



RESTAURANT AQUA – PUBLIC RELATIONS
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AQUA IS NOW NUMBER 25 WITHIN THE PRESTIGIOUS S. PELLEGRINO "WORLD'S 50 BEST RESTAURANTS" LIST 2011

WOLFSBURG / LONDON, April 2011 – Aqua at The Ritz-Carlton, Wolfsburg, in Germany, has been voted one of the 50 best restaurants in the world for the second time after last year's stunning debut. In the current ranking of the "S. Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants" awards for 2011, three-star Michelin chef Sven Elverfeld and his restaurant Aqua moved up from number 34 to 25. "With re-workings of regional dishes such as "Boiled fillet of Müritzbach lamb with Frankfurt green sauce" or "Beef Stroganoff with sour cream, gherkins and beetroot", Elverfeld evokes memories of his guests' regional roots. This is ambitious stuff - but truly world-class cooking that gently challenges the diner's perception of European food", said the judging panel.

The annual "S. Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants" is universally recognized as one of the most important awards in the culinary world. Its results reflect the opinions of over 800 international restaurant industry experts and well-travelled gourmets who have been chosen to vote for their best restaurant experience. "The restaurant's location is corporate in the extreme as the Wolfsburg Ritz-Carlton overlooks VW's Autostadt. But this is no soulless, carbon copy, could-be-anywhere, hotel fine-dining joint", explained the judges. "In a place where you'd expect absolutely no reference to location, it is here in spades."

The recent award contributes significantly to the restaurant's global reputation. Elverfeld has consistently appeared in the top rankings of chefs by major German publications such as *Der Feinschmecker*, *EURO* magazine and *CAPITAL* as well as is he well-placed with top scores in all major gourmet guides. Within the last decade his Aqua team at The Ritz-Carlton, Wolfsburg established a formidable reputation as one of Germany's most recognized culinary resources for modern European

cuisine. But the improvement and high positioning in the "S. Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants" is a special recognition for Chef Elverfeld. "I feel truly honored to be rated among the best chefs in the world. For every restaurant which ever made it into this list only once it is a great honor and I am thankful to my team and our guests for their continued support."

The Ritz-Carlton, Wolfsburg has 174 rooms and is located in the Autostadt, the world's first custom-designed theme park dedicated to cars and mobility. With its impressive design by renowned French interior designer Andrée Putman and more than six hundred works of art, The Ritz-Carlton, Wolfsburg has won numerous awards. It offers the restaurants Aqua - honored with three Michelin Stars - The Grill, Hafenterrasse and the Newman's Bar as well as the organic The Ritz-Carlton Spa with its "floating" open air pool. The hotel is just an hour from Berlin or Hamburg by ICE high-speed train.

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