

The Scottish Hotels of the Year Awards 2008

THE RESULTS

As presented at Prestonfield House Hotel on February 24th

Fully expanded and annotated results with all final Commendations and Special Commendations will replace this by March 5th

RISING STAR AWARDS

Tomorrow's stars we find twinkling today

Rising Star Hotel Manager of the Year 2008

Special Commendation: Donald Innes, Park Hotel

Special Commendation: Peter Govan, Fernhill Hotel

Special Commendation: Barry Rowland, Jurys Inn Edinburgh

Winner: Claire Steven, Macdonald Houston House

Rising Star Hotel Chef of the Year 2008

Commendation: Sumit Chakrabarty, Smiths Hotel

Commendation: Karen McKay, Channings Hotel

Winner: Bruce Morrison, Ullinish Country Lodge

Rising Star Restaurant Manager of the Year 2008

Winner: Simon Fraser, The Scotsman Hotel

Rising Star Hotel of the Year 2008 – Small category

Commendation: Tongue Hotel

Commendation: Duisdale Hotel

Special Commendation: Selkirk Arms Hotel

Winner: Lake of Menteith Hotel

Rising Star Hotel of the Year 2008 – Medium category

Winner: Marks Hotel

Rising Star Hotel of the Year 2008 – Large category

Winner: Holiday Inn Aberdeen West

Rising Star Restaurant with Rooms of the Year 2008

Winner: The Horseshoe Inn

Rising Star Wedding Venue of the Year 2008

Winner: Glenbervie House Hotel

Rising Star Green Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: Fortingall Hotel

Hot Tip Recommendation 2008

Winner: Killiecrankie Hotel

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Recognitions based on real business results, class-leading performance and promise

Business Excellence Award – Entrepreneurship

Winner: Steven MacLeod, Aurora

Business Excellence Award – Individual Hotel

Winner: Orocco Pier

Business Excellence Award – Hotel Group

Winner: The Eton Collection

Business Excellence Award – Innovation

Winner: Claire Macdonald Online Shop, Kinloch Lodge

Business Excellence Award – Manager

Winner: Dominic McVey, Crowne Plaza Glasgow

Business Excellence Award – Management Team

Winner: Norton House Hotel – Ronnie MacKay, GM & Chris Monks, Deputy

Business Excellence Award – Meetings & Events

Winner: Smiths Hotel at Gretna Green

Turnaround Award – Most Improved Hotel

Special Commendation: Macdonald Holyrood Hotel

Special Commendation: Point Hotel

Winner: Macdonald Marine Hotel & Spa

Newcomer Award – Best New Scottish Hotel

Special Commendation: Aston Hotel

Winner: Dakota Edinburgh Forthbridge

ECO AWARDS

Tackling environmental matters inspirationally

Scotland's Green Hotel Group of the Year

Winner: Apex Hotels

Scotland's Green Hotel of the Year

Winner: Jurys Inn Glasgow

Environmental Excellence Manager Award 2008

Winner: Malcolm Rann, Radisson SAS Edinburgh

Eco Medals 2008 for Environmental Leadership

Winners: Niall Fotheringham, Mark Cuthbert, Jo Harbisher, Alexandra Hammond

CONSUMER AWARD

The recipient of the most positive feedback over a year to HotelReviewScotland.com by both feedback postcards and online comments – a true favourite of guests

Readers' Award 2008 for Most Positive Feedback

Winner: Glengarry Castle Hotel

CITY HOTEL AWARDS

Top performing hotels in three key cities

The Glasgow Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: Hotel du Vin at One Devonshire Gardens

The Edinburgh Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: The Point Hotel

The Inverness Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: Glenmoriston Town House Hotel

GUEST HOUSE AWARDS

Outstanding guest house accommodation and service

Scottish Guest House of the Year 2008

Winner: Dun na Mara, near Oban

Guest House Breakfast Award 2008

Winner: Southside, Edinburgh

Guest House Local Flavours Food Award 2008

Winner: Hillcrest House, Wigtown

Guest House Warm Scottish Welcome Award 2008

Winner: Rickwood Hotel, Portpatrick

Guest House Dinner Award 2008

Winner: Tigh na Leigh, Alyth

HOTEL DESIGN AWARDS

Recognition for the great value good design adds

Hotel Design Excellence Medals 2008

Gleneagles – Spirit Suites

Hotel du Vin Glasgow

Hilton Grosvenor Edinburgh – Public areas

The Balmoral – Balmoral Bar

Lake of Menteith Hotel

Dakota Hotels

The Scottish Hotel Design Award 2008

Winner: Great Scots Bar, Cameron House

Access Award 2008 – Welcome & Facility Equality

Winner: Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa Dundee

MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Recognition for management excellence and achievement

Scottish Deputy Hotel Manager of the Year 2008

Winner: Sally MacDougall, Speedbird Inn Aberdeen Airport

Gold Medals for Management Excellence 2008

Paul Spencer

David Hall

Peter Webster

John Orr

Jim Stirling

Nicholas Gorton

Harry Fernandez

David Trotter

Daniel Periera

Scottish Hotel Manager of the Year 2008

Winner: David Welch, George Hotel, Edinburgh

Young Management Personality of the Year 2008

Winner: Dan Renton, Macdonald Hotels

Housekeeper of the Year 2008

Winner: Josie Montgomery, Jurys Inn Edinburgh

Banqueting Manager of the Year 2008

Special Commendation: Nigel Dochree, Macdonald Marine Hotel

Winner: Mark Duncan, Crowne Plaza Glasgow

Conference & Events Coordinator of the Year
Winner: Sandra Dawson, Peebles Hotel Hydro

Concierge Team of the Year
Winner: The Balmoral Hotel – Joseph Winders, Head Concierge

SPA & LEISURE AWARDS

Recognition for design, service and innovation

Scottish Spa of the Year 2008
Winner: Spa Cameron House

Spa Manager of the Year 2008
Winner: Lorna Wood, Spa Cameron House

Spa Team of the Year 2008
Winner: Vital Spa & Leisure Club, Macdonald Marine Hotel & Spa

WEDDING HOTELS AWARDS

Recognition for hotels who truly, madly, deeply love weddings

Scottish Wedding Hotel of the Year 2008 – Large event

Commendation: Mercure Ardoe House

Commendation: Airth Castle

Commendation: Macdonald Houstoun House

Commendation: Macdonald Crutherland House

Special Commendation: Balbirnie House Hotel

Winner: Western House Hotel

Scottish Wedding Hotel of the Year 2008 – Medium event

Special Commendation: Fuschia at Orocco Pier

Winner: Rufflets

Scottish Wedding Hotel of the Year 2008 – Intimate event

Special Commendation: The Torridon

Winner: Ardanaiseig

Wedding Coordinator of the Year 2008

Special Commendation: Jean Kerr, Western House Hotel

Winner: Caroline Eriyagama, Macdonald Houstoun House

HOTEL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Specific excellence recognised in many ways

Scotland's Sexiest Hotel 2008

Commendation: Orocco Pier

Special Commendation: Witchery by the Castle

Winner: Tigerlily

Small Country Hotel Award 2008

Commendation: Cnoc Hotel

Commendation: Hotel Eilean Iarmain

Special Commendation: Minmore House Hotel

Special Commendation: East Haugh Country House Hotel

Winner: Cavens Country House

Small City Hotel Award 2008

Winner: Rocpool Reserve

Country Sports Award 2008

Special Commendation: East Haugh Country House

Special Commendation: Fortingall Hotel

Winner: Ballathie House Hotel

Conference Hotel Award 2008

Commendation: Peebles Hotel Hydro

Special Commendation: Beardmore Conference Hotel

Winner: Crowne Plaza Glasgow

Good for the Soul Award 2008

Special Commendation: Greshornish House

Special Commendation: Argyll Hotel

Special Commendation: Ceilidh Place

Special Commendation: Kilcamb Lodge

Winner: Four Seasons Hotel

Hospitality Excellence Medals 2008

Toravaig House

Fernhill Hotel

Kilcamb Lodge

Lovat Arms

Highland Cottage

Cally Palace

Selkirk Arms

The Hospitality Award for Friendly Service 2008

Special Commendation: Best Western Invercarse Hotel

Winner: Heathmount Hotel

FOOD, DRINK & CHEF AWARDS

Dependable excellence combining with delicious excitement in catering

Chef Médaille d'Or 2008 for Outstanding Cuisine at Dinner

Paul Hart, Old Course Hotel

Patrick Bardoulet, Horseshoe Inn

Craig Sandle, Number One at The Balmoral

Christopher Field, Tigh an Eilean

Geoffrey Malmedy, Abstract at Glenmoriston Town House

Craig Grant, Sorn Inn

Chef Médaille d'Or 2008 for an Outstanding Taste of Scotland

Michael Smith, Three Chimneys & House Over-By

Alan Reid, Windlestraw Lodge

Tom Lewis, Monachyle Mhor

Scottish National Hotel Chef of the Year

Special Commendation: Gary Goldie, Ardanaseig

Winner: Paul Tamburrini, Hotel du Vin Glasgow

Scottish Hotel Chef Team of the Year 2008

Special Commendation: Norton House Hotel

Winner: Apex City Quay Hotel

Executive Chef of the Year 2008

Winner: Gerry Sharkey, La Bonne Auberge, Holiday Inn Glasgow Theatreland

Breakfast of the Year Award 2008 – Large hotel category

Special Commendation: Radisson SAS Glasgow

Special Commendation: Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa

Winner: Strathearn Restaurant at Gleneagles

Breakfast of the Year – Small hotel category

Winner: Three Chimneys & House Over-By

Lunch Excellence Award 2008

Winner: Three Chimneys & House Over-By

Informal Dining Excellence Award 2008

Commendation: Borough Hotel

Special Commendation: Fairfield House

Winner: Burts Hotel

Best Bar Award 2008

Winner: Balmoral Bar, The Balmoral

Best Bar Food Award 2008

Special Commendation: Kilspindie Hotel

Winner: Applecross Inn

The Fabulously Scottish Dining Award 2008

Special Commendation: Kinloch Lodge

Winner: The Albannach

The Amazing Afternoon Tea Award 2008

Winner: Minmore House Hotel

The Scottish Restaurant with Rooms of the Year 2008

Winner: The Peat Inn

The Scottish National Hotel Restaurant of the Year 2008

Commendation: Lake of Menteith Hotel

Commendation: Dakota Eurocentral

Commendation: Restaurant at The Bonham

Special Commendation: Abstract, Glenmoriston Town House Hotel

Winner: James Stocks @ The Orangery, Balbirnie House Hotel

HOTELS OF THE YEAR

The final awards recognising major categories of excellence

The Scottish Romantic Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: The Torridon

The Scottish Business Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: Radisson SAS Glasgow

The Scottish Luxury Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: The Balmoral

The Scottish Island Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: Coll Hotel

The Scottish Budget Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: Jurys Inn Glasgow

The Scottish Golf Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: Old Course Hotel

The Scottish Inn of the Year 2008

Winner: Buccleuch Arms Hotel (St. Boswells)

The Scottish Family Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: Peebles Hotel Hydro

The Scottish Boutique Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: The Bonham

Awards below were presented by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Sustainable Growth, Rt. Hon. John Swinney MSP

International Resort Hotel of the Year 2008

Winner: Gleneagles

The Scottish Hotel Group of the Year 2008

Winner: Apex Hotels

The Scottish Hotelier of the Year 2008

Winner: Ken McCulloch, CEO, Dakota Hotels

Fellowship for Outstanding Achievement & Industry Contribution 2008

Winner: James Thomson, Founder, Prestonfield & The Witchery

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The Scottish NATIONAL HOTEL OF THE YEAR 2008

Runner-up: Norton House Hotel

Winner: Inverlochy Castle

This list excludes certain Commendations and Special Commendations and the full and annotated winners' list will be published in early March