Young Professionals at Best Talents Day 2019

Promoting and appreciating talent - this is highly valued at Best Western Hotels Central Europe. The hotel group invited talents of the hotels to Best Talents Day for the seventh time in a row. On September 5th, the motivated employees from all hotel working areas experienced a comprehensive training and workshop program in which personal skills were the focus.

Eschborn/Bad Staffelstein (Germany), September 9th 2019. Outstanding talents must be supported: Best Western Hotels Central Europe, headquartered in Eschborn, Germany, organized the Best Talents Day program for young talents – this year for the seventh time in a row. Selected young high professionals from Best Western Hotels were invited exclusively to a day dedicated to personal development. On September 5th, talents from all areas experienced a day particularly cut to them. It contained both communication and personality trainings under the leadership of a renowned career coach, personnel consultants and Best Western Central Europe's CEO Marcus Smola. "We are responding to the shortage of skilled staff in the hotel industry and are actively working against it. Finding talented people is only the first step, promoting them is at least as important. On Best Talents Day, everything revolves around our best talents, whom we want to value and promote especially for their great achievements," explains Smola.

The Best Talents Day was attended by the best talents from various sectors of different Best Western Hotels - from outstanding trainees to receptionists, chefs, sales persons, F&B managers and accountants. "Promoting and retaining talented employees - that's what we're all about. Our hotels work best with their employees who are committed to the well-being of our guests on a daily basis," Smola continued. The seminar day was rounded off with a joint evening program.

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Best Talents Day 2019: "Promoting and retaining talented employees - that's what we're all about", says Marcus Smola, CEO Best Western Hotels Central Europe.

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