



CHATEAU SAINT-MARTIN & SPA

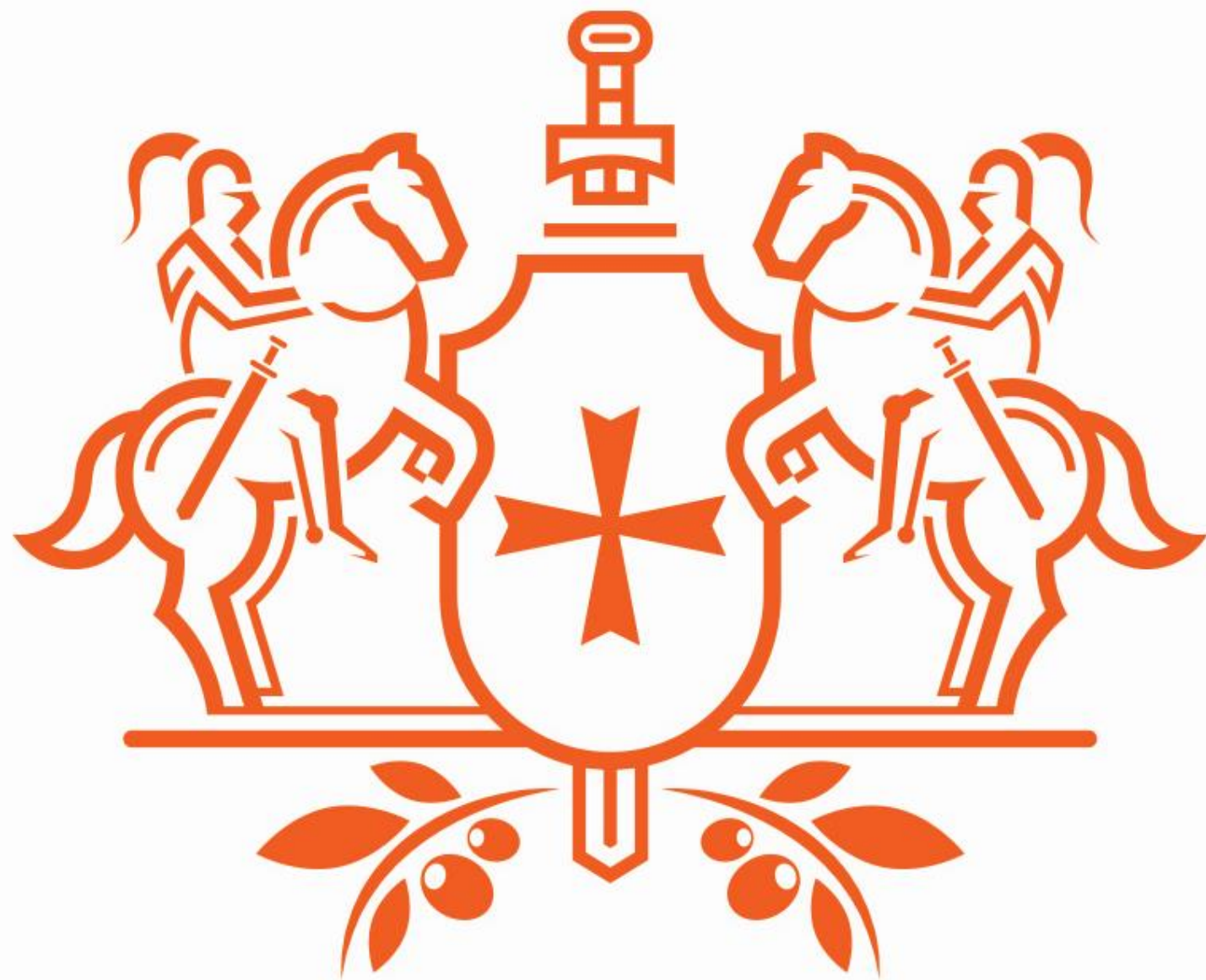
COTE D'AZUR – VENCE – FRENCH RIVIERA

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S O M M A I R E

LOCATION



Location

Nestled in the heart of the Côte d'Azur, 15 km from Nice International Airport, Château Saint-Martin & Spa offers a magnificent natural setting, a place where history has blended with and then adapted to a more contemporary lifestyle.

Its 35-acre park with 300 olive-trees centuries old features a poetic garden designed by landscape artist Jean Mus. The hotel has two clay tennis courts, a petanque ground, a helicopter pad, a fitness room, a heated overflow swimming pool, the Spa Saint-Martin by La Prairie and many other dreams to share. The Château Saint-Martin & Spa offers 46 rooms, suites and junior suites, including 6 private villas with high-end services and panoramic views over the Mediterranean Sea.

The famous contemporary architect Luc Svetchine was responsible for the final restoration of the building, transformed into a luxury hotel in 1997. Château Saint-Martin & Spa has been renovated and improved in 2018 and 2019 by renowned interior architect and designer Bergit Grafin Douglas of MM Design, based in Frankfurt, Germany.



Surrounding area

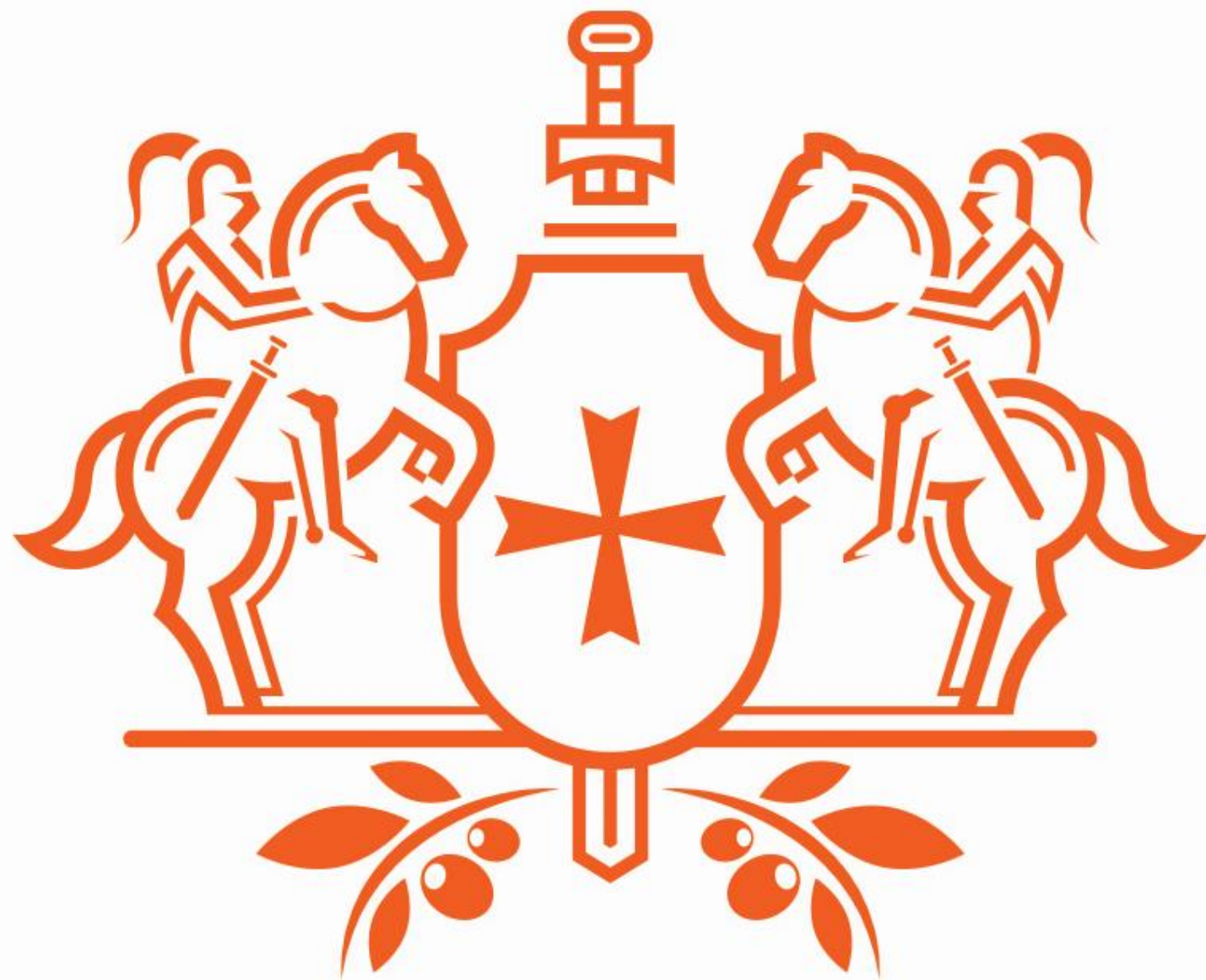
By car or boat, the entire Mediterranean coast unfurls from Saint-Tropez to San Remo and the Riviera from the Château Saint-Martin & Spa.

Following in the footsteps of great artists, we find among many others the Rosary Chapel decorated by Matisse in Vence, Museums dedicated to Picasso (Antibes), Fernand Léger (Biot), Chagall and Matisse (Nice), the legendary village of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, its art-galleries and the Maeght Foundation, Vence with its artists' studios, Grasse, capital of the perfume industry, Biot and its glass factory Vallauris and its ceramics, Eze Village and its medieval eagle's nest...

Cultural discoveries but also wine tastings, as well as a variety of culinary specialties inspired by different areas.



HISTORY



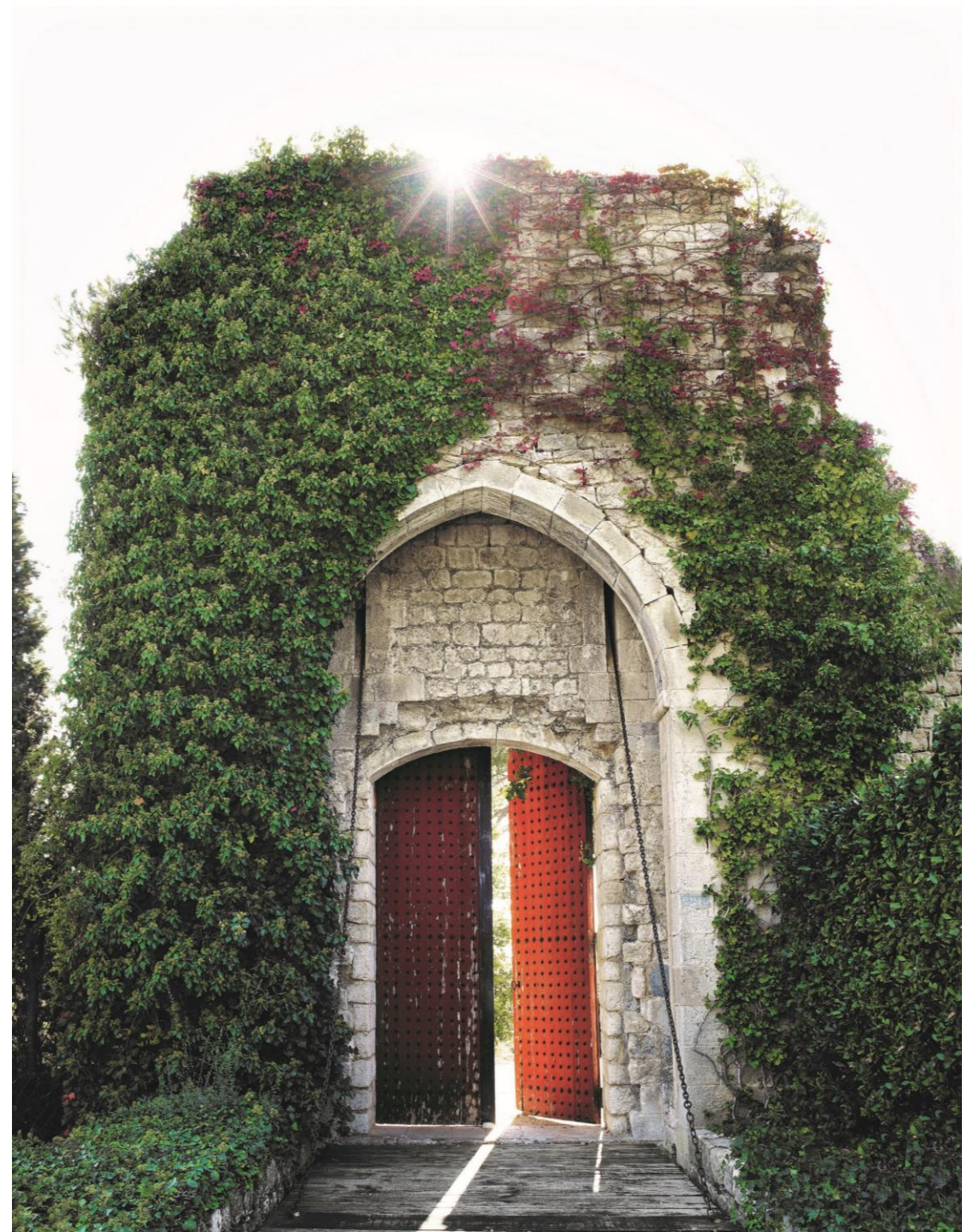
History

A fortified structure dating back to Roman times in a strategic location, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa played host to the Bishop of Tours in the year 350 A.D. and kept his name from that time on.

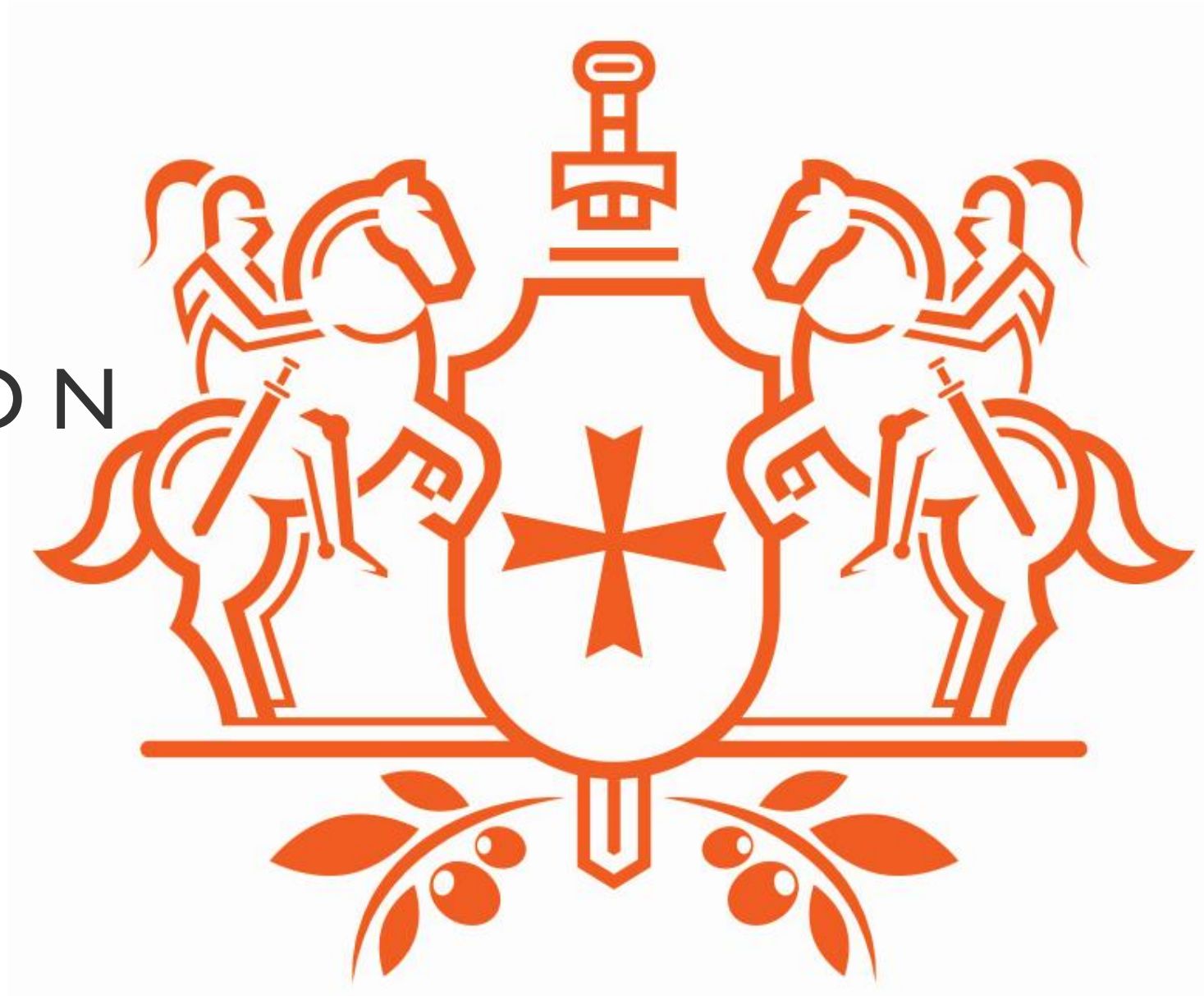
Handed over to the Crusaders on their return from Jerusalem by the Count of Provence, it became in 1150 A.D. the stronghold of the Knights Templar, whose message of faith still shines through the Saint-Martin Chapel. The Chapel remains to this day a place for private occasions, such as christenings and weddings.

The current building was built and completed on the foundations of the ancient Templar Commanderie, perpetuating the legend of the famous Templar treasure which has never been found. Remains registered as Historical Monuments, the picturesque and captivating ruins still visible testify of this ancestral memory.

A Parisian industrialist, Fernand Genève, bought the property in 1935 and transformed it into a hotel in 1954. The six villas were built in the 1960s. In 1994, the Oetker family became the owner of Château Saint-Martin & Spa.



ACCOMODATION



Decoration

The renowned interior architect and designer Bergit Grafin Douglas of MM Design, based in Frankfurt (Germany), has renovated and improved the Château Saint-Martin & Spa in 2018 and 2019.

With its fresh, contemporary style, Château Saint-Martin & Spa is embracing a touch of modernity, at the same time maintaining its warm and distinguished atmosphere.



Rooms, Suites and Junior Suites

The 40 rooms, suites, junior suites and the 6 villas have been fully renovated in a refined and elegant style.

All the materials have been carefully chosen, such as the fabrics and trimmings made in France by "Pierre Frey", "Manuel Canovas", "Fadini Borghi" and "Les Passementeries de l'Ile de France"; along with the bed skirts, cushions and bedroom benches made in England by "Baker Lifestyle", "Ian Mankin" and "Colefax & Fowler".

The materials used include linen in soft, pale colours, as well as more vivid shades such as coral, blue, mint green, plum, lilac and red.



Villas

Riou, La Foux, Ponant, Saint-Lambert, Saint-Véran and Saint-Martin... Six peaceful villas with names inspired by nearby Provence all open out to panoramic terraces where guests can organise all their meals, from breakfast to dinner.

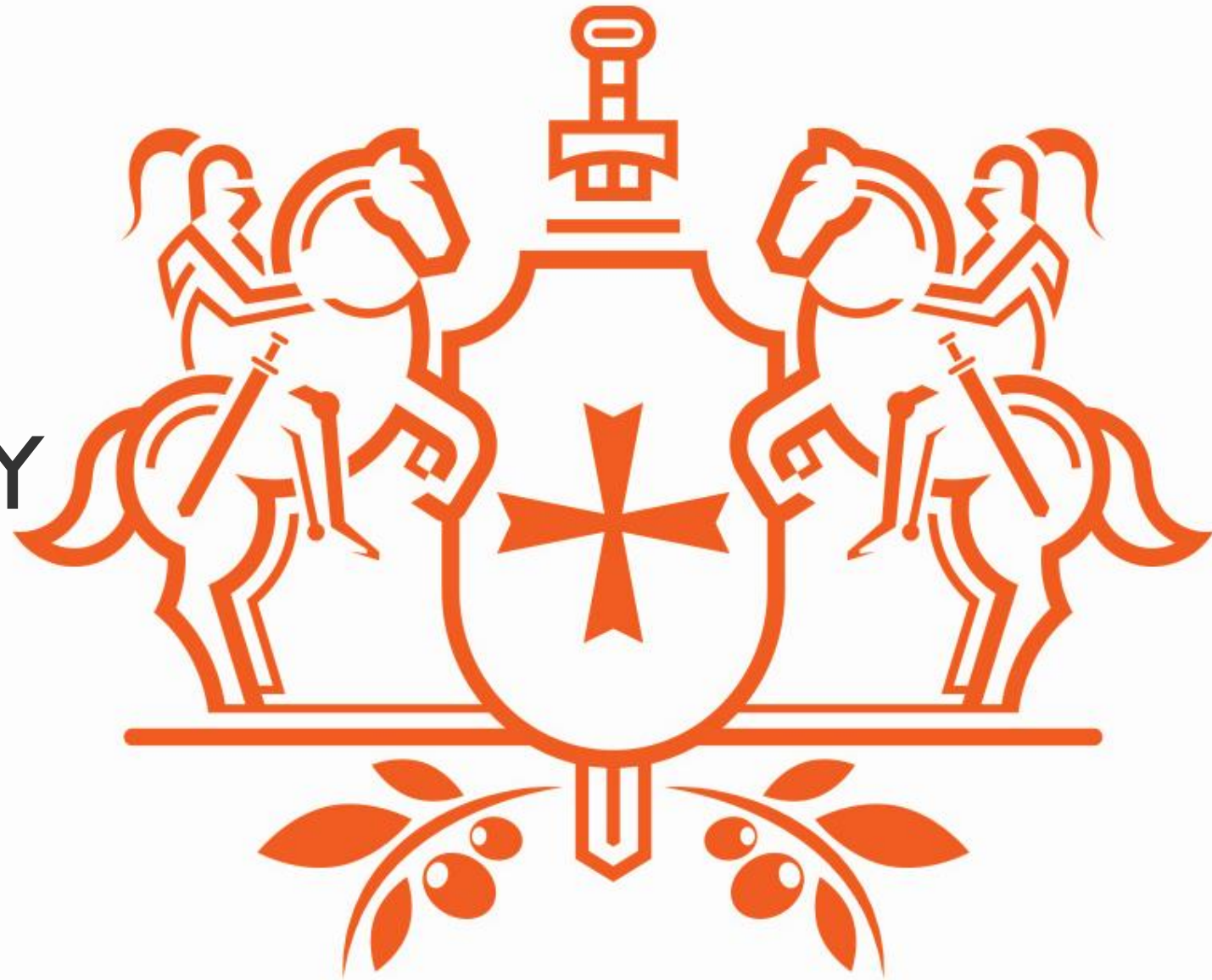
The Villa Saint-Martin with 3 bedrooms offers the opportunity to its guests to cook or receive a Chef in the villa's kitchen. The fourth villas with 2 bedrooms have their own kitchen as well.

Surrounded by underbrush and olive-trees several centuries old, in the midst of protected nature and offering a sweeping view of the Château Saint-Martin & Spa, these villas embody the kind of accommodation which offers both luxury and authenticity.

The villas have been renovated between 2018 and 2019.



GASTRONOMY



Le Saint-Martin

Completely renovated in 2018, the gourmet restaurant “Le Saint-Martin”, one Michelin-starred, is one of the culinary inescapable addresses of the French Riviera.

“Le Saint-Martin” restaurant is located in the most beautiful place of the property with stunning views of the Mediterranean and a panoramic terrace for romantic moments to share. The restaurant is opened daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Executive Chef Jean-Luc Lefrançois offers a refine and traditional cuisine made with noble and local products.

On the sweet side, Eve Moncorger joined the kitchen team as a Pastry Chef after a winter season at L'Apogée Courchevel, an Oetker Collection property.

“Le Saint-Martin” restaurant combines perfectly tradition and modernity.

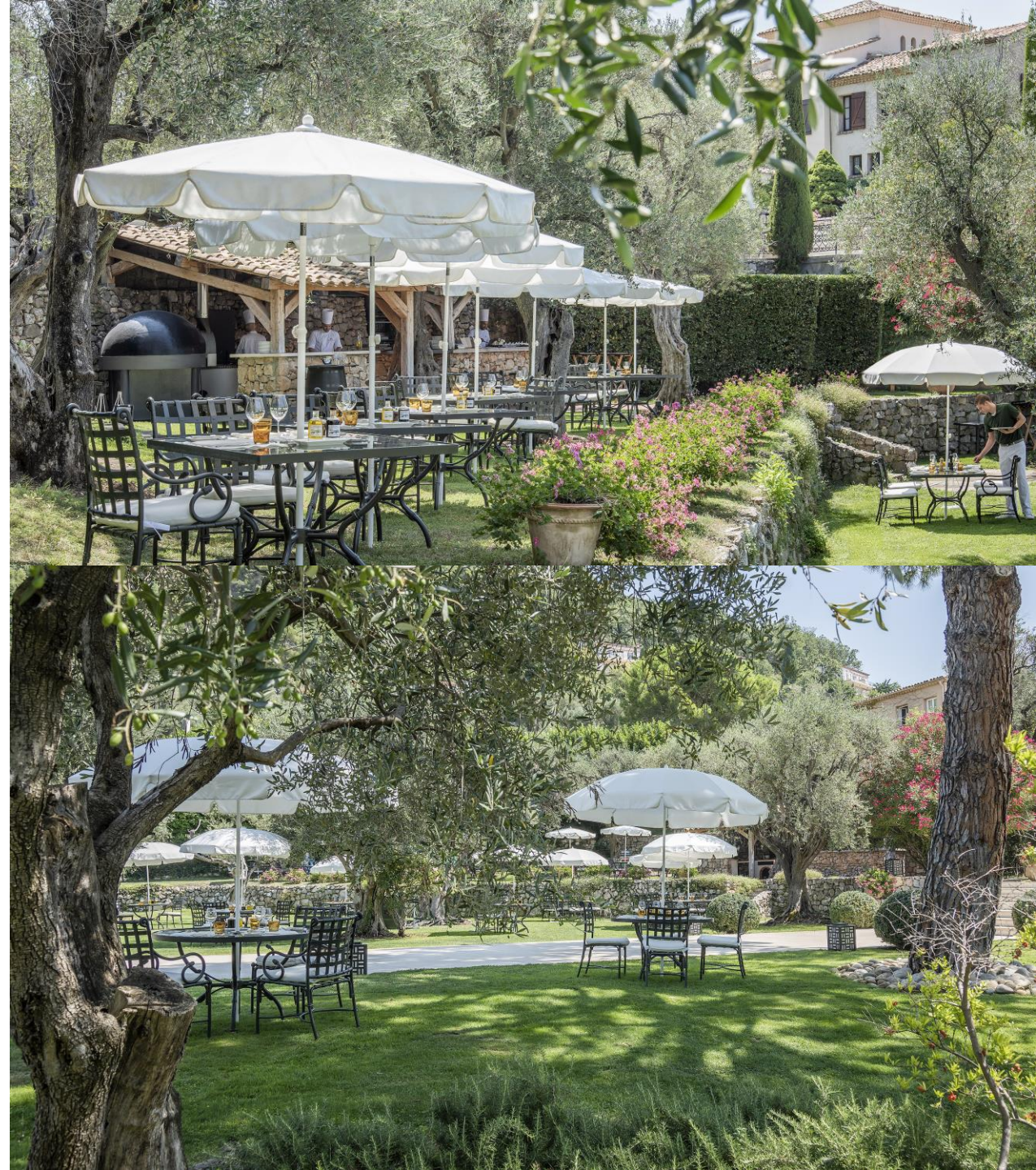


L'Oliveraie

Set in the gardens near the pool and under the shade of centuries-old olive trees, the summer restaurant “L'Oliveraie” offers barbecued dishes, a rotisserie, plancha and a fire-wood pizza oven.

“L'Oliveraie” is open for lunch from mid-May to mid-September.

A romantic and unique place to enjoy nature around a lunch with family or friends.



Bar Le Rossini

Renovated in 2013 and decorated with beautiful Gobelins tapestries (18th century), the bar "Le Rossini" suggests a selection of spirits and cocktails as well as various types of teas.

Guests can enjoy the terrace facing the immensity of the Mediterranean.

A light menu is also provided throughout the day.



« Les Canthares » Club Œnologique

On the hills of Vence, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa opens its doors on its reserve of a thousand and one vintage phials...

In the underground cellar decorated with visible rocks filled with history, the living spirit of wine reveals itself through sharing, meeting and learning moments created to discover the real flavours of the soil .

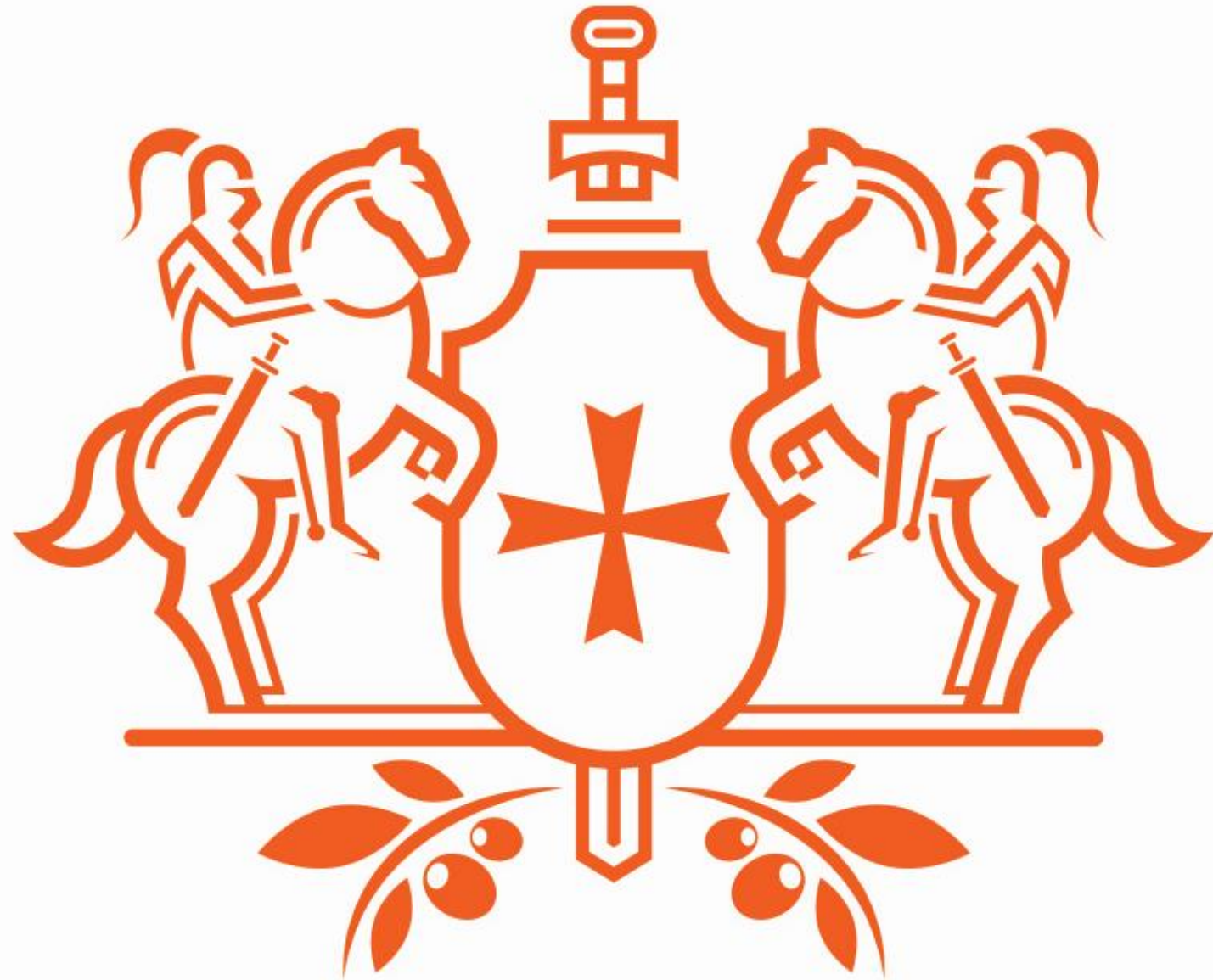
A program orchestrated around wine tasting, wealthy in experience and with unique flavours is proposed all along the season by Géraud Tournier, Head Sommelier and F&B Manager.

With the complicity of the Executive Chef Jean-Luc Lefrançois, food and wine parings are suggested for the pleasure of our gourmet clients.

Located next to the gourmet restaurant "Le Saint-Martin", the Oenotheque is a space designed for private oenological tastings (6-8 people) in an enchanting setting with oak.



MEETINGS & EVENTS



Meetings & Events

Château Saint-Martin & Spa is a five-star destination of the highest prestige in which to host an event, with beautiful natural surroundings and sweeping views over the Côte d'Azur.

There is also a rare opportunity to reserve Château Saint-Martin & Spa in its entirety, where the pool, spa, restaurants and terrace will be exclusively at the guests' disposal and can be personalized upon request.

A tailor-made service is offered according to needs and requirements.



Private Meeting Rooms

Three private meeting rooms are available within the property to organize receptions, meetings and other events.

With floor-to-ceiling windows, Salon Cap d'Antibes (89m²) offers stunning views down the rolling hills of the Riviera to the glittering Mediterranean.

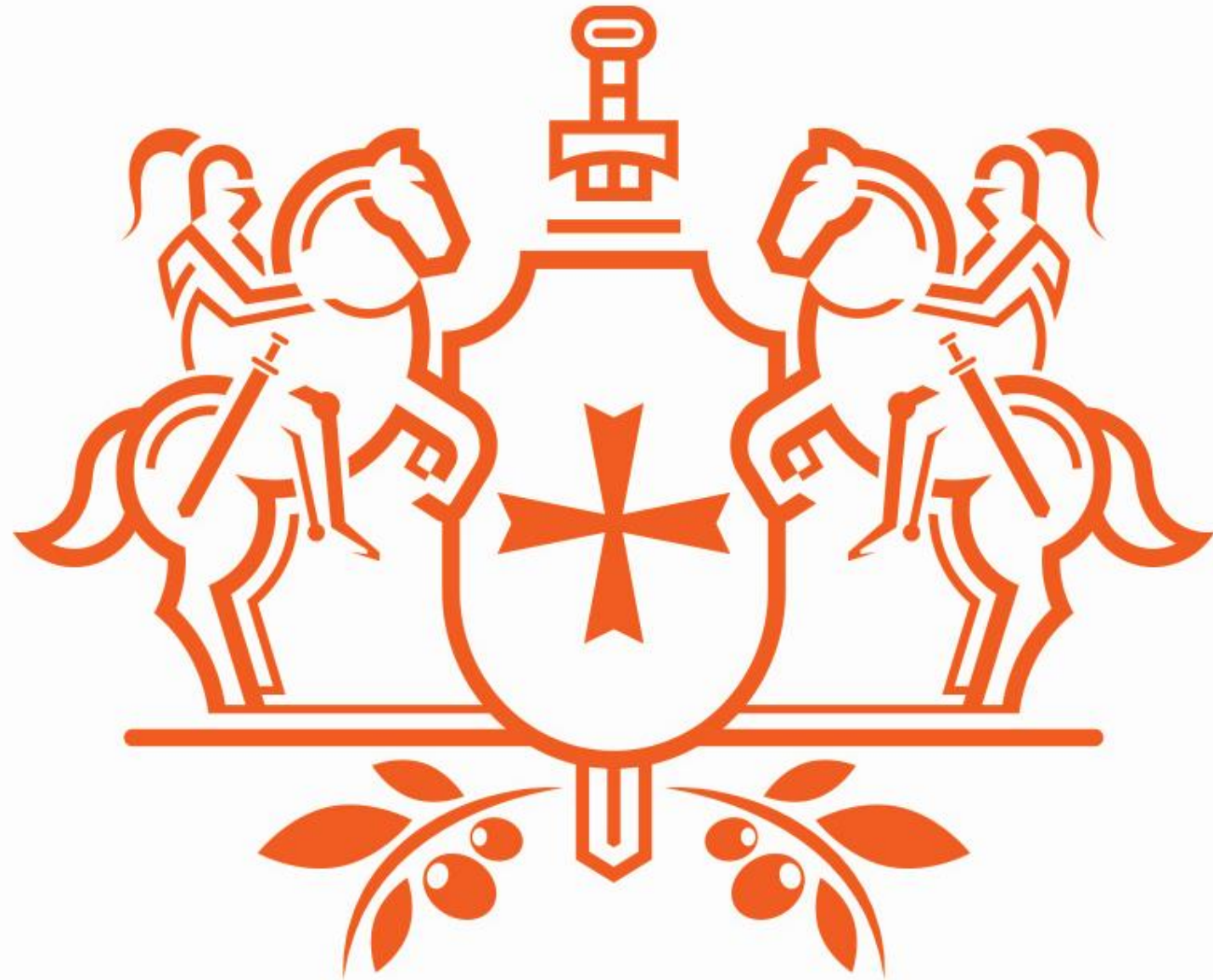
The deeply elegant Salon Matisse (77m²) immerses guests in the special atmosphere of the hotel. There is a small private patio and three charming French windows, throw them open for a fresh breeze and sunshine.

Salon Chagall, meeting room of 60m², offers computer and technical facilities of new generation. An ideal setting to organize meetings.

At the whim of the events, the ambiances are transcended to offer the chic or the sublime.



LEISURE & ACTIVITIES



Leisure & Activities

The property is set in 34 acres of spectacular natural beauty, and the surrounding countryside offers a range of recreational activities including magical walks through the hills.

At Château Saint-Martin & Spa, guests have a Spa Saint-Martin by La Prairie, a luxuriously therapeutic sanctuary, fitness facilities, two clay tennis courts, an Eden Being boutique, four cabanas and a truly majestic infinity pool.



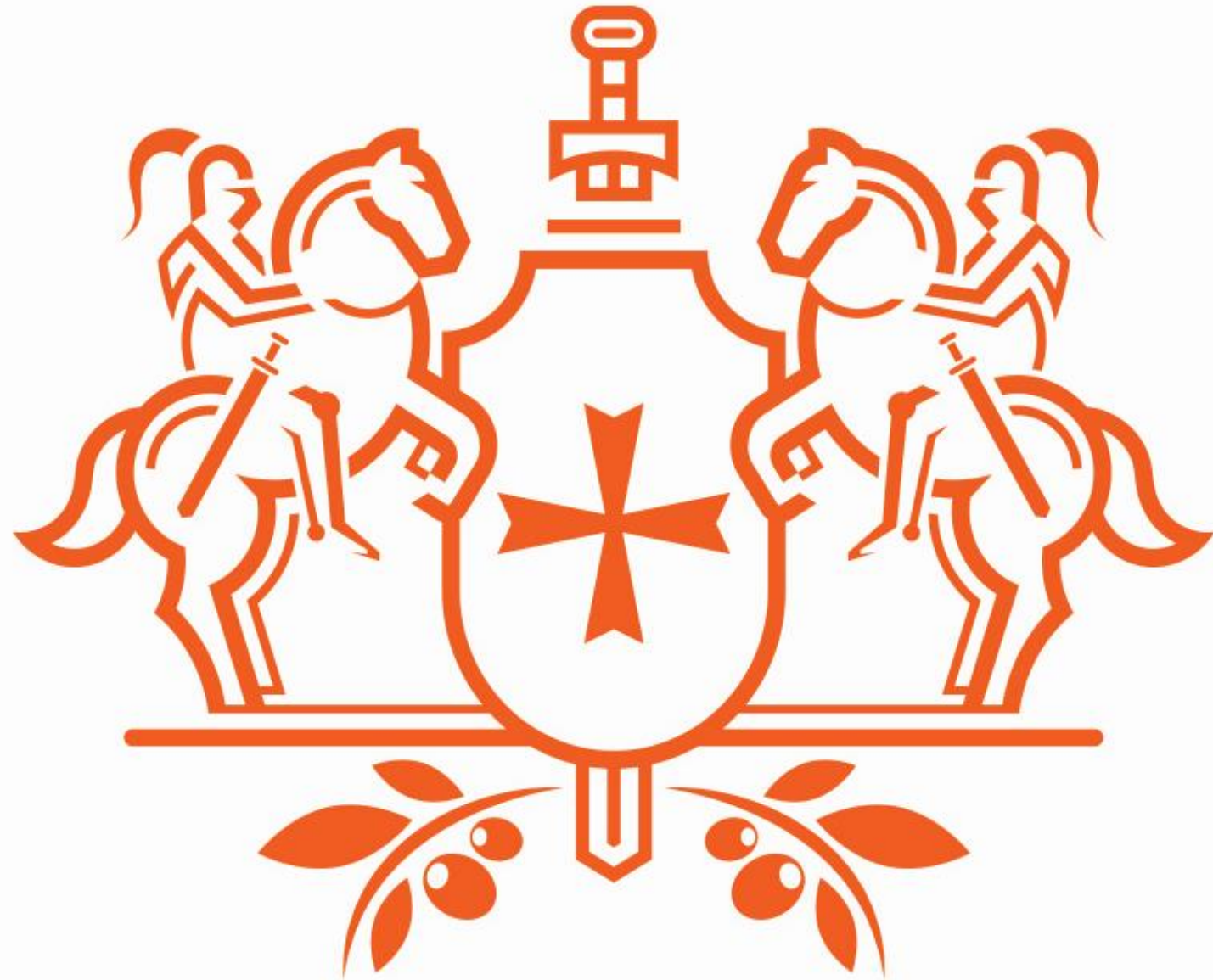
Cabanas

Located in the gardens, under the olive-trees centuries old, four cabanas provide a tranquil retreat from the outside world.

Built in 2018, the cabanas are an invitation for relaxation and serenity.



WELLNESS



Spa Saint-Martin by La Prairie

La Prairie has blended precision, scientific innovation and the finest ingredients to offer a subtle and magical experience based on performance and elegance. The brand offers exceptional treatments to be savoured in a world of luxury, for an absolute moment of pleasure and relaxation.

“Spa Saint-Martin by La Prairie” is the ultimate venue for well-being and serenity. The spa features five La Prairie treatment rooms, including one double “Sweet Crystal Spa” room for an experience shared in duo. The various treatment areas, gathered in a 400sqm dedicated space, bring out the Swiss brand’s sense of luxury and precision. This warm cocoon invites both your body and mind to relax. A dedicated beauty room including hairdressing complete this wellness area, set alongside the hammam, the sauna and beautifully experience shower.

Drawing upon a collection of exceptional body and face products, every guest will receive a personalized treatment programme, recommended by La Prairie experts.

This outstanding brand, together with the unique setting, makes for an unrivalled spa experience.



Bamford's body treatments

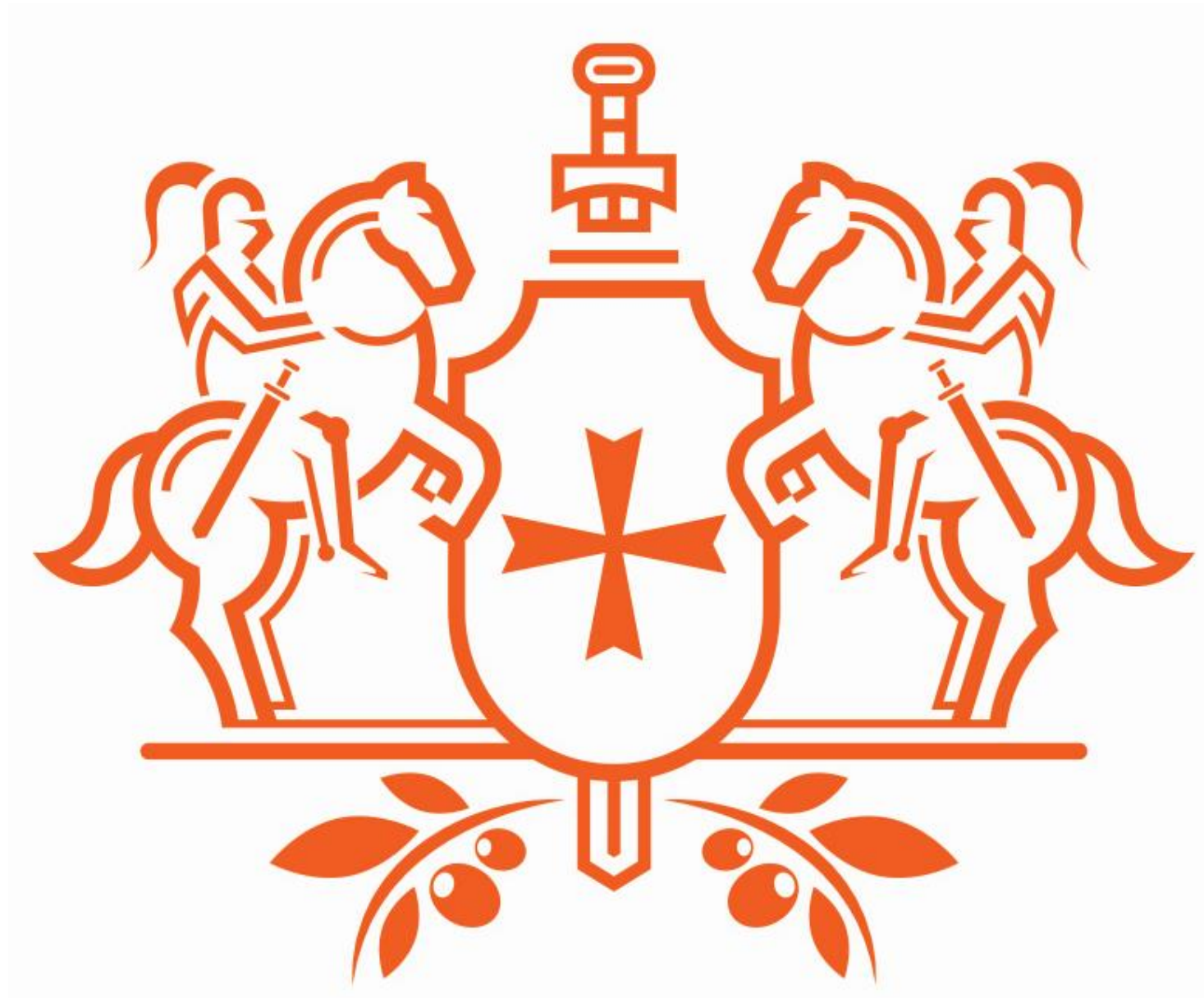
Since early 2012, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa has started an ecological and biological approach with the brand Bamford, and offers now a selection of 100% natural revitalizing and relaxing body treatments.

Soothing remodelling with olive-oil, Mediterranean peelings, massages administered by two pairs of hands, optimised treatments for the body with honey, lavender or sweet almonds... The “Rituals treatments” dispensed by a highly-qualified staff and combined with the effectiveness of sophisticated textures pay tribute to a holistic approach to beauty, for men as well as women.

The Bamford brand located in the United Kingdom is a brand offering 100 % natural products.



BOUTIQUE



Saint-Martin Boutique

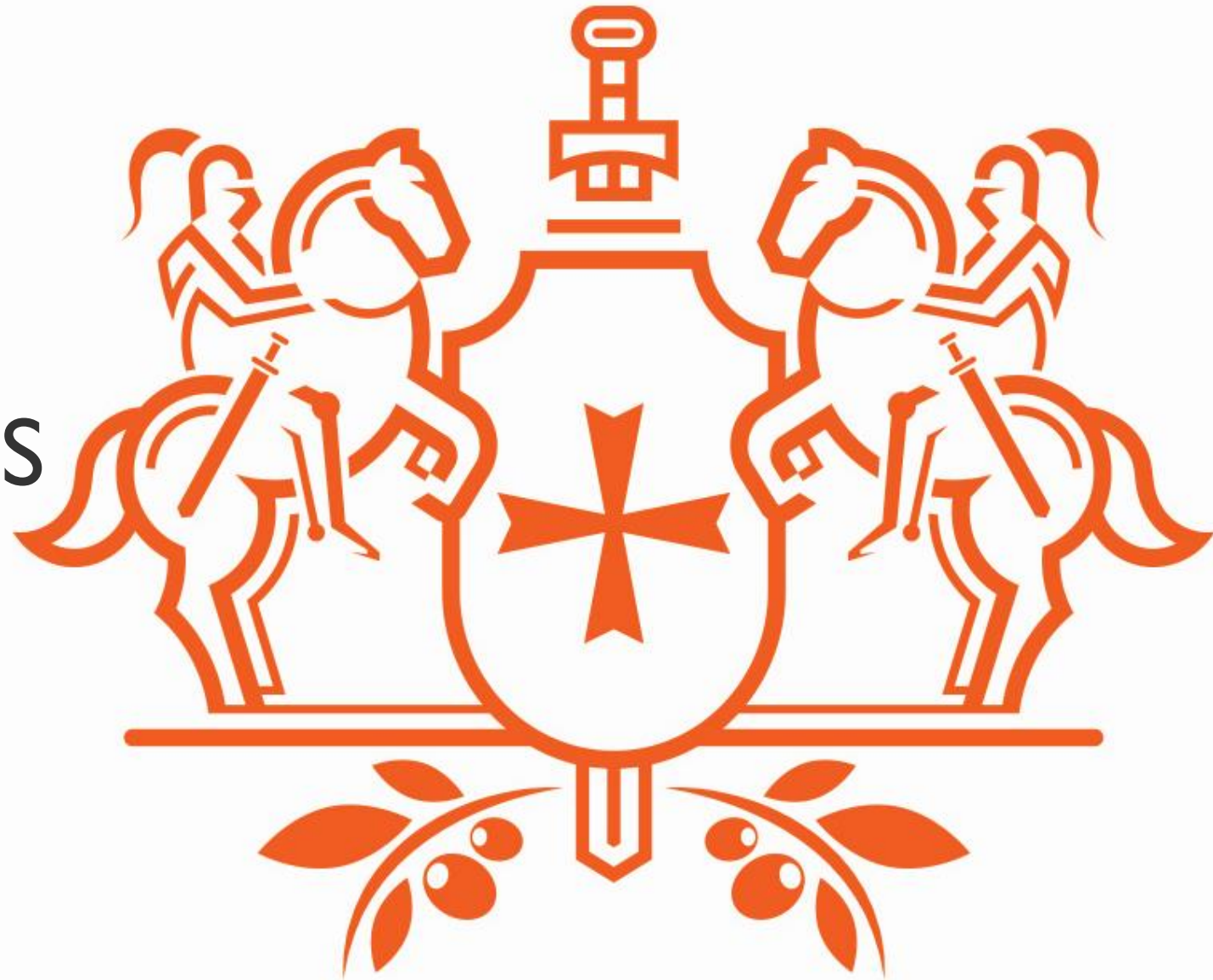
« Capturing exquisite memories »

“Capturing exquisite memories” can be realized by offering an exquisitely curated range of products. Products that embody the essence, the memory and the emotion of the guests’ stay.

Available at the Saint-Martin Boutique on property.



DREAM MAKERS



Philippe Perd

President

In 1989, Philippe Perd joined the Savoy group, embarking on his training in reception management at the Connaught Hotel in London. In 1998, he accepted to be Assistant Manager at the Hotel de Crillon in Paris. The following year, he was promoted to Manager. He left the Hotel de Crillon in 2001 to run the Château Saint-Martin & Spa on the hills above Venice, as General Manager, until October 2005. He then took over management of the unique and prestigious Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc in Antibes, one of the jewel Oetker Collection. July 2007, Oetker Group entrusted him jointly, and for the second time, with the management of the Château Saint-Martin & Spa with the aim of developing a real synergy between these two flagships of the hotel industry. Today, Philippe Perd is General Manager of the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc, in Antibes, and President of the Château Saint-Martin & Spa, in Venice.

Philippe Perd has been graduated from Harvard Business School with the Advanced Management Program in November 2009. He was awarded by the Deputy Mayor of the city of Antibes and the Sous-Préfet with one of the highest recognitions in France “la Médaille de Bronze du Tourisme” to honor his services rendered to Tourism and in recognition of the quality of service in the Hospitality Industry in October 2011. He graduated from Inchbald School Design in London with the Certificate in Interior Design in November 2012.

Philippe Perd becomes Senior Vice-President Operations and Project development for Oetker Collection in 2013.



Duarte Bon de Sousa

General Manager

Duarte Bon de Sousa joined Oetker Collection as General Manager for L'Apogée Courchevel since December 2013.

He was born in Portugal and he has grown and integrated many hotels in his native country. After realizing his studies in a school specialized in hospitality and tourism in Estoril, he started his career as Night Manager at Le Meridien Park Atlantic in Lisbon, in 1999. Then he worked as Reception Manager at the Meridien Park Atlantic Porto, in 2000, to become Rooms Assistant Manager at the Hotel Tropico in Angola and Rooms Manager at the Hotel Eva in Portugal in 2002.

Duarte Bon de Sousa joined the Four Seasons Hotel in Lisbon from 2003 to 2007, as Head of Reception and integrated the Four Seasons George V in Paris, as Reception Assistant Manager from 2005 to 2006. Once again he decided to return to the Four Seasons in Lisbon in 2007.

General Manager at Choupana Hills Resort & Spa, five stars hotel, in Madeira, from 2007 to 2011, he supervised the pre-opening of two boutique hotels in Lisbon in 2011, before joining Oetker Collection as General Manager for L'Apogée Courchevel and the Château Saint-Martin & Spa.



Jean-Luc Lefrançois

Executive Chef

Jean-Luc Lefrançois joins Oetker Collection in 2014 as Executive Chef at L'Apogée Courchevel. Winter in the mountains, summer on the French Riviera, he joins the Château Saint-Martin & Spa as Executive Chef in 2015.

Jean-Luc Lefrançois, who was born in Rouen, has more than 30 years of experience in the field of top-level gourmet cuisine. He joined the hotel Le Bristol Paris at the age of 18 as help cooker and later went into the Army to do his military service, where he became private chef to General Moreau. Cooking is really a true passion, and one that he cannot live without. Jean-Luc Lefrançois has been working in the finest gourmet restaurants in Paris, from the Ritz to the Hôtel de Crillon as well as the restaurant run by Hélène Darroze, Le Relais Louis XIII, Chez Prunier and the Restaurant Dominique Bouchet.

He describes his cooking as traditional, instinctive, refined and pleasing to the eye, with plenty of flavor.

“My favorite food is light, simple, precise and creative”.

Jean-Luc Lefrançois shares his love for local produce, and likes to enhance traditional recipes to create an authentic type of cuisine.



Eve Moncorgier

Pastry Chef

Eve Moncorgier, who is faithful to the Oetker Collection, is devoting her talent as Pastry Chef at L'Apogée Courchevel and the Château Saint-Martin & Spa in Vence.

Eve, who comes from Roanne, began her career at the age of 15, when she followed a vocational training course. She gets her love of cooking from her grandmother who taught her when she was very young.

Her first professional experience was in 2007, as assistant chef in the restaurant Hauterive Saint-James in the Bordeaux area, and then at the Meurice in Paris as assistant pastry chef, as well as in other establishments in the Rhône-Alpes region. In 2008, when she joined the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc in Antibes as assistant pastry chef, she discovered her real passion for pastry making. Eve spent most of her summer seasons at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc, in 2010 as demi chef in pastry, in 2013 as chef in the pastry section, then in 2014 as sous-pastry chef. A fine career path indeed! The choice of pastry making rather than cooking was quite natural for her cuisine.

What she really enjoys is being able to work with fresh produce like fruit (strawberries, raspberries, etc.), and also to highlight local producers in her desserts. Eve also places great importance on these, as they are her source of inspiration.

A whirl of delicious flavours, very feminine and refined, that can be enjoyed in her specialities at Château Saint-Martin & Spa.



Géraud Tournier

F&B Manager and Head Sommelier

Géraud Tournier joins Oetker Collection in 2012 as F&B Manager and Head sommelier for the Château Saint-Martin & Spa and L'Apogée Courchevel.

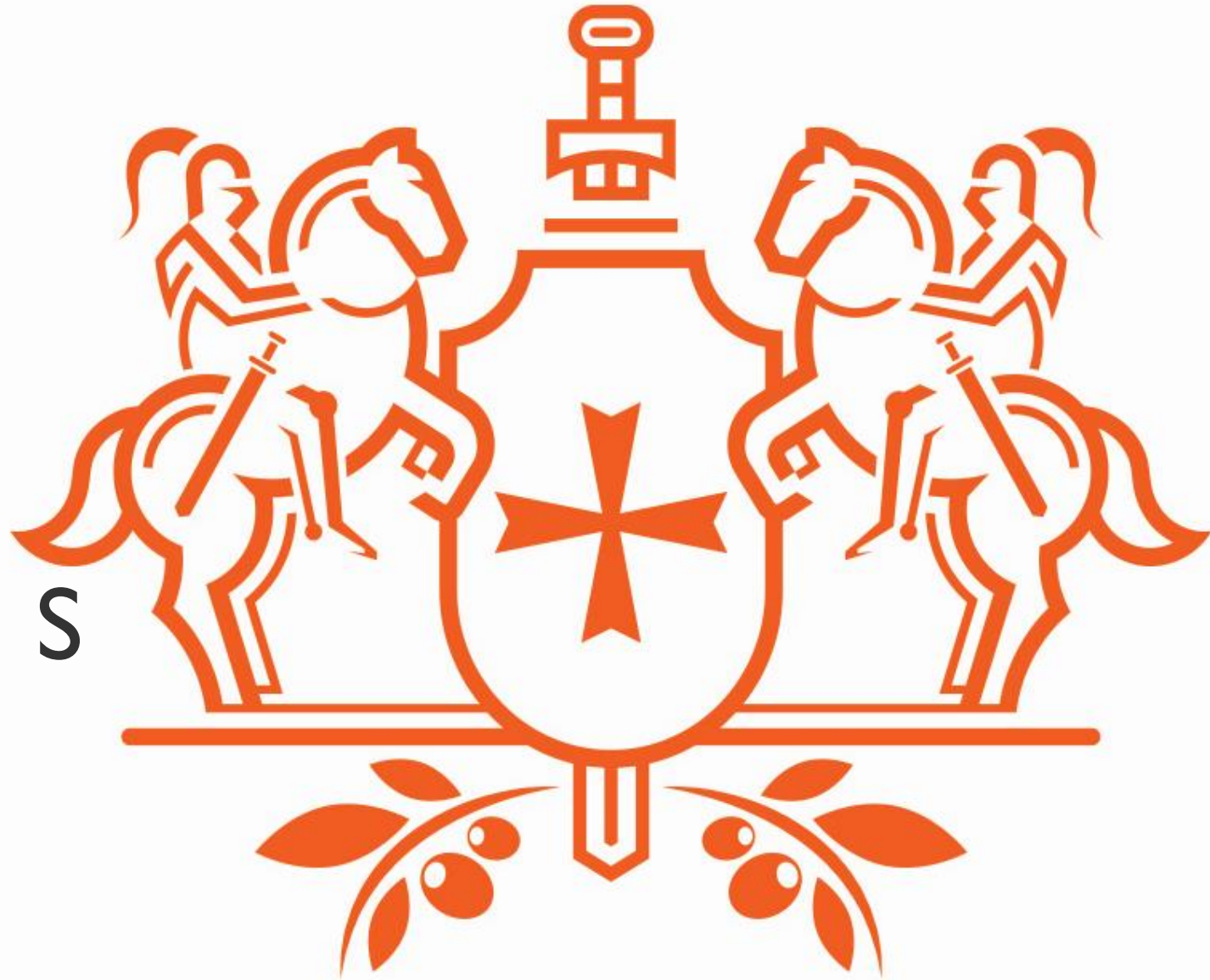
He holds a BTS diploma in hotel and catering with special distinction in wine-waiting, he is no stranger to gaining experience in this highly-prized sector. The best aspiring wine-waiter in France in 2000 and backed by ten years of experience in this department of hotel and catering, from Monaco to Paris, Géraud has built an exemplary career, working alongside some of the greatest names in wine-waiting.

Cultivated and ambitious, Géraud Tournier, working as head wine-waiter at the restaurant Pavillon Ledoyen in Paris, a Michelin guide 3-star establishment, purchases and runs the wine cellars of four restaurants within the Epicure Group and supervises five wine waiters. In 2011, he also created a one-man limited company called “Agence commerciale de vente et promotion de vins” (commercial agency for the sale and promotion of wine).

Géraud Tournier also runs “Les Canthares”, the wine club that meets up in the open rock cellar at Château Saint-Martin & Spa, moments devoted to sharing and exchanging, and to producing subtle wine and food matches for the delight of every gourmet. He is preparing some amazing wine discoveries for the summer season.



AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS



2017

Green Globe – Green Globe Certification “Gold Status”.

2016

Prix Villégiature – “Best hotel exterior terrace in Europe”.

Andrew Harper – Château Saint-Martin & Spa obtains the rank 6 of the “Top 20 International Hideaways” by “Reader’s Choice Awards 2016”.

World Luxury Spa Awards – “World Luxury Spa Awards 2016”.

Green Globe – Green Globe Certification “Gold Status”.

TripAdvisor – Awarded by “Travellers’ Choice TripAdvisor 2016”, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa obtains the “Silver Status” in the EcoLeaders’ programme.

2015

Green Globe – Green Globe Certification.

TripAdvisor – Certificate of Excellence in the “Laureate” category.

TripAdvisor Travellers’ Choice Awards 2015 – Selected among “25 most beautiful luxury hotels in France”, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa wins the rank 19.

Société Global Business Outlook – Rewarded as “Best Scenic Environment”.

2014

TripAdvisor – Awarded “Silver Green Leader”.

TripAdvisor – Certificate of Excellence.

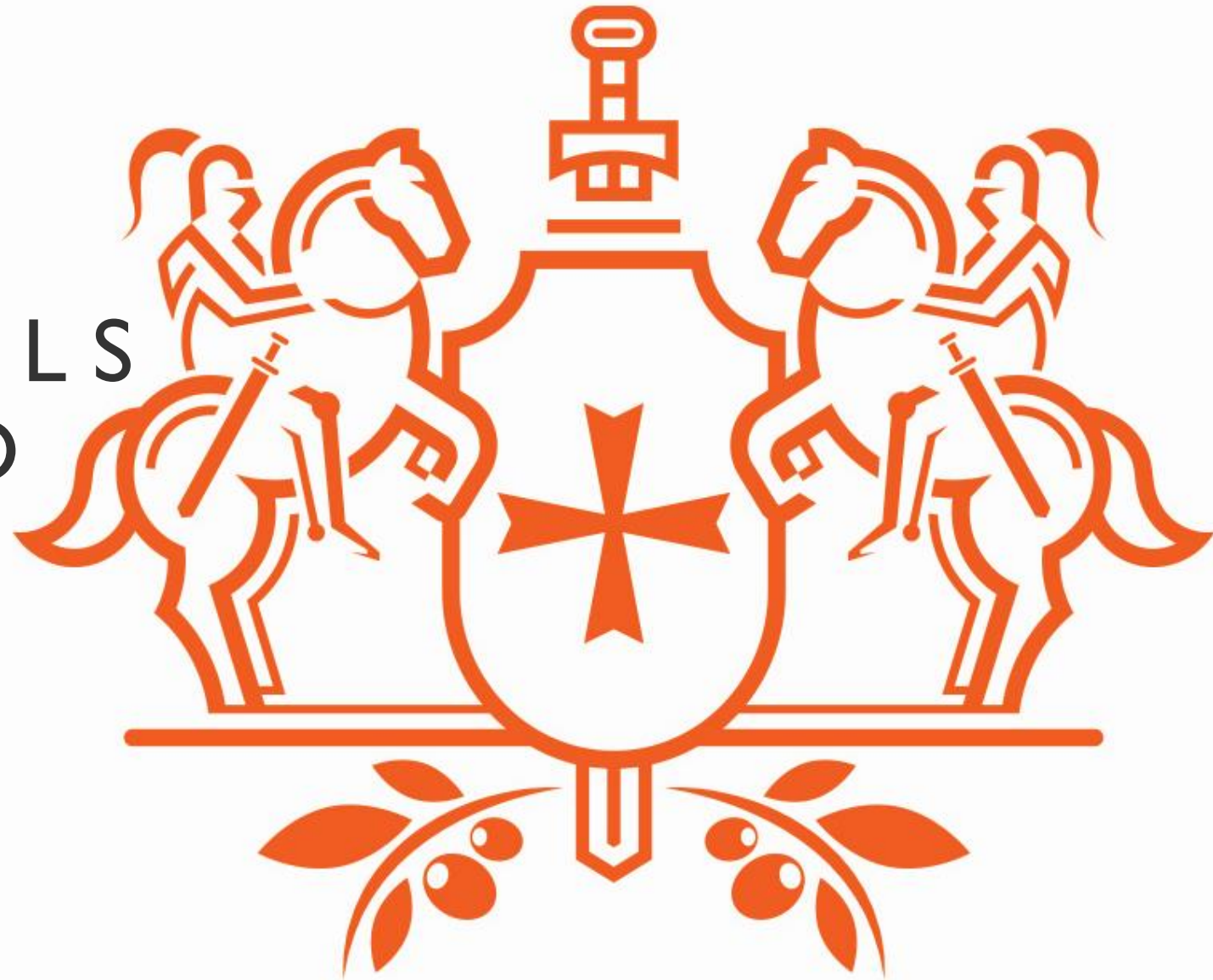
Green Globe – Green Globe Certification.

World Luxury Spa Awards – “Spa Luxury Best Destination in Europe”.

World Luxury Hotel Awards – Awarded “Best Luxury Romantic Hotel in the World”.



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Leading Hotels of the World

Château Saint-Martin & Spa joins the prestigious family of “The Leading Hotels of the World” in 2018.

The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd. is a hotel organisation that represents 375 hotels in 75 countries. It is one of the largest luxury hotel collections in the world. Deeply rooted in the locations in which they are found, members embody the very essence of their destination.

In the past eight decades, Leading Hotels has done its utmost to provide memorable, authentic travel experiences. For Leading Hotels, the hotel sector is not an industry; it is an art... and a passion.

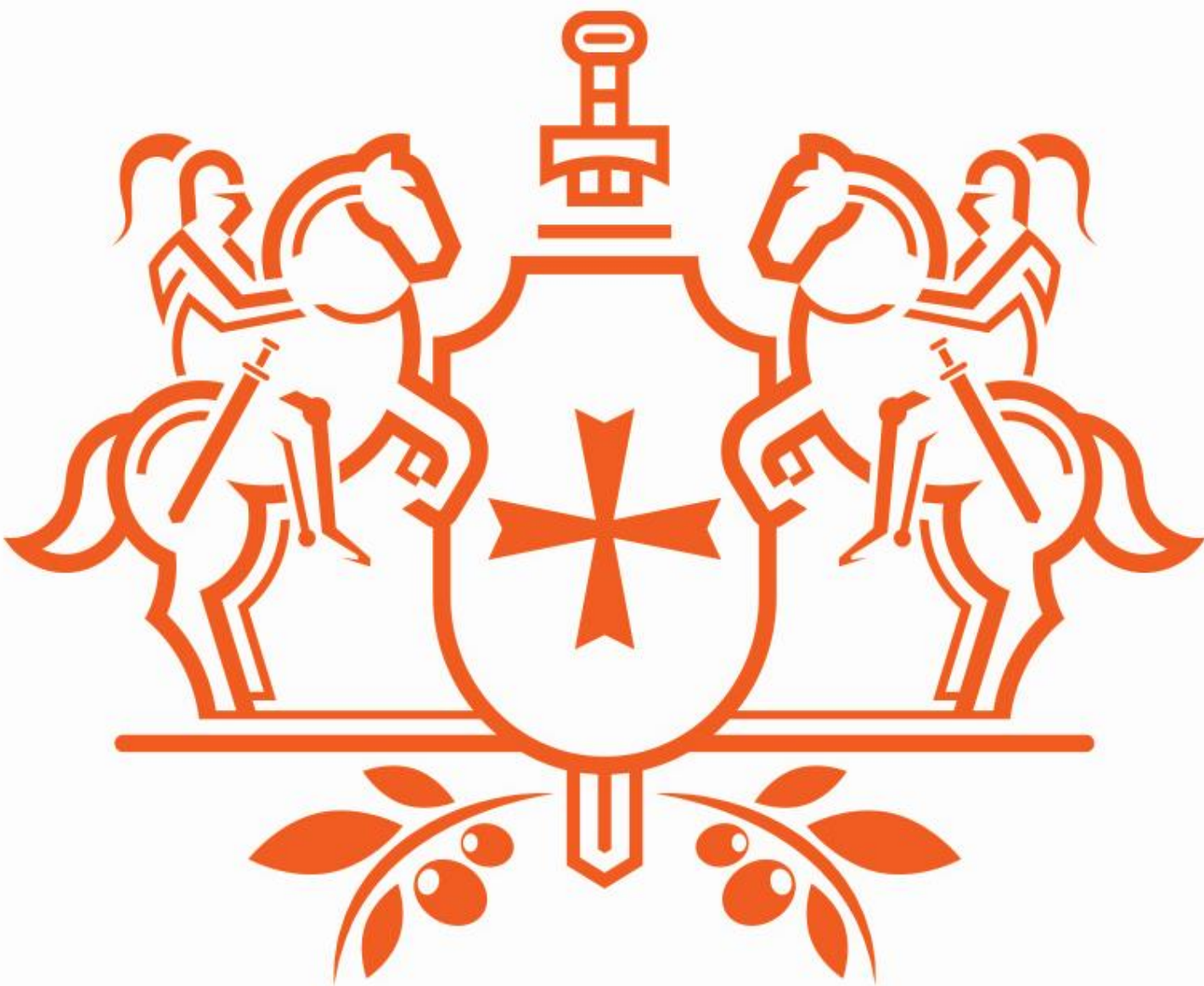
With a variety of architectural styles, design and cultural experiences enhanced by passionate hotel owners and managers, this hotel collection is intended for travel enthusiasts who are curious to go beyond the realms of ordinary tourism.

This vision and these values are shared by Château Saint-Martin & Spa.



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Masterpiece Hotels

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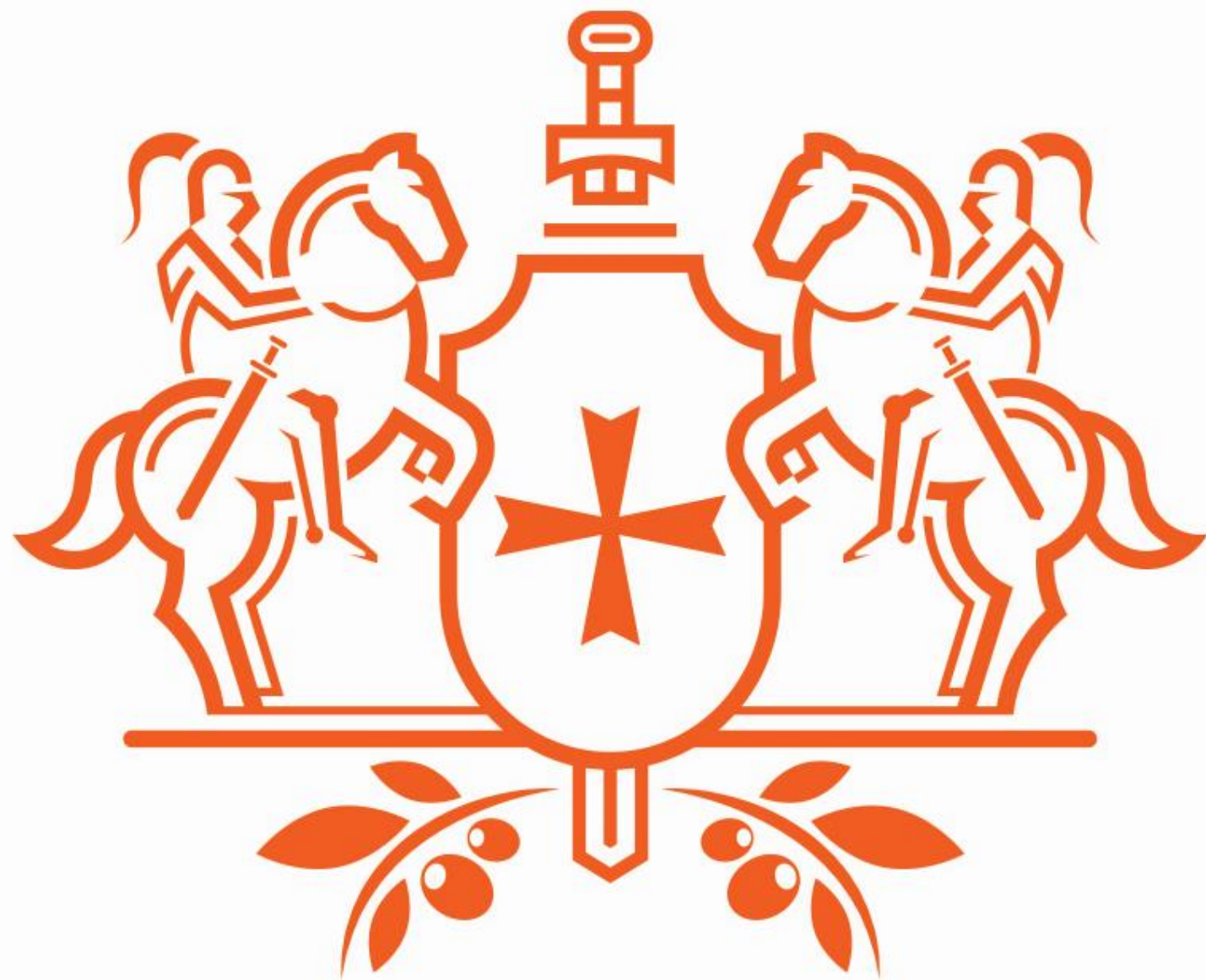
Distinguished by the finest traditions of European hospitality, each property is iconic and one-of-a-kind, delivering unparalleled guest recognition while offering unique and memorable experiences to affluent and astute travellers.

Oetker Collection embraces nine luxury hotels: L'Apogée Courchevel, the Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa in Baden-Baden, Le Bristol Paris, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa in Vence – French Riviera, the Eden Rock – St Barths in Saint-Barthélemy, the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc at the Cap d'Antibes, Jumby Bay Island in Antigua, The Lanesborough in London and the Palácio Tangará in Sao Paulo.

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