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## QHotels: Officially Excellent

Demonstrating yet another string to their successful bow; QHotels has been recognised for its Excellence in Training at the 2009 Caterer & Hotelkeeper 'Best Places to Work in Hospitality' Awards.

Scooping the new award category 'Excellence in Training', QHotels was commended for its innovative training initiatives and the significant benefits they brought to the business. The AA Hotel Group of the Year was also praised for its commitment to continually improving employee skills and capabilities, as well as its diverse training schemes across the company.

The hospitality group has launched a variety of training initiatives over the last 18 months including QED, a development scheme for Deputy General Managers. The year long course, run by the group's Directors, culminates at the Cornell Hotel School in Brussels for its final module. The course has already seen all of its first year of graduates take on General Management roles.

The hotel collection has also launched a highly successful Chefs Academy; an initiative which was set up to entice new talent into the kitchens of the collection's 21 hotels, as well as hone the skills of the groups existing and up-and-coming talent. The scheme, aimed at 16 to 24 year olds, was set up in association with VT Training, and will see its first team graduate in March 2010.

Sarah Hoskin, Group Training Manager for QHotels, commented: "With over 40 specialist training courses and initiatives made available to our employees each year, it is clear that QHotels truly believes in the importance of staff development, and we are delighted that this has been recognised with the 'Excellence in Training' award.

"Our team are the foundation of our business and instrumental in our continued success. It is QHotels' sustained training and development that shapes our cohesive and flourishing team, and the one of a kind service we are famed for," concluded Sarah.

- That's all for now -

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The QHotels 21: **The Westerwood Hotel & Golf Resort** - Near Glasgow... **Aldwark Manor Golf & Spa Hotel** - York... **The Queens** - Leeds... **Forest Pines Hotel & Golf Resort** - North Lincolnshire... **Tankersley Manor** – Tankersley, Nr Sheffield... **The Midland** - Manchester... **The Park Royal** – Stretton, Warrington... **Crewe Hall** – Crewe, Cheshire... **The Nottingham Belfry** - Nottingham... **Telford Hotel & Golf Resort** – Telford, Shropshire... **Stratford Manor** - Stratford-upon-Avon... **The Stratford** - Stratford-upon-Avon... **Chesford Grange** – Kenilworth, Warwickshire... **Hellidon Lakes Golf & Spa Hotel** – Hellidon, Northamptonshire... **The Cheltenham Chase Hotel** - Gloucestershire... **The Cambridge Belfry** – Cambourne, Cambridge... **The Oxford Belfry** –Thame, Oxford... **The Hampshire Court Hotel** - Basingstoke, Hampshire... **Norton Park** - Winchester, Hampshire... **Bridgewood Manor** – Chatham, Kent... **Ashford International Hotel** – Ashford, Kent

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#### A little bit about us:

- QHotels prides itself in its collection of 21 carefully nurtured, unique properties throughout the UK. Some hide away in the most beautiful countryside, some preside over bustling city centres, but each with its own little idiosyncrasies, ensures guest enjoy a truly unique experience - whether staying for pleasure or business.
- Founded in 2003 by Managing Director - Michael Purtill, Sales Director - David Taylor, Finance Director – Ian Goulding and investment company Alchemy Partners; the collection has grown from 2 to 21 properties over the last five years.
- The collection, which boasts iconic properties including The Midland in Manchester, The Queens in Leeds and Crewe Hall in Cheshire, has been voted AA Hotel Group of the Year 2008/09 and is ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in The Times Buyout FastTrack register of the 100 fastest growing private equity backed businesses... one of the few companies to feature in the top 100 in two consecutive years. In addition to this... January 2009 alone saw QHotels shortlisted for the Business Hotel Brand of the Year Award at the Business Travel Awards and Winchester property Norton Park scoop two HRS Hotel Excellence Awards (Excellence in Meetings and Excellence in Business Management). Since then QHotels trophy cabinet is buckling under the weight of new awards, including 'Most Improved Brand' for the second year in a row in the 2009 BDRC UK Meetings Market Survey and the 'Excellence in Training Award' in Caterer & Hotelkeeper's Best Places to Work in Hospitality 2009
- Take a look at our website [www.QHotels.co.uk](http://www.QHotels.co.uk)

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