HOSPITALITY TRADITION IN HOTEL GREIF SINCE THE MIDDLE AGES

As Greif and the hotel ‘zum Schwarzen Greifen’ the establishment looks back on a 500-year history and has long been a ‘Bozner’ institution.

The building accommodating the present-day Hotel Greif was known in the Middle Ages as the hotel ‘zum Schwarzen Greifen’ – changes in ownership and tenants have been documented since 1600. Located directly on the Piazza Walther, during the first centuries of its eventful history the hotel was just inside the old town walls. In those days it was owned by families belonging to the nobility, who leased it to tenants. It was first run by its owners from 1719.

The first owner who is ascertained in documents was a certain Christoph Ull. A string of owners and tenants followed, including the parish priest of Bozen who was a Dominican and later became the town’s prior.

Peter Staffler acquired the hotel in 1816. He had only become a citizen of Bozen in 1796.

Since then ‘zum Schwarzen Greifen’ which later changed its name to Hotel Greif has been privately owned by the Staffler family. In 2016 the ownership has been transferred to the company WP6 srl.