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## The Fontenay facts

### BUILDING PROCESS:

- Foundation stone laid: 14th August 2014
- Investment sum: € 100 million
- Material used: 24,500 m<sup>3</sup>/865,209 ft<sup>3</sup> of concrete, 5,200 tons of steel, 1,700 linear metres/5577 linear ft of ceramics, 14 000 m<sup>2</sup>/150,695 square ft of glass surfaces
- Owner: Kühne Immobilien

### EXTERIOR AREA:

- 14,000m<sup>2</sup>/150,695 ft<sup>2</sup> plot size
- 10,000m<sup>2</sup>/107,639 ft<sup>2</sup> park and garden area
- The 'Heaven Mirror' fountain in front of the hotel with a diameter of 13.6m/44.6 ft was built with 200 granite stones and weighs 100 tons.
- Bar terrace size 500m<sup>2</sup>/5382 ft<sup>2</sup>

### ROOMS AND SUITES:

- 130 rooms: 113 rooms and 17 suites
- Deluxe Double room size: 43m<sup>2</sup>/462.8 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Price for Deluxe Double room from €355 per night excluding breakfast (breakfast €35)
- Room ceiling height 2.85m/9.3 ft
- Amenities: walk-in wardrobe, fine parquet flooring, sofa seating area, desk, air conditioning, safe, minibar, satellite TV, 5m<sup>2</sup> private balcony
- Bathroom with shower and/or bathtub, separate WC, vanity unit, underfloor heating
- The two largest suites measure 180m<sup>2</sup>/1940 ft<sup>2</sup> (Alster Suite) and 200m<sup>2</sup>/2152.8 ft<sup>2</sup> (Fontenay Suite)

### PUBLIC AREAS:

- 27m/88.5ft high atrium with 198 scaled and satinised glass panels
- 25m/82ft long custom-made semi-circular sofa in Atrium
- Garden patio
- Parking garage with 3 e-charging stations

### FOOD:

- Garden restaurant Parkview with terrace and one private dining room
- Gourmet restaurant Lakeside on the 7th floor with private dining salon and terrace
- Fontenay Bar on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor with roof terrace and spectacular view over the Alster Lake
- Atrium Lounge
- Bar with 320° surround view
- Library with Day Bar and Smoker's Room

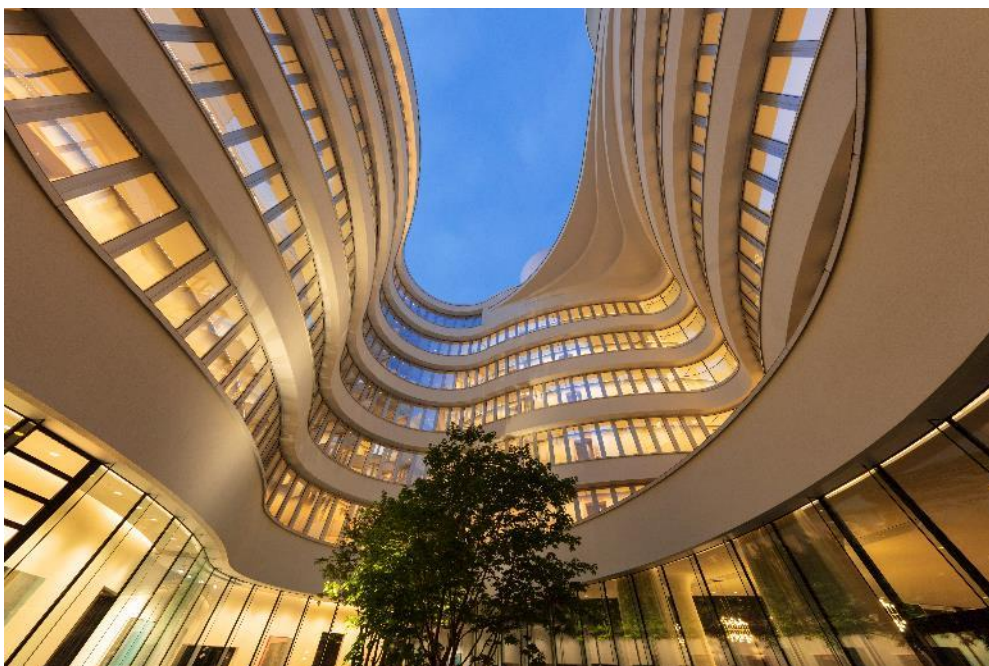
### CONFERENCES AND EVENTS:

- Four event areas ranging from 48 to 220m<sup>2</sup>/517 to 2370ft<sup>2</sup>
- All rooms with natural light and 4m/13.4ft ceiling height
- 200m<sup>2</sup>/2155ft<sup>2</sup> large banquet foyer with access to garden patio
- Large mirror wall in event area foyer featuring 30 three-metre high mirror elements
- Latest generation technical equipment

**SPA:**

- 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>/10,764 ft<sup>2</sup> spa area on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor with panoramic view across Hamburg and Alster Lake
- 20m/65.6ft indoor/outdoor pool
- Sun terrace
- Fitness area with Technogym Private Line equipment
- Panoramic sauna, steam room, ice well, multi-sensory showers
- Private spa suite with separate sauna, double steam bath, whirlpool, TV lounge, multi-sensory shower
- Beauty treatments

*The Fontenay Hotel is a reflection of modern Hamburg and an homage to the Hanseatic city. Located on the shores of the Outer Alster Lake, this “modern classic” forms a unique symbiosis of urban nature and cosmopolitan lifestyle. The fascinating sculptural architecture houses 130 luxurious rooms and suites. At the heart of the building, an impressive 27-metre/88.5 feet high atrium features a glassed-in garden courtyard. Parkview Garden Restaurant offers a multifaceted cuisine, while the Fontenay Bar creates a relaxed atmosphere with breathtaking views across the Alster Lake. The gourmet restaurant, Lakeside, is situated on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor above. Four event spaces with daylight illumination ranging from 48 – 220m<sup>2</sup>/516.6 – 2368 ft<sup>2</sup> can be hired for conferences and events. High above Hamburg’s rooftops, an area of 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> offers an exclusive spa experience with a 20m/65.6ft indoor/outdoor pool. The Fontenay Hotel is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World.*



## Luxury doesn't just happen. It evolves...

The definition of luxury is as complex as defining each of us individually. In recent years, the trend has shifted from obvious, ostentatious luxury to more enduring values. Quality of life, space, tranquillity, privacy, being in tune with nature combined with urban comforts, self-improvement, and the ability to be acknowledged as an individual, are just some of the contemporary facets of luxury.

While The Fontenay offers all the amenities expected of a 5-star superior hotel, it's the soft values that truly define the luxury of the stay, creating an enduringly beautiful experience. The Fontenay way of life is founded on a unique combination of Hamburg's flair, the close proximity to nature and water, the history of the hotel and exceptional hospitality.

### Quintessential Hamburg

"The Fontenay is a reflection of modern Hamburg: open-minded, cosmopolitan and exceptionally welcoming. A homage to the Hanseatic city, the luxury hotel is tailor-made for the many national and international visitors who come to discover and rediscover Hamburg," explains Thies Sponholz, General Manager. Hamburg is Germany's gateway to the world, and it has, for centuries, been open to people and their ideas, always welcoming the different, the individual and the new. And yet, for all their cosmopolitan flair, the lifestyle of Hamburg residents can be described as classic. Modern, timeless – *Modern Classic* – is the Hanseatic mantra, and esteemed Hamburg architect, Jan Störmer, took inspiration from this phrase for the title of his drawings for the hotel. It's a style that reflects not only the unique architecture of the building, but also the carefully crafted interior.



### Nature and water – lakeside luxury

The Japanese call Hamburg "The green city in the woods" – and not without reason: 27 per cent of Hamburg comprises natural areas. The Fontenay is situated in one such natural area on the south-westerly shore of the Alster Lake. It's a magical, beautiful place of nature and tranquillity, right in the heart of the city. It can be described as an urban resort. Thanks to the unique architecture the entire building is flooded with light; 14,000m<sup>2</sup>/150,695 ft<sup>2</sup> of glass surfaces offer views across the Alster Lake, the hotel gardens and neighbouring areas. And while the infinity pool seems to merge with the lake, the boundaries between interior and exterior fade. A short walk along the Alster takes visitors to Hamburg's most fashionable districts, city centre, shopping areas, port, and the new HafenCity. As the epitome of pure 'Lakeside Luxury', The Fontenay represents the perfect balance between nature and urban living. The hotel is a prime example for the global mega trend 'Urban Nature'.



### The History

The hotel is named after John Fontenay, one of the most successful Hanseatic merchants of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Presumed to have been born in 1770 in Pennsylvania, USA, he arrived in Hamburg in 1800, and swiftly made a career in the shipping business. In 1802, he married a wealthy widow, Anna Catharina Kirsten, who brought 4 children into the marriage. Despite the damaging effects of the Napoleonic wars on trade, and the family's departure from Hamburg between 1810 and 1814, John Fontenay was able to build a substantial fortune. Following his return to the city in 1814, he used his success to purchase a range of plots outside the Wallring area, near Dammtor. At the time of his death, Fontenay owned more than 80,000m<sup>2</sup>/861,112.8ft<sup>2</sup> of land in the city's best locations. Today, many street names like 'Fontenay Allee', or 'Klein Fontenay' as well as his carefully restored home and garden point to the history of these idyllic estates. This inheritance is currently managed by the Fontenay Trust and unites the descendants of John Fontenay's stepchildren.

### The team

180 members of staff look after guests at The Fontenay. "Our aim is to provide hospitality that is always natural, authentic, heartfelt and sincere. Every guest should feel comfortable, acknowledged, understood and respected. For me, that is the highest art of hospitality," says Thies Sponholz, The Fontenay General Manager. "The Fontenay way of life is the result of deep convictions and real values – nothing is artificial, affected or invented," explains Sponholz.





## Everything in flow – lakeside architecture at The Fontenay

### The neighbourhood

A look at the area surrounding The Fontenay quickly reveals how green the city of Hamburg is. In the Rotherbaum district, English Tudor style architecture meets the classic grandeur of buildings from the Wilhelmanian period. Thanks to the 'Alster Ordinance', white is the most dominant colour of the impressive, yet unobtrusive buildings. The area features expansive parks, numerous foreign consulates, the University of Hamburg, the North German Broadcasting Corporation (NDR) as well as the Museum of Ethnology. Of course, the Alster Lake is always a draw with its park-inspired shores and water sports activities, including paddle boarding, sailing and rowing.

The lake-facing side of The Fontenay plot is made up of an expansive green area with 130-year old plane trees. The 7m wide drive offers ample space for three cars to park side by side. It leads to the centrepiece, the 'Heaven Mirror', a mosaic 13.6m/44.6ft in diameters. More than 200 granite blocks arranged in a circle and weighing 100 tons reflect the sky and the surrounding trees when viewed from above.

### The Fontenay from the outside ...

'Hotel in the Park', this is how architect Jan Störmer entitled his vision when he began his first drawings. The amorphous shape with its sculpted roofscape evolved from three intertwining circles. They blend seamlessly with their surroundings, creating a balance between nature and the urban sphere. The organic shape means the hotel has no backside; it's surrounded by trees and flooded with light. The three circles intertwine and narrow in the centre where the elevators and the glassed-in courtyard, featuring trees, as well as the 27 metres/88.5 feet high enclosed atrium, can be found.

The circular theme continues throughout the building; the shape of the facade is either concave or convex, no wall is parallel to the other, only the guest rooms are separated by straight walls. The hotel was conceived with all rooms facing outwards.

The Fontenay architecture is the work of Jan Störmer – born in 1942 in Berlin – and his architectural practice Störmer Murphy and Partners. Jan Störmer has significantly shaped the realm of architecture in Hamburg. He has an extensive role as judge in architectural competitions and holds lectures in Germany and abroad.

### ... and from the inside

The Fontenay is a made-to-measure piece – the organic, curvaceous architecture commands that all the furniture is equally individual and custom-made. As Jan Störmer explains, "the shape of the hotel is so strong, it's only natural that every piece of furniture must take this into consideration".

The interior is also filled with round, organic shapes – from the semi-circular 25 metres/82 feet long sofa in the atrium, and the circular lamps in the events area or the semi-circular rugs in the room corridors. The interior's colour palette exudes harmony: light beige, green onyx walls, warm whites, turquoise and royal blue accents reflect nature.

Everything – from the terrazzo floors in the public areas to the parquet flooring, the granite stone and hand-tufted rugs – has been individually selected and designed for the hotel.

**Special interior design features:**

- The round corridors in the hotel rooms posed a particular challenge for the rug design: machines tend to produce square pieces, so they would have wasted 70%. However, Hong Kong based firm The House of Tai Ping used hand-operated machines to produce a small-scale series based on the layout plan – it was the only way to create these fluid geometries without wasting any material.
- The rooms feature a semi-circular marmorino plastered wall. This meticulous Italian craft requires 4 to 5 painstaking steps – from initial plastering, spatula scraping, sanding and waxing to polishing.
- Integrating television sets always caused issues with the trapezoid-shaped rooms. Plus, it was important to avoid dominant appliances in the rooms. An individual construction with the TV mounted on a flexible, rotatable bar enables guests to watch TV from central points in the room and from the balcony.
- The 27 metres/88.5 feet high glass atrium is fitted with 198 satinised, scaled panels of varying shades and LED strips.
- The highlight of the atrium is the light sculpture by Dutch firm Brand van Egmond featuring 140 LEDs fitted to curved steel branches.
- Welcoming culture: at The Fontenay, there is no traditional check-in desk separating guests from staff. Instead, staff and guests sit 'together at one table': three comfortable seating groups in the lobby area are available for a personal check-in experience.
- The semi-circular wall in the events area foyer features 30 3-metre/9.8 feet high mirror elements reflecting the light and the foliage of the inner courtyard. Each element is fitted with an individually controlled multiphase motor that changes its settings according to a pre-programmed sequence, thus creating constantly varying spatial impressions.

The interior was designed by Christian Meinert from architectural practice Aukett + Heese GmbH Berlin – a team of international interior designers who have made their name with a range of award-winning, prestigious projects.





## Modern classic – rooms and suites

In total, guests have 130 different rooms and suites at The Fontenay at their disposal.

### Fontenay Deluxe rooms



Inspired by circles, the sculptural architecture of the building is mirrored in the interior room concept: the trapezoid layout with its curved walls, impressive panoramic facade and floor-to-ceiling windows creates liberating spaces, flooded with light. Opening up to these expansive views, nature becomes part of the hotel experience. There is ample head space too, courtesy of the

2.85m/9.4ft ceiling height, and starting from the Deluxe room category, a 5m<sup>2</sup>/54ft<sup>2</sup> private balcony adds to this sense of generosity.

Warm, bright hues of soft turquoise, light blue and beige, or royal blue with gold accents blend with the beautiful materials and designer furniture. They reflect the unique setting on the shores of Lake Alster in the midst of the park. The oak wood gracing the parquet flooring originates from the forest of the Fontenay Abbey in Burgundy, France. Together with decorative objects by Danish design brand Georg Jensen and original artwork by the Peruvian painter Antonio Máro, they create a canvas of complete harmony.

A touchpad allows guests to conveniently open and close the blinds without a sound, choose between different lighting scenarios, or to adjust the air conditioning in the room. A tablet or a laptop can be connected to the TV via HDMI.

### Suites

All 17 suites have a separate living and sleeping area, parquet flooring, walk-in wardrobes as well as balcony or terrace. Most of the suites are featured with guest WC, kitchenette and a separate sleeping room.

Situated on the 4th floor, the 180m<sup>2</sup>/1940ft<sup>2</sup> Alster Suite offers magnificent views across the lake. It comprises of a large living room with a concert piano, two bedrooms with extra-long beds (2,20m/7.2ft), a separate dining room with a dining table for 10 guests, as well as a fully equipped kitchen. Spacious walk-in wardrobes, a desk and a guest WC are also featured.



At 200m<sup>2</sup>/2155ft<sup>2</sup>, the Fontenay Suite, situated on the 5th floor, is the largest suite in the hotel. It offers spectacular and unforgettable panoramic views across the lake and the city. It comprises of two separate bedrooms with extra-long beds (2,20m/7.2ft), a spacious dressing room, an office/studio, a dining room with a dining table for 10, as well as a fully equipped kitchen and a guest WC.

The design of this unique 65m<sup>2</sup>/775ft<sup>2</sup> Suite – the only one in this style on dry land – is inspired by the Hapag-Lloyd luxury cruise-ship EUROPA 2. Bright, earthy colours and warm wood veneer, combined with designer furniture create a distinctly nautical feel. The EUROPA 2 Suite is situated on the 2nd floor and offers a separate living room and bedroom, a dining table for four, a walk-in wardrobe with full-length mirror, a desk and a guest WC. The 5m<sup>2</sup>/54ft<sup>2</sup> private balcony increases the sense of space with views over the beautiful park. The natural stone bathroom features a bathtub and a rain shower, two washbasins and a separate WC.



## Restaurants and bars

From A for atrium and H for home-made patisserie, to T for tea-time or V for vermouth – a day at The Fontenay offers a wide range of culinary experiences.

### Breakfast at Parkview

Situated on the ground floor of The Fontenay, Parkview is a relaxed restaurant with a smart-casual atmosphere; it combines captivating architecture with Hamburg's elegance and cosmopolitan lifestyle. With its high ceilings and large window fronts, a delightful summer terrace and views across the lake, this unique space merges the outside with the inside in the midst of beautiful parkland. The atmosphere is down-to-earth and effortless. There are 90 seats and a separate private dining room for up to 10 guests.



The day starts in a relaxed flair, including the view across the park and the Alster Lake. Many regional products are served: There is a choice of bread, rolls and croissants and a range of cheeses from Northfriesian Backensholzer Farm, a selection of local charcuterie and smoked fish specialties with a dip. Breakfast is complemented by homemade jam, whipped yogurt with fresh fruit and granola, smoothie shots, freshly pressed juice, coffee and tea, cereal, and much, much more... Egg-based dishes like omelettes, pancakes with local speciality Rote Grütze (berry compote), or buttermilk waffles with fresh berries can be ordered additionally. For those in a celebratory mood, the Gourmet Breakfast includes champagne and caviar. And for something more extraordinary, the Fontenay Hanseatic slice – rye bread with fresh beef tartar and caviar - is a dish that harks back to the days when sturgeon still roamed the River Elbe.

Restaurant Manager Janina Jendrusch and her team offer a courteous, knowledgeable and relaxed service. Executive Chef Stefan Wilke, formerly of the cruise ship MS Europa, is in charge of Parkview's culinary delights. "My cooking is clear and straight-forward, regional, cosmopolitan and seasonal. I'm fascinated by the recognisable flavours of traditional dishes that surprise you with a modern twist."

### Afternoon Tea in the Atrium Lounge

Spending the afternoon in the Atrium Lounge couldn't be more relaxing. In the 27-metre/88.6 feet high space, the 198 satinised, scaled panels create a warm living room atmosphere. The 25-metres/82 feet semi-circular sofa invites guests to read, to watch the world go by, to meet friends or to enjoy a seasonally inspired afternoon tea created by Chef Pâtissier Marco D'Andrea.

The Atrium Lounge leads to three further spaces. The first is the Day Bar, which offers exclusive The Fontenay products like pralines, macaroons, wine, olive oil and many more souvenir gifts. Secondly, the library is stocked with more than 1,000 carefully chosen books, selected in cooperation with Hamburg-based book store, Felix Jud. And finally, the Smoker's Room where you can find a small, but premium selection of cigars.

### **Lakeside - gourmet evening delights**

The evening at Lakeside promises a contemporary fine-dining experience with an interplay of modern architecture with a Hamburg panorama, awarded two stars in the Guide Michelin.

Here, Julian Stowasser and his team cook for the soul and at the highest level. They inspire with bold, wild and elegant creations, which are versatile and interpreted in a modern way. Each course promises an unforgettable pleasure.

The top-class culinary delights are complemented by perfect service - for which Michel Buder be responsible for - the Restaurant Manager at Lakeside, Stefanie Hehn - Master Sommelier and the Chef-Pâtissier Marco D'Andrea.

Restaurant Manager Michel Buder presents "genuine hospitality with natural warmth." For him, that includes "an understated demeanor, expert service and steady presence without being intrusive." Head sommelier Stefanie Hehn is able to track down wines with impressive vintage depth for the menu thanks to her good contacts with many vintners. The mild tea accompaniment and the sequence of different sparkling wines and juices manage without any alcohol at all: "I find juice cuvées or vegetable juices refined with herbs and vinegars particularly interesting - this way you can recreate the structures of wines," Stefanie Hehn is pleased to say.



Bright, flooded with light and in warm white and beige tones - the atmosphere at Lakeside is airy and light. A large mirrored wall brings the light from outside in. The clarity of the room forms the passe-partout for the intense creations of the kitchen team. Lakeside can seat 40 guests; a private dining room for ten can be rented separately.

### An exciting finale: The Fontenay Bar



Where better to finish the day than in the Fontenay Bar on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor with spectacular views across Hamburg. Here, hotel guests can sit side by side with Hamburg's residents. The bar philosophy at this special place is both cosmopolitan and rooted in centuries old traditions, yet is equally contemporary and trend-aware. The team uses aromas from all over the world, as well as local fruits from local suppliers in the Altes Land ('Old Land').

The round Fontenay Bar sets the scene with dark herringbone parquet floors made from steamed spruce, walls clad in Makassar ebony, and a 6m long monolithic bar. The true highlight reveals itself, however, when guests discover the 320° panoramic

view from the 500m<sup>2</sup>/5382 ft<sup>2</sup> bar terrace. All five of Hamburg's main churches, the inner and outer Alster Lake, the Elbphilharmonics, the Town Hall and much more can be seen from this prime location.

One specialty is the '**Wormwood Wagon**' to create new vermouth variations. "We use first-class wine and high quality fruit brandies, herbs and vermouth essences, as well as sugar alternatives. In the Wormwood Wagon, all ingredients are mixed in a metallic bowl held over crushed ice. Then a matcha whisk is used to lift air into the drink to ensure the ingredients are blended lightly and evenly. This is how, for example, a 2014 pinot noir Rosé Chat Sauvage from the Rheingau area, a Cavendish Banana from Stählemühle, agave fruit concentrate, Burlesque Bitters and vermouth essence create a new interpretation of an old vermouth classic," explains bar manager Martin Weisert.

The drinks menu also includes '**Fontenay's Finest**'. This category is a playground for creativity. Inspired by techniques and flavours from all over the world, it allows the mixologist to dip into the latest trends and tastes. The '**Stay Classy**' section focuses on the roots of bar culture with classics dating from 1862 and before, such as the Boulevardier, Negroni or Knickerbocker à la Monsieur.



## Fontenay Spa

Situated on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, high above Hamburg's rooftops with calm, uninterrupted views of sailing boats and ferries on the Alster Lake, you'll find the Fontenay Spa. Here, an area of 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>/10,764 ft<sup>2</sup> offers a world of relaxation in a warm, bright atmosphere where the finest equipment meets knowledgeable experts and therapists, as well as exclusive treatment products.



When swimming in the 20m/65.6ft long indoor/outdoor pool, the waterline of the 29,5°C infinity pool seems to merge with the Alster Lake. The wellness area features a sun terrace, a Finnish panoramic sauna (90°), steam room (45°C), experience showers and ice well, a private spa suite with individual sauna, a steam room (45°C), whirlpool and TV lounge can be reserved for up to 6 people.

These are main partners at Fontenay spa:

### Prof. Dr. Steinkraus

Under the maxim "Bridging Nature and Science", Prof. Dr. Steinkraus combines caring and protective active ingredients into a unique active complex called "TetCode4©". The line is committed to the "Clean Beauty" concept, which ensures the added value of this active ingredient care for the skin at both the product and development levels. The care line is free of perfume, silicone oils, acrylates, microplastics, parabens and mineral oils.

### La Biosthetique

The combination of life and beauty. Bios and aesthetics. The interplay of the latest research and natural ingredients, individualised for each skin and hair, have defined the philosophy of the La Biosthétique brand since day one.

### Fitness area

Right outside the hotel stretches Hamburg's favourite 7.5 km/8202 yards jogging route around the Alster lake. Inside, in the 50m<sup>2</sup>/645.8 ft<sup>2</sup> fitness area, the latest cardiovascular and weight training equipment by Technogym's Personal Line is available 24 hours a day. Taking inspiration from nature and science, this award-winning series of equipment is made from refined materials using top-level craftsmanship in collaboration with world-renowned furniture designer and architect Antonio Citterio. For maximum motivation, a personal trainer, yoga teacher or running coach can also be arranged on request.

## Conferences and Events

Whether it's a small meeting, a creative workshop, product presentation, birthday, anniversary or a wedding – The Fontenay offers the perfect location for any event with plenty of character. Within walking distance of the Jungfernstieg, the surrounding parkland and the unique architecture on the shores of the Alster Lake unite nature and city in the most spectacular way. The bright conference rooms with views over the park seem to bring nature inside.

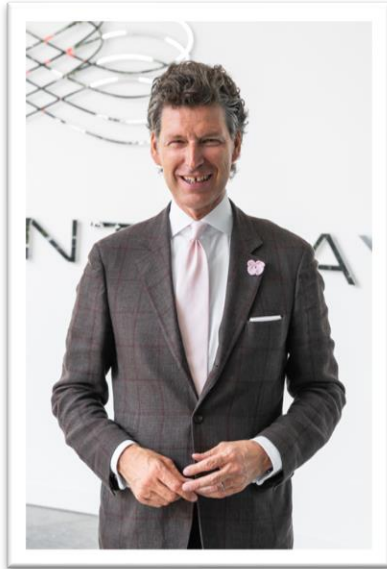
The 200m<sup>2</sup>/2152.8 ft<sup>2</sup> circular foyer at the heart of The Fontenay's event area continues the organic circular theme and creates a truly inspiring spatial geometry. The green foliage and the natural light from the accessible courtyard is reflected by a mirror wall. The 30 3-metres/9.8 feet high mirror elements are fitted with an individually controlled multiphase motor that changes the panels' settings using a pre-programmed sequence to create constantly varying spatial impressions.

The foyer is surrounded by four salons ranging from 48 to 220 m<sup>2</sup>/516.6 to 2368 ft<sup>2</sup>, all featuring day light, 4m/13ft ceilings and air conditioning. The rooms are equipped with the latest technology to guarantee the smooth running of a conference or meeting. The largest room, Fontenay 1 (220m<sup>2</sup>/2368ft<sup>2</sup>), can hold up to 120 people with theatre-style seating and has partial views across the Alster. Three further salons offer between 48m<sup>2</sup>/516.6 ft<sup>2</sup> and 80m<sup>2</sup>/861 ft<sup>2</sup> of space. Fontenay 2 and 3 can be combined to make a 128m<sup>2</sup>/1377.8 ft<sup>2</sup> event area. The Boardroom can seat a maximum of 16 persons around a large fixed table with Walter Knoll armchairs. Executive Chef Stefan Wilke is at hand to create exciting dishes, combining the highest quality ingredients for delicious culinary effect.

A wedding in the hotel garden or fireworks in front of the scenic Alster help create unforgettable memories. Furthermore, the lakeside setting and the unique style of the hotel are also ideal for a photo shoot.



## The Faces of The Fontenay

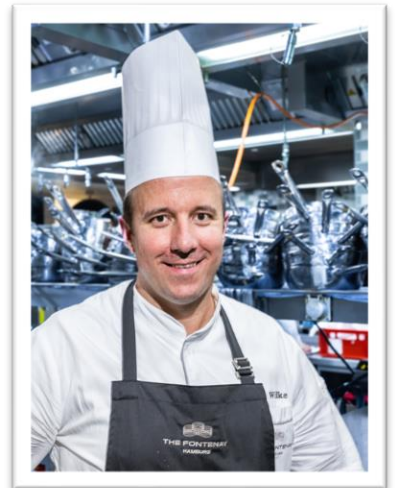


### Thies Sponholz – General Manager

The ability to listen intently, to focus completely on the guest, and to be a host with natural warmth – those are the basic values that matter most to General Manager Thies Sponholz. Originally from the north German town of Husum, Sponholz began his career training as a restaurant specialist at the Landhaus Carstens at Timmendorfer Strand. He then went on to work at Hotel Suvretta House in St. Moritz, Hotel Negresco in Nizza, and later at the Sheraton in the USA. Spending time in America meant fulfilling his dream; he continued to work in Palo Alto in California's Silicon Valley. Back in Germany, he became Resident Manager at the Europäischer Hof in Baden-Baden, won the Egon-Steigenberger Award and returned to the US, once more, this time to the Hilton. Following his return to his native Germany, he took his first job as General Manager at the Badischer Hof in Baden-Baden. In 2006, he became General Manager at the Rocco Forte Hotel de Rome, where he spent 7 years. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2015, Thies Sponholz started as General Manager at The Fontenay.

### Stefan Wilke – Executive Chef

Stefan Wilke highly appreciates Hamburg's diners; "they enjoy eating out, and have a great sense of pleasure, but they also like things to be clear, seasonal and classic, rather than overly playful." It's a perfect match for Wilke – originally from Baiersbronn in southern Germany – and his style of cuisine. Following training at the Engel Obertal restaurant, he gained vital experience at the Traube Tonbach with Harald Wohlfahrt. In 2004 Wilke embarked on an important stage of his career, working for Hapag-Lloyd's luxury cruise ship business. He spent 10 years travelling the world on board the MS Europa and MS Europa 2 as head chef. He was involved in the development of the kitchen area for the MS Europa 2 and in charge of 70 employees. During this time, he also wrote his cookbook "Genießen auf den Weltmeeren", a culinary journey of the oceans. In 2015 Stefan Wilke joined The Fontenay as Executive Chef and is in charge of all restaurant concepts, banquet areas, bars and 40 members of staff.



### **Julian Stowasser – head chef restaurant Lakeside**



Julian Stowasser has been head chef at the gourmet restaurant "Lakeside" on the seventh floor of the luxury hotel The Fontenay on Hamburg's Outer Alster since March 2020.

He worked at the "Weinsinn" restaurant in Frankfurt am Main, where he was named Rising Star of the Year 2020 in Hesse by Gault&Millau.

Born in Freising, he has numerous exciting places to work, including the "Bareiss" restaurant in Baiersbronn and a guest appearance in Sydney at the "Tetsuya's" restaurant. From 2012 to 2014, Stowasser worked as Chef de Partie at the "Aqua" restaurant at The Ritz Carlton hotel in Wolfsburg. As sous chef, he was at the "Atelier" restaurant at the Bayerischer Hof Hotel in Munich from 2014 to 2018, where three stars were achieved under chef Jan Hartwig.

In April 2023, the Lakeside team's performance was awarded the second star in the Guide Michelin (the team received its first star in March 2021).

### **Stefanie Hehn - Chef-Sommelière**

What matters most to Chef-Sommelière Stefanie Hehn at The Fontenay is that people enjoy drinking wine – she wants to share her passion and enlighten people about new world wines. She is responsible for the wine concept in the entire hotel. Stefanie Hehn started her career as a hotel trainee at the Romantikhof Laudensacks Parkhotel in Bad Kissingen. Following stages at the Speisemeisterei in Stuttgart and at Restaurant Chez Ann in Warnemünde, she continued to gain vital experience at the Villa Rothschild in Königstein. She began her first position as Sommelière at Castle Schwarzenstein in 2008 – where she grew passionate about mature Riesling. In 2009, she received her official Sommelière diploma at the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK). In 2010 Bavarian-born Hehn moved to Hamburg – and instantly fell in love with the city. She worked as Sommelière at the Jacobs Restaurant at the Hotel Louis C. Jacob for two years before moving to the Tegernsee to Restaurant Überfahrt. The Gault Millau voted Stefanie Hehn as "Sommelier of the Year" for 2019.





### Marco D'Andrea – Chef Pâtissier



Marco D'Andrea knew from a young age that he would be fascinated by food. At 16, he completed an internship with Karlheinz Hauser at the Süllberg Hotel in Hamburg-Blankenese. He instantly decided to train in the hotel's kitchen in 2007. He then spent a year gaining experience at Restaurant Vendôme with Joachim Wissler. In April 2011, the Frankfurt-born D'Andrea returned to Süllberg as Chef Pâtissier. In April 2019, the Gastro magazine 'Rolling Pin' awarded D'Andrea as Pâtissier of the Year, and so did 'Gault Millau' in 2020. Together with his team, the half-Italian brings his creative concepts to life throughout The Fontenay. These can be found in exciting desserts at the gourmet restaurant Lakeside and in the newly interpreted hightea session, served in the Atrium lounge, the centerpiece to meet at The Fontenay.

**The sister hotel of The Fontenay – Castell son Claret**



The sister hotel Castell Son Claret on the beautiful Island of Mallorca merges pure nature, relaxing luxury and culinary delights: only 30 minutes from Palma city center, this ‘Leading Hotel of the World’ is located within 326 acres of unspoiled countryside at the foot of the UNESCO protected “La Tramuntana” mountains. The former 19th century castle, meticulously renovated in 2013 by the Kühne family - the owners of The Fontenay - welcomes guests to a unique experience. Surrounded by lavish gardens, the 41 rooms and suites are of contemporary design, many featuring terraces, their own garden or a private pool.

The hotel is also home to “Zaranda”, the only two star Michelin restaurant on the Balearic Islands, head by Chef Fernando P. Arellano. “Olivera”, where guests dine on the tranquil terrace with lovely views over the entire valley, serves typical Spanish-Mediterranean cuisine. The ancient coachman house, nowadays displaying modern Mallorquin art on its walls, hosts the bar and the restored oil mill is the ideal setting for small meetings and events. “Belleza de Claret” is the interpretation of an unrivalled spa experience with its indoor pool and Moorish hammam while guests can as well relax by the large outdoor pool with panoramic mountain views.