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Barba Corsini (1916-2008) was a leading functionalist architect who won international praise for his architecture and his design for La Pedrera. Corsini was strongly inspired by the German architect Mies van der Rohe and the American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. He also had a great affinity to Finnish architecture, which he believed to be the finest in Europe on account of the powerful simplicity of the designs. 'Powerful simplicity' is perhaps an apt description of Corsini's personal design style, as represented by the Pedrera Collection.

Joaquim Ruiz Millet (born 1955) founded Galeria H20 in Barcelona in 1989, where he furthered his activities as gallery owner, cultural agitator, curator of exhibitions, and editor of books and design objects. During the restoration of La Pedrera in 1991, he discovered the beauty of the great floor lamp PD2 and rescued it from being thrown away. Ruiz Millet started to collaborate with Corsini in order to relaunch the original designs designed for La Pedrera. As Corsini's protégé, Ruiz Millet wanted to help rescuing his work, make it more known and available for the public.