



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **AMSTEL HOTEL APPOINTS LIONEL BETHAZ CHEF PATISSIER**

Hendrik Bosch, General Manager of the *InterContinental Amstel Amsterdam*, has appointed Lionel Bethaz Chef Patisserie. Before this appointment, Bethaz was working at the Michelin starred *Restaurant Dôme* in Antwerp. In his new position, he will be responsible for the hotel's entire range of patisserie, including that of *Restaurant La Rive* (\*). Bethaz will be reporting to Chef de Cuisine Rogér Rassin and Executive Chef Hotel Richard Matulessy.

Lionel Bethaz: "After having worked in France and Belgium for twenty years, it is wonderful to be able to switch to Amsterdam's prestigious *Amstel Hotel*. My extensive experience – acquired at various first-rate hotels, restaurants and patisseries – guarantees that all aspects of the patissier's craft will be adequately represented in order to take the entire patisserie department to a higher level. I am looking forward to cooperating closely with Mr Rassin and Mr Matulessy in order to create a completely harmonious palette of flavours."

Bethaz has worked at a number of star restaurants, including *Hotel Negresco* in Nice (\*\*), *Restaurant Moulin de Mougins* near Cannes (\*\*\*), *Restaurant Louis XV* in Monaco (\*\*\*) and *Restaurant Alain Chapel* in Mionnay, France (\*\*). He gained experience at various top patisseries, such as the *Pâtisserie Fauchon* in Paris and the *Pâtisserie Cottard* in Antibes. From 1994 till 2002 he ran his own establishment, *Pâtisserie Lionel Bethaz*, in Brasschaat, Belgium.

*InterContinental Amstel Amsterdam* was listed as Best Hotel in the Netherlands in the *Condé Nast Traveler Gold List 2008* and has been designated one of The World's Best Hotels in the *Forbes Traveler 400 List 2008*. *Restaurant La Rive* (\*) is in fourth place in the Top 500 of the *Lekker Restaurant Guide 2008* and scores 17 points in the *GaultMillau Restaurant & Hotel Guide 2008*. For more information please visit [www.amsterdam.intercontinental.com](http://www.amsterdam.intercontinental.com).

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