

## A BREATH OF FRESH AIR AT THE FONTENAY – JULIAN STOWASSER JOINS LAKESIDE RESTAURANT AS NEW HEAD CHEF

Hamburg, 10 February 2020. On 1 March, Julian Stowasser will join Lakeside, the gourmet restaurant on the seventh floor of luxury hotel The Fontenay by Hamburg's Outer Alster lake, as its new head chef. The 33-year-old previously ran the kitchen at the Weinsinn restaurant in Frankfurt am Main, where he was named 2020's Rising Star of the Year in Hesse by Gault&Millau and awarded a Michelin star.

'In Julian Stowasser, we've managed to secure a very special talent for The Fontenay: young and ambitious, yet with plenty of experience and a distinctive signature style. His culinary creations are packed with flavour, and we'll soon be able to introduce them to the people of Hamburg and our hotel guests,' says managing director Thies Sponholz.

Stowasser's cuisine blends international inspiration with French roots. He creates dishes combining great density of flavour and culinary complexity with simple concepts and minimal fuss. Julian Stowasser makes gourmet food for the soul. Under his tutelage, the restaurant will start out serving menus of four and six courses. Guests will also be able to order dishes from them à la carte.

The Freising-born chef has stints in plenty of exciting establishments under his belt, including the Bareiss restaurant in Baiersbronn and a guest spot in Sydney at Tetsuya's restaurant. From 2012 to 2014, Stowasser was chef de partie in the Aqua restaurant at Wolfsburg's Ritz-Carlton hotel. From 2014 to 2018, he was a sous-chef in the Atelier restaurant at Munich's Hotel Bayerischer Hof, where the team earned three Michelin stars under head chef Jan Hartwig.

The Lakeside's new man behind the stove will be assisted by his team, including sous-chef Marius Hummel, who he's known for over a decade. Other team members include restaurant manager Michel Buder, head sommelier Stefanie Hehn and pastry chef Marco D'Andrea, who have supplied top-quality food and service since the hotel opened nearly two years ago.

The Fontenay serves as an image of modern Hamburg – a homage to the Hanseatic city. Situated on the Outer Alster lakefront, this 'modern classic' boasts a unique combination of urban nature and cosmopolitan life. The intriguing, sculptural architecture accommodates 130 luxurious rooms and suites, many with a view of the Alster. An inner courtyard planted with trees and surrounded by glass, as well as an impressive enclosed 27 m high atrium, are at the heart of the building. A relaxed bar atmosphere awaits guests in the Fontenay Bar, which features an idyllic view of the Alster. Four function rooms, ranging in area from 48 m² to 220 m² and offering plenty of natural light, are available for conferences and events. High above the rooftops of Hamburg, guests can enter a world of relaxation in the Fontenay Spa, which extends over 1,000 m² and includes an indoor and outdoor pool. The hotel is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

Photos of The Fontenay can be found here: <a href="https://www.thefontenay.com/en/media/download-gallery/">https://www.thefontenay.com/en/media/download-gallery/</a>.

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