



Press release

## TWO NEW OUTSTANDING PROPERTIES IN MILAN JOIN THE MGALLERY COLLECTION: THE UPTOWN PALACE AND THE GRAND VISCONTI PALACE

Paris, December 3, 2012 – With these two new openings, MGallery now has three exceptional hotels in Milan: Uptown Palace, Grand Visconti Palace and Grand Hotel Villa Torretta.

Located in the very heart of Milan, Europe's design and fashion capital, the three hotels share MGallery's values of originality and elegance to the greater satisfaction of both business and leisure travelers.

### Uptown Palace: an "urban-chic" skyscraper with a 360° view of Milan

The Uptown Palace embodies the essence of Italian elegance. Strategically located just a few minutes from the city's world-famous fashion district, this "urban-chic" hotel has adopted a palette of warm beige and brown colors that breathe charm and refinement.

The 158 rooms and suites with their clean-lined, sophisticated design offer the highest standards of comfort. The stylish furniture and materials are all made in Italy.



The suites possess a vast living space with great views and a Jacuzzi, while the top-floor Presidential Suite boasts an amazing panoramic view of the cathedral and the rooftops of Milan.

The Uptown restaurant will satisfy the most demanding palates with a selection of traditional Lombardy dishes and international specialties produced by its daring and creative young chef, Carlon Ontano.



The hotel will shortly be opening a spa - a genuine paradise for the five senses dedicated entirely to relaxation and wellbeing, with Turkish baths, Jacuzzi, massages and beauty treatments that will delight the most demanding guests.

### **Grand Visconti Palace: a haven of tranquility that evokes Milan's past but also its present**

Elegant and cozy, the Grand Visconti Palace represents the perfect match between the traditional charm of a historic building and the comfort of modern facilities.

In the 1920s, the hotel's 2,500 sq.m. courtyard housed a flour mill, the Mulino Verga. Today transformed into a magnificent Italian-style garden, it is the centerpiece of the hotel, visible from most of the 172 rooms and suites, the spa, the restaurant and the convention center.



The **Tower Suite** perfectly encapsulates the spirit of a new type of luxury, rich in emotions and discoveries, brought to life by MGallery and the Grand Visconti Palace: 120 square meters on three levels connected by a staircase and a private elevator, with extraordinary views over the city's rooftops.

The restaurant "**al V piano**" on the fifth floor offers an "eno-gastronomic" journey through the traditional tastes and flavors of Italy and the best in international cuisine.

To refresh body and mind after a busy day, guests can enjoy the Grand Visconti Palace **Health Club**, with its sauna, Turkish baths, Jacuzzi, fitness center and 120 sq.m. indoor pool overlooking the park.

The hotel also boasts a convention center with 14 meeting rooms ranging from 55 to 249 sq.m. – the largest space caters for up to 300 people.



### Grand Hôtel Villa Torretta: a jewel in a casket of greenery

The Grand Hôtel Villa Torretta is a luxurious 17<sup>th</sup> century manor house, a historic and prestigious building decorated with frescoes, Venetian stucco and crystal chandeliers. An ideal venue for private and professional events, the hotel is adjacent to Milan's regional park, the Parco Nord.



The 78 rooms and suites feature individually chosen furniture and fabric colors that give each its own special personality.

The hotel restaurant, the "Vico della Toretta", is worth a visit in its own right. Located inside the villa, it is open to all and offers tasty Milanese and Lombardy delicacies served in a sumptuous atmosphere.

The hotel also boasts nine meeting rooms bathed in light and an extraordinary auditorium designed by famous architect Renzo Piano, offering a total capacity of 258 people.

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#### **MGallery in Italy**

**Italy is MGallery's second-largest network, just behind France. With these two latest openings, the brand now has nine hotels in the country: Grand Hôtel Villa Torretta, Uptown Palace and Grand Visconti Palace (Milan) / Hotel Papadopoli (Venice) / Cerretani Hotel (Florence) / Palazzo Caracciolo (Naples) / Patria Palace Lecce (Lecce) / Kalidria & Thalasso Spa Resort (Castellaneta Marina) / Capovaticano Resort Thalasso & Spa (Ricadi).**

**MGallery is a Collection of nearly 60 high-end hotels throughout the world belonging to the Accor group, the world's leading hotel operator (over 3,500 hotels in 92 countries). Each hotel in the Collection brings to life with talent a unique personality and story, experienced by guests through its architecture, interior design and services. They are inspired by one of the Collection's three hallmark atmospheres: "Heritage" hotels charged with history reflecting their historic roots, "Signature" hotels that mirror an esthetic universe and style inspired by a personality who contributed to their creation or decoration, and "Serenity" hotels that offer guests a haven of relaxation in a seaside, rural, mountain or urban setting. All the hotels in the Collection invite guests to experience "Memorable Moments."** MGallery and the hotels in the Collection share three strong values: "Singularity" - each hotel is unique and original with its own strong personality; "Elegance" - a MGallery hotel embodies distinction, stylishness and good taste; and, lastly, "Consideration" - their personnel take pride in offering guests respect, recognition and personalized service.

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