

BVLGARI HOTEL SHANGHAI IS HONOURED WITH MICHELIN STARS IN THE MICHELIN GUIDE 2020 FOR BOTH IL RISTORANTE - NIKO ROMITO AND BAO LI XUAN



Chef Niko Romito at Il Ristorante - Niko Romito



Chef Fu at Bao Li Xuan



BVLGARI HOTEL SHANGHAI'S TWO SIGNATURE ITALIAN AND CHINESE RESTAURANTS HAVE BEEN BOTH AWARDED ONE MICHELIN STAR BY THE MICHELIN GUIDE SHANGHAI 2020, PRESENTED ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2019.

Rome, 19th September 2019 - Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts is proud to announce that both the hotel's signature restaurants, the Italian Il Ristorante - Niko Romito and the Chinese Bao Li Xuan, have been awarded with Michelin stars during the *Michelin Guide Shanghai 2020* presentation ceremony held in Shanghai today, 19 September 2019. Chinese fine-dining restaurant Bao Li Xuan was awarded 1 Michelin star while Il Ristorante - Niko Romito confirmed its 1 Michelin star award.

Silvio Ursini, Bvlgari Group Executive Vice President, commented: *'We are delighted to receive such an important recognition by the Michelin Guide Shanghai 2020. Bvlgari Hotel Shanghai has established itself as a gourmet destination for both Chinese fine dining at Bao Li Xuan and Italian gastronomy at Il Ristorante - Niko Romito. We are proud to have two internationally celebrated chefs – Niko Romito and Chef Fu – at the helm of our restaurants. These collaborations represent the continuous quest of Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts for innovative excellence and memorable experiences to offer to our guests.'*

BAO LI XUAN AWARDED 1 MICHELIN STAR

Located in Bvlgari Hotel Shanghai's historic Chamber of Commerce Shanghai building, Bao Li Xuan will celebrate its first anniversary in October 2019. An enchanting blend of classic nostalgia and metropolitan modernity framed by its unique heritage setting dating back to 1916, the restaurant serves exquisite Cantonese cuisine prepared by Chef Fu from Hong Kong. With more than 25 years of culinary experience, Chef Fu has helmed Michelin star restaurants in Macau and Hong Kong where his style of preserving traditional flavours using superior ingredients is elevated with elegant contemporary presentation creating an unforgettable Cantonese fine dining experience.

"Bao Li Xuan is the first Chinese restaurant for the Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts collection globally. Together with my talented team, it is a great honour to receive our first Michelin star for our refined Cantonese cuisine served up within the lens of the luxurious Bvlgari lifestyle," says Chef Fu of Bao Li Xuan at Bvlgari Hotel Shanghai.

IL RISTORANTE - NIKO ROMITO AWARDED 1 MICHELIN STAR

Signature Italian restaurant Il Ristorante - Niko Romito on the uppermost floor of the hotel has confirmed its 1 Michelin star.

Il Ristorante - Niko Romito represents a unique collaboration between Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts and the renowned Italian chef patron of 3 Michelin star restaurant Reale in Abruzzo. Showcasing a new gastronomic concept that the chef specially designed for Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts, Il Ristorante - Niko Romito is currently present in the Bvlgari properties of Dubai, Beijing, Shanghai and Milan. Niko Romito is one of very few Michelin-awarded chefs in Italy



to receive this prestigious acknowledgement by the Michelin Guide both in his home country and internationally.

“Il Ristorante is the result of two years of study and research to develop a new model of Italian cuisine for the luxury world that speaks 100% Italian. The recognition by such an authoritative gastronomic guide as Michelin is an important testimony of the strength of our concept and the solid and consistent work that our teams are undertaking in Shanghai and around the world. The authentic essence of Italian dining is being understood and appreciated by our guests and diners and this makes me very proud of my team and the overall project,” says Chef Niko Romito.

The Il Ristorante menu is based on the chef’s philosophy of simplicity, synthesis and a quest for the quintessence of flavour, establishing a true “canon” of contemporary Italian cuisine that expresses the culture, elegance and vitality of ‘Made in Italy’ to the maximum. Starting from traditional recipes, the ending point of the menu is a punctual yet updated philological reinterpretation of Italian heritage that is streamlined and essential.

The resident chef at Bvlgari Hotel Shanghai is Davide Capucchio. After many years of experience in Michelin-starred restaurants in Italy and France, Davide joined the Accademia Niko Romito in 2017 and worked closely with Chef Romito to develop the new gastronomic concept for Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts. Thereafter he moved to China to take the helm of Il Ristorante - Niko Romito at Bvlgari Hotel Shanghai, which was awarded 1 Michelin Star in the *Michelin Guide Shanghai 2019* and confirmed its 1 Michelin star status in the *Michelin Guide Shanghai 2020*.

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About Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts

Unique locations in harmony with the surrounding area, the blend of traditional design with dramatic contemporary Italian architecture by the architectural firm Antonio Citterio Patricia Viel and superior service crafted with the same attention to quality that has always distinguished Bvlgari creations. These are the key elements that characterize The Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts collection.

For all the hotels the approach is the same: the design of the interiors is strongly rooted in the traditions of the location, and careful attention is paid to every detail in a tribute to absolute luxury.

The Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts collection features the distinctive, bold Italian style typical of Bvlgari, reflected in its unique design, its contemporary Italian cuisine and its lavish spas. It conveys the excitement of the Bvlgari brand, its timeless glamour and its magnificent Italian jewelry heritage.

Having grown from a collection of three iconic Hotels & Resorts in Milan, London and Bali, Bvlgari Hotels & Resorts has recently been enriched with the Beijing and the Dubai properties. Bvlgari Hotel Shanghai is the sixth jewel of the collection opened in 2018, while three new Bvlgari Hotels are due to open from 2020 to 2022 in Paris, Moscow and Tokyo.



About Bvlgari

Bvlgari was founded in Rome in 1884 as a jewelry shop and quickly established a reputation for Italian excellence with exquisite craftsmanship and magnificent jewelry creations. The Company's international success has evolved into a global and diversified luxury purveyor of products and services ranging from fine jewels and watches to accessories, perfumes and hotels, with an unrivalled network of outlets in the world's most exclusive areas. Since 2011 Bvlgari is part of the LVMH Group.

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