

Thomas Willms is the new CEO of Steigenberger Hotels AG

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The Supervisory Board of Steigenberger Hotels AG has appointed Thomas Willms as spokesperson of the Management Board (CEO). Mr. Willms, who joined the company as Chief Operating Officer in June 2017, will take up his new position with immediate effect. He will retain overall operational responsibility for all three hotel brands – Steigenberger Hotels and Resorts, Jaz in the City and IntercityHotel. Sales & Marketing, E-Business, Revenue Management, Strategy, Future Openings & Franchise, Corporate Communications and Corporate Social Responsibility will all also still fall within his remit. Matthias Heck will continue to act as Chief Financial Officer and Labour Director. Mr. Heck will be in charge of the areas of Finance and Accounting, Controlling and Reporting, Human Resources, Development, Asset Management, Construction, Interior Design & Engineering, IT, Procurement, Legal Affairs and Internal Audit.

Dr. Ralf Corsten, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, expanded on the reasons for the decision. “Mr. Willms has shown considerable commitment in getting up to speed within a very short space of time. We are confident that he will be able to deliver robust and effective leadership and secure the future development of Steigenberger Hotels AG. We wish him every success and hope he enjoys his new role.”

Before coming to Steigenberger, Mr. Willms was Senior Vice President of Starwood Hotels & Resorts, where he was in charge of all hotels and activities in Central and Eastern Europe. He has also held leadership posts at ArabellaStarwood, Maritim and Intercontinental during the course of his managerial career. Mr. Willms completed his training at the Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality in Chur, where he gained an MBA in 2004. He is married and has two children.

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Deutsche Hospitality brings together three separate hotel brands under a single umbrella. **Steigenberger Hotels and Resorts** has 60 hotels housed in historic traditional buildings and lively city residences and also offers health and beauty oases set at the very heart of nature. **Jaz in the City** branded hotels reflect metropolitan lifestyle and draw upon the local music and cultural scene. The first Jaz hotel opened in Amsterdam in 2015, followed by a second in Stuttgart in 2018. And **IntercityHotel** offers more 40 upper mid-range urban hotels, all of which are located within easy walking distance of railway stations or airports. A further 29 hotels are currently at the development stage. This means that the Deutsche Hospitality portfolio currently encompasses a total of over 130 hotels on three continents.

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