovated 15 schools.

They are capable people: the change starts with them. They have innovative ideas

They involve the community in every project

Charlie Wheeler  Charlie, a dedicated Kenyan conservationist and Chairman of the Ngare Ndare Forest Trust, whom we met through our friend Tim Lapage, believes that eco-tourism is one of Kenya’s greatest riches. Charlie told us about his desire to build drinking water fountains so that the people do not have to drink from the same sources as their cattle. His goal is to help the local communities and help them make better use of their land while preserving the environment.

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The Missionaries of the Samburu land  They are brave men and women, highly dedicated and with strong characters. They connect very well with the Samburu people, they speak their language and live among them, sleeping lots of times in their manyattas. These missionaries help the very poor in one of the most remote parts of Africa, the Samburu area in the north of Kenya. They are always cheerful and positive, and do everything they can to ensure that the people achieve a better quality of life.

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Ron Beaton  Ron is from Kenya, he lives far from the city, in the African savannah. We were introduced to Ron Beaton by our friend Tim Lapage. His passion for the land of the Masai captivated us from the beginning. Ron found that most of the tourist guides for the Masai Mara Reserve did not come from the Masai tribe. He started a school to teach the Masai young people to be tourist guides, so that they can make the best use of the environment while preserving it. Ron wants also to make education available to most of the children in the area.

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Dreams in Africa

Our projects are the social dreams of people who think that the lives of the people around them could be made more dignified by improving education and health in Africa.

Our mission is to make these dreams come true
8 years in the land of the Samburu

The Samburu are a nomadic tribe. Their economy is based on cattle-raising. They consider agriculture a profane activity, and thus their habitat has remained undamaged through the years. They live in huts made of clay and branches (manyattas) in small communities scattered throughout the area. The women do the domestic work, taking care of the children, cleaning, cooking and fetching water, while the men take care of the cattle. Africa Digna works with the three missions established in the Samburu area: Barsaloi, Lodungokwe and Tuum.

We financed the mobile clinic. This is the most efficient way of caring for the small communities all over the territory.

More than 1,000 children vaccinated and more than 1,500 patients treated

To improve the health conditions in an area where the nearest hospital is two hours away by car, and the road is virtually impassable

Adaptation and follow-up of the Barsaloi clinic: assembling of equipment, supply of medicines and specialist medical visits.

More than 8,000 people can access these services

We built a system for channelling and storing water at Lulu (Barsaloi) and Lodungokwe.

More than 9,000 people can now fetch clean water without having to walk more than 10 kilometres

Invested in dignity, more than 130,000€

More than 15,000 people have now a more dignified life
We helped in the Lchekutì night program.

Lchekutì, which means ‘child shepherd’, are the brightest, most intelligent children in the family, aged between 8 and 16. They are entrusted with the task of tending to the cattle, from 7 am to 7 pm. These children are nomadic and are excluded from receiving an education.

2nd Objective

To provide the Samburu children with access to education, particularly the child shepherds, who work all day and grow up illiterate.

- We cooperate with the school in Barsaloi. We are devotees of this small school, where the children receive a first-class education in a clean, comfortable setting.
- Construction of a dining hall, kitchen and store in Barsaloi.
- Construction of two classrooms in the public school of Lowa (Barsaloi).
- We are developing a baby-class for Barsaloi.

More than 400 children have education and food.

Dignity is achieved through the cooperative work of all.

The land of the Samburu is a far-off place that is very special, isolated and magical. We want to go on working with them and making sustainable dreams come true.
Towards a generation of healthy children

HIV/AIDS is still the most deadly infection worldwide. In 2011, 34 million people were living with HIV, about 10% of them children under the age of 15, and almost 70% from Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Hospital of Maragua, the district’s referral medical centre, is situated in the Muranga Central province of Kenya, where more than 30% of the population is living below the poverty level.

We supported the program of formula feeding for children whose mothers HIV-positive.

97% of children of mothers HIV are not infected

More than 1,800 children admitted in critical state received medical care

We improved the morbidity with a dramatic decrease of contagion thanks to the construction of a paediatric ward.

Investment of almost 144,000€

Around 2,000 people with a more dignified life
A better future for the Masai people and their protected lands

The Masai Mara is a Nature Reserve situated in the south-western part of Kenya. It is an extension of Tanzania’s National Serengeti Park.

**Investment in dignity**
97,584€

2,500 people with a more dignified life

**1st Objective**
To improve the health conditions of the Masai people

- Digging a borehole at Ol Kuroto.
- 1,860 people have access to fresh water without entering the Reserve.

**2nd Objective**
To improve the education of the Masai people

- Collaboration with the Masai Guide School. After training, the Masai will be able to work on their own land.
- Building several bedrooms at the Government School for girls and boys. The bedrooms have latrines, showers, dining room and kitchen – all the necessary facilities to ensure that children do not have to take dangerous walks through the Nature Reserve.

**Donors**

- **Social entrepreneur**
  Ron Beaton

500 pupils have access to education and 170 pupils live at the school.
“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn”

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
Specialised medical missions

There are many medical professionals who contact us and volunteer to go to Africa, where they offer their help and knowledge at no charge. These people have a strong vocation for service. We have slowly been building a bridge between Barcelona and Kenya, between these professionals who want to help and the 24,000 people who cannot afford treatment.

Barraquer Foundation: Elena Barraquer

The ophthalmic expeditions of the Barraquer Foundation focus mainly on operating on cataracts, which is the main cause of blindness in developing countries. They treat both adults and children, and give them glasses. These children cannot do without glasses if they want to go to school.

Claros Foundation: Pedro Clarós

The Claros Foundation surgical expeditions specialise in surgery to the face, head and neck, as well as treating ENT problems.

Dentalcoop: Alberto Perez-Porro

Dentalcoop create dental health centres to treat populations with scarce resources. They also train personnel and supply the necessary equipment and health products.

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Investment in dignity
60,235€

More than 24,000 people can lead a more dignified life

530 operations
1,902 consultations & check-ups
850 pairs of glasses

350 medical exams
124 surgical interventions

350 patients treated
More than 20,000 people can go to the dental clinics

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The best hospital for a Nairobi’s slum

There are 12 slums in the city of Nairobi. Though we cannot be sure of the number of inhabitants, we know that in some of these slums, for instance in Kibera, there are more than 15 million people, barely surviving.

Social entrepreneur
Moses Okoth

Donors

Objective
To offer “low cost” medical services to people with scarce resources

We started with a small dispensary, now is a Medical Centre that offers:

- Medical examinations.
- Ultrasound diagnosis. The clinic will soon have a radiology service for testing and monitoring for TB, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases, as well as broken bones.
- Clinical analysis.
- Testing and monitoring for kidney stones.
- Family planning services, optometry and dentistry.

More than 8,000 people living on less than $1 per day and have access to adequate health care.

People with a better life, more than +8,000

Investment in dignity 101,850€
Education at Kenya’s Coast

According to estimates, 30% of Kenya’s boys and girls do not complete their primary education, the main reason being that they need to work to help their families. How would you feel if your own children had to study in a very old, virtually derelict building? The primary schools of Mwele and Bonyani, some kilometres away from Malindi (on the coast of Kenya), were in a very bad state when we visited five years ago. The children were studying in mud huts. After the schools were renovated, they leapt to first and second place in the area’s rankings, and now the best teachers want to teach there.

“Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world”
NELSON MANDELA

Donors

Social entrepreneur Mary Jo Van Aardt

To promote education in order to help young people find jobs

Investment in dignity

48.585€

90,000€ are going to be paid

+2,000 children with access to education

500 children receive schooling every year

900 children will receive schooling every year

We are financing the refurbishment of Mwele Primary School

Reconstruction of Bonyani Primary School now is number one of the ranking in that area.
Improving communities in Rwanda

The Murambi community in the north of Rwanda consists of several families. They have no access to clean water and most of them don’t have a stable job. The scarcity of water is a serious problem for their everyday life.

Social entrepreneur Sasha Fisher

“A give a hungry man a fish, and you feed him for one day. Teach him how to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime”

Lao-Tse

Africa Digna Funds

Objective

To ensure easy access to drinking water and to promote job training

- We funded a wheat mill that has enabled the inhabitants of Murambi to work and earn the necessary money to construct three sources of drinking water.

100 families benefited

“Investment in dignity, almost 5,000€”

100 families with a more dignified life

100 families benefited

“Give a hungry man a fish, and you feed him for one day. Teach him how to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime”

Lao-TSE
Grants to promote talent

The aim of the Africa Digna’s grants program is to promote a higher level of education for people who were outstanding academically, as well as in terms of their values and involvement in social concerns.

Africa Digna Funds

Social entrepreneur
Sister Gladys
+ Ron Beaton

Objective
To promote and facilitate access to secondary education or job training for people with scarce resources

Investment in dignity
13,155€

14 people with a better future

Irene Lekirat: office worker
Jackson Mautal: tourist guide
Jacob Lesane: mechanic
John K. Kipeepe: tourist guide
John West: development in resources
Justice Leorto: psychologist
Leswakery Talone: teacher
Nikolas Lekurra: social worker
Ramiato Lenanguran: secondary school student
Pamela Lentawo: teacher at primary school
Priscilla Nachanga: teacher
Robert Lentawa: school director
Robert Letilia: carpenter
Salomon Leleshipai: plumber

It fills us with pride to see how they achieved their goals, and how they now earn their living.

“To invest in people is a sure way towards success due to the ripple effect it creates in communities”

MaRTA CUATRECASAS
Fresh water in Ngare Ndare

The 5,554 hectare Ngare Ndare forest is situated in the northern part of Kenya. This wonderful place is the home of wild animals that move freely through the reserve. The source of one of the main rivers that feed northern Kenya can be found in the forest. Six communities, mostly ranchers, live there in perfect harmony: Mbuji, Ngare Ndare, Kisima, Subsiga, Elthi and Manyangalo.

Social entrepreneur
Charlie Wheeler

Donors
bbK obra social
Amigos de Argentina
Dogwood
Netip

Objective

To facilitate access to fresh water and to teach the local communities about the importance of hygiene and the conservation of the environment

- Hydraulic project in Ngare Ndare that was born out of the idea of facilitating access to drinking water, showers and latrines for the people who live around the forest.
- Construction of the Manyangalo bridge.
- 3,000 people have direct access to water
- 550 children can get to school without difficulty
- 8,320 head of cattle have access to troughs

“The earth is not an inheritance from our parents, but we borrow it from our children”

INdIAN PRoVERB

More than 12,000 people with a more dignified life

Investment in dignity 66,617€
Fighting ignorance in Rwanda

At present, one out of every four children in Rwanda is not going to school, because for many people learning is still not a priority.

Objective
To promote education

The poorest school in Rwanda has now become the most highly-rated one. After improving the infrastructure of the Primary School in Kigali, we want to enlarge the building in order to house more children.

Around 100 children every year use the 2 classrooms built by Africa Digna, where they receive the best education available in the area.

“To fight poverty, one has to fight ignorance”

ANTOINETTE MUKAKALISA

Africa Digna Funds

Social entrepreneur
Antoinette Mukakalisa

Investment in dignity
11,925 €

More than 400 children with access to education
1 **CONCERTS**
- 2006 // Concert by Mas de Rest at Luz de Gas
- 2008 // Concert by Abbey’s Beat at Luz de Gas
- 2010 // Concert by Soroll Blanc i Cyan at Luz de Gas
- 2011 // Concert by Close Case at Be Cool
- 2012 // Concert by Los Findes at Luz de Gas
- 2013 // Concert by Los Findes at Sala Be Cool
- 2013 // Concert by Ars Tunae at the Auditori

2 **GOLF TOURNAMENTS**
- 2007 // 1st Tournament at Real Golf El Prat
- 2013 // 2nd Tournament at Real Golf El Prat

3 **MARKETS**
- 2006 // Annual volunteers’ dinner
- 2007 // Annual volunteers’ dinner
- 2008 // 1st Africa Digna dinner
- 2009 // Annual volunteers’ dinner
- 2010 // 1st Tournament at Real Golf El Prat
- 2011 // Annual volunteers’ dinner
- 2012 // 2nd Tournament at Real Golf El Prat
- 2013 // Annual volunteers’ dinner

4 **DINNERS**
- 2006 // International Bazaar in Luxembourg
- 2012 // 1st Market in Play and Help
- 2013 // 2nd Market in Play and Help
- 2013 // Market at Alella

5 **FILMS**
- 2006 // Annual volunteers’ dinner
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- 2011 // Annual volunteers’ dinner
- 2012 // 1st Tournament at Real Golf El Prat
- 2013 // Annual volunteers’ dinner

6 **PADDLE TOURNAMENT**
- 2006 // 1st Africa Digna Paddle Tournament
- 2007 // 2nd Africa Digna Paddle Tournament

7 **TRAVEL**
- 2006 // International Bazaar in Luxembourg
- 2007 // 1st Market in Play and Help
- 2010 // 2nd Market in Play and Help
- 2012 // Annual volunteers’ dinner
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8 **EXHIBITIONS**
- 2007 // 2nd Market in Play and Help
- 2013 // Annual volunteers’ dinner

9 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2006 // International Bazaar in Luxembourg
- 2007 // 1st Market in Play and Help
- 2010 // 2nd Market in Play and Help
- 2012 // Annual volunteers’ dinner
- 2013 // Annual volunteers’ dinner

10 **SPINNING**
- 2010 // 1st Spinning at Bonasport
- 2011 // 2nd Spinning at Real Club de Polo
- 2012 // 3rd Spinning at Real Club Polo

11 **AUCTION**
- 2010 // 1st Spinning at Bonasport
- 2011 // 2nd Spinning at Real Club de Polo
- 2012 // 3rd Spinning at Real Club Polo
- 2013 // Auction at Aeroclub Empordà
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Bramwel Kisuya / / ambassador of Kenya in Spain

My most sincere, warm and loving wishes to Africa Digna on its 10th anniversary. Congratulations on the great work of helping so many human beings to improve their quality of life and dignity. I hope to continue my cooperation with you for many more years!

Elena Barraquers / Director of the Barraquer Foundation

During a wonderful trip to Kenya I was lucky enough to discover a remote village of the Samburu community called Barsaloi, where we were received with affection and where we were given a lesson in what it means to be a good host and to say ‘thank you’. The naturalness and the enthusiasm that the organisation brings to every project were matched with smiles, dances, songs and the natural joyfulness of the Masai. I learned there that it is not a matter of how much or how little you give, or how you give it – the most important thing was to be there, to lend a helping hand and in return to be given a warmth and an energy that we, in the sterile First World, no longer know. My best wishes for a long life for Africa Digna!

Belinda Washington / / actress and TV presenter

As the mayor of Barcelona, I am pleased to congratulate Africa Digna on its 10th anniversary. Thanks to the projects in the areas of health and education promoted over the past 10 years, many people living in sub-Saharan Africa have been able to improve the quality of their lives. A magnificent task that fills all of us with pride. Barcelona has always been known for its spirit of solidarity and its generosity, which are shown not only in governmental cooperation actions, but also – and especially – in the city’s rich fabric of associations, created by involved, committed people like you. I would like to encourage you to carry on working as you have done until now, with dedication and hope, to build a better world together! Happy anniversary!

Xavier Trias / / Mayor of Barcelona

My very best wishes to all the people who have been working for the past few years, with heart and mind, at Africa Digna! To you, Mercedes Barceló, for the dedication and love that I have seen you give to so many people. I hope that you continue for another 100 years, raising people’s awareness of those who are so often neglected, and giving them back all their potential. Always with you.

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Belinda Washington / / actress and TV presenter

I appreciate Africa Digna’s noble service to humanity in Kenya over the past 10 years and recognise its dedication and enthusiasm towards achieving its mandate. I wish the foundation success in all its future endeavours in Kenya and elsewhere. Hongoera Africa Digna!

Bruno Oro / / actor and singer

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**Mercedes Barceló // Chairperson**
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Economist, graduate of ESADE and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of New York. PhD from IESE in Barcelona.

**JOSE LUIS ACHA**, graduate in Law and promoter of the Rivaria Foundation. Board member for several foundations.

**JOSÉ GABRIEL MARTÍN**, Master’s in Aeronautical Engineering and graduate of IESE and INSEAD. Member of several boards and associations.

**FERNANDO LABASTIDA**, graduate in Law from the University of Barcelona.

**VÍCTOR BARCELÓ**, graduate and MBA from ADE, specialist in Investment Banking.

**CARLOS BUENO**, graduate in Law from the University of Barcelona.

**INÉS CUATRECASAS**, co-founder and director of the fashion brand “mille collines”, which has its headquarters in Rwanda, where she has been living for years.

**MARTA CUATRECASAS**, MBA from IESE and with a degree in Journalism, brand manager at Áreas, a leading company in the area of travel retail.


**Jorge Mas // Director**
Law graduate from the University of Barcelona; has taken part in the program of teaching management for non-governmental organisations at ESADE.

**Mar Juncà // Management Assistant**
Degree in Hotel Management by the UAB.

**Laura Fernández // Head of administration**
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