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## **Enjoy and relax above the gateway to the world – the Hamburg Westin received its first guests**

*Right after the First Mayor of the City Olaf Scholz opened the Elbphilharmonie Plaza, the hotel located in the Elbphilharmonie, the Westin Hamburg, also received its first guests.*

*37 meters above the ground, the plaza simultaneously serves as a viewing platform as well as a junction between different worlds: architecturally wedged between the historical Kaispeicher and the modern glass structure, and functionally as a meeting point and entrance to the concert halls and the lobby of the Hotel Westin Hamburg. The hotel's main entrance is located on the ground floor at the Platz-der-Deutschen-Einheit.*

## **The first night belongs to the citizens of Hamburg**

The honor of the first overnight stays in the Westin Hamburg is dedicated to the residents of Hamburg – this is something very important to the hotel as it is a hotel for everybody, above all for the citizens of the city. The hotel held a prize draw to give away 100 double rooms to the citizens of Hamburg in order to bestow the 200 “premiere guests” with the unique opportunity of being the first to discover the hotel and experience it with all their senses.

## **Comfort with a view**

The Westin Hamburg extends over 21 floors of Elbphilharmonie. 205 rooms and 39 suites are located at least 40 meters over the Elbe. Looking out from the floor-length windows of the glass façade onto the rooftops of the metropolis and the teeming, turbulent life of the harbor, you feel the luxurious purism that makes the hotel a special place in everyday urban life. The design is inspired by the natural elements water, wood and wind.

Thanks to its location, its marvelous design concept and strict realisation in the Westin philosophy ‘For a Better You’, the Westin Hamburg is a unique haven of comfort located at the gateway to the world. Every stay is transformed into an exhilarating experience through the elements of the well-being philosophy: Feel Well, Work Well, Move Well, Eat Well, Sleep Well and Play Well. That’s how the Westin increases the well-being of its guests with a lasting effect.

In the Elb Spa’s 1,300 m<sup>2</sup> spa area featuring Hamburg’s largest indoor hotel pool, guests and visitors can rest and get away from the everyday stress of life. The “Heavenly Bed”, which was created specifically for Westin, is legendary and has already received numerous international awards. The first overnight guests can marvel at the heavenly sleeping experience as well as at the quality of the culinary delights.

## **A culinary tribute to the location**

The charm of the historical Kaispeicher envelopes restaurant visitors from the very first minute. The aromas in “The Saffron”, the restaurant in the Westin Hamburg, tickle the noses and palates of the guests. The spices are never one-dimensional, but always composed to harmonious taste nuances. Head chef Martin Kirchgasser has already cooked for kings, world-famous politicians and superstars in eight countries – in Asia, the Orient and Southern Europe. He has spent time at the famous Athenian Luxury Collection Hotel Grande Bretagne and the Costa Navarino resort on the Greek Mediterranean.

In “The Saffron”, Kirchgasser serves his guests modernly interpreted dishes in which he combines fresh, regional products with influences from overseas, thereby creating virtuos compositions with a love for tradition and worldliness – quite Hanseatic. For his concept, Kirchgasser let himself be strongly inspired the history of the Kaispeicher and its world heritage surroundings of the Hamburg Speicherstadt: “The location inspired me from the start. The historic Speicherstadt with its tales of sailors, quartermasters and merchants is a special place for a chef.” Kirchgasser’s cuisine is a culinary tribute to the location: the port of Hamburg and the gateway to the world.

## **Unique views and bar food with style**

The Westin Hamburg is located exactly where the port and city meet in the river Elbe. No other hotel in Hamburg is closer to the water. The view from the “The Bridge Bar” on the eighth floor at sunrise or sunset over the Elbe onto the bustling harbor and the lights of the harbor city at night is particularly impressive. No matter if it’s the last drink of the night or the first coffee of the day, locals, visitors to the Elbphilharmonie and hotel guests always find the right drink thanks to the much-travelled bartender Uwe Angerbauer. The bar menu’s highlights include drinks aged in oak barrels which in addition to having a wonderful flavor ensure special moments of enjoyment – and all combined with aromatic food specifically coordinated to match the cocktails. Head chef Martin Kirchgasser created the appetizers exclusively for the bar.

The Westin Hamburg not only enriches the Hanseatic city with a new hotel in a special environment. The hotel offers the citizens of Hamburg and its visitors unforgettable moments packed full of subtle Hanseatic luxury.

The voyage of discovery kicks off on 4 November for all locals and guests from all over the world. The hotel’s official opening will follow at the end of November.

Against the busy background of the port of Hamburg, The Westin Hamburg is a haven of calm in the midst of the hustle and bustle, distinguished by the unusual architecture of the Elbphilharmonie building and the unique view of Hamburg's Speicherstadt, a World Heritage Site. All 244 rooms and suites of the hotel at the Elbphilharmonie offer guests the ultimate relaxation. Modern conference rooms, the spa area covering 1,300 square metres, the restaurant in the historic Kaispeicher and the bar with what is probably the most stunning view in the city – the furnishings are as luxurious as they are understated, always mindful of the lively surroundings. Alongside first-class service, a harmonious ambience makes an important contribution to the overall sense of well-being of the guests, true to the Westin brand philosophy "For a Better You". Further information at [www.westinhamburg.com](http://www.westinhamburg.com).

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