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## THE ESPRIT DE FRANCE - a Club for Owners with Passion for Heritage and Art

### Chateaux, Manors, Country Homes...

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The official explanation given for the symbolism behind the 'Esprit de France' logo is : 'The ancient oak reflects the union between a rich past and a promising future, between respect for History and the advantages of modernity. Its many leaves, connected to the branches, symbolise the Esprit de France members'.

The Residences in FRANCE are strategically located and divided into Six Geographic Areas :

\* PARIS - ILE-DE-FRANCE with 8 Hotels in key areas of PARIS in Historic Buildings and the Château de Bourron near FONTAINEBLEAU

\* NORMANDY & BRITTANY with 5 Castles, 2 Manors and 1 Farmhouse

\* LOIRE VALLEY & CENTER REGION with 7 Castles

\* THE GREATER SOUTH WEST with 3 Castles, 1 Hotel, 1 Private Mansion, 1 Farmhouse

\* RHONE - PROVENCE- FRENCH RIVIERA with 2 Castles, 3 Hotels, 1 Abbey, 1 Estate

\* THE NORTH EAST REGION & BURGUNDY with 2 Castles and 1 Abbey

\* 5 New Members are expected this year

\* 3 New Hotels in PARIS & 1 in Province are under rehabilitation and will be open to the Public in 2018

Source : Informal Meeting with 'Esprit de France' CEO Xavier DUPAIN (since 2013) on April 25, 2017 at Hôtel BRIGHTON (Jardin des Tuileries in PARIS)

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