

PRESS RELEASE

HANS J. KAUSCHKE ELECTED BY EHMA HOTEL MANAGER OF THE YEAR 2017
The General Manager at the Steigenberger Grandhotel Handelshof, Leipzig-Germany, has
been designated European Hotel Manager of the Year 2017
by the EHMA Management Council.



Hans E. Koch (left) and Hans J. Kauschke

The award presentation took place on March 17th on the occasion of the gala dinner of the 45th Annual General Meeting held in Marbella, Spain. The award was handed over to Hans J. Kauschke by EHMA President Hans E. Koch. The other two competitors were Giuseppe Mariano, General Manager Vestas Hotels & Resorts, Lecce, from the Italian Chapter and Andreas D. Georgiou, General Manager Amathus Beach Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus.

Hans J. Kauschke joined EHMA in 2007. He is **one of the most prominent General Managers** of luxury Hotels in Germany. His longtime experience and performance make him special and with his remarkable achievements he is exemplary. With his personality and longtime experience of the top hotel industry he presents himself as a **true role model of General Manager**.

Hans J. Kauschke has been General Manager at the **Steigenberger Grandhotel Handelshof, Leipzig** since October 2010. He was **responsible for its pre-opening and successful integration in the market**. The hotel offers 177 rooms, including suites and one Presidential suite, Wellness Area, Bar Le Grand, à la carte Restaurant Brasserie Le Grand, large conference area.

Kauschke is a **mainstay of the Steigenberger Hotel Group**. He has been with the company since 1981, starting as Room Division Manager at the **Steigenberger Hotel Berlin**, subsequently promoted to General Manager in October 1990. In October 2005 he moved to the **Steigenberger Hotel de Saxe, Dresden**, that was about to open. Before 1981 Kauschke had held various positions within the hotel industry in different countries and cities, such as the Hotel de Paris in Monte Carlo; Hotel Le Bristol in Paris; The Dorchester in London; Hotel Atlantic Kempinski in Hamburg and Kempinski Hotel Bristol in Berlin.

The Steigenberger Hotel Group appointed him **General Manager of the Year for Hotels and Resorts** in 2013. From 1996 to 1998 he acted as Vice President East Germany Steigenberger Hotel Group.

Guests of the **Steigenberger Grandhotel Handelshof** stay in a former exhibition building in the heart of Leipzig, in the immediate proximity of old churches, the pedestrian zone and the Old Town Hall as well as the Central Station.

Leipzig has always been a strategic trade and fair city in the German area. During the Communist regime it was a scientific centre in nuclear research and nowadays is an **important economic center in re-united Germany**. Since the 2010s, Leipzig is being celebrated by the media as a hip urban center with a very high quality of living. It is often called "**The New Berlin**" and is also Germany's fastest growing city attracting investments by large companies such as BMW, Porsche and Amazon.

THE OTHER TWO COMPETITORS

Giuseppe Mariano, General Manager Vestas Hotels & Resorts Lecce, was the winner of the Italian Hotel Manager of the Year Award 2017 for his excellent management results in the South of Italy – Salento - and his incredible professional career.. Mariano is a perfect testimonial of the extraordinary potential of South Italy as cultural tourism destination able to satisfy the needs of the most demanding customers in terms of organization and services.

Andreas Georgiou, General Manager, Amathus Beach Hotel Limassol (Cyprus) winner of the EHMA Sustainability Award by Diversy Care 2017 was the third candidate for his excellent professional and managerial capabilities.

EHMA in brief

EHMA was **founded in Rome in 1974** by a small group of top quality hotel properties general managers of the Italian capital. The European Hotel Managers Association aims **to improve qualification of professionals** through training in view of increasing the standards of services to be provided to guests. At present the Association gathers more than **400 members**, many of whom are **general managers** of the most prestigious hotels in **29 countries** that make a total of **300 represented hotels, 80,000 rooms, and 62,000 employees**. EHMA admission requires a **minimum of ten-year experience in the hotel sector**. Members meet once a year to discuss about shared themes such as: new technologies, trends, issues, relations, European hotel data and market search. Next year's General Meeting will be held in Paris in 2019.

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