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Passionately dedicated to nature and tradition

Katrin Nägeli-Lüthi is the new Director of the Riffelhaus 1853

Katrin Nägeli-Lüthi grew up in the rolling hills of the Emmental and discovered her love for the Alps in the Bernese Highlands. As the new Director of the Riffelhaus 1853, she now enjoys a wonderful view of the Matterhorn and is thrilled to be here in the heart of the Zermatt mountains.

Katrin Nägeli-Lüthi has had a varied career spanning a range of different fields and industries. Looking back on her experiences in finance and human resources, politics, tourism and gastronomy, Katrin Nägeli-Lüthi believes her career to date has truly enriched her life and helped her to advance further. Now she finds herself at 2,500 metres above sea level.

For Katrin Nägeli-Lüthi, being a hostess at 2,500 metres above sea level is more than just a job.

I have a very close affinity with nature, and I love the mountains. So here in the Riffelhaus on the Riffelberg, in the highest four-star hotel in the Alps, I am truly in my element. This is a magical place, right across from the Matterhorn. The Riffelhaus 1853 is also the second-oldest hotel in Zermatt. Being the Director of this historical hotel is a great honour for me.

A holiday in the mountains is a wonderful way to recharge. What can guests at the Riffelhaus look forward to?

Winter in the mountains is simply wonderful in itself. It is good for body and soul. But no description could do it justice – you have to feel, smell, see for yourself. At the Riffelhaus, nature is all around – all you need to do is step out the front door. And inside the hotel, guests can enjoy modern comfortable surroundings. I and the whole Riffelhaus team are particularly committed to ensuring that our guests feel completely at ease. Good food is a part of that. The cuisine at the Riffelhaus features regional Swiss specialities. It is a part of the hotel's tradition. And to complement the culinary delights, Swiss folk music will also be available on selected days this coming season – I myself am an active yodeller, and I love folk music.

The 2018/2019 winter season at the Riffelhaus begins on 14 December 2018.

Plenty of people can barely wait for it to start snowing already. Once the slopes are white and the pistes are groomed, it will finally be time for the perfect ski-in, ski-out break at the Riffelhaus 1853. The 2018/2019 winter season in the Riffelhaus will run from 14 December 2018 to 22 April 2019. For those who simply cannot wait any longer, you can watch winter arrive in Zermatt online: www.riffelhaus.ch.

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