



# VILLA PRINCIPE LEOPOLDO

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Scallops just scalded with chickpea and saffron hummus



## *Villa Principe Leopoldo:* **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

**LUGANO, MARCH 2019.** In the Principe's kitchen change is afoot. The Villa, a historic jewel on the Collina d'Oro (Golden Hill) with a magnificent view of the Gulf of Lugano, is now looking to the future. Cristian Moreschi has been appointed Executive Chef of the prestigious restaurant. Together with the rest of the team, he is excited about continuing the tradition of top-class cuisine in this magical setting.

**VILLA PRINCIPE LEOPOLDO IN LUGANO** is synonymous with excellence, quality and geniality. For years, its 37 suites, hospitality and cuisine have been in a class of their own. As 2019 begins, a waft of fresh spring air is sweeping through the kitchen: Seven years after joining the Villa Principe Leopoldo team, Cristian Moreschi (37) is succeeding Dario Ranza (63) at the helm. "It was in 2011, after garnering more than a decade of experience in Italy and St Moritz, that Cristian Moreschi decided to entwine his future with that of the Villa Principe Leopoldo." The winner of several awards, he can be described as a professional enthusiast, constantly driven to surpass his own high standards. Moreschi, who was trained in "5-star quality", becomes the leader of a motivated brigade.

"We will continue to focus on the unique character of the Villa, its cuisine and its service. Our team of more than 50 staff is perfectly organized and motivated by one single goal to place make our guests feel centre stage. We would like to (first of all our heartfelt thanks to Dario Ranza for the wonderful journey that we have undertaken together over the years. His passion will continue to imbue the quality and intrinsic values of the legendary Villa Principe Leopoldo, where professionalism, service and a talented and close-knit team have been able to deliver and maintain a level of excellence which has been repeatedly recognized (or awarded)," confirms the General Manager, Barbara Gibellini.

"From the very beginning (outset) I found it very inspiring to work for Villa Principe Leopoldo, and I am certain that this is where I can combine my gastronomic vision with luxury hospitality. My greatest motivation is an awareness of the values of Villa Principe Leopoldo,



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the most striking of which is the unconditional quest for quality, which undoubtedly underpins everything else. Every product is the result of a careful selection process and local research, and is prepared in accordance with our knowledge of the properties of the raw materials, which we have refined over the years,” says Executive Chef Cristian Moreschi.

“We are delighted that one of our most promising ‘home-grown’ chefs will be able to lend continuity to the history of a company of this size. Villa Principe Leopoldo is one of the most beautiful jewels in our collection. A traditional Relais & Châteaux residence since 2002, and boasting a restaurant whose 17 Gault & Millau points attest to its long-standing quality, the Villa has repeatedly proved worthy of its prestigious status,” says Maurizio Migliardi, CEO of Ticino Hotels Group.

**ABOUT VILLA PRINCIPE LEOPOLDO.** An iconic and historic building dating from the 1930s, and the former summer residence of the imperial dynasty of the Hohenzollern of Prussia, Villa Principe Leopoldo presides over the picturesque foothills of the Collina d’Oro, offering its guests a unique view of the city of Lugano and the dominating natural landscape. A prestigious 5-star Relais & Châteaux hotel, offering its guests impeccable service, civility and attentiveness, the Villa is a true oasis of calm, just a few minutes from the centre.

The guests who come here feel as though they are in a fairy tale. They have a choice of 37 bright and airy suites, each adorned with marble and finely furnished, with painstaking attention to detail. The Bar Principe’s live music, bistro-style dining and exclusive cocktails have always proved a captivating combination, whatever the season, and its welcoming terrace boasts a breath-taking view.

The Villa is home to another valuable treasure: the DOT Spa, a place devoted to beauty and well-being, where guests can indulge in total relax and complete privacy (enjoy a moment’s relaxation in complete privacy) and enjoy exclusive beauty treatments that meet the highest expectations. For further information please see [www.leopoldohotel.com](http://www.leopoldohotel.com)

**ABOUT TICINO HOTELS GROUP.** Founded in 2000 in Lugano, where it now has its headquarters, Ticino Hotels Group is the management company of an exclusive collection of five establishments on Lake Lugano and Lake Maggiore in the Swiss Canton of Ticino, including Villa Principe Leopoldo. Created by a team of entrepreneurs from Italy and Ticino, it is one of the most prestigious hotel groups in the whole of Ticino, combining Swiss precision and efficiency with the distinctive values of Italian hospitality and cuisine.

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