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The salamander, emblem of Francis I

The salamander is the emblem of King Francis I, with the motto Nutrisco & extinguo ("I take nourishment from it and I extinguish it"). This somewhat magical animal is said to extinguish bad fires and kindle good ones. It symbolises a kind of power over fire, and thus over people and the world.

This emblem is very present in the décor and works produced during the king's reign. It is omnipresent at Chambord. It can also be found sculpted in many of the Loire Valley châteaux, as the symbol of a royal residence in Blois and Amboise and everywhere else in the Loire Valley, and throughout the kingdom as a sign of respect and allegiance to the king for owners and ruling families.

Follow the Salamander, in the footsteps of Francis I!

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