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A new padel court at Le Grand Bellevue Hotel in Gstaad

Unleash your passion for padel at Gstaad's newest hidden gem!

As part of ongoing efforts to elevate the leisure offerings of Le Grand Bellevue (LGB) I am thrilled to hear about their latest addition – the brand new Padel Club Gstaad.

Great timing as padel, a captivating blend of tennis and squash, has experienced an unprecedented surge in popularity in recent years. With its fast-paced gameplay and accessibility to players of all skill levels, it has captured the hearts of sports enthusiasts worldwide.

With the new and exclusive Padel Club Gstaad, LGB is creating an inclusive community to invite and connect padel players at this

state-of-the-art facility. Get ready to be impressed as you step onto the court with its breath-taking panoramic view. This magnificent facility proudly showcases Switzerland's first carbon padel court, a testament to LGB's commitment to innovation and sustainability.

Whether you're a local resident or a visitor, the court is accessible to everyone through same-day bookings and pre-registration. However, members and hotel guests enjoy exclusive privileges, allowing them to truly immerse themselves in this thrilling sport. And if you don't have your own equipment, fret not! Rackets and balls are conveniently available for rent on-site.

After a spirited session on the court, head back to the luxurious surroundings of Le Grand Bellevue and treat yourself to an invigorating sports massage – or in my case: a well-deserved cooling drink, savouring the triumphs of my game while basking in the opulent surroundings. Book your court on padelgstaad.ch

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AN ODE TO THE HIDE

I found a gateway to timeless elegance en route to Gstaad.

Calling all connoisseurs of exquisite décor and those with an eye for beauty! I'm happy to report that Saanen now proudly hosts the alluring Norki Decoration store, a haven for those seeking to elevate their living spaces to new heights of elegance and sophistication.

First thought was a winter pop-up, so double the joy that they stayed because Norki is more than just a store; it's an experience that transports you into a world of timeless charm, exquisite craftsmanship and refined aesthetics. Carefully curated pieces reflect a fusion of mid-century modern and classic allure all wrapped up in wool, hide and soft fur – a refreshing take on chalet chic.

Albeit a collection of luxurious home furnishings and accessories sourced from artisans and craftsmen who excel in their artistry, it's first and foremost a matter of heart

and pride. It's a family-owned business, and even though Norki is an international company, I value the personal touch that you will surely be met by either owner Sonia or her husband Thierry in the showroom. Each season, Norki will invite artists and designers in residence to present some of their most beautiful pieces that will bring strength and uniqueness to the decoration of their showroom.

Visit **Norki Decoration**
in Saanen, Gstaaderstrasse 8,
www.norki-decoration.com

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