

Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois: GaultMillau "Hotel of the Year 2020"

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Basel, 19. September 2019 – The GaultMillau accolade awarded in Basel on September 9 is yet another highlight in the long history of the venerable Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois. Let's just remind ourselves how exciting the past few years have been. In 2004 the Straumann family acquired the Grand Hotel and launched an extensive phase of refurbishment and renovation completed in 2006. Since its splendid reopening that same year, the Grand Hotel on the Rhine's knee has been a continual talking point, with multiple award-winning restaurants and a great of passion and dedication to its guests not just from the region, but from all over the world. And now, we are reaping the rewards.

There can be no doubt that the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois thrives on its history; after all, its beginnings date back to the 16th century. With its winning combination of luxury and state-of-the-art infrastructure the Hotel has become a beacon that shines ever more brightly around the world, a perfect match for Basel as the city of culture. As General Manager Tanja Wegmann says: 'Being awarded the accolade of GaultMillau Hotel of the Year is yet another milestone in this tremendous story and a wonderful gift for the entire team at the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois. Indeed, every day, through our hospitality, our passion and our heart, we love and live out our signature claim of "Rich in History, Young at Heart".' And as the owners Thomas and Ursula Straumann put it: 'There's no doubt we have a great infrastructure here, but the employees – are even more essential. They are the ones who breathe life into this unique and historical hotel.'

What's remarkable is that the luxury and exacting standards at Les Trois Rois have not made the hotel in any way inhibiting. Year in, year out, the Bar with its Rhine terrace designed by Enzo Enea, the cosy fireplace lounge in winter, the Restaurant Cheval Blanc by Peter Knogl and the Brasserie are all very well attended – first and foremost by Basel residents themselves, who feel quite at home in 'their' Grand Hotel.

The superlative cuisine by Peter Knogl at the Cheval Blanc with its three Michelin stars and 19 GaultMillau points is certainly one of the calling cards of the Grand Hotel on the Rhine, along with the 14 GaultMillau points of the Brasserie under new Executive Chef de Cuisine Urs Gschwend. As Michelin-starred chef Peter Knogl likes to say: 'What is it that gives me the greatest pleasure? Treating my customers to a cuisine filled with colours and shapes, and full of flavours and sunshine.' Words of great modesty and restraint that are characteristic of the Hotel's philosophy as a whole.

But it is the policy of continually expanding the Hotel's offer that has been pivotal in making Les Trois Rois an exceptional 'hot-spot' in recent years: for instance, the opening of the wonderful Fleurs des Rois flower boutique, a one-of-a-kind feature in Switzerland's 5-star hotel sector. And so the GaultMillau award is the just reward for the Gesamtkunstwerk, the total artwork, that is Les Trois Rois.

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The team of the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois on the Rhine terraces



The team of the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois in the atrium



From left to right: Chef Peter Knogl, CEO Carl F. Bucherer Sascha Moeri, General Manager Tanja Wegmann, Gault Millau Chef Urs Heller and Executive Chef Urs Gschwend



The management from left to right: Director of Human Ressources &Vice General Manager Timon Kurt, General Manager Tanja Wegmann and Chief Financial Officer André Kemper



Giuseppe Giliberti, Maître at the Cheval Blanc by Peter Knogl



Chef Peter Knogl in the kitchens of the restaurant Cheval Blanc







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Thomas Huhn, Chef de Bar at the Bar Les Trois Rois



From left to right: Daniel Filser, Head Florist and Severin Stadler, Assistant Head Florist at the flower boutique Fleurs des Rois



River Suite



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Bathroom



Rhine terrace







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River Suite Napoleon





Rooftop Suite Les Trois Rois





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