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One room – lots of possibilities: WANDELBAR at the Berlin Marriott Hotel

„A wishing table“ as gastronomic event idea and further surprising elements / first room concept in this vein on the Berlin Market / cooking classes and meetings in one

Berlin, October 27, 2006 (JH) - - During the last summer weeks a new and unique room concept for events taking place at the Berlin Marriott Hotel, directly situated at the Potsdamer Platz, was developed. With this new room the property expands his conference portfolio to inspire and handle any sort of events. Managing Director Rainer J. Bürkle explains: „To exist on the Berlin Market highest creativity is asked and what the name already assumes is that the room is changeable. The Wandelbar is a multifunctional room which, as the name suggests (‘‘Wandel’’ is German for change), can metamorphise itself at the flick of a switch. He is very flexible offering an atmosphere which can be adjusted depending on requirements – either playful during cooking classes or relaxed for business agreements, or for exclusive dinner evenings. Thus we can focus on individual needs of our guests and provide new innovations. Our activity space is just expanded. One room, lots of possibilities!“

The centerpiece is an unexpected element of an oversized „flying“ table on the ceiling. The tabletop is being hold by a 700 kilogram heavy-weight steel structure which has been built from a Stage Manager as a special construction, including engines and cable winches – certificated from the Technical Inspection Agency. The Wandelbar room surprises with a concept of a ‘‘Flying Table’’. While the guests relax with a sparkling glass of Champagne the perfectly decorated and set-up table descends from the ceiling slowly to the ground. Within one minute the table is coming down slowly in a seemingly empty room. Simultaneously, a 12 sq m vast mural with the name ‘‘pears and other fruits’’ (made by Susy Pilgrim) magically opens the view to our acting chefs behind our special show kitchen - a special room which changes his face within one minute for unforgettable moments with a capacity of 24 persons sitting on the table.

The Wandelbar is borne out of a subtle combination of cherry wood and frosted glass, set on a dark timber floor and featuring a state-of-the-art show kitchen. Paravents and warm lighting can



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be individually adjusted to create exactly the mood you require. It is a multifunctional room which, as the name suggests ("Wandel" is German for change), can metamorphose itself at the flick of a switch.

The request for proposal of the redesign for the room has won architect Harry Asbeck. The Berlin Marriott Hotel has invested around 120.000 Euros for the realization. Harry Asbeck manages the architectural office "raum concept GmbH" in Munich with a team of nine interior designers and designers who are specialized on designing restaurants, bars and public areas. Referring the interior decoration of Wandelbar room "we have set a high value on high-quality materials; like walnut wood for the parquet flooring, oak wood for the sliding doors and genuine leather for the chairs", comments Harry Asbeck. "The pendants Light Shade Shade made by Moooi Boutique have a different optical characteristic depending on whether they are switched on or off. If the light is switched off only a mirrored-glass cover is viewable; if the light is switched on the pendants show their inner life and a baroque chandelier appears. The technique of the table is hidden under the suspended ceiling. Using a chain-block element the table can be lifted to the ceiling or descend to the ground – according to requirements."

Personally Harry Asbeck has no favourite hotel, but his dream is to build his own one.

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