

Il Baretto del Bristol opens in Florence, the new meeting place in the heart of the city

The café opened next to the iconic Helvetia & Bristol hotel



Florence, February 2020: Florence has a new meeting place: **Il Baretto del Bristol** has opened its doors, the long-awaited Helvetia & Bristol Café destined to become the meeting place for lovers of the atmospheres and delicacies of Florentine cafés.

With a separate entrance from the hotel on Via dei Pescioni 8r, the Baretto's service starts early in the morning with a rich choice of hot drinks and home-made pastries, to continue during the morning with savoury snacks and aperitifs. Designed for a quick and quality break, lunch offers light and tasty dishes.

In the afternoon, the **Afternoon Tea** service at the trolley has a wide selection of La Via del Tè teas, homemade cakes and savoury options. The evening begins with an Aperitivo menu of traditional and *signature* cocktails.

Il Baretto consists of four rooms to satisfy different preferences. In the lounge area there is a delightful corner dedicated to flowers, with the master florists, **Bobolino Floral Design**, offering small arrangements, seasonal flowers and plants that guests can buy directly. Pastry products are also on sale, along with a wide choice of Italian gastronomic products with originally designed packaging, ideal as a small last-minute gift. Il Baretto also opens onto the terrace – an open-air lounge with a view of Palazzo Strozzi, which will host evenings of live music during the summer, to be enjoyed with Il Baretto's *signature* cocktails.

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Chef Pasquale D'Ambrosio of the Bristol Winter Garden offers a lunch menu of fast and informal dishes without sacrificing taste, alongside an *All Day Menu* (available from 11.00 to 22.30). The All Day Menu, which can be taken indoors or on the terrace, includes the great hotel classics such as Club Sandwich and Caesar Salad, as well as delicious gourmet bruschetta and signature sandwiches.

The bar's main offer is **Caffè Corsini**, a leading company in the food & beverage sector, born from a world of coffee roasters who speak of blends as a family secret. Founded in 1950 in Arezzo, Caffè Corsini brings the



excellence of Tuscany to coffee shops all over the world, while still retaining an 'artisan' character after many years and investments.

The inaugural Caffè Corsini cappuccino at the opening of Il Baretto del Bristol was prepared by Francesco Masciullo, Italian barista champion, latte art expert and one of the greatest connoisseurs of the most innovative and avant-garde techniques in the world of coffee.

Il Baretto del Bristol is open every day from 7.30am to midnight.

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