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BULGARI RESORT DUBAI'S IL RISTORANTE - NIKO ROMITO AND HŌSEKI RESTAURANT BOTH AWARDED BY MICHELIN GUIDE 2022



Bulgari Resort Dubai team, from the left: Lorena Piccolo, Director of Culinary, Giacomo Amicucci, Resident Chef of Il Ristorante-Niko Romito, Chef Niko Romito, Masahiro Sugiyama, Head Chef of Hōseki Restaurant, and Pep Lozano, Hotel's General Manager.

This award places both Il Ristorante – Niko Romito and Hōseki Restaurant as top culinary destinations in the Middle East

Dubai, 21st June 2022 – Bulgari Hotels & Resorts is thrilled to announce that **Il Ristorante-Niko Romito Dubai** and **Hōseki Restaurant**, both located at Bulgari Resort Dubai, have been awarded in the MICHELIN Guide Dubai 2022, the first edition in the United Arab Emirates.



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Il Ristorante - Niko Romito, helmed by Chef, Niko Romito, and Resident Chef, Giacomo Amicucci, received **2 Michelin Stars** for its celebration of rich Italian heritage, making it the only Italian restaurant to be recognized with two stars.

Hōseki Restaurant, the minimalist jewel-box destination with just nine seats where guests can enjoy a one-of-a-kind Omakase experience, the most traditional way to savor Japanese food, helmed by Chef Masahiro Sugiyama, was awarded of **1 Michelin Star**.

“It’s a profound emotion.” says **Chef Niko Romito**. “This acknowledgement is a very important award for me as well as for Chef Giacomo Amicucci and the great team behind me in this adventure. During these years, Il Ristorante-Niko Romito, a project we started with Bulgari in 2017, represented a thrilling challenge. It allowed me to conceive what I envisage to be the canons that define the Italian contemporary cuisine and present them worldwide. A cuisine celebrating the essential values and the traditions of my country while reflecting my ideals of pureness, outer synthesis and elegance of taste. After the Star in Shanghai and Beijing, even a dynamic and intercultural city like Dubai has confirmed that the values and the cornerstones around which this amazing project has been conceived and developed, reflect and respond to the expectations the world has on our great gastronomic legacy.”

Resident Chef Giacomo Amicucci adds “To receive two Michelin stars is an overwhelming emotion. I sincerely thank Chef Niko Romito, with whom we share common values and objectives, for his mentorship and his guidance to achieve this result. I thank our fantastic team for their commitment to this project and all at the Bulgari group for their support. The presence of the Michelin Guide in Dubai will bring a healthy competition among Chefs and a great cultural enrichment. It will be a standard defining stimulus in a city, where the excellence of hospitality is already a primary value. Personally, I consider myself lucky, I’m doing the most beautiful job in the world. During my career, I worked side-by-side to many great Michelin Starred Chefs and this gave me the opportunity to flank Chef Niko Romito and to achieve today this important goal.”

Head Chef Masahiro Sugiyama, commented as follows: “It is such a great honour to be awarded this star alongside these incredible chefs. It brings me joy to bring forth my family’s heritage to the Dubai scene and enriching the fine cultural Japanese traditions. I want to thank the team at Hōseki for their hard work and the Bulgari Hotels family for believing in Hōseki and making our dreams come true.”

Niko Romito is the chef patron of the 3 Michelin-starred *Reale* restaurant in Abruzzo, ranked 36th in the prestigious San Pellegrino list of the World’s 50 Best Restaurants. He curates the gastronomic concept of the Bulgari Hotels & Resorts in Paris, Beijing, Dubai, Shanghai and Milan, for which he has developed a genuine **code of contemporary cuisine** whose starting point are traditional recipes with a modern, minimalist interpretation, fully expressing the culture, sophistication and vivacity of the ‘Made in Italy’ cuisine.



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With over 160 years of family sushi traditions, Chef Sugiyama is the 6th generation of sushi masters from Tokyo. With his talented culinary technique and relationship with the finest Japanese markets to get the most fresh and seasonal ingredients from Japan, Chef Sugiyama takes the guests through a culinary journey to savor the real tastes of Japan. At the helm of Hōseki Restaurant since 2018, his extraordinary cuisine can be discovered with different dining experiences, which are especially named after special gemstones in Japanese.

About Bulgari Hotels & Resorts

Unique locations in harmony with the surrounding areas, 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 Bulgari creations. These are the key elements that characterize The Bulgari 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 place, and careful attention is paid to every detail in a tribute to absolute luxury. The Bulgari Hotels & Resorts collection features the distinctive, bold Italian style typical of Bulgari, reflected in its unique design, its contemporary Italian cuisine and its lavish spas. It conveys the excitement of the Bulgari brand, its timeless glamour and its magnificent Italian jewelry heritage. Bulgari Hotels & Resorts Collection began as an initial array of three establishments in Milan, London and Bali, and recently added new ones in Beijing, Dubai and Shanghai. The Bulgari Hotel Paris is the seventh jewel in the collection, and four additional hotels are coming soon to Rome, Tokyo, Miami and Los Angeles, between 2023 and 2025.

About Bulgari

Part of the LVMH Group, Bulgari was founded in Rome in 1884 as a Jewellery shop. Known as the magnificent Roman jeweler and master of colored gems, Bulgari has established a worldwide reputation for Italian excellence and enjoys renowned for its exquisite craftsmanship. The company's international success has evolved into a global and diversified luxury purveyor of products and services, ranging from fine jewels and high-end watches to accessories and perfumes, and featuring an unrivalled network of boutiques and hotels in the world's most exclusive shopping areas.

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