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CONDÉ NAST JOHANSENS ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 33rd ANNUAL UK & IRELAND AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

3rd November 2014, London; *Condé Nast Johansens* is delighted to announce the winners of their 2015 UK & Ireland Awards for Excellence, revealed at the 33rd annual Awards Dinner held at The May Fair Hotel in London this evening.

THE WINNERS FOR UK & IRELAND 2015

Best Newcomer – Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian, Scotland.

“Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh - The Caledonian has a Victorian heart and 21st-century soul. Originally built as a Victorian railway hotel, an ambitious revamp by the mighty Hilton-owned Waldorf Astoria brand has updated this 241-room beauty with sensitive integrity.”

www.johansens.com/europe/scotland/edinburgh/waldorf-astoria-edinburgh---the-caledonian

Best For Romance – Alexander House Hotel and Utopia Spa, West Sussex, England.

“Alexander House Hotel and Utopia Spa, West Sussex, strikes that fine balance between contemporary comfort and historic charm. Cosy during every season with summer courtyard sunshine and wintry fireside lounging... It's the perfect last-minute getaway.”

www.johansens.com/europe/england/west-sussex/alexander-house-hotel-and-utopia-spa

Best Service – The Atlantic Hotel, Jersey, Channel Islands.

“Get yourself off the beaten track and into this beachy-chic spot tucked away in the warmest corner of the British Isles. The Atlantic Hotel and Michelin Starred Ocean Restaurant is a Channel Islands hideaway perfect for a nature lover's retreat of a weekend.”

www.johansens.com/europe/channel-islands/jersey/the-atlantic-hotel

Best For Exclusive Use – Cheval Three Quays at the Tower of London, England.

“As the leaders in luxury serviced apartments, Cheval Residences has outdone itself again: new to London's Square Mile, beside the Tower of London overlooking the River Thames, Tower Bridge and City Hall, Cheval Three Quays is now open.”

www.johansens.com/europe/england/london/cheval-three-quays-at-the-tower-of-london

Best For Families – Chewton Glen, Hampshire, England.

“When a hotel's received as many accolades as Chewton Glen in Hampshire, expectations run high on arrival. But despite this, you'll still be blown away, even if you're a returning guest because Chewton Glen is always improving (even when it doesn't seem possible) and evolving.”

www.johansens.com/europe/england/hampshire/chewton-glen

Best Value – 130 Queen's Gate Apartments, London, England.

“One thirty isn't the time but rather the place for the ultimate city getaway. Surrounded by top London attractions, this is the capital's Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, all leafy streets lined with 19th-century town houses. Mary Poppins territory.”

www.johansens.com/europe/england/london/130-queen%E2%80%99s-gate-apartments

Best Dining Experience – Hartnett Holder & Co. at Lime Wood, Hampshire, England.

“Luke Holder and Angela Hartnett (yes, the once protégée of Gordon Ramsay) are creating exciting foodie waves with their home-cooked style that's all about fine English fodder with an Italian attitude of sharing and provenance.”

www.johansens.com/europe/england/hampshire/lime-wood

Best Hotel With Spa – Coworth Park, Berkshire, England.

“While upholding all that's great about the English countryside, Coworth Park's estate is a fresh take on the luxury country house hotel where nothing is formulaic. Peppered with surprises, this is a country retreat for the discerning tribe hankering for something out of the ordinary.”

www.johansens.com/europe/england/berkshire/coworth-park

Best Waterside Hotel – Ashford Castle, Mayo, Ireland.

“Beside the peaceful Lough Corrib, the staggeringly impressive, newly renovated Ashford Castle near Cong is the image of fairy-tale fantasies. Spanning hundreds of acres of stunning leafy estate, this is one of Ireland's greatest castle hotels brimming with history.”

www.johansens.com/europe/ireland/mayo/ashford-castle

Best Countryside Hotel – The Pig, Hampshire, England.

“The Pig in the New Forest is effortlessly cool, devoid of pretension and refreshingly stylish. Renowned for its hyper-local restaurant (ingredients are selected from within a 25-mile radius), The Pig bills itself as a restaurant with rooms.”

www.johansens.com/europe/england/hampshire/the-pig

Best Destination Hotel – Dormy House Hotel including Foxhill Manor, Worcestershire, England.

“The 17th-century farmhouse that's now the utterly chic and charming Dormy House Hotel, has undergone a revitalising revamp following a multi-million pound investment and six months of intense work... The result is a hotel that's like home - only better.”

www.johansens.com/europe/england/worcestershire/dormy-house

www.johansens.com/europe/england/worcestershire/foxhill-manor

Best Urban Hotel – Sofitel London St James, England.

“On the corner of Waterloo Place and Pall Mall, Sofitel London St James proudly stands in a prime City of Westminster position. Moments from the flashing lights of Piccadilly Circus... this is London's buzzing St James's area known for its high-end and popular commercial appeal.”

www.johansens.com/europe/england/london/sofitel-london-st-james

Best Sustainable Hospitality and Corporate Responsibility – Dartington Hall, Devon, England.

“Leonard and Dorothy Elmhirst's inspirational, maverick endeavour to reinvent Dartington Hall Estate in 1925 was, and continues to be, no mean feat. The 14th-century manor and grounds became the focus of their vision to create a centre of academia, opportunity and creativity.”

www.johansens.com/europe/england/devon/dartington-hall

Best for Meetings – Sopwell House, Hertfordshire, England.

“Illustrious characters Francis Bacon, King Henry VIII and Lord Mountbatten all play a part in the history of Sopwell House. Today, notable guests include premier league football teams and celebrities, hosted by the Bejerano family who bought this 128-room hotel in 1986.”

<http://www.johansens.com/europe/england/hertfordshire/sopwell-house>

Best for Weddings, Parties or Special Events – Linthwaite House, Cumbria, England.

“Something that strikes you about Linthwaite House in the Lake District is the unyielding passion owner Mike Bevans has for his 30-bedroom slice of the dream. And it's infectious! There are those Lake Windermere vistas... endless acres of flowering garden and woodland as well as a nine-hole putting green.”
www.johansens.com/europe/england/cumbria--the-lake-district/linthwaite-house

**Readers' Award – The Doyle Collection including:
The Marylebone Hotel, London, England.**

“Urban cool and cosmopolitan flair in the heart of fashionable Marylebone village.”

<http://www.johansens.com/europe/england/london/the-marylebone-hotel>

The Bloomsbury Hotel, London, England.

“Neo-Georgian timeless elegance in central London's leafy Bloomsbury.”

<http://www.johansens.com/europe/england/london/the-bloomsbury-hotel>

The Kensington Hotel, London, England.

“Your South Kensington base for days filled with afternoon teas and museum trips.”

<http://www.johansens.com/europe/england/london/the-kensington-hotel>

The Westbury, Dublin, Ireland.

“The glam and glitzy epicentre of cosmopolitan Dublin.”

<http://www.johansens.com/europe/ireland/dublin/the-westbury-hotel>

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