



## **Michelle Walder**

### **AEHL 2008**

*Michelle started in the Hospitality industry at the early age of 13 by working for her family's hotel and restaurant in upstate New York as a dishwasher and host. Despite her family encouraging her not to follow in their footsteps, she couldn't resist the passion that was naturally already a part of her DNA. Prior to starting her time at EHL, Michelle worked mostly in various roles within Food and Beverage for Ian Schrager in New York and in London which only built her enthusiasm for the boutique hotel industry.*

*During her time at EHL, Michelle completed two internships for Hotelier Andre Balazs back in New York City which eventually led to a permanent job offer after graduating in 2008. Ultimately, this led to a six-year tenure with the company at the Mercer, Sunset Beach Hotel and Standard, Highline mostly in Front and Back of House operations.*

*Michelle joined her current company, Sydell Group in 2011 as part of the preopening team of Nomad, New York. Since then, Michelle has become an integral part of many of Sydell Group's openings including the Line LA, the Ned in London, Freehand New York, Line DC and Nomad, Las Vegas. Michelle now oversees all aspects of the Nomad, New York's operations and is excited that Sydell Group has recently started a partnership with EHL for Interns and Management Trainees at all properties.*

*She has also worked on projects along the way with Argentinian group Faena and Edition Hotels and is currently developing an online platform offering reduced hotel room rates for patients and their caretakers undergoing Cancer treatment in New York City. Michelle was born in New York to a Swiss-German family and currently calls NYC home, but loves to travel and spend time with family and abroad especially in London and Zurich.*