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TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS AT SWISS GRAND RESORT & SPA MANAGED BY ACCOR

The **Swiss Grand Resort & Spa** has appointed two new key staff to reposition it in time for the new year. Matthew Eastwell joins the iconic hotel as Executive Chef, while Deanna Varga takes over as Director of Sales and Marketing.

Matthew Eastwell has worked throughout Europe and has been heavily influenced by the flavours and cooking traditions of the Mediterranean, which is fitting for the Swiss Grand's beachside locale. With over 23 years of experience, and having run his own kitchen, Matthew brings a wealth of experience and passion to his new role.

For Matthew the position is a return to the Swiss Grand, as he worked at the hotel from 2000 – 2003 during a period when it achieved "Best Wedding Venue" for four consecutive years.

"I am very excited to come back to the Swiss Grand because I love this hotel and it's even better because it is now managed by Accor and I have worked for Accor at a number of properties so this brings my career full circle," Matthew said. "I am excited to return the Swiss Grand and really make it one of Bondi's most important dining venues."

Matthew's new menu focuses on seasonal fare that is clean and fresh. He uses local ingredients as much as possible, to both help the economy and reduce the hotel's carbon footprint, and showcases the flavours of the Mediterranean and Middle East, with share plates.

Deanna Varga has extensive sales and marketing experience both in Australia and overseas and was most recently responsible for stakeholder communication for the Business Events Australia unit within Tourism Australia. She also previously held roles with Sheraton on the Park in Sydney, the Sydney Convention and Visitors Bureau and at KPMG.

With strong contacts and experience in the leisure, incentive, corporate and association sectors, Deanna is the perfect candidate to build on the Swiss Grand's strong events business.

"It's the people who make the difference in a hotel and we have secured very experienced people in these key roles," said General Manager Richard Holt. "With this new team on board and the opening of Cream Tangerine and other changes, the Swiss Grand is really headed for an exciting 2009."

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