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Top-Tier Honours on Hamburg's Inner Alster: Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Hamburg named "Hotel of the Year" and Matthias Förster recognised as "Restaurant Manager of the Year" by "Die 101 Besten" ("The 101 Best")

Hamburg, April 2026: A double celebration at Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten at Hamburg's Inner Alster Lake. During the awards ceremony of "Die 101 Besten Hotels: Switzerland, Austria, South Tyrol, and Germany 2026", held at the Bürgenstock Resort Lake Lucerne, Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten was honoured as "Hotel of the Year – Overall Winner 2026".

A second distinction of the evening was awarded to Matthias Förster, Restaurant Manager of NIKKEI NINE, who was named "Restaurant Manager of the Year 2026". Two accolades that once again underscore the hotel's enduring commitment to excellence, passion, and genuine hospitality.

Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten has been recognised with the prestigious "Hotel of the Year – Overall Winner 2026" award, reaffirming its status as an icon of European luxury hospitality. The jury particularly praised its Hanseatic elegance, sincere warmth, and a consistently upheld culture of service, maintained at the highest level throughout its 129-year history. Managing Director Ingo C. Peters highlighted: "This distinction by the expert jury recognises the dedication and commitment of our entire team. Each individual contributes to bringing our philosophy to life and making it tangible for our guests. This award affirms our daily efforts."

Matthias Förster's recognition as "Restaurant Manager of the Year 2026" celebrates his exceptional sense of hospitality, leadership, and meticulous attention to detail - qualities that have shaped the distinctive character of NIKKEI NINE over many years. Ingo C. Peters emphasised: "The success of Matthias Förster and his team exemplifies our culture - defined by connection, dedication, and the constant pursuit of excellence that has characterised our hotel for more than a century. It is our people who bring our vision to life and imbue every moment with genuine emotion."

Matthias Förster accepted the award with great appreciation for his team: "Each evening, we strive to create an experience that inspires and connects our guests - authentic, cosmopolitan, and vibrancy. This is only possible through true teamwork." Förster has been part of Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten family for over two decades and has led NIKKEI NINE since its opening nearly ten years ago.

For Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Hamburg, these two honours represent both a meaningful recognition and a continued source of inspiration to pursue this path with dedication and passion.



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ABOUT FAIRMONT HOTEL VIER JAHRESZEITEN

The luxurious Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten is the epitome of European grand hotels. Since 1897, this elegant hotel on Hamburg's Inner Alster lake has been offering guests from all over the world charming luxury and timeless elegance in the heart of the Hanseatic city, close to many cultural and architectural attractions, numerous shopping opportunities, and the Hamburg Exhibition and Congress Center. The new interior design style is fresh and unconventional, yet remains pleasantly classic and timelessly elegant. The 156 luxurious hotel rooms and suites combine valuable fabrics and international standards with the finest materials, which are effectively showcased in six different color concepts. Vier Jahreszeiten Spa & Fitness, including a tea lounge and roof terrace with views over the rooftops of Hamburg, covers almost 1,000 square meters. The culinary offerings include three outstanding restaurants – Restaurant Haerlin***, which has been awarded three Michelin stars and 5 out of 5 toques by Gault Millau, GRILL with its Hanseatic cuisine in an exclusive designer setting and the Japanese-Peruvian NIKKEI NINE, which is proving to be a hot spot in the Hanseatic city. The playful Café Condi, the Condi Lounge, the lounge, and the award-winning Jahreszeiten Bar invite guests to linger. Five event rooms for conferences, meetings, conventions, and events covering approximately 600 square meters round off the offerings. Further information is available at www.hvj.de/en.

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