



LE GRAND BELLEVUE

GSTAAD

## A New Gstaad is Born



### **\*Le Grand Bellevue opened 13 December 2013\***

Re-branded, refurbished and revamped under a dynamic new ownership, **Le Grand Bellevue** opened its doors in December 2013 setting a new precedent in Gstaad chic.

In the heart of Gstaad village on The Promenade itself, Le Grand Bellevue was originally built in 1912 as a Cure House and Spa, and continues to hold the title of the oldest palace hotel in Gstaad. A year-long renovation saw this historic building injected with a fresh sense of vitality, redefining casual elegance in this famously traditional resort.

Family-owned, managed and designed, Le Grand Bellevue was acquired on its Centenary by a visionary couple, **Daniel and Davia Koetser**. Born in Switzerland and educated internationally, they realised global careers in hotel development and interior design respectively, before meeting and marrying in Gstaad – spending their first night in the hotel they now own. The village and hotel couldn't be closer to their hearts:

*“My wife and I have a great affinity with Gstaad” says Daniel. “We love it for its traditions and age-old institutions but feel there's room for innovation and a dash of sassiness. Our dream is to create a buzzing destination in the heart of the village that captures the spirit of Gstaad but looks to its bright future too. We want the hotel to feel understated and effortless yet imaginative and spoiling.”*

Together, the Koetsers have created a casual yet refined interior. This 57-room hotel introduces a relaxed and residential approach to hospitality, and acts as a hotspot for a new generation of luxury travellers. Stripped of the formalities and grandeur of its more traditional neighbours, Le Grand Bellevue has a neighborhood spirit and the welcoming feel of a country house hotel. Exquisite style and eclectic design combines with a lively atmosphere that is vibrant and youthful yet embraces all generations.

Bold colours, eye-catching prints and elegant furniture make up the **Lounge** where guests can indulge in afternoon tea by an open fire. Here, bespoke furniture includes side-tables made from antique Alpine walking sticks alongside classic pieces such as George Smith armchairs upholstered in soft velvets and smart herringbone fabrics. Guests can sink into sumptuous sofas, curl up in the Moroccan alcove with a book or chatter in gently swaying birdcage chairs.

Next door, an Art-Deco **Bar** with dramatic domed ceilings boasts a racing green zinc-topped bar and 17-metre custom-made Chesterfield. The perfect setting for cocktails, its tongue-in-cheek list includes tipples such as Bellevue Smash, Fairytale and Devil's Playground.

The hotel's Michelin-star restaurant **LEONARD's** on the ground floor offers exceptional food in a relaxed and sophisticated environment. With arched windows and original parquet floors, head chef, **Marcus G. Lindner**, delivers indulgent fine dining with a range of signature a la carte dishes and tasting menus. Signature dishes include Gilthead in Sea Salt with Spinach, Cashew Nuts and Quinoa; Veal Three Ways with Jerusalem Artichokes, Glazed Chestnuts and Truffle as well as decadent desserts such as Cream of Pistache, Litchi, Flambéed Banana and Chocolate and "Kaiserschmarrn", a traditional Alpine dish resembling a fluffy pancake.

For a more rustic, intimate experience, **Le Petit Chalet** is a traditional chalet nestled in the hotel's grounds seating just 18 guests with a menu of hearty Swiss dishes, whilst the recently acquired **Chesery**, overseen by Michelin-starred chef Robert Speth, offers seasonal changing menus exemplifying the best of Swiss Alpine dining.

Home to one of the finest wine cellars in Gstaad, the hotel houses circa 10,000 bottles and the wine cellar is available for private dining or tastings. A **Cigar Lounge**, chic *bouquet downtempo cocktail lounge* and 18-seat **Private Cinema** will keep residents entertained late into the night. Also on the premises is the prestigious **Yacht Club**, a world-renowned exclusive members club.

The 3,000sqm **Le Grand Spa** is a world-class sanctuary for wellness. Working in partnership with organic English brand **Bamford** and revolutionary Swiss facial brand **Cellcosmet**, the spa invites guests to indulge in a fully comprehensive range of treatments, remedies and retreats. The spa is home to a Thermal Oasis offering 17 heat therapy experiences, including a softly-scented Hay Sauna, detoxifying Infra-Red sauna, Turkish Hammam, outdoor Finnish sauna and Himalayan salt inhalation grotto. Extensive facilities include a fully equipped gym; yoga & Pilates studio; beautiful outdoor relaxation pools overlooking the mountains, stimulating Kneipp Walk and a swimming pool and Jacuzzi opening up onto a lavender-clad terrace during summer months.

Le Grand Bellevue has a collection of flexible **meeting and conference spaces**. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, the rooms include a separate breakout foyer and, most impressively, private terraces with panoramic views of the mountains.

*"I have the simplest taste: I am always satisfied with the best."* Oscar Wilde

#### **Le Grand Bellevue launched on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

Summer Rates from 390 CHF per room based on double occupancy on a B&B basis  
Winter Rates from 650 CHF per room based on double occupancy on a half-board basis

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