



## **BENOIT VIOLIER TO BECOME THE NEW CHEF OF THE RESTAURANT DE L' HOTEL DE VILLE IN CRISSIER, SWITZERLAND**

Crissier, June 28, 2011 – As from April 2012, Benoît Violier, 41, will become the fourth Chef of the Restaurant de l'Hôtel de Ville in Crissier, succeeding Philippe Rochat, Frédy Girardet and Benjamin Girardet at the head of the restaurant founded in 1953.

Mr. Violier has worked with the world's greatest Chefs including Joël Robuchon, Frédy Girardet and Philippe Rochat. Frédy Girardet confirms his talent: "He was trained by Philippe Rochat and myself, which gives him the potential to surpass us."

The Hôtel de Ville in Crissier will be transformed over the next few months. The kitchen, the basement and the dining rooms will be completely renovated to enable the new Master of the premises to welcome his guests in a new setting, while respecting the spirit and the philosophy of the place.

It is paramount for Philippe Rochat to ensure that the values and the principles of the Hôtel de Ville in Crissier are perpetuated under the best conditions. "I wanted Benoît to have the restaurant that I had dreamt of. This is now becoming true. With 16 years spent in the kitchens of the Hôtel de Ville in Crissier, Benoît is today a relentless, passionate and demanding creator with great know-how and respect for tradition."

The new concept will offer seasonal, evolutionary and healthy cuisine along with world famous signature dishes such as the Italian Egg Surprise with White Truffle, Bolo Kidneys the Benjamin way and the Passion fruit Soufflé 'FG'.

Philippe Rochat states: "It is never easy to decide upon the right moment to pass on the baton. At the end of a five-year process, I decided to give Benoît the opportunity to take over when he felt ready for this succession."

Parallel to this, Benoît Violier, Vera Michalski and André Hoffmann will join the current shareholders of the Restaurant, Philippe Rochat, Franz Wassmer and André Kudelski.

The Restaurant will, exceptionally, be closed during the renovation work from August 28 to October 13, 2011.

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