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Supersize Barcelona

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Francesc Macià will offer buyers the chance to live in one of Barcelona's only Bauhaus-style buildings, but in the genteel Eixample district near Paseo de Gracia, Casa Burés will provide a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to inhabit a modernist landmark designed by one of Gaudi's old collaborators, Francesc Berenguer i Mestres.

"I don't think we'll find a building of this size, substance and history again," says Marcus Donaldson of development company Bonavista,

who are turning the huge and currently somewhat dilapidated Casa Burés, built in 1900 as a family home, into about 30 apartments ranging from around €1m to €4.8m through Lucas Fox. Two apartments – or maybe even just one – will inhabit the 600 sq m first floor, which is accessed by a sweeping stone staircase with a stone bear rearing up on the bottom step. Inside, the first floor's listed interiors include original stained glass ceilings, ornately tiled floors and murals depicting wealthy Catalans at play.