

Lausanne Palace & Spa

A Century of Excellence

The Lausanne Palace & Spa is a real icon on the shores of Lake Geneva. Much more than a luxurious hotel, the Lausanne Palace & Spa has been an institution since its inauguration in 1915. It is a living place bringing together leaders from around the world, inspiring personalities from the artistic and cultural world or attracting opinion leaders. This legend - always in vogue - celebrates its Centenary.

It is in a climate of war that the Lausanne Palace began operations. Newspapers were full of conflicts releases worldwide and they devoted only a few lines to the opening of the Lausanne Palace – however, ending with: "The Lausanne Palace is a world. Nothing similar existed in Lausanne before."

The opening of the Palace marked the culmination of the hotel boom in the years 1900 - 1915. The only hotel of this kind opened during the First World War is at the same time the last palace built in Switzerland. The Palace gave the centre of Lausanne a strong symbol, definitively elevating the city to the rank of top places for business, political and social matters and bringing a touch of glamour.

Serving and anticipating

Witness to historic meetings and decisions, the Lausanne Palace has hosted many crowned heads, celebrities and politicians from around the world. Elite finds restful privacy in a luxurious, friendly and warm atmosphere, while enjoying the worldly events and festivities. The Golden Book testifies it and discloses these lines written by a loyal guest: "I find the Lausanne Palace world-class, and certainly the best of all the Palaces I visited in Europe, both from a service point of view and the comfort".

A Palace that honors its 5 stars by primarily looking after the well-being and comfort of its guests, a legend that still lives to the rhythm of its time while anticipating the expectations of its guests: an objective which the directors of the Lausanne Palace have closely followed.

From the start, the firsts advertising in 1926, where based on drawings, then photography with slogans such as "most modern House", "first-class House" or "Luxury Hotel of international reputation". And this luxurious house was offering at that time already, a wide range of activities and services such as golf, tennis, minigolf or dancing classes to get ready for the many evenings or thé-dansant of that time. And very early, the hotel began offering to its guests traveling with their own car a garage with a car repair shop.



Olympic spirit

By looking back in the history of the Lausanne Palace & Spa, we can't ignore an institution that has greatly influenced the development of the luxury hotel in the heart of Lausanne. Situated in Lausanne, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has indeed made the city its headquarters in 1915. Immediately after his election, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president from 1980 to 2001, decided to live at the Lausanne Palace & Spa as a regular host. His successor Jacques Rogge, and the current IOC President Thomas Bach, followed his example and continued this tradition. Today the Olympic spirit is still noticeable and visible from the moment one enters the lobby.

International and authentic

Its reputation and thanks to its international guests The Palace will widely open its doors to the local companies in Lausanne while, of course maintaining a close relationship with its guests. The service, committed to always satisfying international and local guests, is based on the principles and values of the luxury hotel industry and combines authenticity, the desire to offer guests the best place to eat, to spend a night or a few days.

Gastronomy has played a great role since the opening of the Lausanne Palace and the citizens of Lausanne as well as the international jet set have been gathering in its bars and restaurants. With the arrival in 2004 of Chef Edgard Bovier, the hotel's gastronomy evolved rapidly, and today the four restaurants represent an undeniable attraction for all lovers of good cuisine and gastronomy. From refined haute cuisine to local dishes, the variety reflects a single credo: respect for seasonal products, healthy cuisine, authentic flavors and regional products of the highest quality.

The Lausanne Palace becomes the Lausanne Palace & Spa

Always aware of the latest trends and keeping a close eye on what guests are looking for, The Lausanne Palace opened in 1997 an oasis of well-being, the Wellness Centre Concept Spa, and becomes the Lausanne Palace & Spa. In this universe dedicated to health and beauty, hotel guests and local guests cross path. People enjoy a moment of relaxation, intense sport or personalized aesthetic treatments. The CBE Concept spa is over 2'100sqm.

Community and humility

The General Director, Jean-Jacques Gauer, who has been at The Lausanne Palace & Spa for nearly twenty years, has devoted his life to the hotel industry. At the Lausanne Palace & Spa, his experience and dedication are reflected in the everyday life. Always present and attentive, he likes to have a little chat with guests or to answer any of their requests. Whether it is breakfast, lunch or dinner time, Jean-Jacques Gauer is always around greeting guests and personally welcoming them in all four of the restaurants. He knows that each guest is equally important, whether a Head of State, a local or a hotel guest.

Ready for the future and new horizons

With Jean-Jacques Gauer at the head of a motivated team committed to the hotel industry, the Lausanne Palace & Spa will celebrate its Centenary fully prepared for the future: newly renovated rooms and suites, a decoration in accordance with the new millennium without compromising the long tradition of this historic building.

This culture creates the feeling of being "at home away from home": a new concept carefully thought for the greater benefits of the guests, unparalleled gastronomic offer, unique Spa in the heart of the city...



Thanks to a strong team, confident in the future, and constantly striving to its best, The Lausanne Palace & Spa remains faithful to its reputation. This magnificent boat, a reflection of the great values of luxury hospitality, keeps the course of openness toward ever innovative horizons.

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