



THE ITALIAN JOB

A grand fusion of haute couture and heritage, Carlton Hotel Baglioni lives up to its assignment of being eternally welcoming in the heart of Italy's fashion capital

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A delightful combination of past and present Milan, with a few futuristic elements, the Carlton Hotel Baglioni has a finger on the pulse of the city and is just as vibrant and culturally rich as the land it stands on. Set in an edifice that's more than half a century old, attractions like the legendary Duomo are a short walk away and it has a private exit that opens onto haute couture hotspot, Via Della Spiga.

Cross the jasmine scented threshold and you're transported to an elegant, exclusive world, cut off from the cacophony of the outside. The grand interiors boast a sumptuous palette of black, beige and gold with fusion as the binding theme. Classic and contemporary elements co-exist, brought to life with the use of rich, all natural materials like wood, marble and silks, mostly locally sourced. Ninety seven rooms and suites at different levels, some with beautiful terraces, feature a melange of traditional and modern styles, as do the shared areas of the hostelry. Each year, a certain section is given a face lift and the latest addition is the Exclusive rooms, part of the floor conceptualised by Igor Rebosio & Federico Spagnulo of R+S Design. They had the tough task of creating a space that catered to varying tastes yet stayed true to the group's motto of "luxury with an Italian touch" and fashioned rooms which have a very Art Deco, geometric vibe. In stark contrast, rich embellishments take centre stage at the popular Caffè Baglioni – tasselled fringes on plush, upholstered chairs, glitzy curtains and gilded, dramatic chandeliers. A large, multi-hued painting of Marlon Brando in his Godfather avatar looks down over the seaters.

Both private as well as common areas are home to a mix of custom designed furniture and unique furnishings bought by Roberto Polito, President and Founder of Baglioni Hotel group and his wife, during their travels from around the world: Much like you'd lovingly collect and adorn your own abode with. With this attention to detail and wholesome Italian hospitality – they're making you an offer you can't refuse. ♦

A section of the recently added Exclusive rooms, that are done in an Art Deco style. The wardrobes are from Gobano, a small manufacturer near Milan.

Right Another view showing the checkered timber floors and bespoke furniture designed by the architect duo. The bed linen is handmade.

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