

# Hoteliers On the Move, April 2018

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*The swim-up bar at Sandals Barbados, Gebhard Rainer was named the new CEO of Sandals last month. Photo: Sandals Resorts.*

[Gebhard Rainer](#) is CEO Sandals ([Adam Stewart](#) remains president Sandals Foundation) • [Nicholas Hockman](#) is senior manager lodging, Walt Disney Resorts • [Peter Strebel](#) is president Omni • At Nikki Beach, [Kevin Wallace](#) is president, Asia, and [Alexander Schneider](#) is Vice President Europe and Middle East • [Antoine Berberi](#) is SVICE PRESIDENT Ops Proper Hotels • [Kevin Abramowicz](#) is Vice President Ops COMO • [Yoram Biton](#) is md Central Europe, Leonardo • [Heidi Kunkel](#) is Vice President Ops Australasia, Hilton • [Dennis Lanners](#) is Vice President Ops North America, Millennium • [Mark Vondrasek](#) is chief commercial officer, Hyatt • [James Young](#) is hospitality director, Ho Chi Minh-based Military Bank • [Philippe Garnier](#) is SVICE PRESIDENT hotel services, Accor • [Wolfgang Greiner](#) heads Ops, Munich Hotel Partners MHP • [Mark Havercroft](#) heads Africa, Minor • [Peter Clarke](#) is Vice President Ops West Coast, IHG • [Laurent Carrasset](#) is Vice President South America, Belmond.

Iewan Berulava opens Adjara Group's 160-room Tbilisi Stamba ('printing house'), Design, originally to be InterCon • Anne Schaefflein opens Campbell Gray Hotels' 48-room Isle of Islay Machrie, which has a partnership with the Glasgow Conservatory • Ignacio Mendoza opens Talbot Hotels' 254-room Lima Hyatt Centric San Isidro • Mehdi Eftekari opens Bald Mountain's 85-room Calistoga Four Seasons Napa Valley • Roy Ball opens Bloomsbury Set-themed 49-room London Academy, and Lee Kelly opens 26-room Bray UK Monkey Island Estate, with a spa-on-a-berge – both are YTL owned, Champalimaud designed • Shigehiro Okada opens 10-room Tokyo Koe, directly above owner Stripe's 2 floors of its various fashion labels • Nori Uchiyama opens Asahi Shimbu's 164-room Tokyo Hyatt Centric Ginza, with 24/7 gym.

Patrick Moukarzel opens 54-room Sharjah Al Bait • Patrick Moukarzel opens GHM's 53-room Sharjah Al Bait • Alejandro Casamor opens 246-room Cape Verde Hilton • Greg Stafford opens 250-room College Station TX Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center • Philippe Cornaille opens Groupe Chaabane's 41-room Tunis Avani Les Berges Du Lac • Brett Hohn opens 219-room Broadbeach Qld Avani Gold Coast Residences • Simon Dell re-opens 96-room Hua Hin Mövenpick Asara • Alexander Doerr flags 80-room Berlin Das Stue, formerly the 1930s-vintage Danish Embassy, as Accor-managed SO Berlin Das Stue • Ada Egorova re-flags Alexey Govorunov's 137-room St Petersburg W Hotel as Accor-managed SO St Petersburg • Lutz Mueller re-names 58-room Koh Samui Sunset Coast as Avani • Dant Hirsch de-flags 391-room New York Trump Soho, now The Dominick.

### **Other md/gms**

Tony Costa Dubai Burj Al Arab • Jerry Gibson Oahu Turtle Bay • Nick Ivezaj New York Kimpton Ink48 • Ilka Karl Mallorca Es Princep • Mohan Koka Miami Beach Kimpton Surfcomber • Awet Siumass Vero Beach Kimpton • Jim Mauer Grand Cayman Westin Seven Mile Beach Resort • Benjamin Bel Edinburgh Hotel du Vin • Eva Mount London Athenaeum • Ray Goetz London The Arch • Niels Vuijsters Denver Le Méridien Downtown • Christian Ruge Riyadh Burj Rafael Kempinski • Joel Meyer Douglasville GA Foxhall Resort • Justin Earle Jupiter FL Jupiter Beach Resort • Anne-Marie Brooks Anguilla Divi Little Bay Beach Resort.

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