Warm welcome and great food

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It's a family affair at Rigatoni's near the King's Theatre in Edinburgh

You feel at home when you walk through the door of Rigatoni's by The King's in Edinburgh.

It's a second restaurant in the award-winning, family-run chain after Rigatoni's by The Queen's Hall in another part of the city.

Maria and Stefano Molfino are hands-on here having left their children at the helm of the first site.

And they have imported their winning formula of home-cooked Italian food served in a friendly environment.

Rigatoni's took over the space previously used by a Thai restaurant and this is not the typical Italian restaurant design.

It has a modern edge and but that does not detract and it is ideally placed next to Edinburgh's popular King's Theatre, the traditional venue for pantomimes and a popular venue for variety and Edinburgh Festival productions.

They offer a lunch, group and pre-theatre menu and everyone in our party of eight was delighted with what was served.

My beef carpaccio was packed with flavour. Horseradish, gorgonzola emulsion with rocket and water cress salad topped with parmesan savings and drizzled with olive oil was a perfect way to enter the meal.

And the pan-fried fillet of sea bass, mussels, clams and a king prawn in a white wine and cherry tomato sauce allowed all the flavours to come to the fore. A delightful dish.

Service was slick and the restaurant was spotless. A thoroughly enjoyable experience.