



HOTEL BERNINI BRISTOL
ROMA



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**FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2015:
A VERY LUCKY 17: A NEW STAR SHINES ON HIGH!
CELEBRITY CHEF ANDREA FUSCO BRINGS HIS 1 –STAR MICHELIN GIUDA BALLERINO!
TO THE STUNNING TERRACE OF THE HOTEL BERNINI BRISTOL,
OVERLOOKING THE CITY IN THE HEART OF ROME.
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Seventeen is a lucky number for Chef Andrea Fusco: after 17 years as an independent restaurateur, accompanied by his wife Mariana on 17th April 2015 he opens a new chapter in his life by transferring his heart and his Michelin starred kitchen into the centre of Rome, to the 17 tables in one of the most alluring hotels in the Eternal City, the Hotel Bernini Bristol (a Sina Hotels Group property), owned by Bernabò Bocca and Matilde Salvo Bocca. When the chef and the two owners met earlier this year sparks flew and there was an immediate understanding that very quickly led to an agreement based on a thirst for growth and change and a yearning to reach for new goals.

HOW GIUDA BALLERINO! MADE IT

“What adds spice to life – says Fusco – are new challenges, new goals to tackle and new objectives to reach out to. And so, when I met Bernabò and Matilde Bocca and discovered their human and entrepreneurial vitality the idea of transferring **Giuda ballerino!** to the centre of Rome and into the spotlight of the Eternal City’s movida, seemed like the most natural thing in the world and I could not resist. It is fantastic to be able to bring my style of life and of cooking to such an amazing venue as the Roof Restaurant in the Hotel Bernini Bristol, a home to decision-makers, international jetsetters and, even more important, the expression of a traditional of excellence in hospitality. **For me 17th April is a new beginning:** the enthusiastic support from the owners for this exciting new adventure of culinary growth and hospitality has given me new energy.”

A WORD FROM MATILDE AND BERNABO’ BOCCA

Of the same mind **Matilde and Bernabò Bocca:** “For some time now both myself and my brother Bernabò felt the need to offer our guests levels of gastronomic excellence that would reflect the stunning terrace overlooking Rome from the **Roof Restaurant of our Hotel Bernini Bristol.** We have always offered the highest levels of quality but to make things complete we needed a new member on our team. We had been looking around for quite some time for a major culinary talent and then we met Andrea Fusco. And we immediately clicked, sharing the same values to “put on the plate”- quality products, a fresh and appealing look and mouth-watering delights to be enjoyed while delighting in the views over the city. We firmly believe in this project: uniting our stunning views to the wonders of Fusco’s creations. It will be a challenge, but together with Andrea Fusco and our team we are ready for it!”



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The Menu

New inspirations for Andrea who launches a spring menu alongside his evergreens. A perfect introduction to Giuda ballerino! are Fusco's Tempura Oysters with Crispy Pork Sausage and Malvasia-caramelized Prunes or the Burrata Ravioli with Scampi and Candied Lemons drizzled with Cetara Anchovies, while among the new dishes the chef suggests Green Oxtail and Caramelized Tropea Onion Rolls, foie gras and dried figs; Croaker on a Veal Jus with Iced Raspberries and Dried Tuna; False Tartare of Red Turnip marinated in Campari with Parmesan Ice and Oyster Leaf and, as a dessert, the Coffee Cake with Lemon Custard and Coffee-flavoured Cream. At this time in my life, I am concentrating on new ideas, using exotic spices and aromas, but also salvaging traditional flavours."

Giuda ballerino!

The restaurant is open from Monday to Saturday both for lunch and dinner, and there is a lunch menu for **€29,00** (a real bargain!). Giuda ballerino! is closed on Sundays but a grill menu is available on the terrace.

The harmony between the chef and the owners has led to a complete transformation of the existing restaurant which, after closing for some months for renovation, has become **GIUDA BALLERINO! on the Bernini's rooftop!** Heroes from comic strips (Andrea's passion) are a leitmotiv reminding us that irony, passion and willpower are what count in life: never taking oneself too seriously but believing in one's goals and moving on with commitment and good cheer. Dylan Dog takes pride of place but Mafalda, Valentina and Lupin III, Cattivik and Diabolik, Batman and the Fantastic 4 and many others welcome us on the tables, chairs, walls, and paintings.

The black and white decor give the restaurant great depth, catching the natural light. The black chairs, frescoed walls, mirrors, paintings and graphic sculptures on the tables contrast with the white pillars and tables and the sunlight. Light is the dominant feature of this restaurant suspended between the heavens and Rome with its age-old buildings, churches and history: embracing and intense by day and warm and welcoming by night. And you feel you can reach out and touch the sky through the glass ceiling. Great attention has been given to the tableware with glasses made by a Venetian artisan, each one of which is different from the next. The large placeholders are in iron and sit on the spacious tables which have pillar-shaped legs.

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SINA Fine Italian Hotels was founded in 1958 by Count Ernesto Bocca and is chaired by Bernabò Bocca and his sister Matilde Salvo Bocca. The SINA hotels are the Grand Hotel Villa Medici in Florence, the Hotel Bernini Bristol in Rome, the Centurion Palace and the Palazzo Sant' Angelo on the Grand Canal in Venice, the Hotel De la Ville and The Gray in Milan, the Brufani Palace in the centre of Perugia, the Palace Maria Luigia in Parma, the Hotel Astor in Viareggio, the Relais Villa Matilde in the countryside near Turin.

The historic **Hotel Bernini Bristol** in Rome, one of the city's most famous hotels, has just celebrated its 140th anniversary.

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