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LYON S INTERNATIONAL CITY OF GASTRONOMY - A World Source of Inspiration

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Lyon was selected by the French Heritage and Gastronomy Mission as the venue for the International City of Gastronomy because mainly of the historic point of view, as Lyon's culinary tradition has been recognized for centuries, being nowadays called the 'World Capital of Gastronomy'.

The 'International City of Gastronomy' in Lyon is an exceptional and original project showcasing the food and gastronomy culture with particular emphasis on the relationship between food and health. 'The Grand Hôtel-Dieu' was chosen as the future venue for the great project. This location is an historic monument where Rabelais once worked and now undergoing a monumental refurbishment, funded by the Eiffage Group. This heritage site will be completely given over to well-being, lifestyle, gastronomy and the dining experience. The culinary theme will be rolled out over the entire site with shops, restaurants and cafés.

It will also be the venue for exhibitions and cultural events for all audiences, where the spotlight will be on know-how and talent. This City of Gastronomy will also be a place of research and innovation to finally be under the theme of 'food and health', a theme which allow the general public to explore a new field of research and knowledge.

- The Key Dates regarding the transformation of Grand Hôtel-Dieu of Lyon into the International City of Gastronomy in Lyon :

* 2010 : The last hospital services are moved out of Hôtel-Dieu.

* November 16, 2010 : The French's gastronomic meal is included in the UNESCO list of the Intangible Heritage of Humanity.

* November 2011 : The site of the Grand Hôtel Dieu of Lyon is classified as a Historic Monument.

* Spring 2012 : Launch of a call for an expression of interest by the MFPCA (French Heritage and Gastronomy Mission) to French local authorities wishing to be a venue for the City of Gastronomy.

* Spring 2012 to October 2012 : Work and mobilisation on the candidature.

* October 15, 2012 : Presentation of the project to the MFPCA.

* June 19, 2013 : Formalisation by the French State of the network of International Cities of Gastronomy, bringing together the cities of Lyon, Paris-Rungis and Tours.

* December 2014 : Signature of the lease between Eiffage and Hospices Civils de Lyon.

* April 2015 : Official start of the refurbishment works on the Grand Hôtel-Dieu of Lyon.

* December 2017 : Opening of shops, offices and housing.

* September 2018 : Opening of the Intercontinental Hôtel.

* December 2018 : Opening of the International City of Gastronomy in Lyon.

- The International City of Gastronomy : A source of Inspiration :

* TEACHING : The huge range of gastronomy in FRANCE and Worldwide, the gentleness of the French way of life, giving each and every visitor the keys to the pleasure of good food and a better diet.

* REVEALING : The 'Terroirs', the products, the trades, the know-how : creating a place of innovation, teaching, learning, training, to allow everyone to discover the secrets of gastronomy throughout the world.

* CONNECTING AND WELCOMING : By offering a laboratory for professionals in the industry, the stakeholders, the energies, the talents...

* OPENING UP TO THE WORLD : To become a top destination, a showcase of excellence.

Source : Press Trip to Lyon December 8-9-10, 2016 -- Press Conference at World Trade Center Lyon on December 9, 2016 -- Visit of the site of the future International City of Gastronomy of Lyon at Grand Hôtel-Dieu under full refurbishment -- Press Conference at EIFFAGE Offices on December 9, 2016.

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