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## Like Living in a Palace Unsurpassed Sacher Luxury in the New Bel Etage Suites

**Vienna, December 2017.** The Hotel Sacher Wien has seven new suites. During the renovation of the Bel Etage in the Hotel Sacher Wien, exquisite parts of the historical interior were rediscovered and elaborately restored, bringing historical Vienna to life yet with all the amenities of 21<sup>st</sup> century comfort and convenience.

Puccini Suite, La Bohème Suite, Tosca Suite, Manon Lescaut Suite, Arabella Suite, La Belle Hélène Suite and Vienna Philharmonic Suite: The new suites on the Bel Etage of the 5-star superior Hotel Sacher Wien are dedicated to the world of opera. Alexandra Winkler, a member of the owner family, explains: "Our hotel and the opera are inextricably intertwined. The names of our new suites express our reverence for the world of opera and its artists, which delight and enthrall our guests on a daily basis."

### Historical interior freshly restored

The new Bel Etage suites set the highest standards in terms of comfort and luxurious appointments while rendering the unique historical interior of the Hotel Sacher accessible to guests. In the renovation of what is now the Philharmonic Suite, an historical panel parquet floor was found along with an historical stucco ceiling. The star parquet flooring dates back to the time the building was erected in 1876. Following the restoration, it has regained its former elegance, which is so typical of the Ringstrasse. Around 1900, the restored stucco ceiling in the Philharmonic Suite replaced an older version featuring a grisaille frieze with golden lines. Its historical decorations comprise vines and blossoms as well as a frieze with rosette-like embellishments. There are four medallions with shells and female heads in the corners of the room that frame paintings containing floral depictions. The historical stucco ceiling was also faithfully restored.

One of the most elaborate parts of the Sacher interior in the Philharmonic Suite is a tiled stove of the type one can also admire in Schönbrunn Palace, Schloss Hof or Belvedere Palace.

### For the sake of security

The rooms on the Bel Etage also constitute part of the Presidential Suite. Incidentally, it is one of three large suites reserved for royal dynasties, state visits, and stars of stage and screen, but not only for them. Since security plays an ever larger role, the suite has bullet-proof glass, burglar-proof doors, a video system, its own separate hotel entrance and many other security features. But those are all the details the owner family wishes to reveal about security.

### The unique atmosphere of the Sacher Hotel

Alexandra Winkler and her husband Matthias Winkler: "The special history of the Hotel Sacher is evident at every turn. We help make this history palpable for our guests but combine it with contemporary amenities to satisfy even the highest standards. That is exactly what lends our hotel such a unique and unmistakable atmosphere." The Bel Etage suites have already been fully booked out multiple times.

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