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Fine food, a beautiful spa, an ideal location. These words alone are enough to describe the Parkhotel Bellevue & Spa Adelboden. This establishment with a 115year tradition combines elegant design with a lively hotel and spa culture. The creative Swiss cuisine with French undertones has received 14 Gault-Millau points. The location is also unique: set slightly above the centre of the village of Adelboden, close to it all but quiet within its own gardens.

# Structure

This hotel built in 1901 has belonged to the Richard family since 1926, which managed it in person for three generations. In spring 2015, the family placed the day-to-day management in the capable hands of Denise Mani and Daniel Schüpfer from Thun. The hotel is positioned on the domestic and international markets as a holiday, spa, boutique and design hotel.

# Management

The hotel has been managed since spring 2015 Denise Mani (born in 1974) and Daniel Schüpfer (born in 1981), a couple from Thun. With their team of 40 people, they personally ensure the well-being of the guests. Both hoteliers are well informed of food trends as well as of classic gastronomy and hotels. Before starting at the Parkhotel Bellevue, they occupied managerial positions at the Beausite Park Hotel in Wengen.

# Architecture and Design

"Forwards, towards our roots" is the moto of the hotel, built in 1931 in classic modern style and renovated over the last ten years by celebrated Basle architects Buchner Bründler. Through generously-proportioned, flowing rooms, large windows that literally let nature into the building and mid-century furniture that matches the history of the hotel, the architects have underlined its light and airy character and given it a perspective for the future.

# Cuisine

Since 2003, Jürgen Willing has led the Bellevue kitchen with joy and passion. The "Gault-Millau" guide has awarded the "Belle Vue" restaurant 14 points. The Swiss cuisine with French touches is founded on well-mastered techniques and excellent produce, of which many regional fresh products such as organic veal from Adelboden, sturgeon from Frutigen, mushrooms from the surrounding forests and rare, forgotten vegetables. Premium grilled meats from the "Green Egg" charcoal grill are another house specialty.



### Wine cellar

The wine list includes over 800 items. The hotel's greatest passion is for Burgundies. This specialisation explained by our conviction that wines from Burgundy offer some of the most complex, multi-facetted and fascinating wine experiences in the world. Thanks to its contacts, the hotel is able to advantageously acquire famous names such as Romanée Conti, Anne Leflaive, François Raveneau, Meo-Camuzet, Clos des Lambrays, Armand Rousseau and Domaine Dujac, etc., and then provide them at a very interesting price for their quality. The best Swiss winegrowers, such as Domaine Henri Cruchon, Marie-Thérèse Chappaz, Simon Maye & Fils, Daniel & Marta Gantenbein, Thomas Studach, Christian Zündel, to name but a few, are also well represented.

#### The "pour" spa

The Parkhotel Bellevue & Spa was one of the first in Switzerland to follow the wellness trend. In 2001, a 1700 m2 spa was built, and in 2009 the existing indoor pool with sauna and thermal baths underwent a complete renovation. Facilities include indoor pool, outdoor salt-water pool, saunas, steam baths, rest pavilions, fitness areas and treatment rooms that stand out by their lightness and beauty. Glass, terrazzo floors, spruce wood and exposed concrete create a unique atmosphere.

The broad spectrum on offer takes into account the current trend for individual, ritualised treatments. We set out on the search for the most agreeable and efficient treatments with an open mind. A great variety of proven types of therapy were found in the West, the Orient and the Far East. Therapists' core skills include medical massage and special treatments. The offer also includes herbal essences from the Swiss Alps. According to the guest's mood and character, these essences are used individually and in a targeted manner for massages, wrappings and baths.

#### Rooms

The hotel has over 50 rooms in total, and three room-categories: "Classic", "Nature" and "Privilege", to correspond to a variety of lifestyles. The "Classic "double rooms and junior suites, entirely renovated in 2015, have a gorgeous view of the mountains and are sunny and light-filled. An attractive oak parquet, loving details and popular mid-century classic furniture make each one unique. High-quality box spring beds from a Swiss manufacturer ensure a good night's sleep. The South-facing junior suites and suites in the "Privilege" line, decorated in elm and walnut wood, are impressively comfortable and spacious. The "Nature" rooms, the young, simple line, cheer guests with light beech wood and Scandinavian furniture classics from the 1950s.



# History

Old postcards tell the tale: the Bellevue was once an airy hotel enthroned on a hill, peaceful and surrounded by an extensive park of large trees. It was built in 1901 as one of the first in Adelboden. It was used as a sanatorium between 1919 and 1926. Management passed to Hans and Elisabeth Richard-Bohren in 1926. These newly-weds had a hard time with sanatoriums, where seriously ill people were taken care of, and turned it back into a hotel. In 1931, the wooden building burnt to the ground. That same year, architects Urfer & Stähli, known throughout Switzerland for their progressive swimming pool buildings, rebuilt the hotel in stone in the classical modern style. The Second World War and the post-war years were an important interruption in the life of the hotel, but things started to get back to normal in the mid-1950s, thanks to the development of paid holidays. By the 1970s, difficult times were definitely a thing of the past. The continuous increase made it possible to renovate and extend the hotel over the next years.

#### Adelboden

The valley of Adelboden is amongst the most beautiful alpine landscapes in Switzerland. The years have been kind to the spa town, now over 100 years old, leaving intact natural landscapes and a traditional village image. Adelboden is located on a sunny level area at 1,400 metres at the foot of the Wildstrubel in the western Bernese Oberland. Facing south, the town in the Engstligental enjoys large amounts of sunshine (more than 12 hours per day in the Summer). Walking: You will search in vain for a shopping street in the village of Adelboden. We do, however, have five peaceful and green side valleys in which to wander and wonder. There are also many railways and cable cars to take you from the valleys up to the mountains. An extensive hiking network (also for fans of snowshoeing) stretches over 74 km. Some of the most spectacular sites are the Engstligenalp, a high plateau at 2000 metres above sea level, the Bütschital, called Silent Valley by the English, the Tschentental, the Bunderchrinde and the Cholerenschlucht. Skiing: the 210-km Adelboden-Lenk ski slopes spread across five valleys, with 72 modern installations. Silleren-Hahnenmoos-Metsch is the largest resort and the heart of the Adelboden-Lenk ski region. The broad, easy-to-intermediate level slopes are also a gold mine for snowboarders thanks to the Masta Park.

**Cross-country skiing:** Adelboden's cross-country skiing area (21 km of trails in total) is small but high-quality. 8 km of snow-secure trails (skating and classic) can be found on the Engstligenalp, the high plateau surrounded by mighty peaks at 2000 metres above sea level. The valley bottom trails (11 km, skating and classic) offer totally different scenery. They lead over pastures along the Engstligenbach stream. The quiet Elsigenalp also offers a very special experience of nature on its skating trail (2 km).



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