

PRESS RELEASE

**ALESSIO LAZAZZERA, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HOTEL EXCELSIOR VENICE
LIDO RESORT, ELECTED BY EHMA
“EUROPEAN HOTEL MANAGER OF THE YEAR 2024”**

The prestigious award was presented to him during the recent EHMA Annual General Assembly held at the Excelsior Venice Lido Hotel, which celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Association



From left to right: Alessio Lazazzera, GM Hotel Excelsior Venice Lido Resort, and Panos Almyrantis, President EHMA

Alessio Lazazzera, General Manager of the iconic Hotel Excelsior Venice Lido Resort, is this year's winner of the prestigious "European Hotel Manager of the Year" Award that EHMA - European Hotel Managers Association - confers every year to the active member who has achieved exceptional management results during the previous year and throughout his/her career. The award was presented to him during the gala evening in the magnificent Sala degli Stucchi of the Hotel Excelsior on the occasion of the EHMA Annual General Assembly held in Venice from 12 to 14 April 2024. The Jury rewarded his ability to combine managerial innovation with an admirable vocation for the valorization of territorial and human resources. Competing with Alessio Lazazzera for the award was Ivica Max Krizmanić, General Director of the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel (Croatia).

“His thirty-year experience has allowed him to **brilliantly face and overcome the difficult recent years** with total dedication and attention to human resources,” comments **EHMA President Panos Almyrantis**, Chief Development Officer (CDO) of Ella Resorts in Athens. “Passionate about his work, gifted with rare emotional intelligence, he is an **example of visionary leadership**. A reference point for the Venetian hospitality for years, his ability to inspire the people around him is undoubted, by first and foremost supporting and guiding his team in the discovery of their talents.”

Alessio Lazizzera, General Director of Hotel Excelsior Venice Lido Resort and Complex Lido Activities Venice, 54 years old, is born in Campania. His professional career, with experience in some of the most famous Italian hotels, makes him **one of the leading General Managers at national and European level**. From 1989 to 2002 he held positions of increasing importance in CIGA Hotels, ITT Sheraton, Starwood Hotels & Resorts, Relais & Chateaux, acquiring formidable 360° knowledge in each sector. From 2002 to 2015 he was at the famous **Grand Hotel Quisisana in Capri**, a 5-star luxury hotel affiliated with The Leading Hotels of the World. Subsequently he worked as GM at the **St. Regis Venice San Clemente Palace**, a 5-star luxury hotel by Starwood Hotels & Resorts, and then at **Falisia, Luxury Collection Resort & SPA**, Portopiccolo, Triest, also a 5-star luxury hotel by Starwood Hotels & Resorts.

Since 2017 he has been General Manager of the Hotel Excelsior Venice Lido Resort and Complex Lido activities Venice, 5 Star Deluxe Hotel and Complex Lido Beaches and Restaurants, London & Regional Properties, member of ILH “Iconic Luxury Hotels”. This historic luxury hotel includes 2 restaurants, 3 bars, a fitness center, a conference center, banquet activities, a fleet of 7 private boats, a Beach Club with 900 Cabanas, 2 bars and 1 self-service restaurant, 380 employees. With his characteristics as a manager of international standards, **capable of dealing with challenges of extreme complexity, both managerial and planning**, in properties in which "perfection" constitutes the normal way of existing and acting on the market, Lazizzera has maintained and consolidated the reputation of the Hotel Excelsior Venice Lido, **continuing the tradition of the legendary CIGA in a non-nostalgic perspective**, as a point of reference for the Venetian panorama and historic home to the Venice Film Festival. His qualities have been recognized with numerous awards.

EHMA member since 2012, he enthusiastically participated in numerous meetings and with great passion, as Chairman of the Organizing Committee, he organized the recent EHMA international Annual General Assembly which took place at the Hotel Excelsior Venice Lido from 12 to 14 April 2024 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Association.

The contender was Ivica Max Krizmanić, General Manager Esplanade Zagreb Hotel (Croatia).

Under the management of Ivica Max Krizmanić, Hotel Esplanade has recorded **consistent success and increased revenues year after year**. With his distinctive leadership style he is committed to maintaining the highest standards, preserving the Esplanade's impeccable image as a leading hospitality and restaurant institution across the region. Krizmanić's approach is characterized by **inspiration, innovation, expertise and a personal touch**. He has had the opportunity to shake hands and **host high-ranking figures, statesmen, members of royal families and celebrities**.

Krizmanić has been an **EHMA member for 10 years**. He participated in the Annual General Assemblies of Geneva in 2015 and of Cyprus in 2016, as well as in several national meetings in Vienna and Split.

Identity Kit of EHMA

EHMA – European Hotel Managers Association was **founded in Rome in 1974 by prominent Hotel General Managers** of undisputed professional ethics with the aim of maintaining and enhancing the image of the hotel industry. It is composed of high-level hotel general managers who envision to be the preferred Association of Hotel Managers, **representing the most prestigious and unique hotels in Europe**. Supporting an inclusive and stimulating networking environment, sharing experiences, insights and support, and effectively communicating within the hotel industry, with integrity, loyalty and trust encompass the **Association's core values**. The Association currently has over **440 members representing 23 European countries, 400 hotels, 86,000 rooms and 66,000 employees**.

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