



PIGOZZO'S PALAZZO

FROM AMONG THE cypress trees in the hills of Fiesole, Il Salviatino peeks out onto the Florentine skyline. This former aristocratic estate opened as a hotel in October following a nearly \$60 million reinvention that touched every tile, fresco, and furnishing in the property's 15th-century villa.

Located three miles from the heart of Florence, Il Salviatino has been a gathering place for the city's elite since the Salviati family owned the estate in the 16th century. The hotel carries on that residential legacy with marble fireplaces in the suites and custom-made porcelain in the dining room, reflections of an attention to



detail that Marcello Pigozzo hopes will become a signature of his nascent company.

Il Salviatino is the first of several properties planned by Pigozzo, a hospitality veteran who launched the Verona, Italy-based MPg hotel group in 2003. Architect Luciano Colombo, one of Pigozzo's partners in the venture, handpicked the furnishings and artworks for each of the inaugural

hotel's 61 rooms and suites. The collaborators hired local artisans to restore a once-hidden 18th-century frescoed ceiling, which now crowns Il Salviatino's Affresco Suite. *Il Salviatino*, +39.055.9041111, www.salviatino.com —LAURIE KAHLE