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## NOW OPEN: SPLENDIDO, A BELMOND HOTEL, PORTOFINO, REWRITES THE RIVIERA LEGEND

**JUNE 2025** - On 7 June 2025, Portofino's most storied hideaway, Splendido, A Belmond Hotel made its much-anticipated grand reopening, entering a new era of splendour following an extraordinary renovation by internationally renowned Martin Brudnizki Design Studio (MBDS). The 16th century Benedictine monastery turned glamorous sanctuary reveals a

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magnificent reimagination that takes the hotel to new heights. Paying tribute to the building's heritage and reviving the spirit of La Dolce Vita, the hotel showcases the **finest Ligurian craftsmanship with a contemporary twist** — reaffirming Splendido's status as the legendary Grand Dame of the Italian Riviera. This summer, alongside the beautifully **redesigned** rooms, suites, pool, and restaurants, Splendido introduces a **vibrant new bar, Baratta Sedici**, that captures the glamorous spirit of Portofino, as well as the **first permanent Dior Spa in Italy**. On 29 June, Belmond will also debut **Villa Beatrice**, a one-of-a-kind, majestic private summer residence overlooking the sea, further strengthening its legacy in Portofino's enchanting enclave.

## THE RADIANT STAGE OF PORTOFINO

A haven of glamour and natural beauty, the hotel commands a peerless position perched on a verdant hillside offering spectacular panoramic vistas of the breathtaking Bay of Portofino. A historic hotspot for the discerning traveller and the international jet-set, Splendido's iconic pastel-hued facade has long stood as a symbol of the Dolce Vita, **capturing the essence of Portofino's enduring allure since its 1950s heyday**.

## THE LEGEND, REVIVED

From the moment guests step into Splendido's newly reimagined lobby, they are enveloped in a timeless sense of place, welcoming them to their home in the hills. A masterful interplay of Ligurian heritage and contemporary elegance is revealed through a wealth of local artisanal pieces – from botanical frescoes to bespoke design elements made in Carrara marble, Graniglia alla Genovese, and locally sourced Lavagna stone. Traditional materials root the renovation in authenticity while elevating the guest experience with a sense of palatial grandeur.

## INTRODUCING: BARATTA SEDICI

At the heart of this new chapter lies **Baratta Sedici**. A destination in its own right, the new **bar** will become Splendido's new vibrant social epicentre. Here, a refined expression of Ligurian tradition, **craftsmanship and nature** come together to create an elegant yet characterful space. Whitewashed walls provide a fresh canvas for an intricate, hand-painted **botanical mural**, where delicate vines and cascading plants bring the outdoors in, taking inspiration from Splendido's lush surrounding gardens. A palette of warm terracotta, rich greens and blond oak lend depth and warmth, complementing the **back-lit white onyx bar**. The space comprises bespoke, hand-crafted furniture pieces from artisans across Italy, from Genova to Venice, from Florence to Milan.

Baratta Sedici's curated menu is a true celebration of place, showcasing an inspired selection of **exceptional cocktails**. Highlights include *La Vela*, a refined blend of Portofino Gin, Campari, Amaro Camatti, and Pineo, and *U Chef*, a bold creation featuring Portofino Gin, tomato centrifuge, horseradish sauce, lemon juice, and Seven Pod Indian pepper. Complementing these artisanal cocktails is a distinguished collection of vintage spirits and fine wines, rounding out a truly sophisticated offering. Culinary excellence is at the heart of every

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Splendido experience, epitomised by the renowned La Terrazza fine dining restaurant and the elegant Splendido Grill. Both venues have flourished under the expert direction of Executive Chef Corrado Corti for over two decades, with menus that honour the region's rich culinary heritage and celebrate the finest seasonal ingredients.

## NEW SUITES: DOLCE VITA SPLENDOUR

Throughout the newly redesigned rooms and suites, the **spirit of Italian elegance**, craftsmanship and comfort go hand in hand. Refined interiors and ornate design touches draw on the region's rich design traditions and elevate each room to a serene and **sumptuous retreat**. Traditional **Midollino Weave**, inspired by the Chiavari rattan tradition, lends a tactile warmth to headboards and bedside tables, while **Albissola ceramics** punctuate the rooms with a handcrafted, time-honoured elegance. Furnishings sourced from local estate sales and auction houses tell a story of heritage, with some pieces delicately restored and painted in the Genoese style. This layered, residential approach ensures that Splendido retains an intimate, evocative, and **undeniably Italian sense of place**.

The **Baronessa Suite** is the crown jewel, designed to mimic the drawing room of a well-travelled Italian aristocrat. La Baronessa is brought to life through a curation of curios, antiques and objects -- featuring a private-entrance garden with direct access to the hotel's panoramic pool and a vast terrace with astonishing views of the Gulf of Portofino. It has a distinctly feminine feel, with pink touches, floral motifs and traditional lace with playful touches such as the shell-shaped wall lights.

## AN OASIS OF WELL-BEING: ITALY'S FIRST PERMANENT DIOR SPA

Further enriching the hotel's wellness offering, Splendido proudly unveils Italy's first permanent Dior Spa – an exclusive collaboration between two icons of elegance. Set against the verdant backdrop of the **Portofino Natural Park**, the spa invites guests to embrace holistic rejuvenation inspired by the rhythms and beauty of the Ligurian coastline. Situated on the second floor of the hotel, the **indoor-outdoor sanctuary** offers a nature-inspired wellness experience with four treatment cabins and a dedicated relaxation space on a quiet roof terrace. The **Dior Spa Splendido** offers a menu of **transformative treatments**, each thoughtfully tailored to the surroundings and imbued with the spirit of Riviera serenity. This new chapter in wellbeing expands on the **Jardin des Rêves**, an al fresco treatment space nestled within the hotel's beautiful gardens.

Completing the holistic wellbeing experience are **Splendido's** cinematic **saltwater swimming pool** reimagined by celebrated Italian landscape designer Marco Bay, a **state-of-the-art fitness centre** with personal training on request, a **hillside tennis court overlooking the sea**, and bespoke wellness excursions – from meditative nature walks to invigorating kayaking adventures along the Ligurian coast.

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## VILLA BEATRICE: A SEASIDE PALAZZO IN PORTOFINO

The culmination of Splendido's transformation is marked by the debut of **Villa Beatrice** – **Belmond's newest and most exclusive private villa** in Portofino. Just a five-minute stroll from the hotel, this extraordinary private palazzo is perched on a private spot overlooking the mesmerizing Gulf of Tigullo, offering **panoramic views** and **private access to the sea**. Once the theatre of lavish summer soirees, this historic family residence reconnects with its quintessentially Italian summer allure of *Villeggiatura*. Spread across three floors, **Villa Beatrice** embodies a captivating blend of **Gothic Revival elegance** and **Art Nouveau flourishes**, making it a true architectural treasure. A masterpiece of meticulous restoration, the exterior murals, grand arched windows, and original frescoes were preserved to honour the villa's architectural legacy. Ideal for families and intimate gatherings, Villa Beatrice offers unparalleled privacy and the freedom to craft a unique Riviera escape – with the signature service, style, and spirit of Belmond. Villa Beatrice will be unveiled on 29 June 2025.

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## NOTES FOR EDITORS

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## ABOUT SPLENDIDO, A BELMOND HOTEL, PORTOFINO

Nestled in the tranquil hillside above Portofino, Splendido, A Belmond Hotel, offers the epitome of La Dolce Vita; a place of panoramic peace and elevated perspectives. Set in a terraced former 16th Century Benedictine monastery overlooking the bay, the hotel is a glamorous destination, welcoming acclaimed guests including renowned actors, artists, film directors, and even royalty. It is host to a salt-water swimming pool which acts as a radiant stage overlooking Portofino, the exclusive Baronessa Suite as designed by Martin Brudnizski Design Studio (MBDS), and the new Splendido Grill restaurant - all embodying the spirit of Ligurian craftsmanship. With 20 rooms and 41 suites, the hotel is known for its memorable dining spots – alfresco dining on the wisteria covered balcony of La Terrazza or Italian classics at the Splendido Grill. The iconic hotel also boasts an elevated wellness experience by Dior Spa, located in a secluded corner of the gardens offering al-fresco treatments, as well as a tennis court set on the hillside by Splendido. Guests looking to discover the area can hop onto a complimentary shuttle service which stops at Splendido Mare, A Belmond Hotel, Portofino, located on the town's buzzy Piazzetta.

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## ABOUT BELMOND

Belmond was born from a passion for connecting discerning travellers with the world's most remarkable properties, locations and journeys. From hotels and trains to river cruises and safari lodges, Belmond's Slow Luxury invites guests to discover a new pace of travel as they savour time, engage with local culture, and connect with nature and people around them through incomparable experiences and unforgettable stories. With a legacy spanning over 45 years, since the acquisition of Hotel Cipriani in Venice in 1976, Belmond has grown into a global collection of 44 properties spread across 25 countries and territories. Exceptional destinations connected by legendary journeys are the very soul of Belmond, where the path that brings you to a place is as important as the destination itself. A pioneer of slow travel, Belmond has been operating the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express since 1982. Belmond later expanded to include pristine beach resorts, such as Maroma on the Riviera Maya, historic hideaways such as Villa San Michele in the Florentine foothills, urbane icons, such as Copacabana Palace in Rio de Janeiro, and gateways to UNESCO world heritage sites, such as Hotel das Cataratas in Brazil's Iguassu National Park. As proud custodians of storied properties, Belmond is committed to building on the past to create a new legacy: the heritage of the future. Working with communities and local talents, together with the world's most respected chefs, designers and artists, Belmond continues its purpose of perpetuating the legendary art of travel. Since 2019, Belmond has been part of the world's leading luxury group, LVMH (Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton).

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