

### PRESS RELEASE

# FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEGENDARY ARTISTS: HOTEL PRINCIPE DI SAVOIA LAUNCHES NEW ART EXPERIENCE

## FONTANA - SLASHING SPACE







**Milan, October 11, 2023** – Dorchester Collection unveils the next in its series of bespoke, private walking trails, designed exclusively for guests to follow in the footsteps of legendary artists.

Guests at Hotel Principe di Savoia, landmark of Milanese elegance, can discover the story of Lucio Fontana's groundbreaking art through the *Fontana - Slashing Space* trail, following on from Picasso's Montmartre, Monet's Revolutionary Brushstrokes, and Rodin's Love and Torment available at Dorchester Collection's Le Meurice in Paris, Rebel and Rome at Hotel Eden in Rome, and Hepworth's Rhythm & Form at 45 Park Lane in London.

Slashing Space takes guests on a journey that explores Fontana's rejection of the status quo, how his boundless imagination created art for the modern age, blending painting, sculpture and architecture, transcending tradition and embracing technology to ultimately revolutionise the history of art with his ground-breaking Spatialist Movement. In Milan, the epicentre of his artistic journey, guests will discover how Fontana rejected

his prestigious Art Academy teachings with his first sculpture, how he created sculptures out of neon tubes,

and what led him to slice through his canvases with a flick of a Stanley knife.

The adventure begins at Hotel Principe di Savoia, with its rooftop terrace overlooking the city, and plunges you

into the very heart of Milan. From the nearby Brera district – home to the prestigious Arts Academy where he

studied, to the courtyard of his legendary studio, now home to a contemporary art gallery, and even the

Duomo, where its lace-like Gothic design complements Fontana's glorious 'Neon structure', suspended on the

top floor of the adjacent Museo del Novecento.

With lively dialogue in the company of an experienced art-historian guide and modern art specialist, one-on-

one or as part of a small, private group, guests will be able to pause and enjoy the beauty of Milan, uncover

hidden details that regular Milanese might overlook, as well as absorb thrilling anecdotes about the artist's life

and career, which will remain with them long after their stay. Guests will undertake a captivating journey into

Milan and into the life of one of its most famous residents.

Each itinerary will be adapted, so that the trails are able to cater for Milan intrepid explorers who wish to refine

their knowledge, as well as novices who may have visited but never delved deeper.

Helen Smith, CEO of Dorchester Collection said: "Building on the excitement of our Legendary Artists' trails,

we're delighted to announce Fontana – Slashing Space as the first of our trails in Milan at Hotel Principe di

Savoia. We were inspired by the indelible impact Fontana made on the art world, from Paris to London, Tokyo

to New York, along with a slew of exhibitions worldwide - kickstarting the Spatialist movement. He truly

reached for the stars, and Milan proved to be a perfect launchpad for his artistic journey. This wonderfully

unique experience gives our guests the chance to get to know the man behind the movement."

The Fontana – Slashing Space experience is available now from €710 per night in a Classic Room, including

daily breakfast and a two-hour expert guided tour.

Also available in Dorchester Collection's "Follow in the footsteps of Legendary Artists" series:

Le Meurice, Paris:

Hotel Eden Rome:

45 Park Lane:

Picasso's Montmartre

Caravaggio – Rebel and Rome

Hepworth – Rhythm & Form

Monet – Revolutionary Brushstrokes

Rodin – Love and Torment

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