



Rocco Forte's lavish new landmark hotel in Rome

An 18th-century palazzo has been reimagined with impeccable interiors by Tommaso Ziffer



An elegant Junior suite at the Hotel de la Ville, Rocco Forte's latest offering in the Italian capital | Image: Janos Grapow

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Rocco Forte staked his claim in **Rome** back in 2000 with the Hotel de Russie ([roccofortehotels.com](#); from about £485), whose lush lovely garden, home to the hotel's Stravinskij bar, more or less instantly became an axis mundi of the city's grand, good and aspirational, and has remained one since. In 2016, Forte set his sights on a second Roman property: an 18th-century palazzo up the hill on Via Sistina, commanding a prime position above Piazza di Spagna.

The Hotel de la Ville (from £548), which reopens under the Rocco Forte Hotels flag in May, will have just 104 rooms and suites (the vibrant interiors, like those of the Hotel de Russie, the work of Roman architect Tommaso Ziffer, who was tapped again by house design director Olga Polizzi) – but a full six restaurants, a bistro and cocktail lounge, among them a rooftop bar that might put the Stravinskij on notice.

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