

LES TROIS ROIS

Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois unveils its new restaurant “Banks” on 12 September 2025

Press Release

Basel, 2 September 2025 – On 12 September, the restaurant Banks opens in the newly redesigned head building of the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois at Blumenrain 2 – a historic landmark reimaged by Herzog & de Meuron. Social dining in a vibrant atmosphere and a European-Asian cuisine: a culinary concept that adds a new dimension to Basel.

At Banks, it’s not just about serving – it’s about sharing, laughing, and being surprised. Surrounded by art, design, and sweeping views of the Rhine and Basel’s old town, this is a place that playfully breaks the rules. The vibe? Open, vibrant, and effortlessly stylish.

The menu is European-Asian inspired and made for sharing. Head Chef Kevin Bornschein and his team cook with creative precision and a generous dose of light-heartedness. From Tuna Tacos to Carrot Kataifi and Popcorn Chicken: “What comes to the table should bring joy, spark surprise, and create connection,” says Kevin Bornschein. The wine list focuses on characterful wines from smaller, often local wineries. Alongside timeless classics, it offers a deliberately curated selection that evolves regularly, ensuring it remains fresh and vibrant. Complementing it are cocktails designed to awaken the senses and harmonize perfectly with the cuisine. Whether as a surprising pairing with the menu or enjoyed on their own, the drinks reveal themselves as refined or elegant, yet always carrying an unmistakable signature. In this way, the bar concept flows seamlessly with the kitchen: creative, playful, and full of soul.

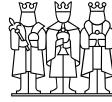
The room itself is defined by a poetic installation created by the artist duo Gerda Steiner and Jörg Lenzlinger – a work of art suspended above the central bar counter that visually continues the story of the house while playfully embracing its culinary heritage. The installation also incorporates objects from the hotel’s archives as well as personal belongings of its employees. In this way, history and the present, the personal and the collective intertwine – forming a floating assemblage that makes the space truly unique.

“In the former ballroom of Les Trois Rois, once the stage for exclusive gatherings and festive occasions, a new chapter begins: a restaurant that brings renewed life to this magnificent space in the heart of the city. Open to international hotel guests as well as the people of Basel, it is set to become a vibrant meeting place for all,” says General Manager Mark Jacob.

The historic building at Blumenrain 2 once housed a bank – a place where values were collected and preserved. Its logo, featuring three bees, pays tribute to this heritage, symbolizing diligence, community, and precious resources. Just as bees fill their hive with nectar, Banks will now enrich this space with unique experiences and inspiring encounters.

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About Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois

With nearly 350 years of history, the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois ranks among the most traditional hotels in Europe. Situated in the heart of Basel's Old Town, directly on the banks of the Rhine, it combines historic charm with timeless elegance. Since June 2025, the reimagined head building by Herzog & de Meuron has enriched the hotel with new rooms, suites, event spaces, and the wellbeing area "Seijaku." Culinary excellence is at the forefront: Cheval Blanc by Peter Knogl (3 Michelin stars, 19 GaultMillau points) represents haute cuisine of the highest international standard, while the Brasserie Les Trois Rois celebrates Swiss and French classics (15 GaultMillau points). Bar Les Trois Rois counts among Switzerland's leading bars, and with the opening of Banks in September 2025, Basel gains a new destination – modern, European-Asian inspired, and seamlessly woven into the world of the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois.

Opening "Banks": 12 September 2025

Opening hours: Wednesday to Friday 6 pm to midnight / Saturday 12 pm to 1 am / Sunday 1 pm to 10 pm / Monday to Tuesday closed

Weitere Informationen: www.banksbasel.com

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