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*Incomparable contemporary comfort  
with a Renaissance soul*

Palazzo Tornabuoni is an **exclusive Members-Only Private Residence Club** in a magnificent, fully restored fifteenth-century palazzo in central Florence. Featuring a range of beautiful one- and two-bedroom apartments divided into full ownership Private Residences and Club Residences, Palazzo Tornabuoni is a **diverse global community** of successful leaders in industry, avid philanthropists and aesthetes who enjoy a carefree home away from home in Italy.

Reviving its sixteenth-century role as a civic fulcrum, Palazzo Tornabuoni is an integral part of Florence's vibrant cultural life and a dynamic forum for intellectual, social and business encounters.

## HISTORY

This fifteenth-century palazzo was once home to **Alessandro de' Medici**, the future Pope Leo XI and the dynasty's fourth and final pontiff. As Archbishop of Florence, he transformed the palazzo into his seat of power, commissioning leading artists of the day to decorate its grand halls.

The aristocratic **Corsi family** acquired Palazzo Tornabuoni at the end of the sixteenth century. The palazzo became the seat of Florence's first music academy, in conjunction with the Camerata dei Bardi cultural salon, which resulted in the **world's first documented opera performance**, Jacopo Peri's *Dafne*, being performed at Palazzo Tornabuoni in 1598.



The Corsi family continued to adorn the building over the next 150 years, unifying the diverse architectural styles as well as commissioning new decorative elements. Many of the hand-carved marble mantelpieces and delicate stuccowork framing the frescoes date to this time.

Highlights include a Baroque fresco cycle by **Agostino Ciampelli** (1578-1640) depicting the Biblical story of Esther and Ahasuerus, and the marble statue of Diana the Huntress by **Gherardo Silvani** (1579-1675), which sits at the foot of the grand pietra serena staircase.

## LOCATION

The unique location of Palazzo Tornabuoni in the heart of Florence, on elegant via de' Tornabuoni and opposite contemporary arts centre Palazzo Strozzi, makes it the perfect base for **city living and shopping** in stylish boutiques, such as Bulgari, Bottega Veneta, Stefano Ricci and Cartier, all of which are located in the ground floor commercial spaces of the Palazzo. The Uffizi Gallery and the Ponte Vecchio, as well as the Oltrarno, with its myriad artisans, Santo Spirito and the Boboli Gardens, can all be reached by a short stroll through some of Florence's oldest streets.



## RESTORATION

Conducted under the supervision of Florence's fine arts department, a meticulous restoration returned Palazzo Tornabuoni to the splendour of its **Renaissance origins**, restoring magnificent mannerist statues to a pristine condition, uncovering hidden frescoes and revealing elaborate stucco ceilings. At the same time, the infrastructure was updated to offer the most hi-tech, yet unobtrusive, levels of **comfort, style and convenience**.

Committed to caring for the Palazzo for future generations, the external **facade** of Palazzo Tornabuoni is currently undergoing restoration, which is expected to be completed by Autumn 2025.





# APARTMENTS

There are two ways to embrace the unparalleled Florentine lifestyle at Palazzo Tornabuoni: by becoming an **individual owner** of a **Private Residence** or acquiring a **Membership** in the **Palazzo Tornabuoni Residence Club**, which affords residency rights to a selected number of Club Residences. In total, there are 37 apartments: 27 are Private Residences and 10 are Club Residences.

The interior design by internationally renowned architect **Michele Bonan** balances contemporary flair with timeless elegance, creating a seamless blend of ancient frescoes, marble floors and stone fireplaces with custom-made furniture, warm modern fabrics, state-of-the art kitchen and bathroom fittings, and hi-tech communication and entertainment facilities.

## Private Residences

Owners of the Private Residences are free to use their apartments as their principal or second home. These spacious apartments comprise one and two-bedroom apartments, some of which are provided fully furnished. Custom-designed Boffi kitchens enable owners to make the most of Florence's culinary heritage within their own four walls. Each residence is unique. Some are embellished by priceless fifteenth-century frescoes, others enjoy breathtaking views over Florentine rooftops and Brunelleschi's cathedral dome.

## Club Residences

Members own a **transferable, willable and sellable proprietary interest** in Palazzo Tornabuoni and the easy enjoyment of an elegant home away from home. The Club Residences are reserved for the exclusive use of members of Palazzo Tornabuoni who have acquired membership in the Residence category. Both one and two-bedroom memberships are available. All memberships allow club members flexible access to a range of apartments within their chosen category. No more than eight memberships per apartment are issued to ensure maximum availability



## CLUB LOUNGE + TERRACE

The perfect place for a relaxing drink, a quiet conversation with friends or a chance to meet other members from around the world, this elegant book-lined lounge is the focal point of life at Palazzo Tornabuoni, where members gather for a **varied programme of cultural events** providing the opportunity to learn from experts in their fields on subjects such as art history, economics, fashion and design.

The adjacent covered Club Terrace is an outdoor extension where members and their guests can dine al fresco.



## CIGAR ROOM

A few steps lead from the Club Lounge to the cozy elegance of the Cigar Room, where members can store their preferred tobacco in a private case, complemented by the finest of spirits and wines. It is the ideal sanctuary for true connoisseurs.

## FITNESS CENTRE

The palazzo's fitness centre features the latest gym equipment, enabling members to maintain their daily routine. The sauna and steam room are perfect after a workout or a day exploring Tuscany. An exclusive agreement with a luxury five-star hotel in the countryside just outside Florence ensures access to a stylish heated outdoor pool in the summer.

## FOOD + BEVERAGE

Michelin-starred chef Vito Mollica and his fine dining restaurants Atto and Salotto Portinari provide consultancy to Palazzo Tornabuoni, lending support to the in-house team. From breakfast to morning and afternoon snacks through to the aperitivo hour, additional services include private catering in the residences and convivial members' dinners.

## CLUB ATTACHÉ

Palazzo Tornabuoni's Club Attaché helps members to feel at home in the city.

Private introductions to **wine estates, palaces and villas**, as well as preferential entrance to **private art collections and museums** can be arranged, in addition to **tours with Friends of the Palazzo**, all experts in their fields. The Club Attaché also extends to visits to other towns and cities, country outings (including horse riding and wild boar hunting on private estates) and exclusive invitations to **fashion events**, as well as restaurant and theatre reservations, airport transfers, child care, pre-arrival grocery shopping and valet parking.



## OWNERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Established in 2009, Palazzo Tornabuoni is a joint venture between the Fingen Group in Florence and J. Byrne Murphy of Kitebrook Partners, Washington, D.C.

Between 2009 and 2024, Palazzo Tornabuoni was managed by Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts. On the occasion of its fifteenth anniversary, the decision was made to **run Palazzo Tornabuoni independently** as a coveted and experienced brand. **Gabrielle Maria Taylor** is the President of Palazzo Tornabuoni and is supported by an administrative board comprised of members.

**Fingen** was founded in 1979 by Corrado and Marcello Fratini and focuses on three areas: fashion, retail and real estate. The company has a long tradition of developing international partnerships with brands including the Four Seasons, McArthurGlen, Calvin Klein, Jean Paul Gaultier and Guess. The Fingen Group is one of Tuscany's leading companies with 1,600 employees worldwide.

**Kitebrook Partners** is headed by J. Byrne Murphy, one of the founding principals of McArthurGlen Europe, where he formed a joint venture with Fingen for McArthurGlen Italia. Kitebrook has more than 20 years of experience in international property investment and development in the United States and in Europe.

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Palazzo Tornabuoni, an exclusive Members Only Private Residence Club in the heart of Florence, features a range of beautiful one- and -two-bedroom apartments. Situated on one of Florence's most aristocratic city-centre streets, in the heart of the fashion district, this historic fifteenth-century palazzo was home to a Renaissance Pope and hosted the world's first documented opera performance. Club Tornabuoni is a diverse global community of successful leaders in industry, avid philanthropists and aesthetes who wish to enjoy a carefree home away from home in Italy. Reviving its sixteenth-century role as a civic fulcrum, Palazzo Tornabuoni is once again an integral part of Florence's vibrant cultural life, and a dynamic forum for intellectual, social and business encounters.

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