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RECRUITMENT WEEKEND IN SWITZERLAND BRINGS NEW STAFF FOR MALMAISON AND HOTEL DU VIN HOTEL GROUPS

HGR (Hospitality Graduate Recruitment, www.h-g-r.com), the Swiss based hospitality student and alumni recruitment company hosted a 'recruitment weekend' last month for hotel groups Malmaison & Hotel du Vin, resulting in five candidates being offered positions within the companies.

Following the weekend which was held in Luzern, Switzerland, five candidates have been offered jobs within Malmaison & Hotel du Vin hotels across the UK. Positions include; an Assistant Housekeeping Manager for Henley; a Chef Apprentice at One Devonshire Gardens and a receptionist in Malmaison Edinburgh and Hotel du Vin Harrogate and an eight month Food and Beverage internship starting next month at Hotel du Vin in Brighton.

The weekend was organised and hosted by HGR's Managing Director, Jeff Ross. The purpose of the weekend was to give Malmaison & Hotel du Vin an opportunity to meet and recruit some of the international hotel school qualified candidates that Jeff and his team work with. By coming to Switzerland, Malmaison and Hotel du Vin were able to meet and interview candidates from over 15 European hotel schools.

Representing Malmaison & Hotel du Vin were Group Talent Manager, Julia Newton, General Manager of Malmaison London, Anthony Thwaites and the People and Development Manager for Scotland and Ireland Orli Schechter.

They were recruiting on behalf of hotels across both groups for internships and permanent positions from entry level to supervisory levels in various departments across their UK hotels. The starting dates of the assignments are already underway.

"We were delighted by the success of the weekend", explains Talent Manager, Julia Newton. "These candidates were offered positions within both hotel groups across the UK and we are delighted to have been able to make these offers so quickly. At Malmaison and Hotel du Vin, we are continually exploring new recruitment methods and it is thanks to Jeff and the HGR team that this exercise proved to be particularly fruitful. Indeed we are coming again in March 2008 to repeat the exercise."

HGR was contracted by Malmaison & Hotel du Vin back in August 2007 to help them with their recruitment processes for a number of positions over the next six to twelve months across both groups. The success of the weekend in Switzerland underpins HGR as one of the leading international hospitality student and alumni recruitment companies.

“The weekend was a huge success in general and exceeded everyone’s expectations,” exclaims Jeff. “We work with a diverse network of hotel schools in Switzerland and internationally, and all the student and alumni participants were very enthusiastic and extremely keen to take part in the day, with a view to moving to the UK and working for Malmaison & Hotel du Vin. The students were all very motivated and genuinely interested in pursuing careers in hospitality in the UK. We are sure that the recruitment drive in March will be as successful!”

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