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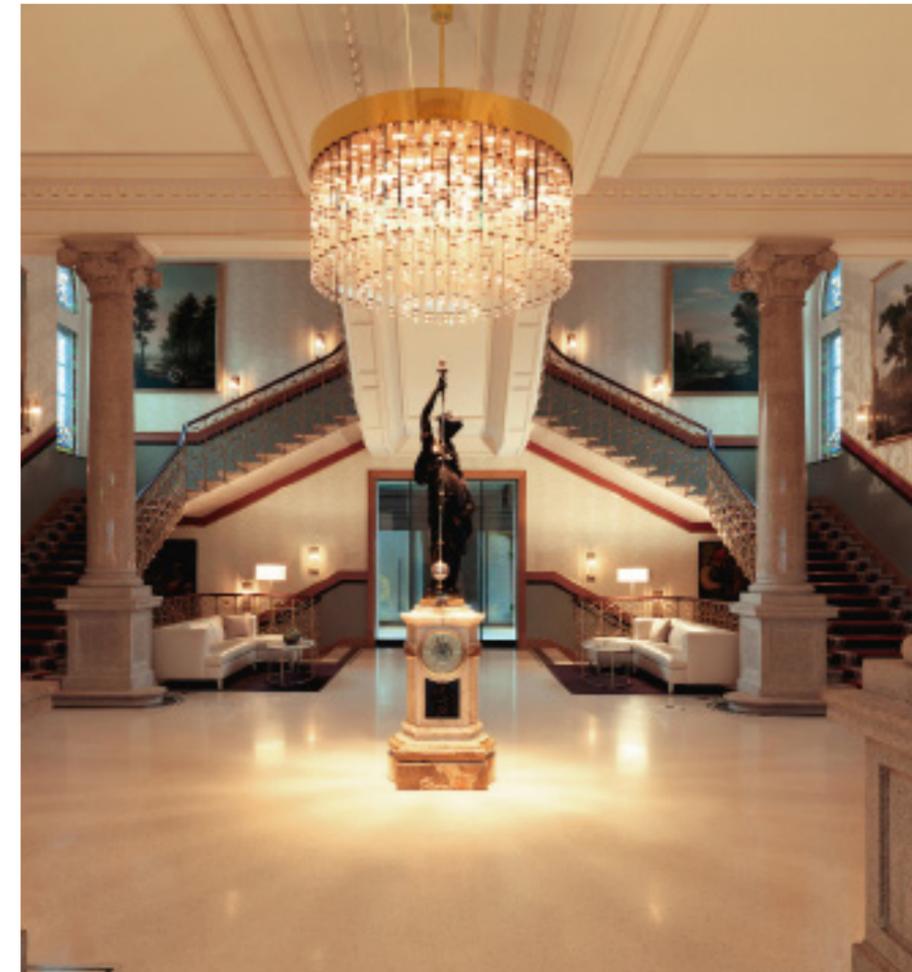


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*THE
DOLDER
GRAND*
Zürich, Switzerland



This modern castle perched above Zürich is the quintessential city resort: close enough to reach the city center in less than 10 minutes, but also ensconced in nature (next to the Adlisberg forest), and with an adjoining nine-hole golf course and clay tennis courts. The hotel offers regular shuttle service to the city, although the historic Dolderbahn—a just-under mile-long rack railway opened in 1895—is more scenic and just as convenient.

It's no wonder that everyone from Nelson Mandela to The Rolling Stones have stayed here over the years. The original hotel opened in 1899, but a massive renovation a decade ago brought an opulent 4,000-square-foot spa and two new modern wings, tripling the size of the property to include 175 guest-rooms and suites.

Curved balconies and floor-to-ceiling windows offer unmatched views of Zürich, Lake Zürich, and the Alps, and the junior suite bathtubs have great views, too. Dark hardwood

floors and paneling are a backdrop for simple elegance, as are spacious walk-in closets and bright marble bathrooms.

The impressive art collection includes original works by Andy Warhol, Salvador Dalí, and Joan Miró. A voluptuous Fernando Botero sculpture is sited on the spa terrace, encouraging guests to let loose and relax. New at the spa this autumn are facial treatments by Switzerland's own Dr. Pauline Burgener. Her Haute Couture line is only available in a handful of hotel spas globally, and is dedicated, she explains on her site, "to a personalized service necessary to counter the accelerated aging and the hostile factors of our environment." Membership in the program, which includes quarterly comprehensive skin analysis with a team of dermatologists, personalized skincare products, and 10 facials each year, costs \$20,000 annually. Burgener has also created a custom line of bath amenities that all Dolder Grand guests can enjoy—her first time partnering with a hotel in this capacity.

When it's time for dinner, choose between the terrace at Saltz restaurant for light starters and grilled proteins or an extravagant six- or 10-course tasting menu at The Restaurant, one that includes crayfish from Galicia, swordfish from Italy, sea urchin and Oscietra-caviar, chanterelles served with fried, pickled egg yolk, bean salad and cassis, and other delights. Chef Heiko Nieder has two Michelin stars for his inventive flavor combinations. A collection of one-bite snacks arrives to begin each dining experience, so you know you're in for a treat.

Rates start at \$705 for a double room. **Kurhausstrasse 65, 8032 Zürich, Switzerland, thedoldergrand.com**

PORTRAIT ROMA

Rome, Italy

With just 14 suites, this discreet hotel is just a couple of blocks from the Piazza di Spagna and Spanish Steps—a true hidden gem in Rome’s most touristic shopping district. Its understated entrance is easily overlooked, next to the Salvatore Ferragamo store and across the street from Hermès. Portrait Roma is owned by the Ferragamo family, which has an equally beautiful property of the same style in Florence: Portrait Firenze.

Hit the buzzer outside for entry, and a well-dressed doorman escorts you upstairs and whisks away your luggage. Check-in is in a living room, and you’re offered a glass of champagne, whiskey, coffee or just about anything your heart desires while lounging on a plush sofa. Guestrooms feel more like an apartment than a hotel, spacious and modern in design. You’re asked for your pillow, sheet, food, and drink preferences prior to arrival, so the minibar and bed are personalized to perfection, all part of a concept the hotel describes as “bespoke tourism.” Black-and-white photos of celebrities donning Ferragamo from the 1950s and ’60s decorate the walls, along with copies of wooden shoe lasts from the same era. Walk the stairs to glimpse more fashion photography and other scenes of *la dolce vita*; it’s a veritable style history museum.

The concierge can plan anything for you, from a Ferrari tour to personal shopping... even a private party with friends on the rooftop terrace with views of Roman landmarks in all directions. Breakfast is served on the terrace, too, a lavish feast of local bread, pastries, cheese, fruit, and more. Invite friends over for a drink at sunset and marvel at the serenity you’ve found in the heart of the Eternal City. After dinner and a night on the town, retire to your home away from home when, as if on cue, a nightcap or cup of tea arrives to help you fall asleep.

Rates start at \$586, including breakfast.

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