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## OTTO RISTORANTE: A LABOUR OF LOVE

*"... authentic Italian cuisine, made of the freshest ingredients, straight from the heart."*

— Prestige magazine, February 2009

IT WAS a story of love that began with friends who were passionate about Italian cuisine. They wanted to create a place where food lovers could enjoy authentic Italian dishes made from original ingredients from Italy. So, in June last year, the friends launched OTTO Ristorante Singapore at the Red Dot Traffic Building.

Key to the philosophy of OTTO is "heart", something that sets the restaurant apart from others in terms of food and service. Executive Chef Gallina, former head chef at Dolce & Gabbana's Gold restaurant in Milan, says: "The taste of authentic Italian cuisine is enhanced when it is cooked with the freshest ingredients and served from the heart, and this is what we truly hope to achieve at OTTO."

To continually improve OTTO's offerings and promote Gallina's vision of fresh, authentic Italian food in a warm, friendly setting, the maestro coaxed good friend Michele Pavanello, former chef at Pontini and Il Lido, to join him at OTTO. Pavanello began his work as resident chef at OTTO in early February.

Critics and food lovers alike praise OTTO's "engaging warm hospitality in an understated, elegant setting", its authentic taste of Italian dishes, its creative ever-changing tasting menus and the use of fresh ingredients directly from Italy.

OTTO's menu is a mix of famous dishes from various regions in Italy and new dishes created by the two chefs. Some signature dishes include the *lard-wrapped asparagi and soft egg in taleggio light fondue*, *black squid-ink tagliolini in a prawns A.O.P*, *ossobucco alla milanese*, *red snapper and tagliolini gamberi*.



OTTO is nestled in a cosy corner in the Red Dot Traffic Building amid an eclectic group of artists, business executives, expatriates and fashionistas, all of whom blend seamlessly into the sophisticated yet quaint decor of OTTO.

Fitted with leather chairs from leading Italian brand Frag and chic Flos lamps, OTTO has a main dining area, two private dining rooms and a function room. Diners can also enjoy a laidback meal or drinks at OTTO's al fresco lounge.

OTTO Ristorante is open from Mondays to Fridays between 12pm to 2.30pm and Mondays to Saturdays between 6.30pm to 10.30pm.

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### **ABOUT OTTO RISTORANTE**

OTTO Ristorante offers authentic Italian cuisine in an atmosphere of warm Italian hospitality. Nestled in a cosy corner in the Red Dot Traffic Building, OTTO is right in the heart of town amid an eclectic group of artists, business executives, fashionistas and expatriates. Helmed by prolific chefs Giacomo Gallina and Michele Pavanello, OTTO promises to deliver the freshest ingredients with a fresh take on tradition.