



Hotel Walther in Pontresina Celebrates 110th Anniversary with New Interiors and Artistic Installations

*Design by, Virginia Maissen Interior Studio and site-specific works by Rolf Sachs and
Sandro Fabbri commemorate hotel's legacy*

July 10, 2017 (Pontresina-St. Moritz, Switzerland) — In celebration of its 110th anniversary, the Hotel Walther has commissioned Zürich-based designer Virginia Maissen to redesign the common spaces, featuring a light installation by artist Rolf Sachs and paintings by Sandro Fabbri. Built during the Belle-Époque, the heritage hotel will unveil its new design that showcases both modern and traditional aesthetics on July 16, 2017.



The Hotel Walther in Pontresina, Switzerland.

The entry hall, reception area, bar and smoker's room, and dining hall have been redecorated to highlight the Hotel Walther's longstanding heritage. Antique treasures and decorations have been reinterpreted to reflect the hotel's history: original ceilings and rounded archways from the early century have been exposed with the help of local craftsmen. Specially designed wall tapestries,

curtains, and carpets have also been added to compliment the furnishings of each room with warmer tones.

Selected for their understanding of historic architecture, tradition, and modernity, the design project was completed by Virginia Maissen. Additionally, the hotel commissioned site-specific works for the new bar: a lighting installation titled „splendurir,“ which translates to shining, pouring light in the Romansch, by internationally renowned Swiss-artist Rolf Sachs, and paintings by Italian artist Sandro Fabbri. „splendurir“ is made of 70 hanging lights in the form of buckets and milk canisters, reflecting both Upper Engadine mountain culture and Sachs’s signature inquisitive, unconventional aesthetic.

Set in the scenic Swiss Alps nearby St. Moritz, Pontresina is a charming mountain village offering recreational and leisure activities for all seasons. Known for its traditional Engadine stone houses decorated with „sgraffito“ and distinct architecture, Pontresina has long been a destination for travelers.

The 4-Star superior Hotel Walther inherits local tradition as a third-generation family-run business, currently headed by Anne-Rose and Thomas Walther. As a member of Relais & Châteaux, the hotel is equipped with four world-class unique restaurants - located in both the WALTHER and family-owned neighboring property, Hotel Steinbock- and spacious spa and wellness facilities. Over the past twenty years, the Walthers have invested 35 million Swiss-francs in renewing the hotel to prepare the 110 year-old building for a long future in hospitality. Their vision is to continue being a family of hoteliers with a passion for excellence and innovation, honoring the individuality and heritage of the Hotel Walther.

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About Virginia Maissen Interior Studio

Virginia Maissen Interior Studio stands for interior design, scenery, and creative direction. The studio draws on many years of experience and expertise accumulated in the course of numerous

successful projects. On a case-by-case basis, the studio also calls on additional specialists from an international network of seasoned professionals including designers and artists.

About Rolf Sachs

The work of Rolf Sachs (b. 1955 in Lausanne, Switzerland) moves freely between art and design, always aiming to surprise audiences through an inquisitive and conceptual approach. He searches for the unconventional and the unexpected, a philosophy reflected in the breadth of projects he works on, ranging from photography, sculpture, installations, and architectural projects to set design for opera and ballet.

About Sandro Fabbri

(About text by Sandro Fabbri)