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La Réserve de Beaulieu named Legend Hotel of the Year 2026

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La Réserve de Beaulieu, the historic five-star Mediterranean address in Beaulieu-sur-Mer on the French Riviera, has been named Legend Hotel of the Year 2026 at the European Hotel Awards.

The distinction recognises a hotel whose identity has been built over generations and whose place in the Riviera's hospitality heritage extends far beyond architecture or reputation alone. Since 1997, La Réserve has been under the direction of the Delion family. Jean-Claude and Nicole Delion have preserved the character of the property while continually renewing it, maintaining the intimate scale, attention to detail and highly personal approach that have become inseparable from the house.

A Riviera legend preserved through continuity

Created on the shores of the Mediterranean in the late nineteenth century, La Réserve de Beaulieu belongs to the lineage of the great Riviera hotels that helped define an international art of travel and hospitality. Its seafront setting, distinctive architecture and long history give the property an immediate sense of place, but its legendary status also comes from continuity: the ability to remain recognisable while evolving with each generation.

Under the stewardship of the Delion family, this continuity is expressed through regular restoration and refinement, a close personal presence in the life of the hotel and a determination to protect its identity. The property brings together rooms and suites, gastronomy, the Restaurant des Rois, La Table de La Réserve, the Spa La Prairie and a Mediterranean setting that remains central to the guest experience.

The Delion family and the meaning of a living legend

The European Hotel Awards use the word 'Legend' with particular care. It is not intended simply to reward age, fame or nostalgia. A legendary hotel must be able to carry its history into the present, preserve a recognisable culture of hospitality and remain relevant without losing the qualities that made it exceptional in the first place.

This is precisely where the role of Jean-Claude and Nicole Delion becomes essential. Their long-term stewardship has been defined by a rare combination of ownership, personal involvement and hotelier instinct. The result is a house that remains deeply connected to its heritage while continuing to evolve through investment, renovation, gastronomy, service and attention to the smallest details.

The logic behind Legend Hotel of the Year 2026

The European Hotel Awards are not based on public voting, popularity rankings or automated scoring. Their approach is qualitative, holistic and editorial, considering identity, consistency, service culture, leadership, heritage, guest experience and the distinctive contribution of each property to European hospitality.

For La Réserve de Beaulieu, Legend Hotel of the Year 2026 recognises more than a prestigious address. It recognises the continuity of a living institution of the French Riviera - a hotel whose history, setting and hospitality culture have been protected and renewed by the Delion family, allowing the legend to remain not only remembered, but experienced.

LA RÉSERVE DE BEAULIEU Legend Hotel of the Year 2026 Represented by Jean-Claude and Nicole Delion - Owners Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France

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