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The Franklin London - Starhotels Collezione celebrates “Il Buon Appetito” to mark the much anticipated “Week of Italian Cuisine in the World”



London, 5th November 2024 To celebrate the ninth edition of the **Week of Italian Cuisine in the World** (16th-22nd November) in collaboration with the Italian General Consulate of London, **The Franklin Restaurant** invites Londoners and visitors to the capital to enjoy a special four course dinner prepared by **Michelin-starred Chef Alfredo Russo** and Head Chef Roberto Roncolato on **Tuesday 12th November**.

Honouring Italy's culinary traditions, the dishes presented by Chef Russo will highlight the gastronomic heritage that Italy is known for the world over, while bringing to life the very essence of the Mediterranean using iconic ingredients and techniques that form the foundation of the country's cuisine. Each of the four courses celebrates seasonal and regionally-sourced produce, from sweetbread with smoked almonds and freshly-harvested pears to homemade ricotta gnocchi complemented with wild mushrooms.

From the moment guests step foot onto the Italian black and white marble flooring of The Franklin London, diners are welcomed by designer Anouska Hempel's refined interiors, inspired by the beauty of Italian cathedrals, and bringing a touch of Venetian romance to the culinary experience.

The restaurant at The Franklin London, which is located in a quiet corner of Knightsbridge, just steps away from the V&A and Harrods, is helmed by Chef Alfredo Russo who was named as L'Espresso guide as Italy's Best Young Chef early in his career, due to his flair for creating simple, elegant dishes that delight and amaze with unusual and often surprising flavour combinations. He brings this talent to The Franklin London, where he puts his own, unique spin on dishes including Spaghettono con Pecorino Romano e Granchio, Gamberi di Mazara e Panzanella and Burrata Pomodori e Caviale.

Ryan Dunlop, General Manager of The Franklin London comments *“Italian roots are woven into the very fabric of The Franklin, from the interior design with its sumptuous furnishings and magnificent Venetian églomisé mirrors, through to its authentic yet sophisticated Piedmontese cuisine. It is because of this that we are delighted to take part in the Week of Italian Cuisine in the World and help to showcase the incredibly rich culinary history of Italy through our distinctive approach to our Italian heritage.*

The evening on 12th November, will begin with a welcome drink, prepared by Bar Manager, Salvatore Maggio. During the dinner itself, guests will enjoy a rousing performance by multi-talented Maria Elena Infantino, a renowned Italian singer and actress, overlooking the classic English private Egerton Gardens and in the warmth and hospitality of The Franklin London team.

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Tickets to this unforgettable night are available for £80 per person. The bespoke menu will also be available for guests and visitors to enjoy from the 16th to 22nd November, during the Week of Italian Cuisine in the World. More information can be found at <https://collezione.starhotels.com/en/our-hotels/the-franklin-london/restaurants-and-bars/the-franklin-restaurant-london.html>.

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