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Press release

125 years of the Dolder Grand – continuity that has stood the test of time

This year, Zurich’s luxury hotel the Dolder Grand is celebrating its 125th anniversary. The anniversary provides an opportunity to focus on the past, the present and the future of this tradition-rich institution. The five-star hotel has changed, improved and reinvented itself many times over the years. And yet it has never forgotten what it stands for: visionary luxury hotel experiences since 1899.



The Dolder Grand is celebrating its 125th anniversary with a bold, international campaign – without a logo or sender. It pays homage to all the guests who have shaped the hotel with their stays and underscores what the Dolder Grand was and continues to be to this day: a meeting point for an international clientèle that appreciates extraordinary hospitality, a unique ambience and unconventional amenities in a special location.

From spa house to City Resort

When the Dolder Grand opened its doors on 10 May 1899, it initially served as a health spa that offered city residents access to relaxation and health in a luxurious setting. Its pioneering role as a hotel that is always very much in step with the spirit of the times was evident even then. It boasted a billiard room, two lifts and the first modern means of communication, such as the telephone and telegraph. 125 years later, the hotel’s unmistakable Swiss wooden structure is an iconic landmark in Zurich. It is flanked by two new buildings that give the traditional property a stylish, timeless look. They were built during the renovations undertaken with great attention to detail by architect Lord Norman Foster between 2004 and 2008. In addition to this extension, the historic main building has been renovated and restored to its original state. This renewal respectfully unites the hotel’s rich past with visionary architecture and art. At the same time, it marks the turning point in the history of the hotel from the historic Grand Hotel to the modern City Resort in an idyllic location close to the city. Here, guests from all over the world can always enjoy a break and the luxury of being pampered.

New technologies for world-class hospitality

Robots are used in the areas of housekeeping and food and beverage, for example, to support the bar team with transporting food orders along the long corridors behind the scenes. “This means more time for employees to pay even more attention to taking care of guests, so they can offer them a perfect stay,” says Markus Granelli, General Manager of the Dolder Grand.

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This also includes accepting the cutting edge technology of cryptocurrency as a payment option: the Dolder Grand is the first hotel in Switzerland to offer this. AMINA Bank offers its friendly congratulations to the Dolder Grand on the decision.

Gastronomic hotspot and wellness oasis

Its holistic gastronomic concept with an annual gourmet festival has made the Dolder Grand a bona fide foodie destination. Its five restaurants, with a total of 64 GaultMillau points all told, are a reflection of its desire to offer exquisite culinary delights. They include Zurich's most highly awarded restaurant, The Restaurant, with two Michelin stars, which is led by world-class chef Heiko Nieder. Being named Hotel of the Year by GaultMillau in 2016 and 2024 is a recognition of the innovative spirit of the Dolder culinary tradition. The spa at the Dolder Grand also enjoys an excellent reputation. The 4,000-square-metre oasis of wellbeing offers everything from medical treatments to relaxation, beauty treatments, vitality services, detoxes and fitness equipment. The adjacent golf and tennis courts, as well as the recreational options from Dolder Sports, with a swimming pool and mini-golf in summer and the largest open-air ice-skating rink in Europe in winter, help to promote an active lifestyle and make the Dolder Grand a holistic destination.

Acting in the interests of sustainability

The Dolder Grand is a pioneer in sustainability. "In everything we do, we strive to offer the best. And always in the spirit of sustainability," says Markus Granelli. "Whether it's in the kitchen, in the spa, in the Dolder Sports area or anywhere else at the hotel: for us, sustainability means responding to the demands of all stakeholders and interests and seeking long-term solutions for social, environmental and economic sustainability that go beyond mere compliance with legal requirements." The Dolder Grand underscores this commitment with its memberships of Responsible Hotels of Switzerland, Swisustainable Leading and Sustainability Leaders.

The Dolder Grand stands for consistency in excellence and innovation – now and in the future. "That is why we are constantly trying new things and seeking inspiration around the world," says Markus Granelli. "We are proud to be a place that is not only geographically close to Zurich, but also close to the world in the spirit of the city. To keep it that way, our entire team does their best every day with passion and dedication."

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About The Dolder Grand

Opened in 1899, the Dolder Grand has 175 luxurious rooms and suites. Regally perched high above Zurich on the Adlisberg, the City Resort offers stunning views of the vibrant city life, Lake Zurich and the Swiss Alps. In 2024, the Dolder Grand will celebrate its 125th anniversary. The legendary hotel has had an extraordinary history with illustrious guests and has established itself as a destination for culinary delights, art and wellness. The striking, palatial building bears the signature of renowned architect Lord Norman Foster. With its five restaurants, the five-star superior hotel offers an exceptional dining concept: “The Restaurant” (two Michelin stars and 19 Gault Millau points), “Mikuriya” (16 Gault Millau points), “Saltz restaurant” (15 Gault Millau points), the vegan-vegetarian garden restaurant “blooms” (14 Gault Millau points) and changing restaurant concepts. The Canvas Bar & Lounge complements the culinary offerings that garnered the Dolder Grand the title of “Hotel of the Year 2024” by GaultMillau. The spa area offers 4,000 square metres of pure relaxation. The hotel is also known for its extensive art collection, encompassing over 100 works from world-renowned artists including Salvador Dalí and Takashi Murakami. The Dolder Grand is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World, Swiss Deluxe Hotels and the Responsible Hotels of Switzerland. For images and general information, visit our [media page](#).

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