

Select Hotels & Resorts International Now Managing Le Grand

One of the southern hemisphere's biggest luxury hotel groups has taken over the management of Hamilton's landmark Le Grand Hotel.

Select Hotels & Resorts International assumed the management role this week and Select's managing director Tony Balch immediately announced a change of name for the hotel and a major refurbishment programme.

"We will be shortly refurbishing the guests' rooms and public areas in a contemporary style that reflects Le Grand's premier position in Hamilton," Mr Balch said.

The Hotel has also been renamed the Select Le Grand Hotel, Hamilton, and will be repositioning itself as a luxury boutique hotel for international and domestic visitors to Hamilton as well as local residents looking for a special occasion.

The Select Group specialises in boutique luxury accommodation and has almost 50 deluxe hotels and resorts in 11 countries in the Asia Pacific region. This is the first move by Select into the Waikato region.

"Select is delighted to be associated with Le Grand Hotel. We will be re-opening the upstairs Cocktail bar and Grill which will again become the best fine dining experience in the area," said Mr Balch. "In addition we will be introducing a new executive club floor."

"Other plans for the future include a Spa and Beauty Salon and a roof top cigar bar plus a new concept for the Café," he said.

The Le Grand building was originally constructed in 1925 and was well known as Wesley Chambers which housed a law firm and doctors surgery.

In 1994 the landmark building was transformed from Wesley Chambers into a boutique hotel which has had many notable guests over the years including Prime Ministers, overseas dignitaries and sporting celebrities. The hotel has 39 rooms ranging from standard rooms through to top executive suites.

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