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Le Ski? Mais oui!

First its own railway – now its own mountain

No waiting for the ski bus or queuing for the ski lift for guests of the stylish **Tschuggen Grand Hotel in Arosa** (www.lhw.com/tschuggen), who last season were the chosen ones to benefit from the coolest way to get up to the *pistes*: the hotel's very own Tschuggen Express, a futuristic mountain railway.

And this season kicks off in equal style: on the first Saturday of the season, **27 November 2010**, Arosa's slopes will belong exclusively to the guests of the Tschuggen Grand. The Private Mountain Special is on sale now: two nights from CHF 650 / EUR 419 per person – and no need for a ski pass. The five star property has reserved Arosa's usually busy slopes for its guests – for a whole day: skiers and snowboarders staying at the award-winning hotel. A maximum of 260 hotel guests will be able to take full advantage of up to ten red and black pistes – the hotel is even organising a Giant Slalom for those intrepid enough to have a go. The Private Mountain Special includes a Race Dinner on the evening of the Saturday and a Jazz Brunch on the Sunday.



Going For Gold In St Moritz



The legendary **Kulm Hotel St Moritz** (www.lhw.com/kulm) is giving guests the chance to follow in the icy track of Amy Williams (who won gold for Great Britain in the skeleton event at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver earlier this year) by launching a bob school this winter. Guests can learn how to man their own mono bob, get together with friends or family and learn how to operate a four-man bob or, if they simply want the adrenalin rush of hurtling down an icy chute at speeds in excess of 100kms without lessons, jump into a two-man bob and be steered down safely by an instructor. Full details can be found on the website, packages start from approx £615 including half-board accommodation, VIP amenities and a sea salt spa treatment – essential to ease the pain of all the bumps and bruises!

Avant Ski at The Grove, Hertfordshire



If the body (and mind) are not quite up to the rigours of the slopes, the place to head to is The Grove in Hertfordshire (www.lhw.com/thegrove). The resort will be hosting **Avant Ski weekends** in November 2010 and January 2011 to prepare for the *pistes*, building confidence for the 2010 / 2011 season. The weekend includes a specially created exercise classes at Sequoia Spa including a kettle bell workshop and ski circuits, designed to help strengthen the muscles used in skiing. There's also a day's ski school at The Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead – and an alpine feast with a selection of après ski favourites and plenty of *vin chaud*.

From £495 per person for a two night stay, all meals, carefully designed fitness classes and a day's ski school at The Snow Centre in Hemel.

They seek him here, they seek him there....

World renowned Chef Nobu Matsuhisa brings his captivating cooking, which artfully infuses traditional Japanese cuisine with bold South American and Western flavours, to two members of The Leading Hotels of the World, in Budapest and Paris...

Nobu Budapest opens later this month in Kempinski Hotel Corvinus the first site in Central-Europe for the world-famous Japanese restaurant, with a 56 seat bar, an 81 seat restaurant, a sushi bar and a private room. The interiors have been designed by the Rockwell Group, which has been responsible for several Nobu restaurants (www.lhw.com/kempbudape),



With business interests in the film, gaming and fashion industry, the catering business is a new field for Andy Vajna, owner of Nobu Budapest. The opening is a dream come true for him, as he has been a fan of Nobuyuki Matsuhisa's cooking for years.

And popping-up in Paris... From 11 October, 2010 for two months only, Chef Nobu Matsuhisa and his kitchen team will bring the world's finest Japanese cuisine to the Ritz, Paris for an exclusive culinary series. **Nobu Matsuhisa at Ritz Paris** (www.lhw.com/ritzparis) will showcase Nobu's innovative food with signature dishes such as Chilean Sea bass with Jalapeno Salsa, Soft Shell Crab Hrumaki, Inaniwa Pasta Salad with Lobster, Yellowtail Sashimi Jalapeno and Black Cod in Miso. **Nobu Matsuhisa at Ritz Paris** will be open for dinner only from 7.30pm to 11pm, from Monday to Saturday. With its own sdtreet entrance on 38 rue Cambon, the 80 cover restaurant includes a sushi bar and private salons for extraordinary dingin experiences in the City of Light.

Join the family: new members of *The Leading Hotels of the World*

The Observatory Hotel, Sydney is perched above the world's most famous Harbour and Bridge - in the historic Rocks area, near the central business district – great for combining business and pleasure. The hotel has 78 rooms and 22 suites, with views of Observatory Hill, the inner harbour of Walsh Bay or Darling Harbour. Galileo Restaurant serves French food with international influences, while the Globe Bar is the venue for light meals and drinks. Guests can enjoy the day spa, health club – and the indoor pool arched over by a ceiling of fiber optic lights designed to recreate the constellations of the Southern Hemisphere. Three rooms appropriate for meetings and banquets (www.lhw.com/observatory).



On the banks of the Fuchun River, near Hangzhou, China, **Fuchun Resort** (www.lhw.com/fuchun) offers countryside tranquility with urban proximity. Inspired by a classic 14th-century Chinese landscape painting, the resort is incredibly secluded on a mountain lake surrounded by wooded hillsides against the backdrop of the Fuchun peaks. The 106 guest accommodations, divided between the main lakeside buildings and the more remote villas – some with private balconies and a few with indoor pools – blend contemporary-luxe and classic Chinese. Restaurants include Asian Corner, featuring a variety of Chinese specialties; Club 8, at the Clubhouse overlooking the golf course for Asian and western breakfast, lunch and dinner; and Lake Lounge & Bar. There is also two tennis courts, a golf course, and a spa and fitness centre.

Set in the hills on the east coast of Sicily, **Grand Hotel Timeo**, (www.lhw.com) whose rooms have welcomed such stars as Sofia Loren and Elizabeth Taylor, has re-opened its doors after a refurbishment that has restored the full glamour and elegance that made it a favourite among the great names of Hollywood. As the first hotel to be built in Taormina, it stands directly in front of the Greek Theatre with gorgeous views of the coastline and Mount Etna. Enveloped in acres of lush parkland, it is famous for its “Literary Terrace”, where its illustrious guests have gathered across the years. All 72 rooms and suites are decorated with Italian flair, and most have terraces or balconies. Guests can also opt to stay in Villa Flora, a lovely country house just 50 meters from the main building. Dining options include the Restaurant, offering



Italian, Sicilian and Mediterranean cuisine; Oliverio's for seafood, pasta and salads; Literary Terrace and the Bar; and the Pool Snack Restaurant. The spa, fitness and wellness facilities are complemented by an outdoor pool.



In New York City's savvy TriBeCa neighborhood, **The Greenwich Hotel** (www.lhw.com/greenwich) is all about craftsmanship and comfort. Artisans from around the world created a warm and richly layered environment that celebrates the hand-made, the bespoke and natural materials. In the lobby, leaded glass windows and beams of reclaimed oak create a comfortable and textured setting for coffee and cocktails. Among the 88 rooms and suites, no two are alike. The furnishings draw from a wide range of cultural influences – from hand-loomed Tibetan silk rugs to the patterns of Moroccan tile. Some suites have wood-burning fireplaces. The Locanda Verde restaurant - a local hot spot in its own right - serves Italian great Italian food. With 12-foot ceilings and a wood-burning fireplace, the Drawing Room is great for lunch, or a quiet meeting. The Shibui Spa is an Asian sanctuary in the Big Apple.

Leading Faces

However magnificent a hotel is, without the right people, it is nothing. Here is one of them:



Englishman Colin Field is the man to know if you are planning a visit to the Hemingway Bar at The Ritz, Paris (www.lhw.com/ritzparis). Colin has been in charge here as Head barman since 1994. The creation of a new cocktail, he explains is first and foremost “a question of psychology”. He knows there is a cocktail for every mood, for every time of the day and every event. Tell him how you feel and he will come up with a mélange to match your mood. Talk to him about anything –he reads a pile of newspapers in different languages every morning – so he can talk to his clients from round the world about anything from contemporary art to the latest share prices, or perhaps the life of the bar's namesake, Ernest Hemingway. With original photographs taken by Hemingway himself on the walls, this discreet watering hole, routinely dubbed Best Bar in the World, is where Papa Hemingway famously sipped single malts. Restored to its original glory, the small low-key room is brimming with character, with wood-panelled walls, deep armchairs and classic leather bar. And the legend lives on in Colin Field, named “The World's Best Bartender” several times by Forbes Magazine, who creates the magic night after night.

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