



**BELMOND APPOINTS MASSIMILIANO PUGLISI AS GENERAL MANAGER OF
GRAND HOTEL TIMEO, A BELMOND HOTEL, TAORMINA**



8 June 2021 - Belmond today announced the appointment of Massimiliano Puglisi as General Manager of Grand Hotel Timeo, A Belmond Hotel, Taormina, the brand's timeless Sicilian hideaway. Massimiliano will take up his new role from 7 June 2021.

A native Sicilian, Massimiliano has travelled and worked extensively throughout his 22 years of experience in luxury hospitality. Prior to joining Belmond, he served as General Manager of The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection in Newport, Rhodes Island. Having worked with numerous renowned luxury hotel brands in the United Kingdom, Spain and the United States, Massimiliano has developed a strong guest-focused approach and strived to understand what makes each hotel unique. He has consistently led the team to create bespoke guest experiences, proven by great results and success throughout his career.

Robert Koren, Divisional Senior Vice President, Europe, Middle East & Africa said of the appointment: "We are delighted to welcome Massimiliano to the Belmond family, and most importantly, back to his home region of Sicily. At Belmond, we see ourselves as curators of incomparable genuine travel. Massimiliano's passion to create unique and bespoke experiences makes him a natural fit to the brand. With his wealth of international experience, we are confident that he will bring in



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new visions and ideas to further elevate the offerings at Grand Hotel Timeo as well as the hospitality scene in Sicily."

Driven by his strong desire to rediscover the uniqueness of this island and to raise its profile around the world, Massimiliano said: *"It is my great pleasure to join Belmond and the LVMH group as General Manager of the Grand Hotel Timeo. I have taken the opportunity to return to Sicily with great enthusiasm, and I am looking forward to the 2021 season and the re-launch of Sicilian tourism, as well as the opportunity to help new markets discover our beautiful island."*

Set in the rocky hills of Taormina and overlooking the east coast of Sicily, Grand Hotel Timeo, A Belmond Hotel, has been the destination of choice for renowned international personalities such as Audrey Hepburn, Marcello Mastroianni and Elizabeth Taylor. Built in 1873 in a stunning location adjacent to the Greek Theatre, the Grand Hotel Timeo is distinctive for its enchanting gardens, its panoramic pool and astonishing Literary Terrace, where guests can enjoy a unique view of Mount Etna whilst savouring Sicilian dishes at the Michelin-starred restaurant Otto Geleng.

For further information about Grand Hotel Timeo, A Belmond Hotel, Taormina, visit www.belmond.com.

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About Belmond

Belmond has been a pioneer of luxury travel for over 45 years, building a passion for authentic escapes into a portfolio of one-of-a-kind experiences in some of the world's most inspiring destinations.

Since the acquisition of the iconic Hotel Cipriani in Venice in 1976, Belmond has continued to perpetuate the legendary art of travel, taking discerning global travellers on breathtaking journeys. Its portfolio extends across 24 countries with 46 remarkable



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properties that include the illustrious Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train, remote beach retreats like Cap Juluca in Anguilla, Italian hideaways such as Splendido in Portofino, or unrivalled gateways to world natural wonders such as Hotel das Cataratas inside Brazil's Iguazu National Park. From trains to river barges, safari lodges to hotels, each unique property offers an incomparable experience with its own story to tell. The essence of the Belmond brand is built upon its heritage, craftsmanship and genuine, authentic service. Belmond sees its role as custodians of timeless heritage, dedicated to preserving its assets through sensitive ongoing restoration plans. Belmond is part of the world's leading luxury group LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton.

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