



Sleek rooms decked out in designer finery are the order of the day at the new Hotel Missoni in Edinburgh



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Fans of Missoni's eye-popping designs should check out the exhibition *Workshop Missoni: Daring to be Different*, at London's Estorick Collection until September 20 ([estorickcollection.com](http://estorickcollection.com)). Exploring the 50-year history of this iconic fashion house, it reveals the artistic inspirations behind Missoni patterns and gives a behind-the-scenes glimpse of its factory at work.

## A touch of class

*Holidays in the UK just got a lot more glamorous with the arrival of the Hotel Missoni in Edinburgh*

Even from the outside, Hotel Missoni exudes star quality: it's a striking new-build off the Royal Mile, which contrasts sharply with the surrounding stately architecture of Edinburgh's Old Town. The sexy interiors have been masterminded by Italian designer Rosita Missoni, whose fashion label is famous for its colourful patterns. So how did she approach her first ever hotel? Traditional Italian values such as warmth, hospitality and good food were key. 'I've travelled a lot in my long life and

it's not easy to find a comfortable hotel,' she says. 'Luxury is feeling like you're at home, relaxed but with excitement.'

Of course, there's plenty of visual excitement, thanks to Missoni's peppy palette of grape purple and Op Art black and white, which saturates all six floors – including the Cucina restaurant, which is overseen by Italian chef Giorgio Locatelli. But this isn't Missoni overkill: there's also furniture by Danish designer Hans J Wegner and, in a nod to Scottish culture, Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Rosita is a stickler for detail: 'We didn't want wall-to-wall carpets in the bedrooms – I hate stepping onto old, dirty carpets when you get out of bed,' she shudders. Instead, there are smooth white oak floors. Other practical touches include mirrored sliding doors to the bathrooms – ideal for inspecting your outfit before moving to the bar for the house speciality: a vanilla and fig-flavoured 'Biennale' cocktail. *Salute!* Rooms from £210 per night. 1 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh ([hotelmissoni.com](http://hotelmissoni.com))