



## RESIDENCE NATIONAL LUZERN

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### PRESSE - RESIDENCE NATIONAL LUZERN

#### **EXCLUSIVE LAKESIDE LIVING WITH THE BENEFIT OF HOTEL FACILITIES AND 5-STAR COMFORT**

Situated within Lucerne's GRAND HOTEL NATIONAL, the RESIDENCE NATIONAL offers luxury residences to let. Guests can choose between 22 residences of various sizes on short- or long-term rental bases. They are located in a separate wing of the GRAND HOTEL NATIONAL – one of the oldest established hotels in the heart of Europe. Recent months have seen it undergo a number of improvements and alterations.

Boasting an incomparable setting by the waters of Lake Lucerne in Central Switzerland, the RESIDENCE NATIONAL has, for almost 30 years, offered a local and international clientele 5-star residential comfort for short- or long-term rental. The 22 residences range in size from 1.5 to 6.5 rooms (29 to 290 square metres), and guests enjoy access to all the facilities provided by the GRAND HOTEL NATIONAL. The RESIDENCE NATIONAL offers a truly diverse range of services tailored to the needs of its discerning guests.

#### **Elegance, comfort and nostalgia for short- and long-term stays**

The RESIDENCE NATIONAL offers tranquillity, comfort, and elegance with just a hint of nostalgia. Guests benefit from the GRAND HOTEL NATIONAL's first-class services, portering, a reception desk manned 24-hours a day, 22 individually furnished residences in the form of suites and apartments each with their own kitchen, air conditioning, state-of-the-art entertainment electronics (such as LCD television) and a multimedia satellite system complete with messaging service, Pay-TV, View Bill and wireless internet – not to mention access to the GRAND HOTEL NATIONAL's 5 restaurants, our coffee shop and the National Bar.

Guests can avail themselves of the hotel's dry-cleaning and laundry service, pool floor and car parking facilities. They are also more than welcome to partake in the social events arranged by the hotel. The RESIDENCE NATIONAL takes its guests' security, safety and privacy very seriously. The residences reflect contemporary living and offer superior decor featuring quality materials, refined fabrics and tasteful furnishings designed to ensure the wellbeing of its short- and long-stay guests. Age is no barrier: all the guests thoroughly enjoy the leisure and tranquillity afforded by the

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residences – some even decide to reside here permanently. Lucerne's rich cultural life and extensive leisure opportunities complement the diversity of Central Switzerland's magnificent geographical features.

### **Numerous improvements and alterations**

The RESIDENCE NATIONAL offers numerous improvements. September 2007 to April 2008 saw the entire south elevation (which is subject to a preservation order – see box) undergo extensive renovation and restoration work. This involved totally overhauling the sandstone, replacing the balcony railings and applying an anti-slip treatment to the balcony floors. The balcony furniture was also renewed, and some of the renovation work resulted in larger balconies.

7 of the 22 residences have undergone complete refurbishment since 2006, with more to follow. The kitchens of other suites have been equipped with the latest in V-Zug appliances. Moreover, almost all of the suites have had air conditioning installed in recent years, and all now boast an LCD television set and modern satellite system with access to the hotel TV network. This multimedia system comprises Pay-TV, a messaging service, View Bill, wireless internet and other services. The RESIDENCE NATIONAL's housekeeping staff has been strengthened to provide guests with even more comfort and service. Further improvements are scheduled in the coming years.

### **Ideal setting**

Located in the heart of both Lucerne and Switzerland, the RESIDENCE NATIONAL is superbly connected to the holidaying region of Central Switzerland and to the country's business metropolis of Zurich – with Zurich International Airport just an hour away by train or car. The RESIDENCE NATIONAL is just five minutes away from Lucerne's famous Old Town, and not much more than that from the city's renowned KKL culture and congress centre. Unparalleled leisure opportunities, including more than 10 golf courses, lie within easy reach of both Lucerne and its eponymous lake. The hotel's limousine service is on hand to whisk guests of the RESIDENCE to the golf course of their choice – or anywhere else for that matter.

### **Top-flight restaurants and wellness**

Guests of the RESIDENCE NATIONAL can avail themselves of the entire range of services offered by the GRAND HOTEL NATIONAL as well as its many restaurants. The cuisine is assured and varied: at the 15 Gault-Millau point Restaurant National, our chef distinguishes himself with new takes on traditional and regional dishes, thus keeping alive the spirit of the hotel's first chef, the world-famous Auguste Escoffier. The 14 Gault-Millau point Restaurant Padrino serves Italian specialities featuring only the finest ingredients in an elegant Mediterranean atmosphere. Diners at the Thai Lotus experience royal Thai cuisine, while the National Bar is one of Lucerne's most agreeable meeting places with its live piano music and selections of whiskies. The Lake Terrace exudes a unique ambience alongside legendary views over the bay, and the Café César is the best place to enjoy an invigorating espresso with your homemade cake or patisserie. The Restaurant 1871 offers a light and seasonal kitchen to its guests. The hotel also benefits from

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2 unique ballrooms and 5 conferencing-cum-banqueting venues capable of accommodating 650 attendees or guests. As a mecca of wellbeing and wellness, the pool floor offers our guests a refreshing swimming pool, a relaxing sauna, a solarium and massages.

### **RESIDENCE NATIONAL - summit of services**

- Stays ranging from 1 month to 30 years, tailored to the guest's needs
- 22 fully furnished residences including 1.5, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5 and 6.5 room residences
- Various restaurants and bars in the Grand Hotel National
- Front desk, 24-hour concierge and room service
- Valet parking, limousine and car rental service
- Internet tailored to individual requirements
- Housekeeping services tailored to individual requirements
- Indoor swimming pool, sauna, massage and solarium
- 10 minutes' walk from the railway station; 12-hour shopping
- 45 minutes from Zurich airport: direct flights to Paris, Milan, London, Frankfurt

### **GRAND HOTEL NATIONAL: world-famous tradition since 1870**

The original Hotel National was built in the new baroque and neo-renaissance style in 1870, and renamed GRAND HOTEL NATIONAL in 1899. A place of historical significance, it was Lucerne's first palace hotel and now ranks amongst Switzerland's foremost hotel establishments. Historically important parts of the building – the lobby, the old dining room, the staircase and the east atrium – are original. Over the decades, the GRAND HOTEL NATIONAL has witnessed a good deal of Lucerne's history unfold within its walls. Notable personalities to have paced its corridors include César Ritz, its former director who went on to become a household name, and legendary chef Auguste Escoffier. Guests arriving at this incomparable lakeside location are greeted by stylish grandeur with a dash of tradition and modernity. To establish the RESIDENCE NATIONAL, the hotel's current owner and architect, Umberto Erculiani, converted some of the west wing's former suites into 22 elegant residences offering every possible comfort. The hotel itself occupies the east wing and comprises 41 guest rooms and suites. All are lovingly designed to reflect the refined grace of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century with the benefit of 21<sup>st</sup>-century facilities.

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