



PRET A MANGER OPENS AT BOLOGNA HIGH-SPEED RAIL STATION

Following the success of its airport opening, this is the brand's second location in Bologna

Bologna, June 16, 2026 – **Pret A Manger**, the UK based coffee chain known for its freshly prepared food and organic coffee, **has opened a new store at Bologna High-Speed Rail Station (Bologna AV)**, one of the main stations within the Grandi Stazioni Retail network. The brand is exclusively operated in Italy by Chef Express (Cremonini Group), which is driving its expansion across the travel hubs, including railway stations, airports, and motorway service areas.

The new store is located in the underground High-Speed Rail station, in the Hall on level -2. It offers seating for 60 guests and will employ approximately 30 newly hired staff members. Also in Bologna, Pret A Manger recently opened a store within Bologna Airport, located in the departures area between Gates 4 and 5, where it has already enjoyed significant customer success.

Nicolas Bigard, Chief Executive Officer of Chef Express, commented: "Emilia-Romagna is the region where our company is headquartered, and we are delighted to bring Pret A Manger here, one of the world's most renowned international chains for fresh food and organic coffee. Following the successful opening at Bologna Airport, we are now debuting at the High-Speed Rail station thanks to our partnership with Grandi Stazioni Retail. Bologna AV is a strategic railway hub for Italy. Chef Express continues to prove itself as an ideal foodservice platform for developing international brands in Italy across multiple channels, including travel and commercial locations."

The Menu

As in every Pret shop, Team Members will serve a menu of organic coffee and freshly made food prepared daily in the on-site kitchen using carefully sourced, high-quality ingredients.

The Bologna AV menu features some of Pret's most popular sandwiches, including the Classic Super Club with chicken breast, smoked bacon, and fresh tomatoes; a wide selection of baguettes such as the vegetarian Cheddar & Onion Chutney; and the bestselling Chicken & Bacon Baguette with delicious Caesar dressing.

The menu also includes wraps, soups, and fresh salads such as the Avocado, Wild Crayfish & Cucumber Bowl and the Smoked Salmon, Egg & Edamame Protein Box, featuring fresh avocado and free-range eggs.

Breakfast and afternoon offerings include freshly baked pastries, warm savory croissants, yogurt and fruit pots, smoothies, and a wide range of refreshing beverages. Pret's sweet treats, including cookies, muffins, and bars, are complemented by a selection of barista-prepared drinks including lattes, cappuccinos, mochas, and teas, served hot or iced with organic milk and dairy alternatives on offer.

Currently **Pret A Manger in Italy** operates at Milan Malpensa Airport (3 locations), Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport (2 locations), Bologna Airport, Milan Central Station, Bologna Centra High-



Speed Rail Station, San Martino service area on the A1 motorway near Parma. **Future openings** are planned at Rome Termini Station and at Rome Fiumicino and Venice airports.

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Notes to editors:

- **Store address:** Bologna Centrale High-Speed Rail Station, Hall Level -2
- **Opening hours:** Daily from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

About Pret A Manger

Pret A Manger is a popular sandwich and coffee chain, commonly known as Pret, based in the United Kingdom. The first outlet opened in London in 1986, where the company is still headquartered today. Pret's sandwiches, salads and wraps are prepared daily in the stores' kitchens using high-quality ingredients, and all its teas and coffees are organic. There are more than 700 Pret shops worldwide with 12,500 team members in 21 international markets (including United Kingdom, Ireland, United States, Hong Kong, France, UAE, Kuwait, India, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Portugal, Belgium, Singapore, Germany, Canada, Italy, Greece, Spain, South Africa and Qatar). For further information, visit <https://www.pret.com/>.

About Chef Express

Chef Express is the company that manages all foodservice activities of the Cremonini Group. It operates more than 600 outlets and recorded revenues of €832 million in 2025, with 54% generated from concession-based activities (railway stations, airports, motorways, and onboard train services). Chef Express is the market leader in Italy in the railway station buffet segment, with outlets in 54 railway stations. It is also active in airport catering across 15 Italian airports and manages 57 foodservice areas on Italy's motorway network and major highways. In the onboard rail catering market, Chef Express is one of Europe's leading operators, serving more than 120 trains daily across five European countries. In the commercial catering sector, the company directly owns and operates the casual dining chains Roadhouse Restaurant, Calavera, and Billy Tacos, while also developing other major brands under license, including McDonald's, Pret A Manger, and wagamama. Internationally, Chef Express operates the British chain Bagel Factory, with 36 locations across the United Kingdom.

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