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HAUTS DE LOIRE

HOTEL RESTAURANT SPA

A HISTORIC HOUSE



The estate was, for a long time, little more than a wood, a wild cluster of dense oak trees that served as a seigniorial fiefdom in the 14th and 16th centuries prior to being put up for sale and consequently purchased by various neighbouring families. In the mid-18th century, a series of avenues in the shape of a star were marked out before Charles Louis Panckoucke purchased the whole estate in 1820. The Parisian publisher and his son, who became Mayor of Onzain, expanded the shacks that already stood on the site, marking the birth of the building that we see here today. Known at the time as the Château du Pavillon, it would pass through various sets of hands before being purchased by the Bonnigal family in 1971. This family of hoteliers from Chaumont-sur-Loire transformed the place, creating flowerbeds and digging out a series of lakes, and opened the Domaine des Hauts de Loire, which became a member of the Relais & Châteaux collection from its very first year, in 1974. Over the next forty years the hotel forged itself quite a reputation, and by the time the H8 Collection took over in March 2014, the house had become one of the finest properties in the Loire Valley, even winning the Condé Nast title of Best Hotel in France. The establishment has since been given a real makeover and the Hauts de Loire is now a contemporary hotel that has managed to maintain its charm and ambience despite the vibrant, modern property that it has become.