



From left: Home by James Sommerin; The Loch & The Tyne win; Claridge's and Connaught Bar join the party; Italy for short-haul; chef José Pizarro; Champagne Pommery



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READER AWARDS



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And so we finally returned to the Royal Automobile Club on London's Pall Mall for an evening celebrating the best of the best. The return of the in-real-life Food and Travel Reader Awards evening was a huge success, bringing together the hospitality and travel industries for a well-deserved evening of fine food, fine wine and even finer company. The menu was served up by three of the best in the business: Roberta Hall-McCarron, José Pizarro and Shaun Rankin, and every dish was expertly matched with New South Wales wines – with Pommery Champagne kicking things off at the reception. The event was sponsored by Italy. As for the winners, they came from far and wide, and were voted for by you, the readers, making them even more special. We're very happy to introduce your winners...

CATEGORIES

- RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR
- CHEF OF THE YEAR
- BREAKTHROUGH CHEF OF THE YEAR
- SPECIALIST RETAILER OF THE YEAR
- COOKERY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR
- BAR OF THE YEAR
- HOTEL OF THE YEAR
- TOUR OPERATOR OF THE YEAR
- AIRLINE OF THE YEAR
- BOOK OF THE YEAR
- CRUISE LINE OF THE YEAR
- SHORT-HAUL DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
- LONG-HAUL DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
- CITY OF THE YEAR

HOTEL OF THE YEAR

THE SHORTLISTS

GOURMET BOLTHOLE

- The Black Swan (Oldstead)
- The Bull Inn (Totnes)
- The Fox at Oddington (Lower Oddington)
- House of Jōro (Sheffield)
- The Loch & The Tyne (Windsor)
- Moor Hall (Aughton)
- The Queen's Arms (Corton Denham)
- Raby Hunt (Darlington)
- The Whitebrook (Monmouth)

RURAL

- Angel Hotel (Abergavenny)
- Bovey Castle (Dartmoor)
- Carbis Bay Estate (St Ives)
- The Double Red Duke (Cotswolds)
- Eckington Manor (Eckington)
- Grantley Hall (Ripon)
- Hipping Hall (Carnforth)
- Lympstone Manor (Exmouth)
- The Machrie (Islay)
- The Newt in Somerset (Bruton)
- Thyme (Cotswolds)

CITY

- Claridge's (London)
- Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel (Edinburgh)
- Leven (Manchester)
- Mondrian Shoreditch (London)
- The Prince Akatoki London
- Sea Containers London

INTERNATIONAL

- Chablé Yucatán (Mexico)
- Lefay Resort & Spa Dolomiti (Italy)
- Post Ranch Inn Big Sur (USA)
- Saffire Freycinet (Australia)
- Sani Resort (Greece)
- Six Senses Douro Valley (Portugal)
- The Stay Bosphorus (Türkiye)
- Villa Nai 3.3 (Croatia)
- Windjammer Landing Villa Beach Resort (St Lucia)

BED AND BREAKFAST

- The Control Tower (Walsingham)
- Five Acre Barn (Leiston)
- Hooppells Torr (Kingston, Devon)
- Raise View (Grasmere)
- Rocksalt Rooms (Folkestone)
- Stow House (Leyburn)



From left: The Loch & The Tyne; from the menu; Grantley Hall, Hotel of the Year

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HOTEL OF THE YEAR

GOURMET BOLTHOLE CITY

The Loch & The Tyne

Chef Adam Handling's pub in the village of Old Windsor, his first foray outside the capital, takes the prize in our category of ten rooms or fewer. Beautifully presented dishes, part-picked from the inn's raised herb and vegetable patches, are a luxury approach to classic pub grub, and the entire establishment sings of green credentials with sustainability, recycling and low food waste at its heart. The warm wood, deep green and cream design runs from private dining rooms up to plush bedrooms, and stays come with plentiful breakfasts. lochandyne.com

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WINNER

Claridge's

The epitome of London's old, luxury hotels, Claridge's five-star elegance has been setting the bar since 1856. Its timeless art deco design opens in the grand marble foyer and ballroom, where royalty, politicians and stars have mingled over the decades, carrying through to lavish suites that are among London's most spacious. The hotel further upped the glamour in 2022 with the opening of the ground-breaking Claridge's Spa. Designed to evoke Japan and the Far East, the spa has a wealth of traditional and cutting-edge treatments, including exclusive FaceGym options. claridges.co.uk

FOOD & TRAVEL
WINNER

RURAL

Grantley Hall

Emerging from the Yorkshire Dales, Grantley Hall's stately stone building and sprawling, snipped grounds set the tone for a grandiose stay. Its 47 luxury rooms and suites are decked out in comforting, earthy pastels, lit by large scenic windows. If you can tear yourself from your king-size bed, the hall has a gym, wellness centre, spa and colonnaded pool. The star of Grantley Hall's fine dining is Shaun Rankin, who heads up one of its five exquisite restaurants. grantleyhall.co.uk

FOOD & TRAVEL
WINNER



INTERNATIONAL

Sani Resort

Enveloped by Aegean blue and the vibrant green of its nature reserve, this unique, 400ha Halkidiki resort has five individual hotels to create a family-friendly, tailor-made stay. Alongside sprawling pools and beachside suites, Sani's 27 restaurants cover a world of cuisine, with activities on site ranging from watersports to bird watching and beekeeping. Kids are kept busy with treetop adventures, football and tennis academies and the Bear Grylls Survival Academy, not to mention forest trails and dolphin watching. Greece's first carbon neutral resort, Sani leads in sustainability, from preservation of biodiversity to community support. sani-resort.com

FOOD & TRAVEL
WINNER

BED AND BREAKFAST

Hooppells Torr

This pink, 18th-century farmhouse in Devon's glorious South Hams combines a rural setting, a short hop from the beach, with sophisticated decor. Run by couple Simon and Jeeva, it oozes personal style, with traditional wooden walkways and broad beams set off by the occasional quirky print and bold splash. Breakfast is both large and seasonal, served up in the pretty conservatory. hooppellstorr.com

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