

## Press release

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## The Dolder Waldhaus – from the past to the future

**On 30 September 2016, the old Dolder Waldhaus is closing its doors to be replaced by a new building with a villa after a three-year construction period. Following the complete refurbishment of the Dolder Grand, the strategic renovation of Dolder Hotel AG is being continued. From 1 to 30 September 2016, the “From Past to Future” exhibition will be held at the Dolder Waldhaus, at which visitors can embark on a journey through time.**

The Dolder Waldhaus has dominated the Zurich townscape for more than 100 years. At an elevated level between the city and nature, the Dolder Waldhaus offers a unique panoramic view. In 1895, Dolderbahn AG built a cable car running from the Römerhof to the Dolder, where the first Dolder Waldhaus was built as a mountain station and excursion restaurant, which was later converted into a hotel. The architect at the time was Jacques Gros, a famous representative of historicism.

In 1972, the Dolder Waldhaus made space for a new hotel building. It was built in accordance with the designs of architects Robert Briner and Herbert Wirth in the style of the 1970s, and has since been a striking feature of the Zurich townscape with up to 10 floors.

### The new building project

Today's building dating back to 1974 no longer matches the operational and architectural requirements of well-travelled hotel guests. Dolder Hotel AG therefore decided to replace the existing building with a contemporary new structure with a villa. The new Dolder Waldhaus will supplement the Dolder Grand ideally and tap into new guest segments. The attraction of the Dolder Resort will thereby be increased and the use of synergies between the two operations promoted.

The architecture competition was won by Meili, Peter & Partner Architekten AG from Zurich. The interior designers of Studio 3LHD in Zagreb are responsible for designing the rooms.

Thomas Schmid, Project Manager and Director of Business Development at Dolder Hotel AG, says: “Finding the link to the past at this location while also creating contemporary comfort for tourists travelling individually and Zurich residents is the special attraction of this project.”

The planned four-star superior hotel will have 97 large hotel rooms and suites, which will all come with a balcony and a view of Zurich, the lake and the mountains. The hotel rooms will be supplemented with nine serviced apartments with 2.5 to 4.5 rooms at a great location. In addition, there will be a villa with four flats, which will be organised independently from the hotel building.

The planned restaurant on the lobby floor of the new Dolder Waldhaus will also offer a great view. The terrace in front of it and the outdoor lounge will create a flowing transition to the lobby and bar. Furthermore, guests and members will find a generous space for active and relaxed recreation in the spa.

The new Dolder Waldhaus is scheduled to open in winter 2019.

### **The “From Past to Future” exhibition**

However, before the construction phase begins, guests and interested visitors can embark on a final journey through time. The “From Past to Future” exhibition will be on display in the foyer and lobby of the Dolder Waldhaus from 1 to 30 September 2016. More than 100 images and other documents relating to the Dolder Waldhaus will guide the visitors from the past to the future.

The exhibits are from the Hotel’s own archives, but guests and witnesses also made their contribution. The Dolder Waldhaus presents itself with all its varied features, recovering beautiful historic memories at the same time.

### **Sale**

On Friday, 7 October 2016, from 12.00 noon to 8.00 pm, and on Saturday, 8 October 2016, from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm, the public sale of furniture and fittings will take place at the Dolder Waldhaus.

Further information is available at [www.project.dolderwaldhaus.ch](http://www.project.dolderwaldhaus.ch)

Dolder Hotel AG comprises the Dolder Grand luxury hotel, the Dolder Waldhaus four-star hotel and Dolder Sports. The company employs approximately 480 staff.

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