

LES TROIS ROIS

Urs Gschwend is Executive Chef de Cuisine at the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois Basel

Basel, August 26, 2019 – Since August 19, Urs Gschwend is the new Chef de Cuisine at the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois Basel. He is responsible for the Brasserie, a flagship product of the five star hotel, the Bar Les Trois Rois and for the Catering des Rois. After a successful collaboration in past, Dr. h.c. Thomas Straumann is taking the “Chef of the Year 2017” (Sonntagszeitung) from the Aare to the Rhine.

From newcomer of the Year to a Michelin star rated chef

The 51 year old was cooking lastly at Clé de Bern, the luxury club for personalities of economy, politics and culture. Already years ago he gained a reputation with the restaurant Schultheissenstube in the capital. As the crowning glory he earned 17 points GaultMillau as the “Newcomer of the Year 2017”. The recognition of the critics remained loyal to him in the Hotel Lenkerhof, as well as in the Giardino Ascona. From 2010 to 2018 he led the gastronomy of Le Grand Bellevue in Gstaad to the top - a Michelin star was the deserved reward for his efforts. The five-star house was owned that time by Dr. h.c. Thomas Straumann.

Innovative enrichment for the luxury hotel

Now he is the successor of Pablo Löhle at the traditional hotel in Basel. The expectations are high, because Löhle has shaped the cuisine at Les Trois Rois for seven years with continuity and brought it to a first-class level through his work. "We would like to thank Pablo Löhle for his extraordinary commitment and look forward to working with Urs Gschwend, who will enrich our management team," says Tanja Wegmann, General Manager. "With him we will continue to improve the quality of our offer, tackle innovative projects and establish the Catering des Rois".

Chef de Bar Thomas Huhn is expecting him at the bar (Bar of Switzerland 2015 / Winner of Mixology Bar Awards 2015). The Brasserie with its Swiss and French specialities is already rated with 14 points GaultMillau. Maître d'hôtel Hervé Mahler is eagerly awaiting the ideas Urs Gschwend will bring to the table. Even Peter Knoggl, Chef de Cuisine of the Cheval Blanc, rated with 3 stars in the Guide Michelin and 19 GaultMillau points, is looking forward to work with the new colleague, whom he has appreciated for years.

Secure values in the historic house

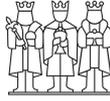
The new Executive Chef de Cuisine wants to continue the concept, get to know the people of Basel and their international guests, and concentrate on the essentials. The rich terroir of the three border area serves as inspiration for his cuisine. Whether Beef Tatar, Cordon Bleu or Filet Rossini - Urs Gschwend turns every classic into an experience that melts in your mouth. The guests of the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois will continue to be in the best culinary hands with Urs Gschwend.

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About the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois

The Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois is located right on the banks of the Rhine, in the heart of Basel's delightful city centre. The Basel Exhibition Centre, museums and shops are all within walking distance. The historic hotel is one of the oldest city hotels in Europe and has 101 rooms and suites, not to mention its very own Fleurs des Rois flower boutique. Its motto of 'rich in history, young at heart' combines a rich history with a unique culture of hospitality and a contemporary infrastructure. Culinary highlights include the Restaurant Cheval Blanc by Peter Knogl (3 Michelin stars and 19 GaultMillau points), the Brasserie Les Trois Rois (14 GaultMillau points), the Italian Restaurant Chez Donati (13 GaultMillau points), the Bar Les Trois Rois, and the Salon du Cigare. Its recently award-winning Rhine terrace designed by Enzo Enea is unique and boasts exceptional panoramic views.

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