

New Hotel D.O.M Hotel Roma

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Rome has lots of upscale hotels, but one of its newest hits the hotel trifecta: history, luxury, cuisine. Here's our scoop:

The hotel: [D.O.M Hotel Roma](#), Rome, Italy

**The history:** As you travel through Italy, you'll often see the abbreviation DOM on churches and Renaissance buildings. It's short for the Latin phrase, Deo Optimo Maximo, which roughly translates into: To God, most good, most great. D.O.M is also the name of a unique new hotel, designed by Antonio Girardi, which recently opened on the iconic Via Giulia, a short stroll from the city's star sights, including the Pantheon and Trevi Fountain. Erected in 1600, the building was once a monastery and part of the original church still stands behind the hotel. Classic and contemporary come together in the hotel's décor, with ancient marble tombstones sharing wall space with black-and-white photos and arty Andy Warhol silkscreens.



**The style:** The five-star hotel, with just 24 rooms and suites, is all about intimate elegance. Rooms combine original wood ceilings and exposed brick with oversized mirrors, cashmere carpeting, a rain shower, Frette linens and Acqua di Parma bath products. The splurge-worthy D.O.M Suite has a private terrace big enough to host an after-party – Italian-style. Plus, it has perfect views to wake up to: a slender church tower rising up against the sky. D.O.M also has plenty of quiet nooks, including an aromatic herb garden and a small library. Kick off the evening in the chandelier-crowned bar, where you can sip cocktails under a stag's head and antlers.

**The cuisine:** Chef Massimiliano "Max" Mariola, well-known in Italy from the Gambero Rosso TV channel, helms the restaurant, serving farm-to-fork dishes, like tangles of capellini piled with seasonal vegetables, along with generously flowing local wines. Salute!

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