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VICTORIA'S BEST ACCOMMODATION HOTELS HONOURED

Victoria's top accommodation hotels have been recognised at the 2014 Tourism Accommodation Australia (Victoria) Awards for Excellence, with the winners announced at a gala dinner at the Grand Hyatt on Monday 26 May, 2014.

The dinner was attended by 500 hoteliers and hospitality industry leaders from Tourism Victoria, City of Melbourne, ICC Cricket World Cup 2015, Grand Prix Corporation, Melbourne Convention Bureau, Destination Melbourne, Destination Docklands, Melbourne Star and Melbourne Food & Wine Festival.

The Honourable Louise Asher, Minister for Tourism and Major Events presented the prestigious TAA (Vic) award for “Outstanding Contribution to the Industry” and the “Hotel Industry Rising Star” award.

The “Outstanding Contribution to the Industry” award recognises a sustained contribution by a hotelier or industry leader who has made a significant contribution to Victoria’s tourism and accommodation industries.

The 2014 awardee was Mr Peter Crinis, Chief Operating Officer, Hotels and Food & Beverage for Crown Resorts. In his current role, Peter is responsible for one of Australia’s largest and most significant tourism and hotel investments as well as significant off shore hotel properties.

The “Hotel Industry Rising Star” recognises a young emerging talent in the accommodation industry. The 2014 awardee was Sofitel Melbourne on Collins - Reservation Sales Manager, Michael Brennan.

Other winners honoured were:

Accommodation Category Award Winners:

- Deluxe Accommodation Hotel of the Year – Park Hyatt Melbourne
- Apartment/Suite Accommodation of the Year - Citadines on Bourke Melbourne
- Superior Accommodation Hotel of the Year - Crown Promenade, Melbourne
- Mid-Range Accommodation Hotel of the Year - ibis Styles Melbourne, The Victoria Hotel
- Boutique Style Accommodation of the Year - Adelphi Hotel, Melbourne
- Resort Style Accommodation of the Year - Silverwater Resort Phillip Island
- Regional Accommodation of the Year - Four Points by Sheraton Geelong

Specialty Category - Winners:

- Deluxe Restaurant of the Year - No35, Sofitel Melbourne on Collins
- Hotel Restaurant of the Year – dish, Royce Hotel, Melbourne
- Regional Hotel Restaurant - Atrium Restaurant, Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway
- Hotel Bar of the Year – ARIA bar & lounge , The Langham Melbourne

Individual Excellence - Winners:

- Outstanding Contribution to the Industry - Peter Crinis, Crown Resorts
- Administration Employee of The Year - Erica McDonagh , The Langham Melbourne
- Concierge of The Year - Kore Ormsby, Crowne Plaza Melbourne
- Food & Beverage Services Employee of The Year - Paul Griffiths, Rydges Melbourne
- Front Office Services Employee of The Year - Clifford Austin , InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto & Andrew Edwards, Rendezvous Grand Hotel Melbourne
- Hotel Industry Rising Star - Michael Brennan, Sofitel Melbourne on Collins
- Sales & Marketing Employee of The Year - Teresa Bricknell, PARKROYAL Melbourne Airport

Property Performance - Winners:

- Best Environmental & Energy Efficiency Practice - Sofitel Melbourne on Collins
- Best Marketed Accommodation Provider – (The Olsen, South Yarra) The Art Series Hotel Group
- Outstanding Achievement in Training - Yarra Valley Lodge
- Outstanding Community Service & Achievement - Melbourne Marriott Hotel

Darryl Washington, General Manager of TAA (Vic) praised finalists, award-winners and individuals who were honoured. "Melbourne and Victoria's hotels provide for tourists a world class and very diverse selection of hotels that cater for all tastes and price levels. The industry is constantly 'raising the bar' when it comes to standards and again this year, the hotels nominated and in particular those that have been honoured at the 2014 TAA (Vic) Accommodation Awards for Excellence awards emphasise this point. Congratulations to all finalists and in particular, all winning hotels."

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