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Grand Resort Bad Ragaz AG: a milestone along the way to becoming the leading wellbeing and medical health resort in Europe

Renovation and construction programme successfully completed: an investment of 230 million Swiss francs for the repositioning as Europe's leading wellbeing and medical health resort.

In the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz, a vision has become reality thanks to far-sighted investment. The renovation and construction to make it the number one resort in Europe has been successfully completed thanks to comprehensive planning and swift implementation. A total of 230 million Swiss francs has been invested into the repositioning: for the expansion and refurbishment of the wellbeing & medical health areas, for 56 new Spa Suites and Spa Lofts, the total refurbishment of the Grand Hotel Hof Ragaz, the expansion of the restaurant facilities and for the Business and Events Center as well as the rebuilding of the public Tamina Therme. On 26/27 June, guests and local residents will celebrate the completion of this project, a milestone in entrepreneurial, architectural and tourist terms.

With the completion of the comprehensive refurbishment and expansion programme, the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz now stands as the leading wellbeing & medical health resort in Europe. The focal point of this unique oasis of harmony and exercise is the thermal spa water from the Tamina Gorge. The financial commitment for the repositioning in terms of construction costs – including construction interest, declining balance depreciation and loss of revenue during the construction period – amounts to around 230 million francs. The building investment alone accounts for around 160 million francs. Additional financial resources are being invested into the development of new offers in the wellbeing, preventive care and revitalisation areas as well as in the training of highly qualified staff. At the media conference on 10 June, Dr. Willy Kissling, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz, declared: “The increasing need of active and health-conscious people for wellbeing, preventive care and revitalisation in a professional and sophisticated ambiance has always been of paramount importance in our orientation.”



In the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz, it is not exclusively the guests of the grand hotels who can take advantage of the respective facilities. The newly built public Tamina Therme and the medical and therapy centre also allow the local residents and the guests of the local hotels to enjoy the splendid facilities and corresponding services.

Unique combination on an area of 12,800 square metres

The diversity and quality of the wellbeing and medical health facilities offered on an area of 12,800 square metres make the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz a unique environment of peace, space and time. A major expansion of the wellbeing and spa area and treatment rooms has been undertaken.

Preventive care and revitalisation guests are looked after by 20 renowned doctors in the new, light and colourful therapy centre (with its own therapy pool). The combination of five-star hotel amenities, diverse culinary styles, modern Business and Events Center, golf courses and tennis courts, cinema and casino underpins the resort's unrivalled position in Europe. The opening of the newly built Tamina Therme on 12 June 2009 will redefine the 12,800 square metre wellbeing area for resort guests as a hideaway meeting the very highest standards. Peter P. Tschirky, Chairman of the Management Board of the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz, explains: "These outstanding facilities are rounded off by the excellent service guaranteed by all our staff."

The Grand Hotel Quellenhof has been expanded through the addition of a Spa Suites Tower with 56 exclusive Spa Suites and Spa Lofts. Featuring state-of-the-art premises, the Spa Suites Tower offers a private spa ambiance of the highest luxury class. The Grand Hotel Hof Ragaz has been totally refurbished, and since April 2009 it has been open once again in its former glory but now with a five-star ranking. Guests of the Grand Hotel Hof Ragaz now have a choice of 127 rooms, among them 19 suites.

The culinary offering has also been expanded and now extends to seven restaurants, notably in the Grand Hotel Hof Ragaz with its new Asian restaurant and the enlarged Mediterranean restaurant. One of the seven restaurants has been accorded 17 Gault Millau points, another 15 points. In addition, there are the Hof Bar and the new Salon Davidoff, the first such establishment in Switzerland.

The new Business and Events Center, completed in 2007, in the former Kursaal has already established itself as a popular conference venue. Eight state-of-the-art function rooms with every conceivable technical facility, among them an elegant Board Room and the exclusive Victor Hugo Lounge, provide the perfect setting for business events. The two golf courses, the 18-hole PGA Championship Course plus the 9-hole Executive Course, are the only golf facilities in Switzerland to be awarded five stars.



Wellbeing for all in the new Tamina Therme

With the Tamina Therme, which will open on 12 June, and the Medical Health Center, the local residents and the guests of the local hotels can enjoy top-class wellbeing facilities in the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz. They offer wellbeing for all thanks to the expanded spa area, the new sauna and steam baths plus the beauty and massage programme. The Tamina Therme's impressive architecture has already attracted great attention. It is likely to become an emblem for the Spa Village Bad Ragaz. The new Therme provides an important economic stimulus for the entire Heidiland region and for tourism in general.

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