



Media Release
Grand Hotel Villa Castagnola
Villa, Art & Gastronomy

Lugano, April 2013: The **Grand Hotel Villa Castagnola**, member of the “Small Luxury Hotels of the World”, is the only five star superior Hotel in Lugano and enjoys a privileged position inside a large sub-tropical park, with a beautiful view towards the lake. The elegant villa, built in 1860, combines the charm of a bygone era with the comfort and the care of a modern luxury hotel.

LONG STANDING HOTEL TRADITION

Villa Castagnola, originally built for the Von **Ritter**, a noble Russian family, was bought, **in 1885**, by a young Swiss couple of the Schnyder von Wartensee family. They transformed it into a hotel and the family owned it up to **1982**, when it was sold to a local family. A total redecoration was then started by the new owners to return the building to its original beauty and provide the highest standards of comfort. Nothing is left to chance! Every detail is taken care of, to make guests feel welcomed into this “private home”. The hotel offers **78 rooms**, of exceptional charm, individually styled, with stunning park and/or lake views, balcony, terrace or loggia. All rooms, of which **28 are Junior Suites and Suites**, have individual air-conditioning, and provide the most modern comforts.

LOCATION

Despite it being at a **short walking distance from Lugano's City Centre**, where you can find museums and the most luxurious boutiques, arriving at Villa Castagnola means plunging into auntainted setting with an breathtaking lake view. The Hotel is well connected to Lugano's railway station and Airport (only 7Km to the Lugano-Agno Airport), and has easy access to the Motorway.



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ART and HISTORY

Elegant art objects are scattered throughout the various public areas: **17th century Gobelin d'Aubusson tapestries** in Salone Camino, **Indian Rajasthan panoplies** and **Afghan doors** dating from the **19th century** in Sala delle Palme, paintings of Italian masters in Sala Bridge, and Flemish masters in Sala Colonne. In Sala Bridge we can observe paintings from the 1800, made by Zito, Brilman and Wariset, but unfortunately the others artists remain unknown.

ART and GASTRONOMY

Restaurant Gallery Arté al Lago, - 1 Michelin Star, 16 points GaultMillau -: A theme restaurant inside an art gallery. A doorstep away from the Villa Castagnola, the restaurant offers a magnificent and unique view over the gulf of Lugano as well as a dainty cuisine. The signature dishes of our Executive Chef **Frank Oerthle** are entirely fashionable and original. Embellished by artworks and sculptures of contemporary artists of international standing. The current exhibition is by the Japanese artist, **YOSHIYUKI MIURA**.

ART and PARK

From April 17th until October 31st 2013, Villa Castagnola' beautiful park exhibits thirty statues by **Nag Arnoldi**. Sculptor, painter and art teacher, is one of the best known artist from Ticino in the world. This exhibition of art works of the Swiss sculptor outline his 30 years of works with 30 pieces, some of them rather monumental, amongst the most important, sufficient to understand the style and themes that the artist has faced during his career.



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ART and CURIOSITY

On the edge of the park you will find a gracious, tiny Chapel with 17th Century frescos. The Chapel is still in use and it's the perfect location for a private wedding or a christening. An unexpected spot out of a fairy tale...

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