



View with a Table. It's March, so that means it's time for our Food special. Cover ph. [@MarcoBadiani](#) up on the roof of [@Tosca Nino](#) at the just reopened 4th + 5th floors of [#Florence's @Rinascente](#)

"I have a view, I have a view," interrupts the uncouth Mr. Emerson in the opening pages of *A Room With a View*. To which the tiresome Miss Bartlett, grappling with the "overcooked" meat served at the Pensione Bertolini, replies, "A view? Oh, a view! How delightful a view is!" Views supersede vivers in E.M. Forster's turn-of-the-century novel, something that remains unchanged as today's travellers continue in tireless pursuit of that match made in paradiso: a table with a view. Or, as our photo editor Marco Badiani captured and capsized it in this month's cover photo and headline, a "view with a table". **The panorama in question is the rooftop restaurant terrace managed by ToscaNino on the just-reopened fourth and fifth floors of department store Rinascente** (see page 4). In this March issue, we lick our lips as Taste returns to the Stazione Leopolda from March 9 to 11 (page 25), focus on Finocchiona IGP (page 18) and learn to love lampredotto (page 22). Deirdre Pirro taps into tomatoes (page 8), Mary Gray lunches out on/at the city's bars and circoli (page 24) and Elisa Scarton Detti reveals recipes from Pitigliano's last Jewish nonna (who recently featured in Jamie Cooks Italy – page 26). Markets, midnight snacking and pre-match munching: page 16. Gelato: page 9. Pecorino: page 5. Pizza: page 20. Hungry? Join us at Simbiosi on March 21 as The Florentine Wine Club returns for dinner with the Ginori family. Order from the menu; the wine from Marchesi Ginori Lischi in Querceto (Pisa) will be poured by the marquis himself. RSVP [contatti@simbiosi.bio](mailto:contatti@simbiosi.bio) / 055 0640115. Next issue: April 4. View with a table [@helencfarrell](#)

**COVER STORY** Department store Rinascente is investing 12 million euro in a floor-by-floor renewal. Under the banner of "for the city, by the city", the piazza della Repubblica flagship recently revealed the first stage in the two-year project. The new-look fourth and fifth floors dissolve boundaries between shopping and eating. **A striking glass cube is the centrepiece of the fourth floor as Tosca&Nino Restaurant and Café by Simone Arnetoli and Laura Tosetti serves nicely prepared Tuscan food ensconced among timeless clothing brands** on minimalist white rails. Renovation is ongoing on the third floor.