

THE SCOTTISH
HOTELS OF THE YEAR
AWARDS 2006



The Results in Full

The Awards were presented on Sunday April 23rd 2006

Business, Design, Innovation & Quality

1A

Scottish Hotel Business Excellence Award 2006

For smart thinking, business success and a commitment to never standing still

Sponsored by Source Tourism Solutions

Large hotel category (100+ rooms)

WINNER

Carole Fox-Robertson, Langs Hotel

1B

Scottish Hotel Business Excellence Award 2006

For smart thinking, business success and a commitment to never standing still

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Medium hotel category (25-100 rooms)

WINNER

Niall Colquhoun, Lodge on Loch Lomond

1C

Scottish Hotel Business Excellence Award 2006

For smart thinking, business success and a commitment to never standing still

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Small hotel category (less than 25 rooms)

WINNER

The McKie Family, The Royal at Tighnabruaich

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Scottish Hotel Design Award 2006

For outstanding and original design and for setting new style standards

Sponsored by Drambuie

WINNER

Le Monde

Overall design

RUNNER UP

Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa

Overall design

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

Rocpool Reserve

Overall design

Glenmoriston Town House Hotel

Abstract Restaurant, Bar and Lounges

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Channings

Shackleton Suites

COMMENDED

Green Hotel

Basil's Restaurant

Monachyle Mhor

Public rooms

3

Scottish Hotel Bedroom Design Gold Medals 2006

For imaginative and exciting new bedrooms at any price level

Sponsored by Kelvindale Laundry

Knockomie Hotel – new Swedish Room

Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa – new Suites

The Bonham – new Room 308

Summer Isles Hotel – new Log Cabin Rooms

Ullinish Country Lodge – The Johnson Room

Dornoch Castle Hotel – The Old Courtroom

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The Scottish Hotel Housekeeping Award 2006

Presented to recognise outstanding attention to detail in bedroom preparation

Sponsored by Kelvindale Laundry

WINNER

Castleton House

RUNNERS UP

The Three Chimneys & House Over-By

Malmaison Glasgow

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Scottish Hotel Accessible Room Award 2006

For outstanding design applied to access, comfort and style for disabled guests

WINNER

Cringletie House Hotel – 'Traquair' Room

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The Scottish Hotel Website of the Year 2006

For a true reflection of the property plus practicality and style

WINNER
Prestonfield.com
by CaliNet

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Scottish Hotel Green Award 2006

For a genuine and true commitment to green policies

WINNER
Balinakill House

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Scottish Hotel Innovation Award 2006

For creative thinking turned into a great and much-appreciated guest experience

WINNER
Balmoral Hotel
for 'Balmoral Kids'

9

Scottish Hotel Quality Award 2006

For a day-in, day-out determination to keep all-round quality high in every aspect of the operation from website and initial contact with guests, through check-in and welcome, bedroom quality and equipment levels, dining and staff

WINNER
The Howard

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HotelReviewScotland.com Readers' Award

For the highest number of positive feedbacks received from paying guests

WINNER
Tigh na Sgiath Hotel

Food, Chefs & Catering People

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The Scottish Restaurant with Rooms of the Year 2006

For the combination of excellent dining and excellent accommodation

WINNER
Lochside Lodge & Roundhouse Restaurant

RUNNER UP
Windlestraw Lodge

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
Three Chimneys & House Over-By
The Cross at Kingussie
Champany Inn
The Peat Inn
The Witchery at The Castle

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Grants at Craigellachie
Gordon's Restaurant with Rooms
Creagan House

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The Scottish Hotel Informal Dining Award 2006
For excellent casual dining where quality and affordability meet

WINNER
Martin's Bar & Grill, Fairfield House

RUNNER UP
Sorn Inn

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
Ducks at Aberlady, Kilspindie Hotel
Malmaison Edinburgh
The Wheatsheaf
The Creel at Charleston House
The Deck, The Royal at Tighnabruaich
East Haugh Hotel

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Jeckyll's Restaurant, The Queen's Hotel
Buccleuch Arms Hotel (Moffat)
Anchor Hotel
Harbour Inn
Hillcrest House
Inn on North Street

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The Scottish Hotel Restaurant of the Year 2006
For the most outstanding and dependable all-round dining experience

WINNER
Michael Caines Restaurant, ABode Glasgow

RUNNER UP
Abstract, Glenmoriston Town House Hotel

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
Georgian Room, deVere Cameron House
Ushers, Norton House Hotel
Number One, The Balmoral
Andrew Fairlie @ Gleneagles

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Esperante, St Andrews Bay Golf Resort & Spa

**Rhubarb, Prestonfield
Corriegour Lodge
Alchemy, Apex City Quay Hotel
Darroch Learg Hotel & Restaurant
Pompadour Room, Hilton Caledonian
Restaurant at The Bonham
Acanthus, Parklands Hotel
Ardeonaig Hotel**

COMMENDED

**Westward, Crinan Hotel
Burt's Hotel
Itchycoo, RadissonSAS Edinburgh
Dungeon Restaurant, Dalhousie Castle
Bachler's Restaurant, Kimberley Hotel
Basil's Restaurant, Green Hotel
Cameron's, Hilton Glasgow**

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The Scottish Hotel Restaurant Manager of the Year 2006

*For a dynamic character who is both great with guests and a skilled team organiser
Sponsored by Xpress Recruitment*

WINNER

Stephen McLay, Point Hotel

RUNNER UP

Stephen Carpentier, Macdonald Forest Hills Resort

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The Scottish Hotel Lunch of the Year Award 2006

For good food, good service, good atmosphere and good value at Lunch time

WINNER

Restaurant at The Bonham

RUNNER UP

Rufflets

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Number One, The Balmoral
Sands, Old Course Hotel**

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Old Pines Hotel & Restaurant
Metro Brasserie, Apex City Quay Hotel
La Bonne Auberge, Holiday Inn Glasgow Theatreland
Golf Inn**

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The Scottish Hotel Bar Food Award 2006

For dependable quality Bar Meals based on real food

WINNER

Borough Hotel

RUNNER UP

Glenfinnan House

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Cairnbaan Hotel
Applecross Inn**

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Knockderry House
Ma Bells, St. Andrews Golf Hotel
The Roxburghe Hotel & Golf Club**

COMMENDED

**Castle Venlaw
Steam Packet Inn
The Ceilidh Place**

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The Scottish Hotel Breakfast of the Year 2006

For industry-leading exemplars of an outstanding Breakfast

JOINT WINNERS

**Ardeonaig
and
Boath House**

RUNNER UP

Southside

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Radisson SAS Glasgow
Skirling House**

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Langs
Enterkine House
Charleston House
Castleton House
Knockinaam Lodge
Glenapp Castle
Old Pines Hotel & Restaurant
The Pines
Culloden House
Drumossie Hotel**

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Scottish Hotel Chef Médailles d'Or 2006

Presented to gifted Head Chefs for outstanding achievement at Dinner Service

WINNERS

**J. Paul Burns
Charlie Lockley
Graeme Shaw**

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Scottish Hotel Executive Chef Award 2006

Presented to an exceptional, established Executive Chef for all-round excellence

WINNER

Simon Whitely, deVere Cameron House Hotel

RUNNER UP

Iain Jurgensen, St. Andrews Bay Hotel

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

Stephen Frost, Macdonald Hotels
James Murphy, Hilton Glasgow
Kenny Coltman, Hilton Edinburgh
Bruce Price, Apex City Quay Hotel
Michel Bouyer, The Bonham

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Craig Dunn, Langs Hotel
Campbell Cameron, Macdonald Forest Hills

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Scottish Hotel Chef Rising Star Award 2006

Presented to an exciting talent promising much for the future

WINNER

Nic Poelaert, Muckrach Lodge

RUNNER UP

Dereck Carter, Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

Paul Moffat, Enterkine House

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The Scottish Hotel Chef of the Year 2006

Presented to an exceptional, established working Head Chef for all-round excellence and innovation, bearing in mind training, record of service, and motivational skills

WINNER

Kevin MacGillivray, Ballathie House Hotel

RUNNER UP

Kevin Broome, Loch Torridon Hotel

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

David Williams, Greywalls
Paul Hart, Cringletie House
Ian Drew, Corriegour Lodge
Matthew Gray, Inverloch Castle
Allan Donald, Ballachulish House
Robert MacPherson, Isle of Eriska Hotel
Chris Firth-Bernard, Summer Isles Hotel
Andrew Costley, Lochgreen House
Craig Grant, Sorn Inn

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Martin Avey, Inn at Lathones
Pete Gottgens, Ardeonaig
Tony Pierce, Knockinaam Lodge
Rolf Mueller, Kirroughtree Hotel

**Paul Moffat, Enterkine House
John Kelly, Bosville Hotel
Graeme Pallister, Parklands Hotel
Lousie McKie, The Royal at Tighnabraich
David Harrison, Castle Venlaw**

Leaders & Managers

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The Scottish Hotel 'Mine Host' Award 2006

For individuals committed heart and soul to hospitality and good cheer at their establishment

WINNER

Nick White, Inn at Lathones

JOINT RUNNERS UP

David Birrell, Stair Inn

Mike Pearson, Tomdoun Lodge

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

Morag & John Walmsley, Charleston House

Keith & Sheila Forrest, Ravenscourt House

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The Scottish Hotel Staff Award 2006

*Presented to recognise a culture of excellence in training hotel staff, and the positive results
Sponsored by Xpress Recruitment*

WINNER

Cuillin Hills Hotel

RUNNER UP

The Roxburghe Hotel & Golf Course

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Dryburgh Abbey Hotel

24

The Scottish Hotel Warm Welcome Award 2006

For dependable warmth of welcome and a desire to go the extra mile to please guests

WINNER

Montgreenan Mansion House

RUNNER UP

Coul House

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

The Cross at Kingussie

Toravaig House

Creagan House

Inn at Lathones

Carlton George Hotel

Abbots Brae Hotel

Glenapp Castle

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Green Hotel
Kimberley Hotel
Bosville Hotel
Dryburgh Abbey Hotel
Channings
Borough Hotel**

COMMENDED

**Swallow Oban Caledonian Hotel
Marriott Glasgow**

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Scottish Hotel Spa Manager 2006
Sponsored by Xpress Recruitment

WINNER

Jacqueline Hill, Vital Spa, Macdonald Marine Hotel

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Scottish Hotel Leisure & Fitness Manager 2006
Sponsored by Xpress Recruitment

WINNER

Colin Thomson, Aveda Spa, Mar Hall

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The Scottish Hotel Manager of the Year 2006
Sponsored by Xpress Recruitment

WINNER

Philip Mahoney, Radisson SAS Glasgow

JOINT RUNNERS UP

**Murray McPhee, Cuillin Hills & Kincaig Hotels
Jonathan Stapleton, Old Course Hotel**

also Commended:

**Marshall Dallas, Macdonald Hotels
Stephen McCorkell, One Devonshire Gardens
Norbert Leider, Inverlochy Castle
Peter Webster, Ardanaiseig
Neil Ellis, Point Hotel
Peter Ferguson, Raemoir House Hotel
Chris Ling, Dalhousie Castle Hotel**

Awards of Distinction

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The Scottish Small Country Hotel Award 2006
For notably well-rounded excellence in a small country or country house hotel
Sponsored by InnSave

WINNER

Cairnbaan Hotel

RUNNER UP
Abbots Brae Hotel

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
Plockton Hotel
Cavens
Ardeonaig Hotel
East Haugh Country House Hotel

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Port Charlotte Hotel
Boat Hotel
Edenwater House
Knockomie Hotel

COMMENDED
Fairwinds Hotel
Pine Trees Hotel
Knockderry Hotel

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The Scottish Inn of the Year 2006

WINNER
Stair Inn

JOINT RUNNERS UP
Applecross Inn
Meikleour Hotel

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
Inn on North Street
Glenelg Inn
Kilberry Inn
George Hotel (Inverary)

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Buccleuch Arms (St. Boswells)
Inn at Kippen
Sorn Inn
Inn at Lathones
Harbour Inn (Islay)
Tigh-an-Eilean
The Tormaukin

COMMENDED
Loch Kinord Hotel
Stronlossit Inn
Loch Tummel Inn

30

The Scottish Guest House of the Year 2006

WINNER

Glengorm Castle

RUNNER UP
Dun na Mara

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
Skirling House
Southside
Ptarmigan

HIGHLY COMMENDED
The Shore
Ardoch Lodge
Number 3
Bridge House
Ardmor House

COMMENDED
Sui Generis
Rickla
The Monachs
Hillcrest House

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The Scottish Activities Hotel Award 2006

WINNER
Loch Torridon Hotel

RUNNER UP
Royal Marine Hotel

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
Hilton Dunkeld House Hotel
Westin Turnberry Resort

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Dunalastair Hotel
Macdonald Forest Hills Resort

COMMENDED
Swallow Isles of Glencoe Hotel

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The Scottish Fishing Hotel Award 2006

WINNER
Tomdoun Lodge

RUNNER UP
Altnaharra House

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
Borgie Lodge
Dryburgh Abbey Hotel
Ballathie House Hotel
East Haugh House Hotel

33

The Scottish Golf Break Hotel Award 2006

For a hotel well set-up for great golfing breaks and with golf course(s) nearby

WINNER

Royal Marine Hotel

RUNNER UP

Boat Hotel

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

Macdonald Rusacks Hotel

Rufflets

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Swallow Royal Golf Hotel

Culloden House

The Marine Hotel (Troon)

Cavens

Castleton House

St. Andrews Golf Hotel

34

The Scottish Budget Hotel Award 2006

WINNER

Jury's Inn Edinburgh

RUNNER UP

Express by Holiday Inn Edinburgh Waterfront

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Express by Holiday Inn Inverness

Apex European Hotel

Jury's Inn Glasgow

COMMENDED

Express by Holiday Inn Glasgow Theatreland

Express by Holiday Inn Stirling

Express by Holiday Inn Perth

Kirklee Hotel

Best Western Edinburgh Capital Hotel

35

The Scottish Hotel Spa of the Year 2006

Sponsored by Speyside Glenlivet Natural Mineral Water

WINNER

Kohler Waters Spa, Old Course Hotel

RUNNER UP

Spa at Western Turnberry Resort

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

One Spa, Sheraton Grand

Aveda Spa, Mar Hall

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Vital Spa, Macdonald Marine Hotel

COMMENDED
**Spa at Peebles Hotel Hydro
Oshi Spa, Langs Hotel
Vital Spa, Macdonald Crutherland House**

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Scotland's Sexiest Hotel Award 2006
Sponsored by Profile Plus Public Relations

WINNER
Malmaison Glasgow

RUNNER UP
Prestonfield

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
**Malmaison Edinburgh
Rocpool Reserve
Orocco Pier
Le Monde
Langs**

HIGHLY COMMENDED
**Point Hotel
The Bonham
Rick's
ABode Glasgow
Lodge on Loch Lomond**

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The Scottish Conference Hotel Award 2006

WINNER
Best Western Beardmore Hotel

RUNNER UP
Macdonald Highlands Hotel

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
Drumossie Hotel

HIGHLY COMMENDED
**Swallow Newton Hotel
Crowne Plaza Glasgow**

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The 'Rising Star' Award 2006

WINNER
Dunalastair Hotel

RUNNER UP
Altnaharra House

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

ABode Glasgow
Le Monde
Smiths at Gretna Green
The Cairn Lodge

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Knockderry Hotel
Lochgair Hotel
Ravenscourt Hotel
Coul House

COMMENDED

Ullinish Country Lodge
Bosville Hotel
Kincraig House

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The 'Good for the Soul' Award 2006

WINNER

Hotel Eilean Iarmain

RUNNER UP

Four Seasons Hotel (St. Fillans)

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

Argyll Hotel (Iona)
Tomdoun Lodge
The Ceilidh Place
Minmore House
The Cross at Kingussie
Scarista House
Moor of Rannoch Hotel

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Corriegour Lodge
Scarinish Hotel
Balinakill House

40

The 'Sensationally Scottish' Award 2006
Presented in association with Scotland Magazine

WINNER

Glenfinnan House

41

The Scottish Hotel Bar Award 2006

WINNER

Quaich Bar, Craigellachie Hotel

RUNNER UP

Paris, Le Monde

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

Glenfinnan Hotel
Loch Torridon Hotel
Borough Hotel

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Knockderry Hotel
The Wheatsheaf
Road Hole Bar, Old Course Hotel
Macdonald Pittodrie House
Ma Bell's, St. Andrews Golf Hotel
Rick's
Hyde's Bar, The Queen's Hotel

The Hotels of the Year

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The Scottish Country House Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER

Macdonald Pittodrie House

RUNNER UP

Rufflets

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

Roman Camp Hotel
Summer Isles Hotel
Ballathie House
Cringletie House
Darroch Learg Hotel
Kilmichael
Castleton House Hotel
The Roxburghe Hotel & Golf Club

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Kildrummy Castle Hotel
Castle Hotel (Huntly)
Craigsanquhar House
Kincraig House
Kilcamb Lodge
Busta House
Culloden House

43

The Scottish Luxury Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER

Inverlochy Castle

RUNNER UP

Mar Hall

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

Greywalls
Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa
Glenapp Castle
Kinnaird House
One Devonshire Gardens
Lochgreen House

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Cromlix
Kinloch House
Kirroughtree House
Glenmorangie Highland Home
Altnaharra House

44

The Scottish Romantic Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER
Ardanaiseig

RUNNER UP
Raemoir

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

Lodge on Loch Lomond
Corsewall Lighthouse Hotel
Pool House
Prestonfield
The Albannach
Knockinaam Lodge

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Brig o' Doon Hotel
Dalhousie Castle
Airds Hotel
Ballachulish House

45

The Scottish Family Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER
Peebles Hotel Hydro

RUNNER UP
Crieff Hydro

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Green Hotel
Old Pines Hotel & Restaurant
Cally Palace Hotel
Macdonald Forest Hills Resort
Auchrannie Spa Resort
Baile-na-Cille
Swallow Isles of Glencoe

46A

The Scottish Wedding Hotel of the Year 2006

Presented in association with Scottish Wedding Directory
Large classic category

WINNER
Balbirnie House Hotel

JOINT RUNNERS UP
Hilton Caledonian Hotel
Dalhousie Castle Hotel

46B

The Scottish Wedding Hotel of the Year 2006
Presented in association with Scottish Wedding Directory
Medium classic category

WINNER
Craigsanquhar House

RUNNER UP
Western House Hotel

46C

The Scottish Wedding Hotel of the Year 2006
Presented in association with Scottish Wedding Directory
Alternative category

WINNER
Fuschia, Orocco Pier

RUNNER UP
Corsewall Lighthouse Hotel

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The Scottish Business Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER
Hilton Glasgow

RUNNER UP
Macdonald Holyrood Hotel

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
City Inn Glasgow

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Holiday Inn East Kilbride
Apex International Edinburgh
Novotel Edinburgh

48

The Scottish Boutique Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER
Rocpool Reserve

RUNNER UP

The Cairn Lodge

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

**The Howard
The Bonham
Le Monde**

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Channings
Borough Hotel
The Queen's Hotel
ABode Glasgow**

49

The Scottish Country Sports Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER

Kinloch House Hotel

RUNNER UP

East Haugh Country House

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Cavens
Craigadam
Alladale Lodge
Ballathie House
Tomdoun Lodge**

50

The Scottish Golf Resort of the Year 2006

For a hotel with its own golf course and, in many cases, clubhouse facilities

WINNER

St. Andrews Bay Golf Resort & Spa

RUNNER UP

Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Westin Turnberry Resort
The Roxburghe Hotel & Golf Club**

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Green Hotel
Ballachulish House & Golf Club
Machrie Hotel & Golf Links**

COMMENDED

**Macdonald Cardrona Hotel, Golf & Country Club
Cally Palace Hotel**

51

The Scottish Island Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER

Highland Cottage

RUNNER UP
The Colonsay Hotel

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
**Three Chimneys & House Over-By
Toravaig House
Scarista House
Kilmichael**

HIGHLY COMMENDED
**Hotel Eilean Iarmain
Cuillin Hills Hotel
Scarinish Hotel
Harbour Inn
Busta House
Ullinish Country lodge
Argyll Hotel (Iona)
Port Charlotte Hotel**

52

The Scottish Castle Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER
Glenapp Castle

RUNNER UP
Castle Venlaw

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED
**Inverlochy Castle
Dornoch Castle Hotel
Dalhousie Castle
Balfour Castle
Kildrummy Castle Hotel**

COMMENDED
**Melville Castle
Borthwick Castle**

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The Edinburgh Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER
Prestonfield

54

The Glasgow Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER
One Devonshire Gardens

55

The Inverness Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER

The Drumossie Hotel

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The Dundee Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER

Apex City Quay Hotel

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The Aberdeen Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER

Marcliffe at Pitfodels

The Top Awards

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The Scottish Hotelier of the Year 2006

Norman Springford, Apex Hotels

RUNNER UP

Robert Powell, Highland Escape Hotels

also Commended:

John Sloggie, Castle Venlaw Hotel

Stephen Carter, St. Andrews Bay Hotel

Nicola Taylor, Chardon Management Limited

Robert Crook, Chardon Management Limited

Donald MacLeod, MacLeod Hotels

Nick White, Inn at Lathones

David & Verity Webster, Castleton Hotels

Paddy Crerar, Crerar Hotels

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The Scottish Hotel Group of the Year 2006

WINNER

Costley & Costley Hoteliers Limited

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Fellowship for Special Achievement 2006

FELLOW

Prof. Eddie Friel

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The Scottish Hotel of the Year 2006

WINNER

Summer Isles Hotel

RUNNER UP

Boath House

FINALISTS

Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa
Inverlochy Castle
Cringletie House
Westin Turnberry Resort
Norton House Hotel