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New operator for IntercityHotel Herford – PLUTA team and landlords agree solution

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In the Scoop Herford Hotelbetriebs GmbH insolvency proceedings, the PLUTA team and the owners of the hotel property have found a follow-up solution that will safeguard the hotel's long-term operation. Scoop Herford Hotelbetriebs GmbH has been running the IntercityHotel in Herford since it opened in October 2022.

Effective 1 May 2026, HMV Betriebs GmbH based in Herford will acquire the business operations and keep on all 26 employees. The owners of the hotel property are behind the newly established future operating company.

Insolvency administrator Mr Georg Jakob Stemshorn from PLUTA Rechtsanwalts GmbH signed the purchase and transfer agreement with HMV Betriebs GmbH in late March 2026. Mr Stemshorn, his team and Mr Marco Lorenz, managing director of HMV Betriebs GmbH, informed the employees about the upcoming transfer of the business during a staff meeting held today. Last Friday, the creditors' assembly convened by the insolvency court in Augsburg had unanimously approved the agreed investor solution.

Mr Georg Jakob Stemshorn said, "We have kept the hotel operating over the past five months. I am pleased that we

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have now found a long-term solution. This also represents the best possible outcome for the creditors.”

Mr Marco Lorenz, managing director of HMV Betriebs GmbH and Hotel Marta-Viertel GmbH, said, “With HMV Betriebs GmbH, the hotel owners have established their own company that will formally acquire the operations of IntercityHotel Herford as of 1 May 2026. As the owners and future operators of the hotel, we are pleased that insolvency administrator Mr Georg Jakob Stemshorn and his team have managed to keep IntercityHotel Herford running, without disruption or interruption, since the operator Scoop entered insolvency proceedings in December 2025 and until the upcoming transfer to our operating company. Going forward, we will now be able to successfully develop Herford’s newest and largest hotel as operators as well as owners. I would especially like to thank the whole team at IntercityHotel Herford, which showed great personal commitment and motivation to keep the hotel operating and maintain the high service and quality levels during the five-month transition phase. We are all the more delighted that within the new HMV Betriebs GmbH we can continue to offer our guests overnight accommodation and event facilities in the modern and premium style and setting of the IntercityHotel brand with the entire team under hotel director Ms Alexandra Meierhans.”

PLUTA teams based in Augsburg and Herford working closely together

On 1 February 2026, the Local Court of Augsburg, as the insolvency court, opened insolvency proceedings for the



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assets of Scoop Herford Hotelbetriebs GmbH and appointed attorney Mr Georg Jakob Stemshorn as regular administrator. Prior to that, the PLUTA restructuring expert based in Augsburg had already been acting as provisional administrator.

Scoop Herford Hotelbetriebs GmbH has its registered office in Augsburg, while the hotel is located in Herford. The restructuring experts from the Augsburg and Herford branches of restructuring firm PLUTA, which operates throughout Germany, have therefore been working closely together on these proceedings.

The hotel has continued to operate without restrictions since the proceedings commenced on 3 December 2025. Augsburg-based insolvency administrator Mr Georg Jakob Stemshorn and attorney Dr André Wehner from PLUTA's Herford branch have together taken important stabilisation measures. Attorney Ms Aina Karlström and business lawyer Ms Marina Weber are also providing support within the team.

Hotel director Ms Alexandra Meierhans said, "I am grateful to my team and all involved that we have emerged from this very difficult and stressful situation with a positive outcome and have therefore been able to establish a viable path forward for IntercityHotel Herford."

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