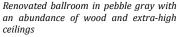


### Media release









"Isarrauschen" – the murmur of the river Isar in Germany's first Westin Haven

Paul Peters, Complex General Manager

# The Westin Grand München reaffirms its position as the largest hotel conference complex in southern Germany, with an extensive renovation of the ballroom

For locals and guests from around the world: The new ballroom will be bathed in splendor at a New Year's Eve gala evening

*Munich, November 30, 2017* – Munich's largest ballroom at <u>The Westin Grand</u> <u>München</u> – truly resplendent following its complete renovation – has retained its excellent acoustics, distinctive elegance and cutting-edge technical options. At a stylish New Year's Eve gala evening, hotel guests and locals alike can admire"their " ballroom in its fetching new garb and dance their way into 2018 to the rousing sound of big band music.

Munich's top location for digital summits, classic conferences and exclusive gala dinners is stepping out in style, with its perfectly proportioned dimensions, its wonderfully welcoming design and its refreshing elegance: Extending over more than 850 m<sup>2</sup>, the ballroom of The Westin Grand München can accommodate 1,250 people with ease and has emerged in a stunning modern look, following extensive renovation work. "Isarrauschen" – the murmur of the Isar – is the theme which inspired last year's renovation of the rooms on the Bavarian floor. This theme now also features strongly in the new interior design of the ballroom and the freshly renovated lobby, which was recently opened as Germany's first "Westin Haven", reinterpreting the classical hotel lobby as an inviting oasis.

With a fixed stage plus room for additional flexible stage installations such as staircases and walkways, a ceiling height of 10 m and over 30 suspension points for cross beams as well as light and sound equipment, the ballroom of The Westin Grand München offers all the creative freedom required to plan unique events. Featuring its own foyer with a separate entrance, it is the ideal venue for exclusive exhibitions and large-scale catering events. The ballroom is just 5 m from the loading ramp, so that all structures and equipment can be assembled with ease. An auxiliary stage is available as a hidden storage space for flowers and gifts or for mounting technical elements.

**Southern Germany's largest hotel conference complex:** Under joint management, The Westin Grand München and the Sheraton München Arabella Park Hotel form a single hotel conference complex with over 6,000 m<sup>2</sup> of almost completely modernized

event space, including the spacious foyer and 34 function rooms for over 3,450 people and 1,073 guest rooms and suites.

"We are proud to present Munich's largest ballroom, in its beautiful Isar beach design, to the people of this city, simultaneously opening the very first Westin Haven in Germany," says Paul Peters, Complex General Manager, The Westin Grand München and Sheraton München Arabellapark Hotel. "We are delighted to offer guests of The Westin Grand München a unique combination comprising the superb features of global wellness brand Westin and Munich's much-loved blend of tradition and modernity – both in terms of our amenities and our service."

### **Reopening with an elegant New Year's Eve gala evening**

The feel-good start to the New Year: The Westin Grand München will be hosting an elegant New Year's Eve gala evening including a delicious buffet dinner. Guests will dance their way into the New Year as they twirl over the spacious dance floor of the freshly renovated ballroom to the rousing sound of big band music. Delectable dishes will abound at the lavish buffet. The year 2018 will get off to a sparkling start with a glass of Champagne and a dazzling fireworks display.

Start: 7 p.m., dress code: festive and elegant

# Prices, information and reservations:

The "FEELING GOOD" New Year's Eve gala evening is available for €179 per person. The price includes: aperitif, house wine, beer, soft drinks, water, coffee and tea specialties plus a glass of Champagne at midnight; special feature: 20% discount on an overnight stay with late-riser breakfast on New Year's Day in combination with the gala evening. For reservations and further information call <u>+49 (89) 92 64-8704</u> or contact <u>munich@westin.com</u>

# "Isarrauschen" at The Westin Grand München

Both the Westin Haven and the ballroom have been redesigned to reflect the shape, color and contours of the River Isar: organic forms, discreet lounge corners in light shades, tall plants and timeless design elements cast guests under a spell of relaxation as soon as they arrive in Germany's first Westin Haven – the brand's welcoming modern take on a classic hotel lobby. Conceived by the designers of Munich-based interior design firm raumconcept, the simple, flowing design, strongly rooted in nature, offers guests a zone in which to recharge and find peace of mind. Guests succumb to the charm of the Isar as soon as they set foot in the new Westin Haven and pad over carpets inspired by the meandering Isar, with its twinkling reflections, round pebbles and vivid shades of blue. Since last year, more than 60 rooms and suites have been renovated in the Isar design, and the concept will continue to play a key role in further renovation projects.

## **The Westin Grand Munich**

The Westin Grand Munich is situated at an accessible location in the exclusive district of Bogenhausen, offering excellent connections to the city, trade fair center and airport. The Arabellapark itself has numerous shops, boutiques and restaurants to offer, as well as a movie theater. Munich's famous park, the Englischer Garten, with its beer gardens and long pathways is a few minutes' walk away. The historic center of Munich and the train station are a 10-minute subway ride away (U4, Arabellapark). All 627 rooms and suites of this wellness hotel, including the 160-m<sup>2</sup> Sky Suite with its breathtaking view over Munich, are fitted with Westin's customary Heavenly Beds for a blissful night's sleep. Meanwhile, the kitchen and

service teams of the Café & Grapperia in the capacious lobby - which was recently transformed into Germany's first Westin Haven with climbing wall plants and inviting lounge corners - and Paulaner's Wirtshaus with its beer garden provide refreshments. In the evening, more than 160 different cocktails, prepared according to original recipes, are served at Ducktail's Bar; along with a comprehensive range of international classics, the enthusiastic barkeepers also have countless signature creations to offer. And those seeking relaxation are sure to strike gold in the modern, 1,500-m<sup>2</sup> ArabellaSpa, the largest day spa in Munich. Featuring WestinWORKOUT, the spa has its own separately accessible 24-hour gym complete with TRX suspension trainer. Meanwhile, in Salon Pauli, located on the garden floor at the bottom of the lobby stairs, guests can enjoy soothing hair and scalp treatments and an upscale hairstyling service. The two-floor Westin Club is a highlight of the hotel, commanding a wonderful view over Munich from the 24th floor. The Westin Grand München also boasts a 1000-m2 ballroom - the largest and most versatile in Munich and an idea venue for lavish parties and automotive presentations alike. Together with the adjacent Sheraton München Arabellapark Hotel, the Westin Grand München is the largest conference center in Southern Germany, with 1,073 rooms, 34 event rooms and the capacity to host several thousand people. The Westin Grand München has signed up to the Bavarian environmental pact, the "Umweltpakt Bayern" and is a certified "ÖKOPROFIT Betrieb" (ecoprofit company). www.westingrandmuenchen.com. The Westin Grand München is one of six hotels in the international wellness brand Westin Hotels & Resorts located in Germany: The avidly awaited Westin Hamburg, located in the Elbe Philharmonic Hall, opened in November 2016, joining the ranks of its sister establishments in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, Frankfurt and Munich.

#### Westin Hotels & Resorts

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