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BREAKFAST**

## CONVENTIONS TO PROLONG SEASON

● Meliá Hotels International plans keeping **hotels in Magalluf open up to the start of December** because of a major convention being held in Palma.

● Meliá's CEO Gabriel Escarrer said yesterday that the **new convention centre will help in lengthening the tourist season.**

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### Thousands of euros raised for charity in big gala reception in Majorca



Bulletin managing editor Jason Moore, Paul Abrey Managing Director of Palma Pictures, British Ambassador Simon Manley, British Vice Consul Lucy Gorman, Lord Jeffrey Archer, Stewart Cusden of the British Benevolent Fund and British Consul General Lloyd Millen at the charity gala last night. See Page Three.

### SPANISH GRAFT PROBE INTENSIFIES

**MADRID.** A Spanish High Court graft inquiry that has led to the arrests of people linked to the ruling Partido Popular widened yesterday as police searched the offices of construction group OHL and technology firm Indra.

Mariano Rajoy is not accused of any wrongdoing, but the investigation is an embarrassment for the Spanish prime minister who has sought to distance himself from a series of political scandals involving kickbacks. Dozens of politicians and executives have taken the stand as a result and Rajoy, who holds the narrowest parliamentary majority in the history of Spanish democracy, has been called as a witness in a trial of members of his party suspected of operating a slush fund, a court spokeswoman said on Tuesday. OHL and Indra confirmed the searches and

an OHL spokesman said the company had not made any payments to politicians and was fully cooperating with police, while an Indra spokesman declined any further comment.

The searches were linked to the financing of the PP's Madrid branch during regional election campaigns in 2011. A PP spokeswoman declined to comment. News of the searches hit shares in both companies, with OHL falling as much as 14 percent, before recovering to trade around 8 percent lower. Indra's shares lost more than 4 percent.

A police spokesman did not name the companies, saying only that the inspections were part of the same operation which led on Wednesday to the arrest of former Madrid regional president Ignacio Gonzalez and 11 others.