



# Meaningful connections.

# From the EDITOR

One of the great joys of travel is having a chance to look at the world with fresh eyes and experience a renewed sense of discovery - of people and places, or simply taking time to disconnect from a frenetic digital existence and re-connect with oneself.

At Oetker Collection, meaningful connections are the secret ingredients to an unforgettable stay. They come through in attention to detail so precise it becomes second nature, from welcoming guests by name to ensuring that a room is exactly as a visitor prefers, right down to the temperature.

Meaningful connections frequently happen over milestone occasions, such as a special dinner at one of our Michelin-starred restaurants. But even more often, they blossom from small, personal attentions that speak volumes, whether it's a housekeeper who recalls your preference in pillows, a barman who greets you with a favorite aperitif, or a concierge who takes the time to map out what you're sure to appreciate most about a place - or discreetly shares in the joy of welcoming a new grandchild.

Whether you seek an exceptional experience in a special destination or are simply wishing to feel right at home in a faraway land, the Oetker Collection family will always make a point of ensuring that every detail of your stay is seamless, personalized and special.

For all of us at Oetker Collection, sparkling meaningful connections is what brings precious memories to life.

## MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS



### *Château Saint-Martin & Spa Welcomes Artist Erick Ifergan*

Each year, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa is delighted to showcase the work of an artist, either local or international.

Following last year's success, Oetker Collection is thrilled to welcome once again Erick Ifergan, the acclaimed painter, sculptor, photographer and filmmaker.

The Moroccan-born artist splits his time between the American West Coast and the South of France, where he has ceramics and painting studios in nearby Grasse and Vallauris.

In addition to exhibiting several paintings in the Château Saint-Martin's gallery, Ifergan has lent his eye - and hand - to decorative elements for

the hotel's spa and a "Tree of Life" in its chapel.

"I was thrilled at the idea of working on the Château's chapel. The idea of leaving a lasting impression on a spiritual place has long fascinated me. Making the invisible visible is my lifelong quest and I'm incredibly grateful to have been chosen for an extraordinary project that brings faiths together rather than dividing them," he says.

The artist's works are also displayed at the Agnes Sandahl gallery in Vallauris.

*Rendezvous next April 19<sup>th</sup> for the reopening of Château Saint-Martin & Spa.*





**An Easter Celebration at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc**

As Head Pastry Chef at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Lilian Bonnefoi for 20 years has delighted in creating unique and original treats that surprise guests every time. This Easter, he's drawn inspiration from his immediate surroundings on the French Riviera, and specifically the town of Antibes, a favorite port of call for yachting enthusiasts since 1996. The annual "Les Voiles d'Antibes" event, which marks the start of the Classic Yachts Challenge in the Mediterranean, informs the 2019 Easter Egg, which comes in two versions, in Swiss Alpine milk chocolate (36%) or Madagascan Grand Cru dark chocolate (64%) and opens to reveal a catch of chocolate fish. During the Easter season, this special, limited edition creation will be available by special order (price 95€) at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc; guests staying at the hotel over the Easter holiday weekend will have the pleasure of savoring a complimentary Easter Egg as soon as they arrive in their room. *Rendezvous next April 19<sup>th</sup> for a new exciting season!*

**Easter in London and Paris**

The Easter holidays are a special time in London and Paris. On Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 5pm, the Lanesborough London will see Céleste, its stunning Michelin-starred restaurant, transformed into an enchanting wilderness for egg hunting. Designed in collaboration with the event planner & stylist Moriarty Events and florist Nikki Tibbles Wild at Heart, the setting promises a wonderland of rabbit burrows and foliage, with rope swings by Maestra London, flowers and fun, as well as a table laden with cakes, cupcakes and chocolate lollipops by Elizabeth's Cake Emporium. Entertainment by Notorious Kids includes face painting, arts and crafts and adventures with the Easter Bunny, plus tea canapés and champagne on the dais for grown-ups. Prices: £50 per child aged 4 to 10; £75 per adult.

In Paris, Le Bristol is getting into the Easter spirit with a limited edition Easter Egg that is nothing less than a masterpiece. Drawing inspiration from the craftsmanship he discovered in a ceramics studio in Puglia, Italy, the avant-garde pâtissier Julien Alvarez has created an exquisite Easter egg in chocolate. Bold yet delicate, the egg's shell is made of 73% dark Jamaican chocolate, enameled white with pure cocoa butter and realized entirely in pierced openwork with, at its center, the letter 'B'. As luminous as a handcrafted lantern, this limited edition egg is available exclusively by special order from Café Antonia. Price: 110 €.



**London: The Flowers that Bloom in the Spring**

The Lanesborough is offering guests special access to the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show, one of the most celebrated and prestigious events of its kind in the world. Guests will be among the first to see the show, which runs from May 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, and will also enjoy access on exclusive members-only days, as well as luxurious transfer in the Lanesborough's Rolls Royce, complimentary champagne, breakfast and access to the Lanesborough Club & Spa. On the grounds of the Chelsea Flower Show, guests will also have exclusive access to day and evening reservations at Michelin-starred chef Raymond Blanc's 2019 Jardin Blanc, a multi-sensorial experience that includes stunning works of art, amazing wildflowers, botanical cocktails, live music and - of course - outstanding seasonal cuisine.



Lismore Castle



**Masterpiece Estates Welcome Historic Homes in Scotland and Ireland**

Oetker Collection's Masterpiece Estates program is pleased to announce two new additions to its portfolio of private estates. A true historical marvel dating to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, **Lismore Castle** was once the home of Sir Walter Raleigh and has been the private residence of the Dukes of Devonshire since 1753. Ideally situated in the heart of the magnificent and peaceful Blackwater Valley outside the vibrant city of Cork, it offers a seven-acre garden - the oldest of its kind in Ireland - on-site horseback riding, a nine-hole golf course, and easy access to trekking, salmon fishing, kayaking and canoeing. Its impeccable décor features a world-class art collection, making this the ultimate backdrop for a private family retreat with service by the Devonshire family's private staff and butler. Located on the banks of Loch Leven, half an hour's drive from

Edinburgh, the 17<sup>th</sup>-century **Kinross House** is the earliest and most important neoclassical Palladian mansion in Scotland, with period furnishings, a formal garden and 100 acres of rolling woodland. Accommodations in the main house include 14 ensuite bedrooms, ample space for entertaining up to 100 dinner guests, a whiskey library, a billiards room and a small gym; the historic Coach House (10 ensuite bedrooms) is also available for use. Experiences include a day spa and the chance to observe a master chef at work in the Kitchen Dining Room; outdoor activities include highland games, clay pigeon shooting, archery and falconry, and a private pier for boating and fishing expeditions. Just opposite is Lock Leven Castle Island, where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned and ultimately abdicated. *New estates will be joining the Masterpiece Estates portfolio soon.*



Kinross House

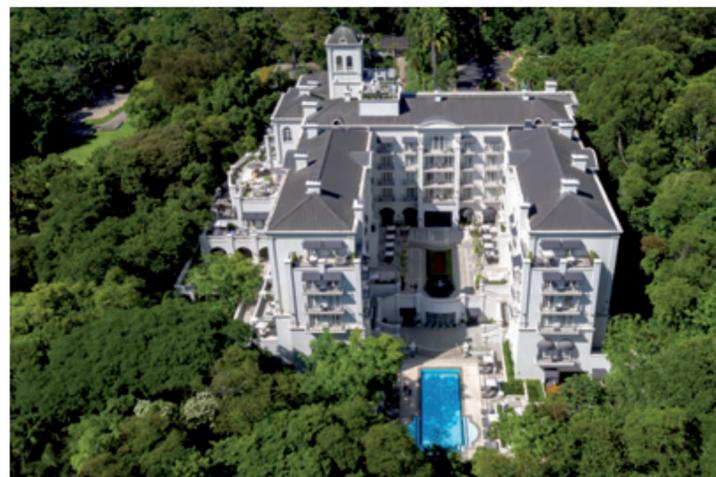


**The Villas at Jumby Bay Island**

In addition to the resort's suites, guests visiting Jumby Bay Island have the option of enjoying a private family-friendly experience by staying in two-, three- or four-bedroom villas, with full housekeeping services and inclusive access to all Jumby Bay amenities and restaurants. In-villa chef services also may be arranged upon request.

*Honoring a Commitment to Community Service*

Palácio Tangará has reiterated its commitment to the local community through its involvement with CAMP, a non-governmental organization that acts as a vocational school for training in the hotel industry. In addition, the hotel actively cultivates partnerships with local entities including the Associação Paraisópolis, by hosting a fundraiser for the foundation of a community bank, and the Associação Maria Helen Drexel, an NGO chosen by the hotel's team members for its work with young victims of abuse. Last holiday season, Palácio Tangará helped to ensure that each of the 38 children and teenagers in the association's care received a Christmas package containing clothes, shoes, toys and a special gift such as books or school supplies.



*Celebrating a Cinematic Love Affair*

For 70 years, the movie industry's stars, filmmakers and iconic couples have lit up the silver screen and the red carpet from Cannes to Hollywood and beyond, illuminating the pages of *Paris Match* along the way. From May 16<sup>th</sup> through October, the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc will host an exclusive exhibition of 22 photographs that were published in *Paris Match* and are now part of filmmaking history, each one numbered, signed and available for purchase. Don't miss a chance to gaze at the stars - and perhaps claim one as your own.



*Lydie Barrand, L'Apogée Courchevel*

The Executive Housekeeper at L'Apogée Courchevel since it opened, in 2013 Lydie Barrand has also been the Assistant Executive Housekeeper at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc since April 2017. It was a homecoming of sorts for Lydie, who joined the Oetker family when she arrived at Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc eight years ago. A stickler for perfection, she makes a point of anticipating guests' wishes and mentoring her teams with an iron fist in a velvet glove. One of her favorite Oetker memories is the opening of L'Apogée Courchevel on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, along with the entire team: "It was a moment filled with joy and the sense of accomplishing a big challenge as a family! The energy was amazing, everyone worked so hard and together we



opened what we believe is the most beautiful hotel in Courchevel." Lydie's know-how is part of what makes a stay at L'Apogée Courchevel so special, and Oetker Collection is delighted to have her in the family.



*Marie-Christine Saison, Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc*

The head governess at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc for more than 30 years, Marie-Christine Saison is one of the palace hotel's emblematic figures, and someone who makes it so exceptional. Loyal clients always seek her out when they arrive: she's the one who makes them feel "at home". Affectionately known as "Speedy Gonzales" by her 80-strong team of housekeepers. Marie-Christine is a true orchestra conductor. "Together we elevate the experience. The feeling of being at home here comes from thoughtfulness and countless details." Today, Marie-Christine is getting ready to pass the torch: she will be leaving this, her second home, at the beginning of April. Everyone at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc wishes her well - our home away from home won't be quite the same without her.



**Eden Angels at Work in St-Barths**

In partnership with Island Nature St. Barth Experience, our CSR team Eden Angels has worked to create a mangrove boardwalk to enhance quality-of-life for visitors, locals and marine wildlife.



**Turtle Watching at Jumby Bay Island**

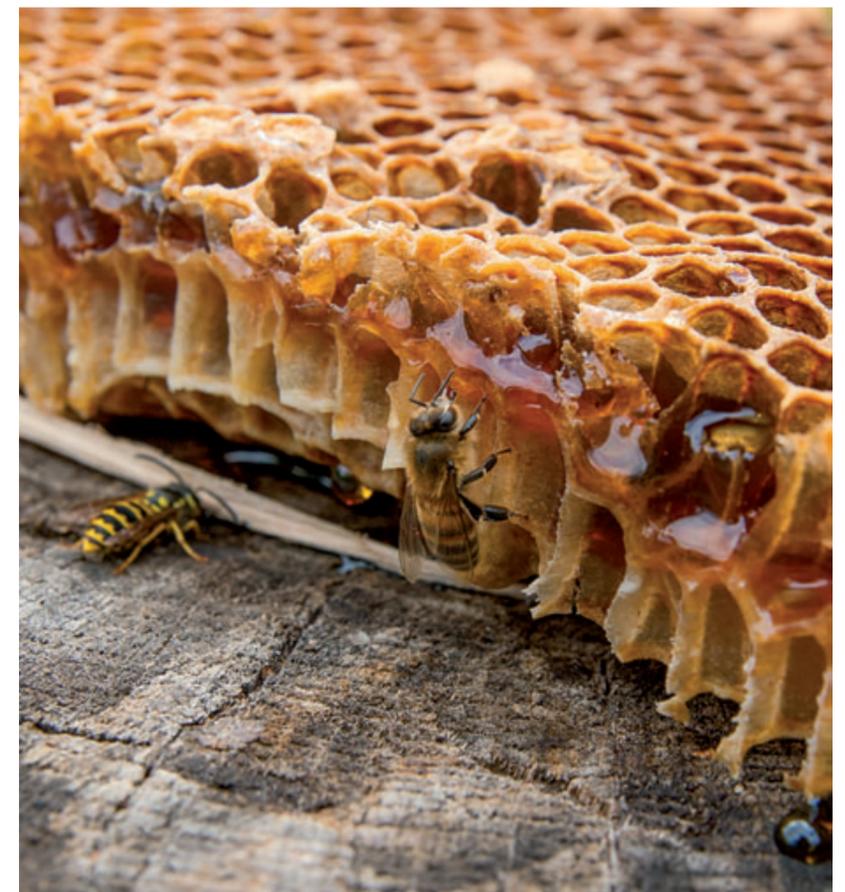
Taking part in the nightly Turtle Watch is often an emotional highlight in the ecologically minded traveler's stay at Jumby Bay. From June to November, Jumby Bay's Pasture Bay Beach is one of the world's primary nesting habitats for the endangered Hawksbill Sea Turtle, which returns to the island each year to lay eggs. Guests may sign up for a visit to Pasture Bay Beach where, accompanied by a Jumby Bay Hawksbill Project Researcher, they may observe the sea turtles nesting and see their young hatch. For the past 30 years, Jumby Bay Hawksbill Project has been an important part of the island community for their research and conservation initiatives to monitor and protect the Hawksbill Sea Turtle nesting colony in Antigua.



**Supporting Worker Bees, Today and Tomorrow**

To ensure that making meaningful connections will continue to define the Oetker Collection experience in the future, the non-profit Alfred Brenner Foundation (Alfred-Brenner-Stiftung) in Baden-Baden has awarded its 15<sup>th</sup> annual, 3,000 euro scholarship to help advance tomorrow's top hoteliers and caterers.

Elsewhere at Brenners Park Hotel & Spa, the hotel is supporting five bee colonies in the world-renowned Lichtentaler Allee, opposite the hotel. "Brenners Bees" come from the third-generation family-run Kolb apiary nearby, and have been bred for their placid temperament and harvesting qualities. At Brenners, local and regional cuisine features lime tree blossom, rapeseed blossom, cherry blossom and fir tree honeys, an assortment of which is also available for purchase. The hotel likewise tends to ten apple trees on its grounds.









**The InsiderER App: Just the Right Touch**

Becoming a true islander has never been so easy! Since its introduction last November, InsiderER App has become the essential digital tool for Eden Rock guests: here, centralized in one place is the best of St Barths' addresses, events and hotspots, specially curated by our concierges. After browsing through, guests are encouraged to get in touch with their dedicated concierge or butler for bookings or further information.







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