



EXCELSIOR HOTEL GALLIA, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, MILAN

Essentially Milan, Excelsior Hotel Gallia Offers Refined Style, Exceptional Hospitality and Indigenous Travel Experiences in the Heart of the Emerging Porta Nuova District

MILAN, Italy – Excelsior Hotel Gallia, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Milan, owned by Katara Hospitality, is a Milanese landmark of hospitality emerged in 2015 from a meticulous, all-encompassing renovation of the historic building, whilst adding a new contemporary wing.

Established by the venerable Milanese Gallia family in 1932, Excelsior Hotel Gallia, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Milan endures as a landmark in the center of Italy's most dynamic and creative city. Lauded for its majestic quality, the hotel was bestowed the 'Excelsior' title – a historic accolade reserved for only the most distinguished hotel in each Italian town. Iconic and visually distinct, it seamlessly celebrates avant-garde fashion, iconic design and epicurean heritage through crafted moments and intriguing perspectives. Opening-up a world of authentic experiences and destination discoveries, Excelsior Hotel Gallia is *Essentially Milan*.

Located between the ever-changing landscape of Milan's new financial district and its creative and artistic island enclave "Isola", Excelsior Hotel Gallia, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Milan is supremely positioned in the city that acts as a gateway to Italy and beyond. With Milano Centrale on the doorstep, international guests no longer alight from 1930s steamer trains, but are whisked via high-speed rail. Connecting city-wide and country-wide, Milan acts as a hub for both historic exploration and business travel to Italy's most captivating locations, whether day-tripping to Lake Como or further afield to Florence, Rome and Venice.

Led by the award-winning Milan-based Studio Marco Piva, the extensive architecture and interior design project marries contemporary aesthetics with the hotel's original Belle Époque style. The renowned design firm also curated a unique collection of more than 500 pieces of art, including paintings, sculptures and photographs. The interiors feature distinct references to Milanese lifestyle and the timeless elegance of the Art Deco era, including furnishings exclusively created by Italian designers and craftsmen.

Excelsior Hotel Gallia comprises two buildings – the fully restored historic palace and a new modern wing with a façade that resembles a delicate steel and glass curtain. The striking juxtaposition is inspired by the hotel's luminous past and the emerging skyline of the Porta Nuova area. Guests entering the hotel are welcomed by the dazzling sight of a custom-made 30-metre Murano glass chandelier created by De Majo, depicting a waterfall of 180 light cylinders which illuminates the eight-story monumental stairwell. The historical lobby pays tribute to notable Milanese architecture of the 1930s, such as La Scala Theatre, Vittorio Emanuele Gallery and Villa Necchi Campiglio. The public spaces have been outfitted by B&B Italia using aluminium, glass and marble.

A celebration of Italian craftsmanship, each of Excelsior Hotel Gallia's 182 guestrooms are furnished with handcrafted pieces by local ateliers. The hotel features an extraordinary collection of 51 themed suites, which have their own design and personalization: Executive, Panoramic, Atelier and Signature. In addition to these suites, guests can enjoy the exclusive 160 sqm Gallia suite on the 5th floor and the unique 1000 sqm Katara Suite on the 7th floor. This suite is one of Italy's largest and includes a private meeting room, 2 dedicated terraces, a private Pagoda spa with a jacuzzi under the dome and 4 bedrooms including a Princess Suite. The hotel provides a diplomatic entrance that can be used to gain direct access to the Katara Suite

The hotel's roof-top mixologist bar and signature restaurant Terrazza Gallia is managed by the Lebano brothers in collaboration with the three-Michelin starred Cerea family; the two young chefs, full of energy, Vincenzo and Antonio Lebano, are originally from Campania, a region which boasts one of the most famous cuisines in Italy. After several years of experience in the best kitchens in Italy, the two brothers now are chefs at the Terrazza Gallia Restaurant, under the consultancy of the three Michelin star Cerea family, leading a restaurant where to savour the best of traditional Italian and Lombard cuisine with a contemporary twist. Guests can now choose between two interesting tasting menu: Mediterraneo and Mediterraneo Vegetale

In addition guests can choose a la carte the main classics and the tributes to Da Vittorio's iconic dishes, such as Warm Fish Salad, Steamed Shellfish, Paccheri alla "Vittorio" and Cotoletta alla Milanese. The menu pays attention to the theme of sustainability and respect for small producers, building lasting relationships over time, without forgetting the *no waste* philosophy reflected in many dishes such as Spaghetti "Misericordia e Nobiltà", their signature dish with flat bread, caviar and coral sauce.

Guests seated on the covered and heated outdoor terrace enjoy a panoramic view of Milan, including the landmark Central Station and the adjacent Pirelli skyscraper by Giò Ponti. The Cerea family also lend their gastronomic expertise to the hotel's banqueting and events services.

The Gallia Restaurant on the ground floor offers the ideal location for a breakfast meeting, smart business lunch, or private dinner, whilst the Wine Cellar is the ideal setting for an intimate private lunch or dinner and is the perfect spot to learn the secrets of the perfect risotto or create a signature pasta dish under the guidance of the award-winning Lebano Brothers. Available by reservation, the Cooking Schools complemented by a visit to the well-stocked Wine Vault.

Gallia Lounge and Bar, on the ground floor of the hotel, offers a menu to share BaBI Be Authentic Be Local, inspired by local traditions and the best Italian ingredients, based on the art of sharing what is on the table with colleagues, friends and other treatment.

Spanning over two floors of calm and relaxation surrounded by natural light, the wellness center is a tranquil haven at the heart of the hotel. Offering a sleek backdrop for nourishing spa journeys, it is appointed with Himalayan salt cabin, hydrotherapy, wet and dry saunas and steam room. Nestled within is the exclusive SHISEIDO SPA Milan, where over a century of Japanese wellness rituals meet 87-years of Italian hospitality. Holistic in approach, each treatment starts with traditional Japanese foot bathing and culminates in a time-honored tea ceremony. Combining the finest Eastern and Western therapies, this celebrated spa philosophy stimulates the senses and unwinds mind and body. Located on the seventh floors of the hotel, the fitness area is furnished with the latest equipment from Artis by Technogym.

The hotel's historical Cupola room on the seventh floor houses a modern, multifunctional space equipped with the latest audio-visual technology, making it a spectacular and unique venue for celebrations and events. Connecting the historical centre of the hotel with the main hall of the new building is the indoor "Promenade", a charming 100-metre walkway with large boutique windows from the fashionable Montenapoleone Street. The ground floor of the new wing features 12 meeting rooms, spanning across 1000sqm, as well as 700sqm of foyer space.

For more information about Excelsior Hotel Gallia, visit [excelsiorhotelgallia.com](https://www.excelsiorhotelgallia.com)

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