

## Press Release

## A Celebration of French Gastronomy in Moscow: the Grand Opening of the Chocolate Boutique & Café Vendome



*Moscow*, 03 June 2014 – It is not necessary to fly to Paris to enjoy delicate croissants, or feel the flair of playful ease in a French chanson and breathe in the smell of exquisite chocolate in the romantic air of the old town...A visit to Nikolskaya brings you not to a street in Moscow, but into the heart of France.

Located on Nikolskaya Street, Café Vendome brings the Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré to Moscow in its black-and-white cinema version. Vendome - one of the "five royal squares" of Paris - previously belonged to the Duke of Vendôme César. Indeed the Duke, who was the founder of the Vendome, could not imagine his life without a well-prepared dessert. He once compared their splendor with the dignity of gemstones. The Chocolate Boutique in Vendome Café takes a truly royal "jewelry" approach to the creation of its sweet masterpieces.

Guests' sweet tooths are satisfied with homemade cakes, mousses, tarts, éclairs, mignardises, viennoiseries, chocolates, vanilla crème and fruits – all specially presented in a vitrine. A perfect place for an afternoon rendezvous, each dessert calls out passers-by to



stop in and enjoy a break. A selection of tarts can be read as a French cookbook – presenting tarte tatin, pure chocolates, a selection of éclairs and typical French desserts, such as Opera, Paris Brest and St Honoré, in addition to a variety of macaroons.

The menu also offers traditional gourmet French cuisine: terrine of duck and riyet, mussels "Mariner", beef "Bourguignon", salad "sea and land" with king crab and honey goat cheese baked with lettuce in a walnut-raspberry filling.

If just reading this text gives you hunger pangs, just imagine how your appetite will rise when reading Vendome's menu! A simple-but-typical French à la carte will be available to satisfy the tastes of gourmands for lunch or dinner, while beef tartar or entrecote café de Paris will be a cause for applause. The magnificent interior and gentle sounds of French music will dissolve you into an atmosphere that is pure Paris. A real trip to Paris is shorter in Moscow than walking along the Champs-Élysées.

## About Hotel Nikol'skaya Moscow:

The hotel is located in a complex of historic buildings in the heart of Moscow, only a few minutes from the historic Red Square and Kremlin, Bolshoi Theatre and other cultural attractions. The famous GUM department store is located within walking distance from the hotel, as are many boutiques. The hotel features 210 rooms and suites including two Presidential Suites (150 sq m each). The luxurious and elegant public areas and guestrooms were designed and styled by Leo International Design Group and reflect the hotel's uniqueness. The hotel offers a wide range of gastronomic options, including Mosaik Seafood & Grill restaurant, Rooftop Lounge and Bar, A Tavola Italian Osteria, Chocolate Boutique & Café Vendome, Robusto Cigar Club and Orlov Lobby Bar and Lounge. The hotel also boasts L. Raphael Spa with 10 treatment rooms, a sauna and steam room, a10 m indoor pool, a whirlpool and a fully equipped Fitness Centre.

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