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## The hottest hotels in Italy that you should know about, from Lake Como to Capri



The classic Capri Palace has undergone an extensive – but sensitive – refurb by Jumeirah CREDIT: @ 2017 HOLDEN CREATIVE

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Italy – and its incredible selection of hotels – has long been a classic summer holiday destination. When the time is right to go back, these new hotels should be top of your wishlist – from a new five-star in Florence to a Sixties Capri classic that's undergone a renovation by a

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Florence to a Sixties Capri classic that's undergone a renovation by a big brand.

## Il Tornabuoni, Florence

Il Tornabuoni – of the Italian hospitality group AG – has one of the most prestigious locations in Florence: in a medieval palazzo on historic Via Tornabuoni, where its neighbours are Ferragamo, Gucci and Montblanc. The five-star glamourpuss has been styled by Milan architect Andrea Auletta who has lavished a sense of old-world opulence on its 62 rooms and suites, with their plush divans and armchairs, sumptuous fabrics, wallpapers in regal colours, antique mirrors and botanical prints. Among the facilities are vaulted wine cellars, a champagne bar and a gourmet rooftop restaurant.

Opening spring; [iltornabuonihotel.it](http://iltornabuonihotel.it)

FROM  
£306 per night

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Il Tornabuoni's location in a former palace is the perfect place to base yourself for a city break in the cradle of the Renaissance CREDIT: STEFANO@STEFANOSCATA.COM/STEFANO SCATA

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## Hotel Castello di Reschio, Umbria

The Bolza family's 11th-century castle is wrapped in a voluptuous, 3,700-acre estate of wooded hills in northern Umbria. After years of laborious restoration masterminded by architect-designer Count Benedikt Bolza, it's poised to open this spring. The 36 suites vaunt ancient stone fireplaces, soaring beamed ceilings and a mix of antiques and bespoke pieces from Benedikt Bolza's furniture

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spires add to the sensory pleasures.

Opened December 2020; [marriott.co.uk](https://marriott.co.uk)

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£223 per night

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Tuscany's tower-filled Lucca welcomes a new hotel this year CREDIT: MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL/MATTEO BARRO

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## Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa, Ostuni, Puglia

Pascale Lauber and Ulrike Bauschke have given vibrant life to Ostuni's "Red Palace" – an 18th-century mansion which four years ago was a pile of plaster and rusty iron. Overlooking the medieval citadel of the hilltop "white city", the 11 jewel-coloured suites are a trove of exotic furnishings, artisan handiwork, period frescoes and quirky contemporary art. Completing the idyllic picture are grassy walled gardens with a sunken swimming pool, a bijoux underground spa, gourmet restaurant (chef Giovanni Cerroni at the helm), and a private beach club on the Adriatic, 12 miles away.

Opened June 2020; [paragon700.com](https://paragon700.com)

FROM  
£269 per night

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Paragon 700 is located in a former palace in Ostuni's walled city CREDIT: GREGORY VENERE

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### Portrait Milano, Milan

Following the success of Ferragamo's Lungarno Collection hotels in Rome and Florence, the fashion dynasty's next venture takes them into Milan's "high-heel quarter". The five-star Portrait Milano will revive the monumental spaces of Europe's oldest seminary – long closed, despite its significance. The renaissance structure on Corso Venezia centres round a double-colonnaded cloister of harmonious proportions, and the conversion (by Michele de Lucchi's Studio AMDL) aims to respond to the "genius loci" – the spirit of the place. In addition, the ex-seminary will house a wellness centre, restaurants and boutique shops.

Opening end 2021; [lungarnocollection.com](http://lungarnocollection.com)

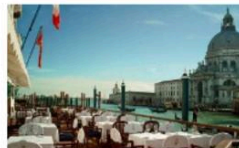
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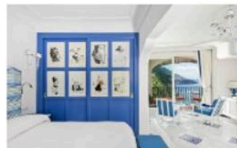
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