
HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF BERN

IRIS FLÜCKIGER TO TAKE OVER ROLE AS INTERIM SUCCESSOR OF GENERAL MANAGER MICHAEL THOMANN

Berne, 14th January 2014 - Ms. Iris Flückiger, Resident Manager of the Hotel Schweizerhof Bern, has been appointed Acting General Manager of the hotel, beginning 1st February 2014. Ms. Flückiger has been on the scene since the first day the five-star superior hotel re-opened in 2011, contributing significantly to its success. She succeeds Michael Thomann, who is leaving the Hotel Schweizerhof Bern on 28th February 2014 to take over the reins of Sorell Hotels Switzerland, beginning on 1st April 2014.

Iris Flückiger, 36 years of age, grew up in Berne and can look back on a successful career in the Swiss hotel business, including the Hotel Schweizerhof in Lucerne and the Ramada Hotel in Solothurn. Qualified as a Hôtelière-Restauratrice, she has been an integral part of the legendary Bernese hotel since 2010, acting as Front Office Manager during its glamorous re-opening. She contributed significantly to the subsequent success of the centrally located, five-star superior hotel "The Swiss Capital Leading Hotel". On 1st July 2013, she was promoted to Resident Manager of the Hotel Schweizerhof Bern, thanks to her extensive professional know-how and her outstanding loyalty and commitment. Since taking over this role, she has represented the hotel's departing General Manager Michael Thomann in operational matters.

"We are very pleased with the appointment of Iris Flückiger," said Bruno H. Schöpfer, Managing Director of Katara Hospitality Switzerland AG and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hotel Schweizerhof Bern AG. "With this choice, we are convinced that we have found the right person for the interim management of the Hotel Schweizerhof Bern. When it comes to our principles of quality and unparalleled hospitality, Ms. Flückiger will certainly continue to carry the torch forward."

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