



H I S T O R Y

- 1856** **Johannes Badrutt** takes over the 12-bed Pension Faller in St. Moritz and upgrades it into a hotel with the name Engadiner Kulm (today's Kulm Hotel).
- 1883-1892** **Caspar Badrutt** (1848-1904), son of Johannes Badrutt, purchases the St. Moritz Hotel Beau Rivage, built in 1872 by C. Rungger. He charges the renowned Swiss architects Chiodera and Tschudi with the remodelling of the hotel. The hotel is also renamed to the **Palace Hotel**. **Johannes Badrutt** wins a wager and brings the first English tourists to St. Moritz for winter sports. He builds curling rinks and the world's first toboggan run and, in doing so, invents alpine winter tourism.
- 1896** Official opening of the **Palace Hotel on July 29th**. Caspar's son **Hans Badrutt** (1876-1953) joins the management in 1898. His father dies in 1904.
- 1913** The **dining room today "Le Restaurant"** and the first **indoor tennis courts** (on the European continent) were built.
- 1935/36** The historical **Chesa Veglia** was bought and converted into a rustic-style restaurant.
- 1953** Following the death of Hans Badrutt, his wife **Helen** runs the hotel with her son Andrea. Helen dies in 1960 and her sons **Andrea Badrutt** (1910-1998) and **Hansjürg Badrutt** (born in 1930) continued to run the Palace Hotel together.
- 1967** The **Palace Tower**, the legendary symbol of the hotel is destroyed by fire. In **1969/70**, a year after its restoration, the **Acapulco** complex is built with its swimming pool, fitness centre and restaurant.
- 1981 – 1984** The **Suot Mulin** complex with apartments and suites is built.
- 1999-2003** Hansjürg and Anikó Badrutt appoint **Rosewood Hotels & Resorts** of Texas, to manage the Hotel and to commence renovation work with the aim of maintaining and accentuating the history and ambiance of this legendary property. Since April 2003, the Badrutt's Palace has been successfully managed as an independent, family owned hotel.
- 2000** The first renovation phase gets under way, 70 rooms are refurbished and modernised. Opening of the **Health Club** and the **Daniela Steiner Beauty Spa** featuring 10 light-filled treatment rooms, plus the opening of **Emilio Pucci** and **Loro Piana** boutiques.
- 2001/02** Renovation of a further 60 rooms, all provided with the Nortel multifunctional telephone system and other state-of-the-art technology, such as an infrared keyboard for easy operation of the entertainment equipment. Redesign of the reception and construction of the Kids' Club **Palazzino** covering 250m². Opening of the **Chopard and De Grisogono Boutiques** in the hotel.
- 2002** Opening of the **Palace Gift Shop** with its own comprehensive

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merchandising collection opposite the Le Relais Restaurant. Opening of the luxurious Serletta designer shopping complex (2000 m²) facing the main entrance to Badrutt's Palace Hotel. Today it is renamed "**Palace Galerie**"

- 2003** Opening of two new luxurious suites: The spectacular **Hans Badrutt Suite** with a surface area of 280 m²; spacious marbled lobby, two generous bedrooms – all with luxury Italian marble bathrooms, luxurious, comfortably appointed salon with a piano, wood-lined Engadine library, kitchenette, Jacuzzi, steam bath, state-of-the-art technical appliances and security precautions. The unique and exclusive **Helen Badrutt Suite** with a surface area of 250m² spacious entrance area in marble, two luxuriously appointed bedrooms with Italian marble bathrooms, an exclusively furnished salon, lobby, kitchenette and state-of-the-art technical appliances. Renovation and enlargement of the in-house **Ski Shop** with state-of-the-art ski equipment rentals. On-line bookings possible.
- 2004** Swiss hotelier, **Hans Wiedemann**, becomes Managing Director of Badrutt's Palace Hotel.
- 2005** Both the north and south facades are renovated in two stages. New balconies are installed, offering a stunning new view of the lake and mountains from the south-facing rooms, and new windows are installed throughout the hotel. New exterior lighting concept introduced. All rooms and suites are fitted with plasma screen TVs.
- 2006** On July 29th Badrutt's Palace Hotel proudly celebrated its 110th anniversary!
- 2006** From the winter season 2006/07 onwards Badrutt's Palace Hotel heats the premises with an innovative eco-friendly heat pump system using water from St. Moritz lake.
- 2007** The Beau Rivage wing is renovated with new rooms and suites.
- 2008** Renovation Palace Wellness **Phase 1**: pool area and lift extension project with new grotto reception area. Completion of the Beau Rivage wing and new conference rooms Roni Pieper I and II.
- 2009** Renovation Palace Wellness **Phase 2**: Renovation of the entire Palace Wellness with 10 treatment rooms on 872 square meters
- 2010** Renovation Palace Wellness **Phase 3**: Renovation of Kids' Club Palazzino, Fitness and new restaurant

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