

# STARHOTELS®

L'ITALIA NEL CUORE

## **ELISABETTA FABRI, HEAD OF STARHOTELS** *A passion for hospitality*



Following in her father's footsteps, Elisabetta Fabri – President & CEO of Starhotels International and President & CEO of Starhotels – is the second generation of her family to head this leading Italian hotel company. The Fabri family name has stood for hospitality for over 30 years, since Starhotels was founded by Mrs Fabri's father Ferruccio Fabri in 1980.

Elisabetta took the helm in 2000 after many years' experience in the industry, including time spent on the front line of the business as General Manager at the company's New York property, the Michelangelo.

With a portfolio comprising 20 Italian properties in addition to one in Paris and one in New York, and two boutique hotels in London. Starhotels is one of the few Italian hotel groups that remains family-owned and managed.

To exemplify the company's commitment to the highest standards of service and hospitality, Starhotels has created the *Collezione* brand, consisting of its seven most exclusive city-centre properties – the Rosa Grand, Milan, the Savoia Excelsior Palace, Trieste, the Splendid Venice, the Michelangelo, New York and the Castille in the heart of Paris The Gore and The Pelham in London.

Mrs Fabri brings a dynamic, cosmopolitan outlook to the business, having lived in Lausanne, New York and Washington before returning to her native Florence with her American husband and twin children. Committed to exporting Starhotels' distinctively Italian brand of hospitality throughout the world, Mrs Fabri's goals include the acquisition of properties in key world cities as well as the consolidation of her Italian portfolio.

Mrs Fabri has recently won the prestigious Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of The Year Award 2012 in the 'Trade & Services' Category. The awards programme supports and celebrates entrepreneurs – recognising that entrepreneurship and innovation drives the growth of the economy and plays a major role in job and wealth creation.

### **Professional and Family Life**

Elisabetta Fabri is also engaged, on a personal level, in several associations that are professional, cultural and humanitarian (children in particular).

A keen supporter of women and families in business via her membership of numerous organisations, Mrs Fabri is also a prominent patron of the arts in her home city of Florence.

In Italy, she is a member of the Associazione Italiana delle Aziende Familiari (AIDAF, association of Italian family businesses), Associazione Imprenditrici e Donne Dirigenti di Azienda (AIDDA, association of women entrepreneurs and executives) and Fondazione Marisa Bellisario, which awarded her its "Golden Apple" for exporting Italian excellence in the hotel industry.

In Florence, she actively promotes and supports art and music, being a member of the Amici degli Uffizi, an association that supports the acquisition, restoration and promotion of the Uffizi Gallery's art heritage, and a supporter of the city's Ente Maggio Musicale.

In the United States, Elisabetta Fabri is a member of the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) and the Young Presidents Organization (YPO).

### **About Starhotels**

*Starhotels ([www.starhotels.com](http://www.starhotels.com)), a leading family-run Italian hotel group, owns and manages 24 hotels internationally and was founded by Ferruccio Fabri in 1980. His daughter, Elisabetta, with her cosmopolitan vision, managerial flair and determination, took over in 2000. The Collezione consists of the group's top seven luxury five and four-star hotels, located in the heart of New York, Paris, London, Milan, Trieste and Venice. Each hotel has a distinct charm, embodying the local culture, whilst sharing the Italian spirit, creativity, passion and high level of service that encapsulates the whole group.*