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Finally Berlin is able to succeed – punctual reopening of THE MANDALA HOTEL on September 1, 2013 after ten weeks reconstruction time of the entire building

The technical construction work at the THE MANDALA HOTEL, located at Potsdamer Platz, is successfully finished. On September 1, 2013 the 5 star superior design hotel including the Michelin-starred restaurant FACIL, as well as the premium ONO Spa and QIU Restaurant & Bar opened its doors again and surprised beyond that with the renovation of 70% of its studios and suites.

„Luxury experiences and the demands of our guests don't compromise“ says Lutz Hesse, one of the two managing partners at THE MANDALA HOTEL.

Therefore, Hesse and his business partner Christian Andresen decided against a months-long construction phase on the pipe system of the building at Potsdamer Strasse 3, during an ongoing hotel process for the good of an international, sophisticated luxury clientele and all employees.

Instead of this, a concise construction phase of only 10 weeks has been scheduled together with the property owner, the SEB Asset Management Corporation and the real estate management agency PPMG. Therefore the entire temporary closure of THE MANDALA HOTEL with its 158 studios and suites including the FACIL, ONO Spa and QIU Restaurant & Bar from June 24 until August 31, 2013 was determined.

Thanks to a long-term preparation phase of the PPMG (Potsdamer Platz Management GmbH) who already started with the planning process in September 2012, as well as the uncompromising willingness to take in hand the required financial capital, combined with the professional implementation of logistical challenges regarding the complete move-out and move-in of the entire hotel inventory enabled that the brief time plan stayed on schedule.

The architectural office “Maske + Suhren”, the engineering office “Biek” as well as the movers company “Scholz und Zapf” were responsible for the coordination and planning of this major project.

They ensured that up to 380 employees from 45 different shareholders of a pit worked hand in hand, 2.5 km of pipes and 3500 m² carpet were laid and from the FACIL's kitchen up to every single clothes hanger in the suites were put in and out.

Beside the reconstruction almost 70% of all studios and suites were painted freshly and provided with new luxurious carpets and fabrics.

Due to the high speed and size of the project many operations had to be implemented simultaneously which caused working hours from 2am to 8pm on Monday to Saturday.

„All partners showed a high level of enthusiasm and professionalism even until the last day of construction“, says Sören Carls the responsible construction supervisor from Maske + Suhren. Conclusively, thanks to the high commitment of all involved partners it became possible that all deadlines were adhered successfully with the result that the exclusive 5 star superior THE MANDALA HOTEL, Michelin-starred restaurant FACIL, premium ONO Spa and QIU Restaurant & Bar are at its guest's disposal again.

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THE MANDALA HOTEL ist a privately managed 5 star superior design hotel located at Potsdamer Platz in the center of Berlin. Since ist opening in 1999 Lutz Hesse and Christian Andresen are both the property owners and managing directors of THE MANDALA companies, to which belongs THE MANDALA SUITES as well. Along with 158 exclusive studios and suites, all freed from electric smog, equipped with walk-in closets, large work desks and a luxurious bathroom, THE MANDALA HOTEL offers the Michelin-starred gourmet restaurant FACIL, the QIU Restaurant & Bar and premium ONO Spa on the 11th floor. Moreover THE MANDALA HOTEL provides 3 meeting rooms from 50 to 60m² flushed by daylight which are especially adapted for individual and discrete meetings.