



24 & 25 June 2005
Architecture Talks Lucerne

Press release

The Architecture Talks Lucerne 2005 will be held under the theme “Hotel Future”

The first edition of the “Architecture Talks Lucerne” will take place on 24 and 25 June 2005 in the Culture & Convention Centre Lucerne in Lucerne (Switzerland). Formerly known as International Architecture Symposium Pontresina, the Architecture Talks will provide a meeting place for a focused thematic debate. Following an interdisciplinary approach, this year’s two-day symposium will be devoted to the theme “Hotel Future”. Frank Joss, director of the Architecture Talks, will introduce the following internationally renowned protagonists who will address the most diverse aspects of the subject:

Donald Albrecht, architect, author and curator, New York
Will Alsop, architect, London
Arnold Chan, lighting designer, London
Ilse Crawford, creative director, London
Peter Droessel, Spa and Recreation director of the InterContinental Resord Berchtesgaden/D
Gerard Greene, CEO and founding member of YOTEL, London
Reto Gurtner, CEO and president of the Weisse Arena Group and director of the hotel Riders Palace, Flims-Laax/CH
Joachim Hauser, architect, Munich
Martin Nicholas Kunz, author and publisher, Stuttgart and Los Angeles
Paul Lewis, Lewis.Tsurumaki.Lewis, architect, New York
Karim Rashid, industrial designer, New York
Pia Schmid, architect, Zurich
Claus Sendlinger, CEO and president of the hotel cooperation design hotels™, Berlin
Matteo Thun, architect and designer, Milan
Presenter: **Maria Ossowski**, Head of broadcasting team at radio station DRS2 in Basle, joined by Donald Albrecht

The up-to-date programme, the speakers’ biographies and further information about the event can be found under: www.architecturetalks.org

Registration fees

1 Day: CHF 300/ EUR 195.00; 2 Days CHF 490/EUR 315.00. Concessions are available for students and groups (3 people or more).

Special air fares for participants from abroad

As official carrier of the Architecture Talks Lucerne, Swiss International Air Lines is offering special congress fares to all participants: **up to 25% discount**, depending on fare type, route and availability.

Hotel prize draw

Registrations received by 30 April 2005 will be entered into our hotel prize draw, with a chance to win one of 4 accommodation packages. The Lucerne hotels Astoria, Continental-Park, Schweizerhof and Waldstätterhof are each offering a double room from 24 to 26 June.

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