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I'm sure many of you, just like ourselves are sorry to see summer go so quickly. Especially since it was our first chance of travelling and I hope many of you were able to do so. We had the opportunity to visit Italy like never before. Years ago we spent some time in Rome, but this time we were able to see Venice, Florence, and the Amalfi region, plus Rome again! Venice and the Amalfi area were two places on our bucket list, and they did not disappoint. The food, the people, the sea... all simply incredible! Please reach out if you would like any of my recommendations, it will be my pleasure!

In this issue we are pleased to feature Prestige Custom Homes. Karl and Katherine Bach are an incredible husband and wife team that commit themselves to creating special experiences for all their clients from Toronto to Mississauga, Oakville, Port Credit and Etobicoke. Modern farmhouses to luxury 8,000 square foot properties, nothing is too small or too big. Karl's background in home energy efficiency, net zero and the efficient building envelope coupled with Katherine's savvy design offering clients' regular communication and guidance seem to be the perfect combination to make every client completely satisfied.

If you visit Rome, I highly recommend the Elizabeth Unique Hotel, a contemporary boutique hotel where art interprets the soul and minutes away from the Spanish steps and the Trevi Fountain. It's the perfect location. Visit [www.ehrome.com](http://www.ehrome.com) for more information.

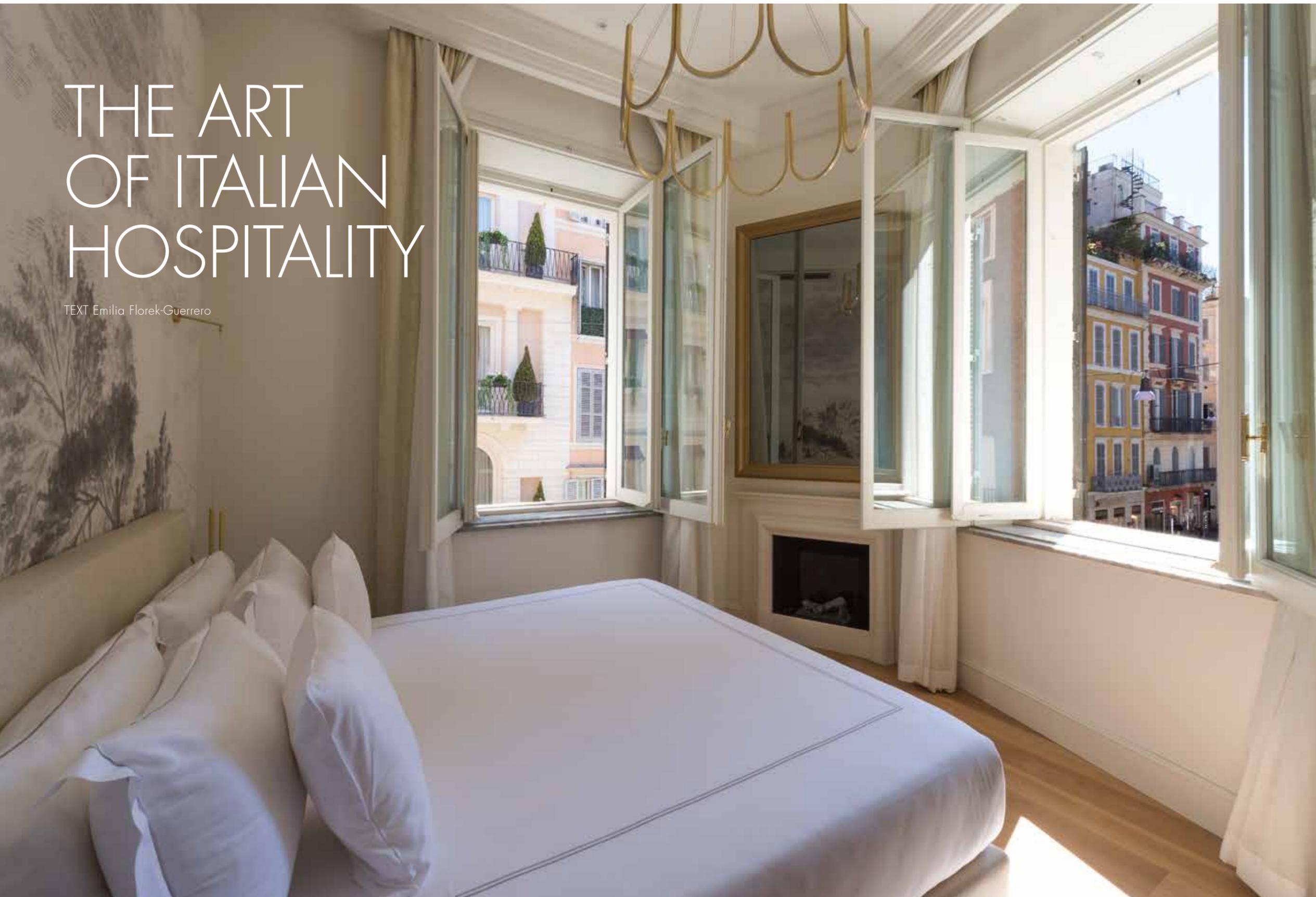
Until next time,

Ana & Sean Patrick



# THE ART OF ITALIAN HOSPITALITY

TEXT Emilia Florek-Guerrero



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Italy is on the list of top destinations for many people. One can always discover something incredible in every corner of the country. With a rich culture, heritage, cuisine, history, landmarks, natural wonders, and a superb climate, there are so many new adventures and surprises that can always be discovered.

Rome is one of the most fascinating cities in the world with an essence that can be felt nowhere else. As they say, when in Rome, do as the Romans do and you will feel as if you have been living in the eternal city. The countless museums, the iconic Colosseum, and the renowned Fontana di Trevi are just a fraction of the full magic that Rome has to offer.

## The Elizabeth Unique Hotel

Right in the heart of the city of Rome, travel is celebrated at the Elizabeth Unique Hotel. It's an unprecedented

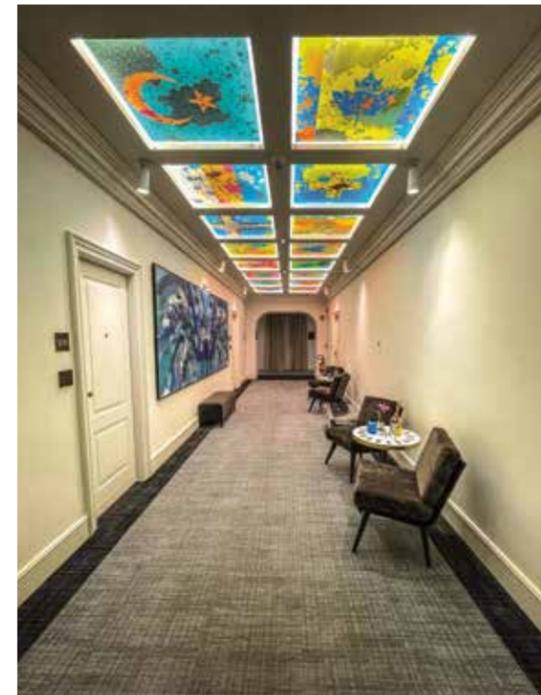
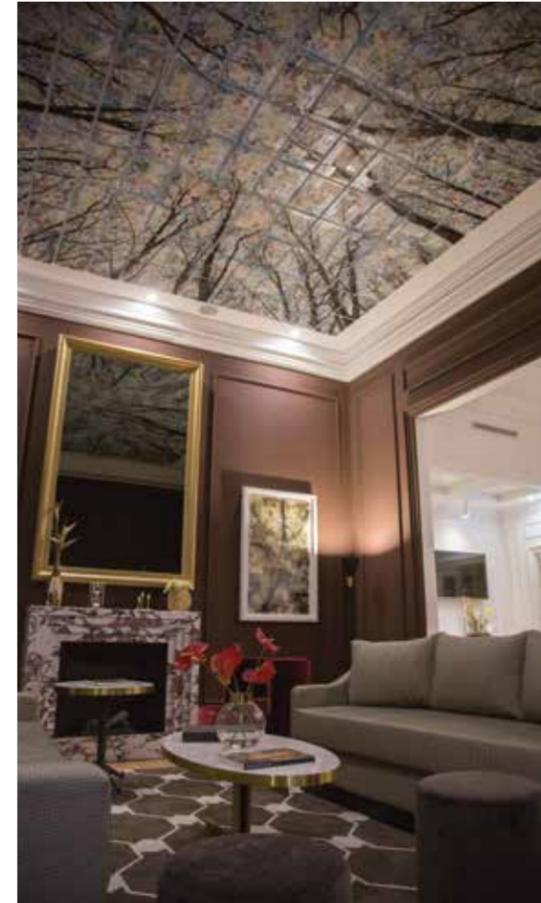
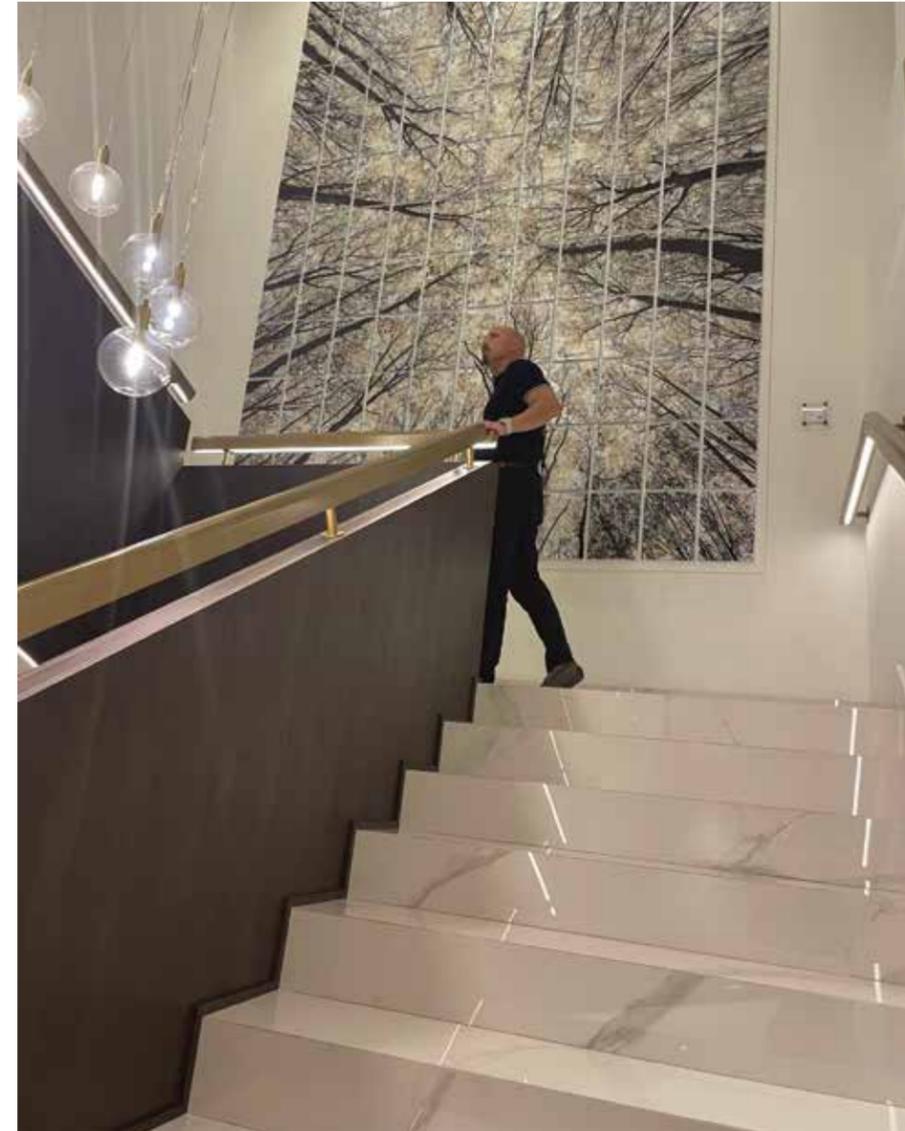


versatile experience. The hospitality is a generous and genuine embrace and every guests' wish are fulfilled before being expressed.

The selection of contemporary art interprets the soul of this boutique hotel and adds significance and beauty to every guest's experience. As a member of Design Hotels, the hotel's cosmopolitan and never conventional atmosphere seems to evoke memories of the first modern explorers, scions of European aristocrats, who during their grand tours came down to Rome and were especially charmed by centuries of history, art and culture.

This 5-star boutique hotel is set in the 17th century Palazzo Pulieri Ginetti, just a few minutes from the Spanish Steps and Piazza del Popolo.

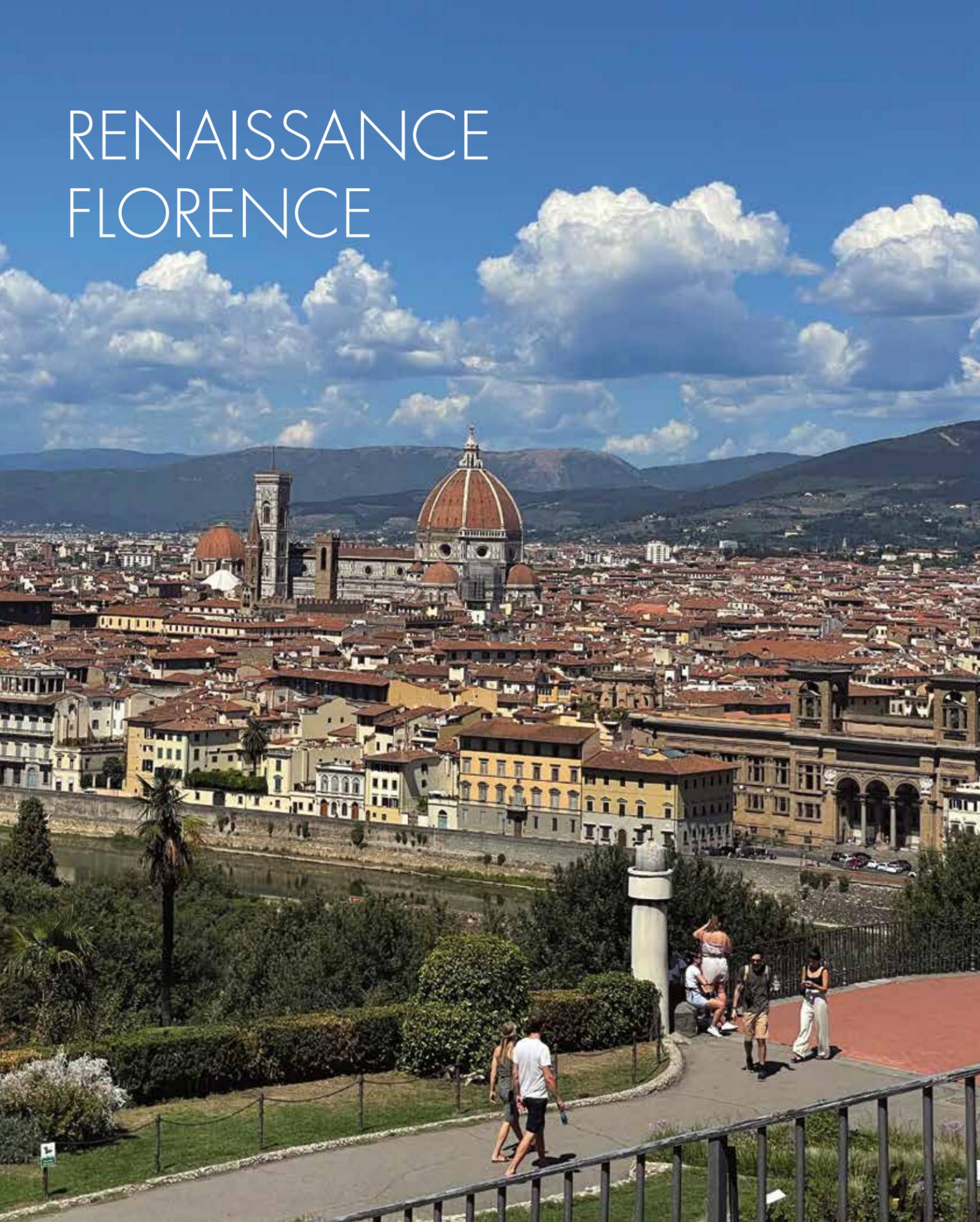
The Elizabeth Unique Hotel offers 33 lavish and luxurious rooms and suites in a time when everything runs fast and stays on the surface, taking a moment has a deeper meaning. This unique boutique hotel offers an invitation to find the appropriate time. Every room and suite manifests beauty in a balanced whole of magnificent details and colours reveal themselves in perfect tones with every



corner welcoming the natural elegance of the city's illustrious noble palaces. All rooms are different and designed to offer absolute excellence in terms of elegance, service and technology. Studio Marincola Architects designed the interiors by reinterpreting two distinctive elements in a modern key: the tradition of the arch in Roman architecture and the art of etchings of the late 19th century. Studio Marincola Architects also designed the lighting project, created exclusively for the hotel. The walls of many rooms are embellished with works of art curated by the Russo Art Gallery, commissioned and created to interpret the soul of the property.

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# RENAISSANCE FLORENCE



Florence is best known for the Renaissance history and classic Italian culture. Walking through the streets of Florence will take you back in time, as the architecture of the Renaissance is ever so present. Here one can be a witness to some of history's most iconic and spectacular pieces of art such as Michelangelo's "David", Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus" and da Vinci's "Annunciation".





The uniqueness of the private garden where you can reactivate your senses.



### The Hotel Regency

The Hotel Regency in the heart of Florence is a 5-star boutique hotel that will make you feel at home while at the same time maintaining a high degree of elegance in its décor and design.

It is conveniently located close to the Duomo just a short 15 minute stroll away. The property was built in the second half of the 19th century as a villa with a neoquattrocentesco style.

Numerous paintings, sculptures, and antiques grace the walls and halls of the Hotel Regency. In total there are 31 rooms and suites where each has its own style. The rooms replicate the Regency period. Some elements include hand-painted windows, floor length curtains, and of course Renaissance paintings.

There is also an urban garden where the Garden Suite overlooks it giving a unique



perspective. One can enjoy a piece of the Tuscan oasis while being in the city as the Urban Garden contains all the elements that allow for a place to relax, or indulge in an extraordinary meal.

Speaking of which, the Relais Le Jardin Restaurant will stimulate your taste buds with its rich menu hosted by Executive Chef Claudio Lopopolo who will tantalize with the best of Italian cuisine with seasonal a la carte menus with local and fresh produce.

It is one of the few hotels in Florence with a private courtyard and garden. One



can enjoy also eating “Al Fresco” during breakfast, lunch, and dinner or for an aperitivo. The wine selection has been carefully chosen and includes options from some of Tuscany’s most esteemed vineyards.

Since 2015 the Hotel Regency has been a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World in what stands for unique character and intimacy.

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