

PRESS RELEASE

Subtle Colour Tones, Fresh Appearance The Westin Grand Berlin with a New Design

- Complete renovation of the hotel
- Overall renovation adds 40 rooms

Berlin, 3 March 2008 – The Westin Grand Berlin with a new design: The renovation of the guest rooms, the function area, the lobby with an outside staircase and the atrium was completed on 3 March 2008, right on time for the International Tourism Exchange in Berlin (ITB). An additional top floor, an overall re-constructed wing, the wellness area and the restaurant will be completed by the end of April 2008. As a non-smoking hotel, the Westin Grand Berlin with a total of 399 rooms at an exposed city location – Unter den Linden/Friedrichstasse – will then take off with its overall new look.

With an available budget of more than 15 million Euros, the New York interior designer, Alexandra Chamalimaud conceived the future of the grand hotel: A symbiosis of traditional elements and modern design interprets the classical concept in a contemporary flair and lends the Westin Grand not only the required elegance and congenial ambience, but also the airiness and freshness of a modern, classical five-star superior hotel.

Through the re-construction of the Linden wing, the Westin Grand will have guest rooms facing towards the magnificent boulevard Unter den Linden with a view of the Brandenburg Gate and the Berlin Cathedral or rooms with an inviting balcony facing towards the large hotel garden. Subtle colours accentuated by dark earthy tones and the second generation of Westin's Heavenly Bed define the interior of the guest rooms; the recently renovated suites remain unchanged. A new highlight is the top floor on the seventh level with nine rooms including two Junior Suites, which can be reserved as a complete unit. The lobby, the distinguished feature of the hotel, will maintain its distinctive character, the bar, however, will be centrally re-positioned in front of the corner entrance and become the centre of happening. Warm shades of brown and subtle bright colours blend with the historical elements of the building and emphasise the style of the grand hotel. The new restaurant, an expanded wellness area with sauna zone and a fitness centre with state-of-the-art training equipment as well as an overall cleaning of the façade complement the renovation concept.