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TOZI GOES DUTCH!

London's favourite cicchetti haunt opens Amsterdam restaurant on Friday 8 November

The critically acclaimed London Victoria restaurant, TOZI, led by Head Chef, Maurilio Molteni, and Restaurant Manager, Stefano Meloni, are proud to announce that the Venetian-inspired cicchetti concept is making its Dutch debut in Amsterdam on Friday 8 November.



Located adjacent to Vondelpark in Amsterdam Oud-Zuid, TOZI Amsterdam will soon become the new neighbourhood go-to, with its unique and intimate sharing concept inspired by the dining culture and ethos of the Veneto region of Italy.

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The name 'TOZI' comes from the local Venetian dialect for 'a group of friends', and reflects the restaurant's ethos of sharing and enjoying food amongst friends and family. Taking the reins as Head Chef, Luca De Santis has worked closely with Maurilio to fill the restaurant's menu with classic Italian flavours.

Restaurant Manager, Nicola Gaballo, leads the service team of TOZI's 50-seat restaurant and bar. The stylish but simple interiors focus on natural, earthy textures and tones seen in its locale. Diners will spot curiosities throughout the restaurant that can be found in a typical Italian dwelling, including family recipe books, traditional scales and an elegant Berkel meat slicer to cut charcuterie including *Wild Boar Salami* and *San Daniele*, a cured ham from the far north-east of Italy. A classic Fiat 500 will also be on display as you approach TOZI, paying homage to the restaurant's Italian roots.



Served with the passion and personality that helped give the London flagship its name, locals can look forward to indulging in celebrated classics from across the channel, alongside a selection of new dishes exclusive to its Dutch home. Eight sections of mouth-watering items to choose from await, including dishes such as *Crab Ravioli with Tomatoes and Basil*, *Aubergine Parmigiana* and *Buffalo Ricotta Ravioli with Black Truffle*; all favourites from London and perfect for this time of year.

Signature TOZI Amsterdam dishes will include *Tonnarelli "Cacio e Pepe"*, which is cooked for diners' at their tables, Venetian-style *King Crab* and the classic *Rigatoni Carbonara* – which offers a silky-smooth sauce unique to the restaurant thanks to special eggs Luca sourced from

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his home city of Rome. *Octopus with Padron Peppers and Potatoes* and *Black Angus Bavette* have also been introduced exclusively for this launch. Desserts such as *Chocolate and Pear Caprese* and classic *Tiramisu* complete the selection.

The TOZI bar also offers a cosy space to wind down in, serving a range of classic Italian gins, vermouth and liquors alongside signature serves such as *Barrel-aged Negroni* and *Amaro TOZI*. Relaxing in front of the fireplace with a drink in hand will become the go-to way to spend the Autumn evenings.

A meticulous wine list sees options from some of the very best and well-established producers in Italy sit next to small and specialist winemakers. Offering a tempting way to spend the night, the selection includes *Paradiso di Frassina* from Tuscany, the world's first to produce Biodynamic wines with the aid of music as a natural pesticide.

Maurilio Molteni, Head Chef at TOZI London, said: "*Opening a second TOZI is testament to the success of our flagship in London, and we are very excited to serve our famous dishes to the people of Amsterdam*". Stefano adds "*Luca and Nicola have been working extremely hard to perfect the menu and service offering that TOZI London is renowned for*".

Speaking of his time spent working with Maurilio in preparation for the opening, Head Chef of TOZI Amsterdam, Luca, adds "*I've loved every minute. Creating this menu, filled with so many wonderful ingredients and classic Italian flavours, has been a joy. The doors open next week and Nicola and I couldn't be more excited to bring TOZI to Amsterdam*".

For more information and to book a table, visit: www.toziamsterdam.com

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Opening hours:

Monday – Tuesday: 17.00 – 22.00

Wednesday – Sunday: 12.00 – 22.00

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NOTES TO EDITORS

TOZI is a vibrant Italian restaurant and bar with locations in Victoria, London (80-seat) and Vondelpark, Amsterdam (50-seat). The restaurants specialise in *cicchetti* - Italian small plates - inspired by the Venetian casual dining tradition, alongside contemporary Italian drinks menus which includes the signature TOZI Spritz. TOZI puts emphasis on high quality, seasonal ingredients. The food is designed to be shared among friends, family and colleagues in an informal, welcoming environment.