

An eco-friendly pop-up restaurant, imagined and run by EHL students, sets up shop in Bad Ragaz



The pop-up restaurant "LeftLovers" during the Bad RagARTz exhibition.

Chur / Lausanne, June 1st 2021. Two students from [EHL Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality](#), Chiang Dinh-Khai Nguyen (20 years old) and Samuel Indermühle (22 years old), are starting today their internship at the pop-up restaurant "LeftLovers" in the park of the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz. The ambitious sustainability-focused concept, which they developed during their studies, features anti-waste recipes that have convinced the F&B teams of the 5-Star Resort.

A second life for leaves and peelings

Every day for six months, the duo of students will assist the Bad Ragaz chefs in managing "LeftLovers" and developing bold and creative take-out dishes, composed almost entirely of by-products of the dishes of the Grand Resort's restaurants. Thus, students and chefs will take up the challenge of sublimating radish tops, apple peelings, or celery leaves!

"There are so many things to do with the supposed by-products of our kitchens, rather than just throwing them away. It's easy to make good food out of good products, but to create a culinary experience with second-rate products is a feat.", says Silvio Germann, head chef at IGNIV by Andreas Caminada.

It's a short step from theory to practice

The "LeftLovers" concept was conceived and designed on the EHL campus in Passugg near Chur during a project management and sustainability course, and was then presented to the management of the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz. They were delighted with the innovative concept and were quick to implement it.

The collaboration with the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz that resulted from this student group work is in line with EHL Group's mission to forge links between the academic world and the hotel industry in order to train committed and responsible professionals.

"It has always been my desire to conceptually use the hotel industry as a platform for experience design and sustainability. The innovative power of our students played a decisive role here. I am very proud that we were able to convince awarded professionals of our concept. Everyone can benefit from such a great collaboration!", enthused Michael Hartmann, Managing Director of EHL Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality.

This project reflects the common desire of both establishments to promote innovative and responsible practices in the hospitality sector. "LeftLovers is an important step for us and symbolizes our commitment to a sustainable use of our resources," adds Marco R. Zanolari, General Manager of Grand Hotels and EHL alumnus.

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