



Raffles Hotels & Resorts appoints Aaron Kaupp as General Manager at Le Royal Monceau – Raffles Paris

February 2016: Peter French, President Raffles Hotels & Resorts, is pleased to announce the appointment of Aaron Kaupp as General Manager at Le Royal Monceau – Raffles Paris.

Mr. Kaupp brings more than seventeen years of experience in top luxury hotels to his new position. He has won several prestigious international awards for outstanding performance, including the award of ‘Best General Manager of a Luxury Hotel /Resort Worldwide’ at the Luxury Travel Advisor awards in Las Vegas.

On 7 March 2016, Mr. Kaupp will officially join Le Royal Monceau - Raffles Paris from Belmond Villa San Michele in Florence, recognized as one of Italy’s finest boutique hotels, where he has been working as General Manager.

“I am very excited to bring my expertise gained in the luxury field as well as my passion for hospitality to Le Royal Monceau – Raffles Paris and look forward to being part of the future success of this very special Parisian palace”, says Mr. Kaupp.

Prior to moving to Florence, Mr. Kaupp has managed other prestigious properties in Italy, successfully opening and managing the Armani Hotel in Milan between 2011 and 2013. Previous roles include five years as General Manager at Palazzo Sasso in Ravello, which was voted by Travel & Leisure as # 1 Hotel in Europe and # 8 in the world in January 2011.

Delighted at this new appointment Peter French said ‘We wish Mr. Kaupp every success in his new position; his deep knowledge of luxury hospitality industry will be key to achieving the ambitious targets of the palace’.



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LE ROYAL MONCEAU – RAFFLES PARIS reopened in 2010 as the most exciting 5-star luxury hotel in the City of Lights, after a dramatic and complete two-year transformation by designer Philippe Starck. The hotel has 149 luxurious rooms and suites and is just minutes from the Arc-de-Triomphe and the Champs-Élysées in Paris' 8th arrondissement. At Le Royal Monceau – Raffles Paris, art is omnipresent, with an exclusive service of Art Concierge, an Art Bookstore, a private Art Gallery, a 99-seat cinema theatre and an impressive private art collection. Food and drink are an art form here too – from the buzz of the Long Bar on the ground floor, to the two restaurants, 'Matsuhisa Paris' for a Japanese cuisine and 'Il Carpaccio' Michelin-star Italian restaurant. Not to be missed are the delicious pastries, macarons and chocolates by Pierre Hermé, considered by Vogue magazine as the 'Picasso of pastry'. Art, decoration, design and a fashionable selection: Le Royal Eclairer is an exclusive destination. The 1,500sqm Spa My Blend by Clarins is an award-winning white paradise, with the longest swimming pool in a Paris hotel. www.LeRoyalMonceau.com

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