



BADRUTT'S PALACE  
ST. MORITZ SWITZERLAND

PRESS RELEASE

## *STAFF INCREASE FOR WINTER SEASON 2016/17*

**ST. MORITZ, SEPTEMBER 2016 – Badrutt's Palace Hotel is pleased to announce that, as of the winter season 2016/17, Mr Richard Leuenberger will be joining the traditional hotel's management team as General Manager, securing its leadership principles for the future – tradition and innovation - principles he already follows to the letter. Also, Mr Yves Gardiol, currently General Manager of the luxury hotel, is being promoted to Chief Executive Officer. Mr Wiedemann continues in his role as Managing Director & Delegate of the Board.**

Badrutt's Palace Hotel is happily looking ahead to a bright future: Yves Gardiol, current General Manager of the hotel, takes up his new role as Chief Executive Officer on 1st October 2016.

From mid November the position of General Manager will be filled by Richard Leuenberger, a »previous member of the family«. Richard Leuenberger, who left Badrutt's Palace Hotel in October 2011 after four successful years as Director of Food & Beverage then worked as Executive Assistant Manager and General Manager of Aberdeen Marina Club, the Shangri-la Hotel in Hongkong. Mr Leuenberger is currently employed as Area Director of Operations, Asia Pacific for the Ritz Carlton Group. The Swiss national (aged 40) is looking forward to coming »back home« to Badrutt's Palace Hotel in St. Moritz, together with his wife and two children.

Hans Wiedemann, Managing Director & Delegate of the Board will continue as before in his full role. With this additional manpower, the traditional hotel is guaranteeing its future management for a professional and smooth continuation, when the time comes for Mr Wiedemann to retire from business operations as of January 2018, when he reaches the retirement age of 65. Mr Wiedemann will then continue his position as Delegate of the Board.

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L to R. Yves Gardiol, Chief Executive Officer of Badrutt's Palace Hotel, Hans Wiedemann, Managing Director & Delegate of the Board of Badrutt's Palace Hotel, Richard Leuenberger, General Manager of Badrutt's Palace Hotel, Photographer: Olaf Küng, 2009

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## *ABOUT BADRUTT'S PALACE HOTEL*

Let the magic enchant you. From discrete service to traditional elegance. The captivating atmosphere. Laid-back luxury and the hotel's particular magic is what keeps our guests coming back. Located in one of the most fascinating ski regions in the world. Endless summer Alpine activities. The ideal holiday destination. 157 rooms incl. 37 suites. Full house with 8 restaurants, 3 bars and a night club. Member of The Leading Hotels of the World, Swiss Deluxe Hotels und Swiss Historic Hotels. Winter Season 2016/17: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

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