







## **Hotel Belvedere Locarno completely renovated:**

## This year the four-star superior Hotel Belvedere Locarno concluded its renovation works

Locarno / June 2018 – The Belvedere is known for its consequence of reinvesting. From the beginning of the millennium it was done yearly without a break. When Dr. Diego Lissi took over the Belvedere in 2000 his idea was to reinvest every single cent earned. Therefore, a lot of rooms were renovated in the first couple of years, followed by the step of redesigning all meeting and event facilities. At the same time, more and more rooms were updated.

In 2015, despite of one of the most difficult years in Swiss hospitality, Hotel Belvedere Locarno was able to close the year with a very positive balance sheet and did not stop investing. In march 2016 the whole restaurant concept was renewed and the "à la Carte" restaurant "La Fontana Ristorante & Bar" opened its doors in march. Young and young at heart equally admire the trendy restaurant with its show kitchen where Chef Carlo Ponti Greppi spoils the guests' palates with regional cuisine inspired by Mediterranean style.

Last year, when Hotel Belvedere Locarno celebrated its 125th anniversary in hospitality more rooms were renovated. With another round of redesigning rooms this year the Belvedere now finds itself at the "state of the art" level counting 90 rooms including eight suites.

The upcoming question now is.... how will the future of the hotel look like? Development will not fade, that's for sure. Diego Lissi has his plans for the upcoming year already at sight: "As you could read I love development and for this year we have completed the renovations of the building, but we will continue reinvesting. Now our focus will be even more on technology and training our employees, as I believe that one should never neglect these aspects in a hotel. Guests need a perfect surround support and even if we think ourselves being already at a very high level regarding guests-satisfaction one can always do even better," Lissi comments on his future vision of continuous investment and development of the Hotel Belvedere Locarno.

Snuggled up on a hill placed directly below the Madonna del Sasso shrine, <u>Hotel Belvedere Locarno</u> offers a view on the lake from each of its 90 rooms and it is the only Four-Star Superior hotel in Locarno which is open throughout the year. For those who like to take it easy the hotel is reachable directly by the funicular railway (stop "Belvedere"). Walking one easily reaches the historic city center and can enjoy the film festival city's Mediterranean charm and climate. Other activities in the Lago Maggiore area include hiking and golf, which thanks to the mild climate, is also possible in wintertime. Lugano airport Agno is 40 km distant, a 45-minute car drive. The Milan Malpensa airport remains 110 km south. As the new Alp-Transit has been finished the hotel can be reached via the Gotthard base tunnel from Zurich, Lucerne and Zug by train within a good two hours.

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