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*Prestigious awards for two LH&V restaurants and young chef Michael Gollenz*

*Alfred Keller Restaurant receives Michelin star,*

*Matsunoki a Michelin Plate*

Mali Lošinj, Croatia, September 8, 2021 - **The Alfred Keller restaurant has been awarded a Michelin star, a prestigious award by the famous French guide book to selected restaurants with exceptional cuisine and top service. The Alfred Keller restaurant, located in the Boutique Hotel Alhambra, one of the top 10 hotels in Europe, has been run by young Austrian chef Michael Gollenz since earlier this year. Another restaurant within the Lošinj Hotels & Villas brand received a similar recognition - the Matsunoki restaurant was awarded a Michelin Plate, a recognition that indicates that the facility is on its way to its first star.**

The very best Croatian vegetables, fish and meat are at the center of attention in the culinary creations of Chef Michael Gollenz. Using classic French techniques, Chef Gollenz elevates the tastes and raises the experience of guests to new levels. The menu, which is constantly changing, has embraced sustainable procurement and local food cultivation, and presents guests with flavors in their pure essence, using only the freshest ingredients from the island of Lošinj and the surrounding area. The dishes at Alfred Keller are designed to showcase the purity of each product, the master technique and the vision of Chef Michael Gollenz.

The Michelin star arrived on Lošinj after series of events which have positioned the Alfred Keller restaurant on the European culinary stage under the mentorship of Christian Kuchler, a Swiss chef with two Michelin stars from the famous Taverna zum Schafli. Apart from Chef Kuchler, this season Lošinj was a meeting point of other culinary stars such as Sebastian Zier, who runs the Einstein Gourmet restaurant with two Michelin stars and 18 Gault & Millau points, and Stefan Heilemann, the 2021 Swiss chef of the year.

"We are delighted with the latest award bestowed on the Alfred Keller restaurant. A Michelin star is something everyone desires. This is an award to Chef Michael Gollenz, as well as to the entire staff of the Alfred Keller restaurant for their dedication to satisfying the wishes of the most discerning guests, but also a confirmation that Boutique Hotel Alhambra is becoming a center of gourmet events in Europe due to its strong menu and impressive wine list,” said Andrea Glavan, director of Boutique Hotel Alhambra.

The unique level of service presented in the luxurious surroundings of Čikat bay has strengthened the position of Lošinj Hotels & Villas among the world's leading luxury hotels. Stunning nature, unsurpassed luxury and impeccable bespoke service best describe what the hotels in the luxury collection of this Lošinj hotel brand have to offer. Boutique Hotel Alhambra, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World and Virtuoso, is part of the luxury collection of the Lošinj Hotels & Villas brand, which also includes Hotel Bellevue and luxury villas - Villa Augusta, Villa Mirasol and Villa Hortensia - located on the shores of the fairy tale Čikat bay on the island of Lošinj.

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