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THE SWISSÔTEL NANKAI OSAKA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE  
THE APPOINTMENT OF BERND SCHNEIDER AS THE HOTEL'S  
NEW GENERAL MANAGER AS OF 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018.



**Osaka, 15 February, 2018** - Bernd Schneider brings with him extensive expertise in the hospitality industry, with over 30 years of experience from various locations on three continents, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Effectively multilingual, Bernd completed his Hotel and Catering College in Bad Woerishofen Germany. He commenced his hospitality career as a chef in Bavaria, Germany, and progressed to senior chef positions in various establishments, to include one of Germany's best restaurants, the famous three Michelin-star Tantris Restaurant in Munich.

After joining AccorHotels in 1992 at the Ibis Hotel Augsburg in Germany, moving 1994 to Indonesia, Bernd Schneider has worked with AccorHotels for 26 years now with numerous assignments from taking on the Regional General Manager position for Mercure Hotels in the People's Republic of China in 2002 and Delegate General Manager for AccorHotels Philippines in 2006, to being the Area General Manager in Sofitel India in 2009. His career with AccorHotels proved exemplary with the opening of the Spiral restaurant in Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila, an award winning-flagship dining destination in the Philippines, and attested with his win for 2009 People of the Year Award from People Asia Philippines, recognizing exemplary individuals for their achievements and contributions to society.

Bernd Schneider commented: "I am delighted to join Swissôtel Nankai Osaka, and to start working with this exceptional team in the year of the hotel's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I look forward to continue working together with my new colleagues to achieve even higher levels of hospitality, delivering our guests exciting experiences like only Osaka can offer. I believe that we will be providing extraordinary moments to our guests."



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#### About Swissôtel Nankai Osaka

Swissôtel Nankai Osaka is part of the Swissôtel Hotels & Resorts group.

Nestled in the heart of “Minami”, Osaka’s most stimulating centre for business, culture, shopping, food, fashion, and entertainment, Swissôtel Nankai Osaka provides unmatched convenience and urban getaway for travellers. It is the only hotel that offers direct railway access from Kansai International Airport. The hotel is situated right above Namba station, a major transportation hub in Osaka city, offering an easy access to various popular tourist destinations, including historic city of Kyoto, UNESCO World Heritage gems of Nara and cosmopolitan port city of Kobe. Hotel provides a wide range of amenities, seven restaurants & bar and Fitness & Spa, and has been featured in/received awards for Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence, World Luxury Hotel Award, World Travel Awards, and Wine Spectator. For more information or reservations, please call +81-6-6646-1111, visit <http://www.swissotel.com/hotels/nankai-osaka/> or contact your local travel professional.

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