

Richemont Club  
SCHWEIZ SUISSE SVIZZERA

# Portrait & Statutes



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# Preface

Dear Rlichemont Club Members

Dear Potential Rlichemont Club Members

Rlichemont Club owes its name to the renowned Rlichemont Craft School. Supporting and maintaining the exchange of experience and advanced training amongst bakery and confectionery experts belong to the Club's top priorities.

Together with the board, we are very much interested in creating a dynamic and open Rlichemont Club with which we would like to reach also those beyond our language and national borders.

We would like you to discover the richness of others through the beauty of our profession.

**Panem nostrum quotidianum**



François Wolfisberg  
President

# Your benefits

## TEN GOOD REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER

- Richemont Club is «the biggest international group in exchanging experiences» of our industry.
- The mutual open exchange with national and international Club members will be a valuable asset.
- You discover interesting and new aspects with presentations and talks.
- You stay on the pulse of the industry and take active part in its positive image.
- You encourage the promotion of young people's ongoing training.
- During the events you open doors that usually often remain closed.
- Club members are entitled to participate in events in all other countries.
- You obtain a financial contribution for your active participation in international meetings.
- Your moderate club fee will pay off quickly with your active participation and use of the services offered.
- You manifest the membership of the Richemont Club with the batch.

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# Statutes

## NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE & PURPOSE

### 1. Name

The name «Richemont Club Switzerland» (hereinafter called «Club») denominates an association pursuant to art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

The Club is member of the International Richemont Club (IRC) and accepts its statutes.

### 2. Registered office

The registered office of the Club is at the Richemont Craft School in Lucerne.

### 3. Purpose

Priority of the Club is to promote the image of the complete bakery-confectionery industry. For this purpose the exchange of experiences and advanced training in the bakery-confectionery industry are actively maintained and supported. The Club organizes meetings, trade demonstrations and discussions to enhance the professional level.

The Club intends to encourage collaboration and good relations between members and related industries.

The Club does not pursue economic activities and is politically and confessionally neutral.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **4. Members**

The members of the Club are professionals from the bakery-confectionery industry and Industry-related persons.

The Club distinguishes between the following categories:

- Ambassador members
- Senator members
- Sponsor members

The memberships are personal and not transferrable, except for sponsor members of companies.

#### **4.1 Ambassador members**

Ambassador members are industry professionals (natural persons) from Switzerland and abroad, who are working in the bakery-confectionery industry. Ambassador members are automatically members of the International Richemont Club.

#### **4.2 Senator members**

Senator members are industry professionals (natural persons) from Switzerland and abroad, who are no longer working in the bakery-confectionery industry.

#### **4.3 Sponsor members**

Sponsor members are natural or legal persons, who are related to the bakery-confectionery industry and who support and promote the objectives of the Club. The number of sponsor members is limited to 20% of the ambassador and senator members. Sponsor members are not entitled to vote.

### **5. Admission**

Applications for membership have to be issued in writing. The valid statutes and Club decisions are acknowledged when applying for membership.

The board will decide on the terms of admission and the acceptance in a member category pursuant to art. 4–4.3. The refusal of applications for membership may be issued without stating reasons.

## **6. Leave and exclusion**

Leaving the Club is possible by observing a three months cancellation period at the end of the calendar year. The leave has to be stated in writing with the secretariat of the Club in Lucerne.

The general meeting decides on the exclusion of a member by a two-third majority of the valid votes given by the attending members. The exclusion may be issued without stating reasons.

Leave or exclusion does not justify the member's right of compensation.

## **RIGHTS & DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS**

### **7. Membership fee**

The members are obliged to pay an annual fee. The annual fee for the members is defined before each general meeting and then invoiced.

### **8. Support of the Club**

The members are obliged to keep to the decisions, regulations and contracts by the Club and to support the Club in its activities.

The members agree to participate particularly in trade demonstrations, fairs and reception of foreign colleagues in Switzerland.

### **9. Voting power**

All ambassador and senator members have voting power. The right of representation is excluded. Sponsor members do not have voting power.

### **10. Liability**

The Club assets are responsible for the Club's liabilities. All personal liability of the members is excluded.



## **ORGANISATION**

### **11. Bodies**

The bodies of the Club are:

- the general meeting (GM)
- the board
- the auditors

### **12. General meeting**

The general meeting is the supreme body of the Club. The statutory general meeting is called by the board and takes place once a year.

Extraordinary general meetings may be called by the board at all times. On request of one fifth of all members with voting power an extraordinary general meeting has to be called within 30 days.

The convocation notice of the general meeting has to be delivered to the members in writing, at least 3 weeks before the scheduled date.

### **13. Competences of the general meeting**

The general meeting has the following competences:

- Acceptance and approval of the statement of accounts
- Decision-making on the membership fees
- Election and deselection of the president
- Election and deselection of board members
- Election and deselection of the auditors
- Exclusion of members
- Decision-making on applications
- Decision-making on modifications of the statutes
- Decision-making on dissolution, liquidation and merger of the Club
- Decision-making on other affairs assigned through legal regulations or the statutes

#### **14. Quorum and decision-making of the general meeting**

The president or his/her representative holds the chair at the general meeting. The chairman also votes and, in case of equality of votes, makes the final ballot.

Each statutory general meeting constitutes a quorum, irrespective of the number of attending members with voting power.

The general meeting makes its decision with a bare majority of the valid votes of the attending members with voting power. Abstentions and invalid votes are not counted.

The elections and votes are open, unless the board or the general meeting require secret voting.

#### **15. Board**

The Club's affairs are controlled by the board, consisting of 5–7 members. The board takes care of all affairs not included in the competences of the general meeting or those assigned to the board.

The members of the board are elected by the general meeting for a period of office of 3 years. A reelection up to max. 3 periods of office is possible. The president is elected by the general meeting. Other than that, the board constitutes itself.

The board has the right to consult further members or to use committees.

#### **16. Quorum and decision-making of the board**

The board makes its decisions with a bare majority of the valid votes of the attending board members. Abstentions and invalid votes are not counted. The president decides in case of equality of votes.

#### **17. Auditors**

The general meeting elects 2 auditors for a period of office of 3 years each. A reelection is possible.

The auditors review the financial statements to be closed as per 31 December and report to the general meeting in writing.

## 18. Dissolution of the Club

The dissolution of the Club takes place through decision by the general meeting, provided two third of all attending members with voting power approve.

In case of a dissolution the equity of the Richemont Craft School Foundation is transferred to the administration department until a new Club with the same objectives is established. If no reestablishment takes place within 5 years, possible assets are delivered to the Richemont Craft School Foundation with the purpose of youth training.

## 19. Statutes

The statutes require the approval of the general meeting. They come into effect upon acceptance by the general meeting.

Modifications of the statues take place through the decision of the general meeting, provided two third of all attending members with voting power approve.

Decided and approved at the general meeting of 22 April 2013.



François Wolfisberg,  
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The content of the statutes was reviewed for legal correctness by the legal services of the SBC.



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