

Helvetia & Bristol Firenze – Starhotels Collezione awarded as 'Luxury Heritage Hotel" at World Luxury Hotel Awards 2018



<u>Florence, 26th November 2018</u> - Starhotels is delighted to announce that **Helvetia & Bristol Firenze – Starhotels Collezione** is the winner of the award "**Luxury Heritage Hotel**" in Southern Europe at **World Luxury Hotel Awards 2018**, the highest achievement in the luxury hotel industry offering international recognition as voted by guests, travelers and business players.

The 12th Annual Grand Gala ceremony, hosted at the Ayana Resort & Spa in Bali on November 10th 2018, awarded the world's finest hotels for their luxury offerings and exceptional service delivery in their relevant categories around the globe.

Famous since 19th century thanks to its exquisite elegance and charming atmosphere, five-star hotel **Helvetia & Bristol Firenze – Starhotels Collezione** has served as location for the get-together of literati like Gabriele D'Annunzio, Luigi Pirandello, Eugenio Montale and Eleonora Duse, who chose the hotel as their long-term residence. Helvetia & Bristol's historic and magnificent location just a stone's throw from Palazzo Strozzi and the Duomo has over time attracted international elite and notaries who visited the hotel, a true icon of their time, as part of the Italian "Grand





Tour". This Florentine historic landmark has maintained its role as one of the most prestigious hotel in town: refined décor, exquisite furnishings and discreet and professional service welcome the most demanding international guests.

The hotel's 41 rooms and 26 suites each boast unique antique pieces of furniture and 17th century paintings. Onsite restaurant Hostaria Bibendum offers the three cornerstones of Tuscan charm: history, art and delicious food, while the hotel's signature cocktail 'Bubble Chianti' can be enjoyed at the elegant Hostaria Bibendum bar.

"I am honored that the Helvetia & Bristol has won this prestigious accolade, being recognized as best "Luxury Heritage Hotel" – said **Elisabetta Fabri, President and CEO of Starhotels**. "The timeless charm and outstanding service of the hotel still reflects the atmosphere of an aristocratic Florentine residence of the 1800s.

I am delighted that our combination of refined Italian hospitality, prime location, luxury craftsmanship and unique design continue to amaze our guests."

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