

Reinventing and revitalizing the Hof

In the heart of Düsseldorf's vibrant downtown district, right on the Koenigsallee, the grandest boulevard of the city, Peter Silling of Peter Silling & Associates, creates a new and sophisticated look for a legendary hotel in Germany, The Breidenbacher Hof, a Capella Hotel.

The Breidenbacher Hof has a long history. It originally opened in 1812 and has since undergone many changes and reconstructions. 5 years ago, its owners have decided to re-build the whole complex and turn it back to a luxury environment for multi use, including a 5 star luxury hotel, residential and high end retail shops. Peter Silling & Associates were appointed to be the Designer for the whole new complex.

Inspiration was taken from the hotel's history, added to the vibe of Germany's top fashion Metropole, which combines to create a unique luxury hotel, respecting the original, but with modern and sophisticated features to give it a contemporary and timeless face. Silling's ultimate goal was to help the Breidenbacher Hof reclaim its fame and popularity it held in former times and present the new and refreshed star amongst Germany's luxury hospitality scene.

Peter Silling commented: "we wanted to return "the living room" of Düsseldorf to the people of this city and the international travelers, preserving elements of great tradition, while updating the look and feel".

A total of 95 tastefully furnished rooms and suites provide a comfortable environment for the well-traveled guest. The materials and the furniture are of highest quality. When entering the room, the guest can create their own

atmosphere, temperature and lighting preference by simply handling the backlit LED touch panels that are conveniently located at the entrance and next to the bed side. A beautiful dark wooden paneled corridor leads past the bathrooms to the main room, where a thick carpet absorbs any noise. Luxurious light beige, caramel, nougat, grays and gold tones dominate the Interior color scheme. Silling wanted to reflect the elegant approach and sophistication of the Düsseldorf residents, who are best known for being very stylish in an understated way, never overdone, always presentable.

The furniture is all custom-designed and custom-made for this project by Silling. Dark brown walnut wood is used as a frame for the comfortable oversized bed, as well as for the chic furniture items; an important and distinct frame for the rich silk and heavy cotton upholstery fabrics in lighter natural tones. Stylish leather accessories and artwork sourced and selected by Anja Silling complement this heavenly atmosphere.

The bathrooms are spacious and made out of the finest materials. Limestone

floors with mosaic intarsia, Jacuzzi bathtubs, rain shower, and Swarovski crystal lighting features create a magic ambience, a state-of-the art mirror flat screen TV allows the guest to check on the stock market while brushing teeth or have a sneak into the favorite morning show.

Silling's personal highlight is the cigar lounge adjacent to the bar. Silling, who himself loves to smoke a good cigar, made sure this lounge is perfect for the true connoisseur. Real leather flooring, that according to Silling gets even more beautiful as it ages (just like the good cigars), a walk-in humidor showcasing the worlds finest cigar brands, and a unique display of the history of the Cuban cigar make this lounge special. A cigar expert from Cuba is hand rolling special blends for the true aficionados.

The lobby reflects both the grandeur of a luxury hotel, combined with the intimacy of a boutique hotel. Flanked by an impressive marble "Silling signature" staircase. Right from the very beginning, the guest knows that they are getting the best. ■

The bar on the first floor sets a stylish and upbeat contrast to the classic interior of the hotel. Framed by a stunning backlit marble ceiling and bar counter, high gloss anthracite wall paneling, ultra comfortable faux zebra seaters, and croc leather bar stools, create a truly exciting and ultimately modern mix, quickly making this bar one of Düsseldorf's hot spots of the entertainment scene.