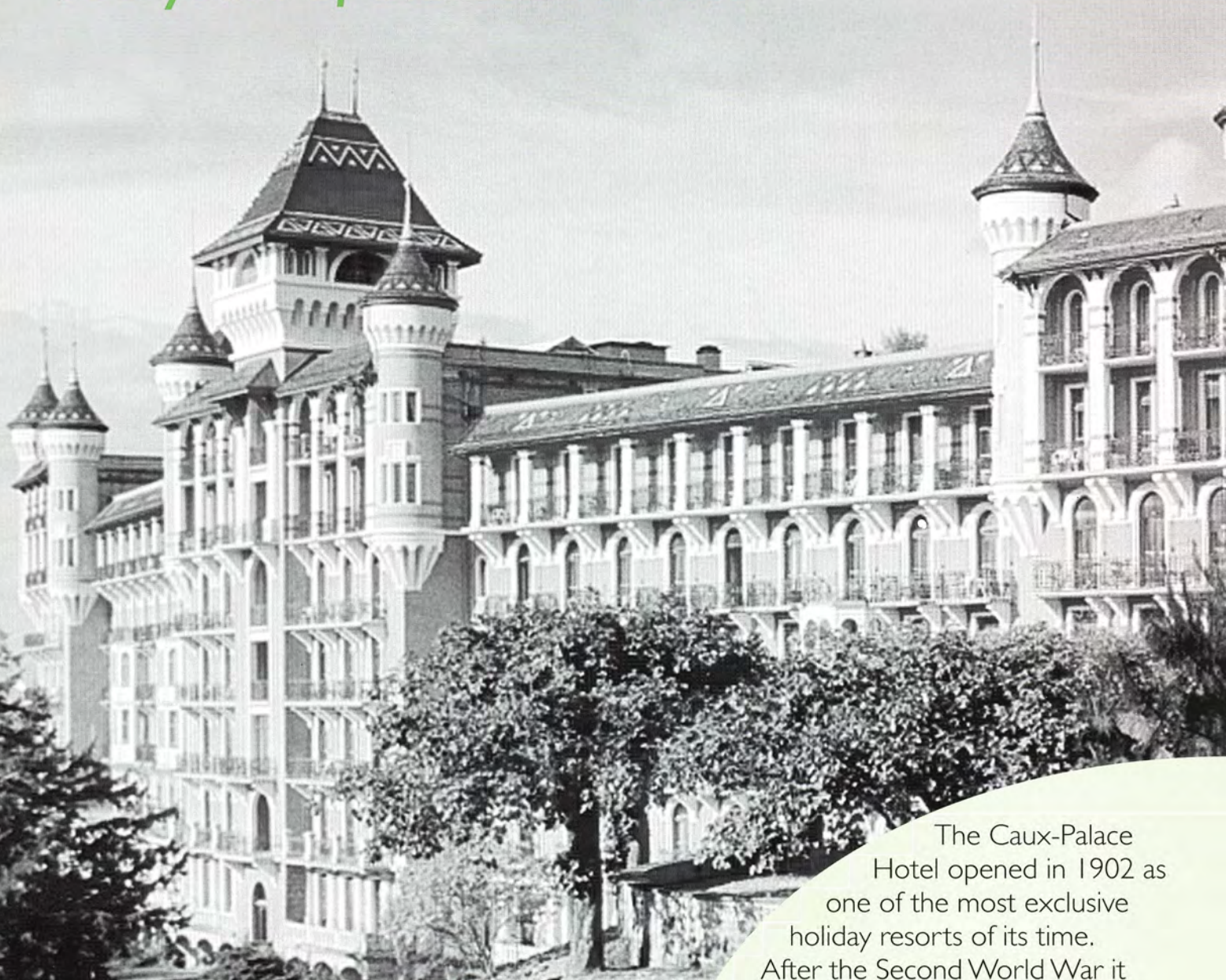


# A home for the world

A Fund-raising campaign for  
100 years of the Caux-Palace



  
CAUX  
Initiatives of Change

The Caux-Palace Hotel opened in 1902 as one of the most exclusive holiday resorts of its time. After the Second World War it became a centre of hope: the hope that change is possible, that men and women can limit war, injustice and hunger. In Caux, reconciliation has become a reality... Today this mission is more relevant than ever. That is why we need and count on your support. On the next pages we will explain to you why.

Cornelio Sommaruga, President





## *From a luxury hotel...*

### **AN EVENTFUL HISTORY**

At the start it seemed a huge, crazy gamble: to construct a palace hotel at an altitude of 1000 meters. From 1902 onwards in the early years of the last century, celebrities such as Scott Fitzgerald, Arthur Rubinstein and Rudyard Kipling stayed at the hotel. Then came the economic turmoil of the thirties and the hotel fell on hard times.

### **CONTRASTS**

During the Second World War, the former luxury hotel sheltered interned allied soldiers and war-refugees. Finally, in 1946, when preparations for demolition were being made, the hotel was purchased by 100 Swiss who wanted to make it available as a place where Europeans torn by hate, suffering and resentment could meet again. So the Caux-Palace became a place dedicated to reconciliation and forgiveness, where other celebrities stayed, such as Konrad Adenauer, who later became chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Robert Schuman, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, as well as thousands of men and women from every walk of life.

### **DISCOVERY**

For 55 years as an international conference centre for Moral Re-Armament (now Initiatives of Change), the Caux-Palace has enabled groups and individuals of all faiths and races from North, South, East and West to come together. It has been and continues to be a place of dialogue, renewal and change. It has played a part in the post-war Franco-German reconciliation, in the decolonization process in Africa, in the social dialogue between management and trade unions, and continues to work at the heart of situations of conflict like Cambodia, Somalia and Lebanon.







Lively discussion in the park.

## ...to a home for the world

"In establishing themselves in Caux, in one of the most scenic spots of the French part of Switzerland, the leaders of Moral Re-Armament saved this incomparable site from the speculating wave of tourist mercantilism that has spoilt so many parts of Switzerland. They turned the abandoned old Palace into a centre of intense intellectual exchanges and into one of the melting pots of civilisation which in the end emerged from the accumulated ruins of the two world wars."

*Paul Du Bochet, Tribune de Genève, November 1971*

"The movement never has been and never had any intention of being a Church, and is most certainly not a sect. It is a movement that brings new vitality (in) to existing communities. So (much so) that Buddhists and Hindus have been able to be part of a movement (...) of moral and spiritual renewal in the very broadest sense."

*Carl Keller, Professor of History of Religions, University of Lausanne, 1986*

"They rightly recall the efforts Frank Buchman made during those difficult post war years to re-open to us Germans the door to dialogue on an international level. I am aware of the merit of the big international conferences in Caux and of their contribution to international understanding."

*Richard von Weizsäcker, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1986*

"As far as MRA's parallel diplomacy is concerned, by contrast, the evidence cited here is literally conclusive, its contribution was clearly limited and just as clearly of proven significance: MRA did not invent the Schuman Plan but it facilitated its realisation from the start. That is no small achievement given the vast importance of every delay – and every acceleration – of the process of Franco-German reconciliation during those crucial, formative years."

*Edward Luttwak, in Religion, the Missing Factor in Statecraft, Oxford University Press, p. 55*

"The cold war has really come to an end. If there still were any doubts left, they have just recently been dispelled by Moral Re-Armament. This 'moral and spiritual' movement, founded in 1938 by the American Pastor Frank Buchman, which for a long time was at the spear-head of anti-communism, has decided to turn over a new leaf, to start with by giving itself a new name."

*Le Monde, Paris 19–20 August 2001*

"As we move forward to make the city of Mitrovica a safer and more tolerant community we will always remember with gratitude your dedication and support that allowed us to lay the foundation for our work."

*The Co-Chairpersons of the Community Council for Peace and Tolerance of the City of Mitrovica, Kosovo, November 1, 2001*



Scholars of the summer program on Conflict Transformation at a conference plenary.



Conference participants meet informally and share their concerns.



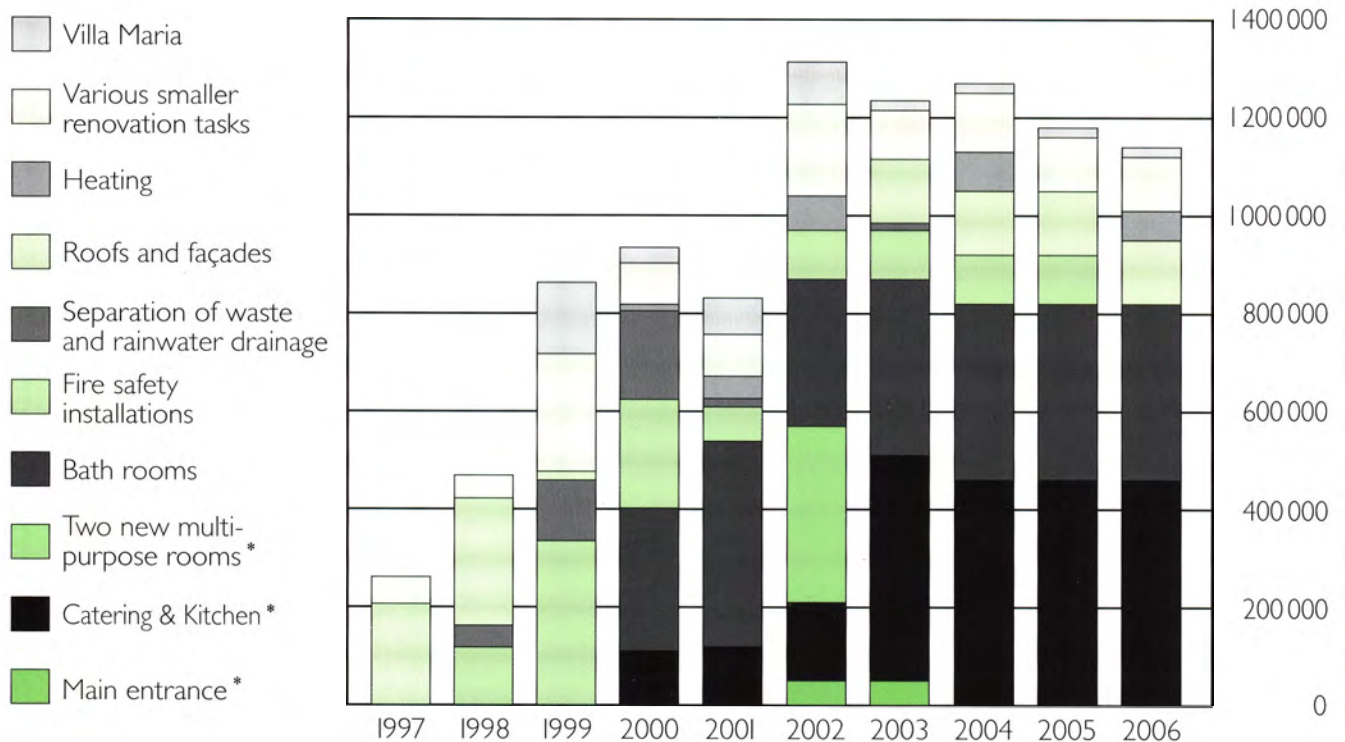
Ryuzaburo Kaku (Canon Inc., left) and Frederick Philips from the Netherlands, who co-founded the "Caux Round Table", which later published its principles for ethical and responsible corporate behaviour.



# The Renovation Fund

You can play a part in sustaining these encounters at the service of the world.

An overview of the main improvements and renovations undertaken and planned between 1997 and 2006



\*These three projects are co-financed by the Swiss Hotel Management School SHMS. The two tables only show the amounts due to be carried by the Foundation.

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Main entrance*</b>						50 000	50 000			
<b>Catering &amp; Kitchen*</b>				110 000	119 000	160 000	460 000	460 000	460 000	460 000
<b>Two new multi-purpose rooms*</b>						360 000				
<b>Bath rooms</b>				292 000	420 000	300 000	360 000	360 000	360 000	360 000
<b>Fire safety installations</b>		117 000	335 000	222 000	70 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	100 000	
<b>Separation of waste and rainwater drainage</b>		45 000	124 000	181 000	17 000		15 000			
<b>Roofs and façades</b>	206 000	260 000	18 000				130 000	130 000	130 000	130 000
<b>Heating</b>				13 600	46 000	70 000		80 000		60 000
<b>Various smaller renovation tasks</b>	55 000	47 000	240 000	84 000	85 000	187 000	100 000	120 000	110 000	110 000
<b>Villa Maria</b>			146 000	32 000	75 000	87 000	20 000	20 000	20 000	20 000





## The Foundation at a glance

Since its creation in 1946 our foundation, a recognised charity, has undertaken as its main task the running of the conference centre of Initiatives of Change in Caux. To cover the regular expenses which have increased from 2 to 3.5 million Swiss Francs in the course of the past ten years, the foundation has depended on numerous gifts and the voluntary contributions of the

conference participants for their stay. A good part of its activities is taken on by volunteers.

In 1977 thanks to the sale of an annex, the foundation was able to set up a renovation fund as an initial step towards ensuring the preservation of the main building.

Since 1995 a part of the complex is rented to the Swiss Hotel Management School SHMS outside conference times. This allows a better stewardship and helps cover a good part of the regular maintenance expenses of the house.

In 1996, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the conference centre for "a world without fear, without hate and without greed", the foundation received and encouraging number of contributions. Thanks to various generous legacies and contributions for specific projects, the foundation has since then been able to plan the renovations in a more systematic manner.

For the year 2001 the auditors again confirmed the healthy financial state of the foundation as it endeavours to adapt the expenditures to the total of gifts received.

The pace of renovations should therefore be maintained at the level presently reached (as shown in the graph) so that the buildings can continuously be adapted to the security and safety regulations and to offer a centre that allows the foundation to pursue its statutory aims in a satisfactory manner:

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## You can have a part!

In supporting the renovation fund, you can help maintain a unique example of the architecture of the early 20th century in this region around Lake Geneva. At the same time you will be investing in continuing initiatives of change that emanate from Caux.

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