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A Frankfurt Icon Returns as Taj Hessischer Hof Frankfurt

Frankfurt am Main, June 1, 2026 – A Frankfurt legend is coming back to life: the former Hessischer Hof hotel reopens on June 1, 2026, as **Taj Hessischer Hof Frankfurt**, operated by **The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL)**. Following its closure at the end of 2020, the iconic property now begins a new chapter under the renowned Indian luxury hospitality brand Taj, reconnecting with its rich heritage as one of Frankfurt's most distinguished hotels.

"Our goal is to combine European elegance with the warmth of Indian hospitality to create a truly exceptional guest experience," says **Albert Mayr, General Manager**. With the opening of Taj Hessischer Hof Frankfurt, IHCL strengthens its presence in Europe and brings the Taj brand to Continental Europe for the very first time.

The hotel offers **126 guestrooms and suites across eight categories**, including nine suites. Seven of these exceed 80 square meters, while the largest, the **140-square-meter Royal Presidential Suite**, features two bedrooms, a separate meeting room, and a kitchenette. The accommodations blend classic grandeur with contemporary comfort, while several rooms also offer spacious private balconies. The suites reflect the heritage of a magnificent private residence.

"The room interiors combine contemporary furnishings inspired by Indian design with carefully preserved pieces from the former Hessischer Hof," explains Albert Mayr. "We wanted to retain much of the original furniture and identify where the different design styles could complement one another."

Elegance Throughout the Hotel

The hotel's interior design has been created by the Hamburg-based interior architecture and design studio **JOI-Design**.

"We brought together the cultural influences and traditions of hospitality from Germany and India in a design that celebrates both Taj's remarkable debut on the European mainland and Frankfurt's evolving identity," says **Barbara Weithoff, Partner at JOI-Design**. "Our thoughtful approach combines heritage, sustainability, and contemporary creativity. Existing elements were preserved wherever possible and enhanced with vibrant accents of Indian art. The result is a hotel that feels elegant, welcoming, and full of character."

Classic features such as parquet flooring, wood paneling, and marble are paired with expressive colors, tactile fabrics, and carefully crafted details.

"Rather than using materials merely as decorative elements, we employed them to create an atmosphere that is inviting, layered, and emotionally engaging."



Indian Haute Cuisine Meets European Refinement

The culinary centerpiece of the hotel is the **Bombay Brasserie**, where Executive Chef **Nilesh Dangwal** combines authentic North Indian cuisine with refined European influences.

The 40-year-old chef brings extensive experience within the Taj family. Prior to joining Frankfurt, he served as Deputy Executive Chef at **Taj Dubai** and previously held various positions at **Taj Mahal Palace and Tower** and **Taj Wellington Mews**, both in Mumbai. Throughout his career, he has cooked for numerous heads of state and diplomatic delegations, as well as distinguished guests including **Naomi Campbell** and **Hillary Clinton**.

The Bombay Brasserie menu features tandoor specialties such as **Zaitooni Truffle Paneer Tikka** (paneer with olive tapenade, garlic yogurt, and truffle), Indian classics including **Chicken Tikka Masala** and various dal preparations, alongside international dishes such as **Wagyu Rib-Eye Steak**, **Lobster Thermidor**, and **Lamb Chops**.

The restaurant offers **60 indoor seats** and an additional **45 seats on its summer terrace**. A two- or three-course business lunch is available from Monday to Friday.

The Return of a Frankfurt Nightlife Legend

With the opening of Taj Hessischer Hof Frankfurt, the legendary **Jimmy's Bar** also makes its return. Renowned for its intimate atmosphere, live piano music, and classic cocktails, the bar remains a favored destination for connoisseurs, celebrities, and international trade fair visitors. The interior has been only subtly updated.

The bar is led by **Emmanuel Saridakis**, who spent more than 22 years as Bar Manager at Harry's New York Bar in Frankfurt before joining the Logenhaus and later contributing to the bar operations of Hilton Frankfurt.

During the day, the **Lobby Lounge & Bar** offers a relaxed yet sophisticated setting for informal meetings, tea rituals, or a glass of champagne.

Networking at the Highest Level

A further highlight of the hotel is **The Chambers**, an exclusive members-only club reserved for a carefully selected membership community.

At Taj Hessischer Hof Frankfurt, The Chambers comprises three interconnected spaces as well as a dedicated meeting room. Members receive access to bespoke event series and benefit from a private concierge service. In India, The Chambers has long been recognized as a distinguished sanctuary for an exclusive clientele.



Private Dining and Bespoke Events

The hotel offers **three event spaces and two private dining rooms** for meetings and private receptions. Compared to the former hotel, the facilities are more intimate in scale.

“Our focus is on the regional market and on creating a more exclusive experience,” says Albert Mayr. “The spaces are well suited for corporate workshops or private receptions for up to 70 guests.”

Wellness with Ayurvedic Roots

Guests seeking relaxation can visit the hotel’s wellness facilities, featuring **J Wellness Circle**, Taj’s signature wellness concept inspired by Ayurvedic traditions and modern therapeutic approaches.

A variety of treatments and massages, delivered by specially trained therapists, are designed to relieve stress and improve mobility. Each therapy includes a steam ritual before treatment and a relaxation session afterward to enhance its effectiveness.

The wellness facilities also include a **gym, two saunas, and two steam rooms**.

About The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL)

*The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) and its subsidiaries bring together a portfolio of brands and businesses that embody Indian hospitality and world-class service. These include **Taj**, the iconic brand for discerning travelers and recognized by Brand Finance as the **World’s Strongest Hotel Brand 2025** and **India’s Strongest Brand 2025**; **Claridges Collection**, a curated selection of boutique luxury hotels blending elegance with heritage; **SeleQtions**, a collection of distinctive independent hotels; **Tree of Life**, offering private retreats in tranquil settings; **Vivanta**, upscale lifestyle hotels; **Gateway**, full-service hotels in exceptional destinations; and **Ginger**, a pioneering brand in the lean-luxe segment.*

*Founded by **Jamsetji Tata**, founder of the Tata Group, IHCL opened its first hotel, the legendary **Taj Mahal Palace in Bombay**, in 1903.*

*Today, IHCL’s portfolio comprises **591 hotels**, including **319 hotels in development**, across **four continents**, **14 countries**, and **more than 250 locations**. IHCL is India’s largest hospitality company by market capitalization and is publicly listed on both the **BSE** and **NSE**.*

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