

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Tradition in Movement!**

**From September 1, 2015 Nathalie Seiler-Hayez will be the General Manager of the Beau-Rivage Palace, and François Dussart will extend his responsibilities to all the Lausanne and Neuchâtel hotels belonging to the Sandoz Family Foundation.**

August 18, 2015 – The recent acquisition by the Sandoz Family Foundation of the Lausanne Palace & Spa and the Château d’Ouchy is bringing about a reorganisation of Beau-Rivage Palace SA. The plurality of synergies between the four Lausanne establishments will serve to strengthen the positioning of each hotel whilst still preserving their individual identities.

From September 1, Nathalie Seiler-Hayez will take over as General Manager of the Hôtel Beau-Rivage Palace; Yves Chavaillaz, currently Director of the Hôtel Angleterre & Résidence and the Hôtel Palafitte, will take over the management of the Château d’Ouchy. Jean-Jacques Gauer will remain as General Manager of Lausanne Palace & Spa, which he has run with passion for the last 19 years.

With these acquisitions, the hotel portfolio of the Sandoz Family Foundation represents nearly 500 rooms in 6 hotels Lausanne and Neuchâtel, with a staff of 700 under the overall general management of François Dussart.

### **Nathalie Seiler-Hayez: a remarkable career in iconic hotels!**

Nathalie Seiler-Hayez has managed The Connaught, one of London’s finest hotels in the prestigious Mayfair district, since 2010. A graduate of the Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne, she is already familiar with the Beau-Rivage Palace since doing a work placement there in 1991. It is there, she says, that she “left her heart”. She has travelled and honed her professional skills in hotel groups such as Rosewood Hotels in New York, then in the Paris hotels Le Lutetia and the Hôtel du Louvre, gaining a wealth of experience in her career. In 2007 she joined the Regent Grand Hôtel de Bordeaux as General Manager, overseeing its opening.

François Dussart says: “During her career Nathalie Seiler-Hayez has demonstrated a perfect understanding of the values dear to our hotel: Excellence, Pleasure, Hospitality and Tradition in Movement. Her international experience in renowned hotels will without doubt contribute greatly to the Beau-Rivage Palace. Throughout her career she has followed paths in which authenticity, personalisation and history have always played prominent roles.”



BEAU-RIVAGE PALACE  
LAUSANNE SWITZERLAND

The first female General Manager in the Hôtel Beau-Rivage Palace's long history, she is joining an establishment in which Irmgard L. Müller, manager for 40 years, Sylvie Gonin, Chief Concierge with many awards to her name, and Anne-Sophie Pic, one of the finest female chefs in the world, have all focused attention on female success.

Of Swiss nationality, Nathalie Seiler-Hayez, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne. She is married with 2 children.