

THE FRANKLIN LONDON: A KNIGHTSBRIDGE DESTINATION FOR ITALIAN-INSPIRED DINING INTRODUCES THEIR NEW SUMMER MENU



London, July 13th, 2026 – Tucked into the quiet streets of Knightsbridge, The Franklin London is home to one of the neighbourhood's most accomplished food and drink offerings, anchored by The Franklin Restaurant and The Franklin Bar. Overseen by **Head Chef Roberto Roncolato**, the restaurant has become a go-to address for contemporary Italian cooking with a global outlook, while the adjoining bar brings a note of Roaring Twenties glamour to the hotel's ground floor. This summer, the restaurant introduces a **new Summer Light Lunch Menu**, offering a relaxed, seasonal way to experience the kitchen's Italian-rooted cooking by day.

The Franklin Restaurant

With just 30 seats overlooking the greenery of Egerton Gardens, The Franklin Restaurant offers an intimate setting for both special occasions and easy, everyday dining. Head Chef Roberto



Roncolato's menus are built on the foundations of Italian cooking, drawing on flavours, techniques and ingredients from across the Mediterranean and beyond, with familiar dishes reimaged through unexpected pairings and modern technique. Guided by seasonality and carefully sourced ingredients, the result is food that feels at once comforting and inventive. The room itself is dressed in grey velvet, silk ikat fabrics and Venetian églomisé mirrors, setting a tone of understated luxury that runs through breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner service.

The New Summer Light Lunch Menu

New this season, The Franklin Restaurant's Summer Light Lunch Menu offers a pared-back, seasonal way to eat at the restaurant, priced at £18 for one dish or £30 for two, with a soft drink included. The menu spans lighter plates and more substantial mains, including a Caesar's Salad with Parmesan and anchovies (available with chicken or Mazara del Vallo red prawns), a Smoked Salmon Salad with fresh mango, chilli and lime, and a Caprese Burrata with Apulian burrata and San Marzano, Camone and Pachino tomatoes. Pasta lovers can choose from homemade Orecchiette with broccoli, chilli and pecorino, or homemade Tagliatelle with wild mushrooms and butter sauce, while heartier appetites are served by a chargrilled Steak & Fries with homemade peppercorn sauce, or a Grilled Stone Bass fillet with Mediterranean sauce. The menu is served daily as part of the restaurant's all-day dining offer.

The Franklin Bar

Next door, The Franklin Bar brings a mirror-lined, 1920s glamour to Knightsbridge, styled as the perfect spot to wind down before dinner or settle in for the evening. The bar menu features an extensive list of classic and signature cocktails, alongside a range of house-made spirits distilled in London by Tiny Tower Liquor. Created exclusively for the hotel, Forbidden Garden Gin opens with bright citrus before unfolding into herbal, gently spiced notes, and can be enjoyed simply with tonic or as the base of one of the bar's signature serves. It is joined by Whisper Vodka, distilled with British apples and subtle spice for a smooth, polished character suited to both classic and contemporary cocktails.

The Franklin Restaurant's Summer Light Lunch Menu is available now, alongside the full à la carte menu, at The Franklin London, 24 Egerton Gardens, Knightsbridge, London SW3 2DB.

Opening hours:

- Breakfast Mon–Fri 7:00am–10:30am, Sat–Sun 7:00am–11:00am
- All Day Dining 12:00pm–9:00pm
- Afternoon Tea 2:00pm–5:00pm
- Dinner 6:00pm–9:00pm
- Bar 12:00pm–11:00pm
- Room Service 24 hours.



The Franklin London – Starhotels Collezione

The Franklin London is a Knightsbridge townhouse hotel set across two Victorian residences overlooking Egerton Gardens. Its food and drink offering is led by The Franklin Restaurant, helmed by Head Chef Roberto Roncolato, serving Italian-inspired cuisine with global influences, and The Franklin Bar, a mirror-lined cocktail and Champagne bar styled in the spirit of the Roaring Twenties. Together, they form the heart of the hotel's hospitality, complemented by afternoon tea, in-room dining and a curated wine and cocktail list.

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