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FESTIVE ME UP – THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE DOLDER GRAND

During the festive season, the Dolder Grand transforms into a place of extraordinary encounters – defined by art, culinary excellence and timeless elegance. The highlight this year is a poetic installation by Charles Kaisin: 1,200 golden origami doves form a floating Christmas tree in the spa – a symbol of peace, lightness and creative renewal.

The season is accompanied by refined signature experiences – from The Grand Afternoon Tea and the Krug Chalet to exclusive festive packages for Christmas and New Year's Eve.

CHARLES KAISIN – THE ARCHITECT OF POETIC FORM

The Dolder Grand has always stood for encounters with visionary voices from the worlds of art, design and architecture. This Christmas season, Belgian designer Charles Kaisin enriches the hotel with his distinctive creative vision – known for conceptual works that balance poetry, precision and contemporary form. His creations often stem from the idea of transformation: turning the ordinary into surprising and multi-layered aesthetic expressions.



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Floating Poetry: Christmas in the Spirit of Charles Kaisin

Charles Kaisin transforms the Dolder Grand Spa into a suspended composition of light, form and symbolism. 1,200 golden origami doves trace the silhouette of a contemporary Christmas tree.

“For the spa of the Dolder Grand in Zurich, golden doves ascend to form a contemporary Christmas tree.

Floating from the ceiling, it comes alive with the gentlest movement of air or a guest’s step – a delicate shimmer setting it in motion like a softly murmuring flock. 1,200 hand-folded origami doves form an image of peace.

The gold of the birds stands for thoughts, dreams and intentions that take shape in the new year – a symbol of infinite creative potential. Suspended on red threads, this installation lends the festive season strength and joy.”

– CHARLES KAISIN

THE DUAL ELEGANCE OF THE FESTIVE SEASON

With this year’s Christmas décor, the Dolder Grand’s floral design team once again sets aesthetic accents – with concepts that embrace and reinterpret the character of each space.

In the Canvas Bar & Lounge, a modern shade of orange reflects the hotel’s creative energy – radiant, warm and sensual. In the Steinhalle, a deep red evokes classical elegance and timeless depth. Two distinct moods that harmoniously unite festive ambience with refined staging.

SEASONAL SPECIALS

The Grand Afternoon Tea

When the Duchess of Bedford introduced Afternoon Tea in 1840, she could hardly have imagined it would become such a timeless ritual. At The Dolder Grand, tea culture is reimagined: fine teas, scones, sandwiches and pâtisserie by Katrin Wagenblast are served in an elegant setting – complemented by oysters, caviar or champagne for an extra touch of indulgence.

Krug Chalet – “Fondue pop-up”

Michelin-starred chef Heiko Nieder and Maître Fromager Rolf Beeler serve their specially created fondue, accompanied by a selection of side dishes and a bottle of Krug Grande Cuvée – a festive classic in Zurich.

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About the Dolder Grand

The Dolder Grand is a 175-room city resort nestled in the hills overlooking the vibrant lakeside city of Zurich and the picturesque Swiss Alps. Since opening its doors in 1899, the legendary hotel has played host to numerous international artists, renowned musicians, and prominent dignitaries, and over the years has established itself as a must-see culinary, wellness, and arts destination with a host of accolades to its name. Reimagined by acclaimed architect Lord Norman Foster in 2008, The Dolder Grand's historic, castle-like façade serves as a contrast to the impressive contemporary art collection housed within the hotel, including works by Salvador Dalí, Takashi Murakami, and Jani Leinonen. The Dolder Grand offers four distinct, and highly innovative dining concepts: The Restaurant (2-Michelin star and 19 GaultMillau points), Mikuriya (17 GaultMillau points), a new seasonal vegan/vegetarian garden restaurant, blooms (16 GaultMillau points), and Saltz (15 GaultMillau points). These remarkable culinary offerings, in addition to a lively bar and rotating pop-ups such as The Grand Heritage, reaffirm the hotel's standing as a place of daring culinary experimentation and most recently earned it the title of GaultMillau's 'Hotel of the Year 2024'. The Dolder Spa is over 4,000 sq meters and features an expansive indoor pool, hot and cold plunge pools, sauna, steam, aroma pool, solarium, snow room, meditation room, a sun-soaked outdoor terrace, and more. The Dolder Grand (2 Michelin keys) is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World, Swiss Deluxe Hotels and Responsible Hotels of Switzerland.

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