



Langham Hotel, London, is named 'England's Leading Business Hotel' at the World Travel Awards 2005

London, Monday 14 November 2005: The Langham Hotel, London, has been voted England's Leading Business Hotel in the World Travel Awards 2005 held last night at the Royal Opera House in London.

Graham Cooke, Founder and President of the World Travel Awards said:

"Langham Hotel, London beat off nine other business hotels including the Hilton Park Lane and the Mandarin Oriental to be voted "England's Leading Business Hotel. Our independent worldwide survey shows that Langham is the first property the tourism industry considers when it thinks of a leading business hotel in England."

"All our award winners are innovators and benchmarks for our trade, and Langham Hotel is certainly one of these benchmark properties that business travelers to the capital and England talk about," explains Cooke

The World Travel Awards were established in 1993 to celebrate the achievements of all sectors of the global travel industry. It has become the world's most comprehensive annual travel awards

ceremony, and voting is cast by travel agents from 80,000 travel agencies in over 200 countries around the world.

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This award is the culmination of a year filled with accolades for Langham Hotel, London including:

- November: England's Leading Business Hotel – World Travel Awards 2005
- November: Sleep05 Design Awards: The Infinity Suite is a finalist
- October: The Dom Perignon Award for Excellence – given to Managing Director, Duncan Palmer, by the Academy of Food & Wine Service
- October: Lastminute.com awards the Langham 'Best Theatre Break Hotel'
- October: Condé Nast Traveller places Langham in their Top Ten business hotels in London
- September: The hotel is given 5 Red Stars by the Automobile Association
- February: Hotel of the Year – awarded by 'UKInbound' (formerly the British Incoming Tour Operators Association)

Duncan Palmer, Managing Director of Langham Hotel, London said:

“What a difference a year makes! All these awards are the best possible way to celebrate our 140th anniversary. The Langham has always been in the spotlight – ever since it was opened by HRH The Prince of Wales in 1865 - and I want to thank all our guests and the staff who are keeping it there - these accolades are the result of their incredible support and hard work. And the next 12 months will be just as exciting.”

Over the next two years, Langham Hotel, London will see a substantial programme of investment, including a new destination bar and à la carte restaurant as well as a new spa drawing on the

influence of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and the refurbishment of the beautiful Listed public areas.

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Langham Hotel is London's original grand hotel, right at the hub of the West End. It is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World and is the flagship of Langham Hotels International, a new 5-star hotel company with properties in Hong Kong, North America, Australia and New Zealand. A substantial schedule of change and renovation is under way - including a new restaurant, two new bars and a new spa - which will all take place over the next two years.

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