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QHotels feature in The Sunday Times Buyout Track 100 for the fourth year running

For the fourth time in four consecutive years QHotels has made it into The Sunday Times Deloitte Buyout Track 100; making them the only hotel operator to feature in The Sunday Times' league table every year since its inception in 2007.

The Buyout Track 100 league table ranks Britain's 100 private equity-backed companies with the fastest-growing profits, and this year saw QHotels rank at an impressive 53 with a profit growth of 46.5%, reaching £37.4m in 2008/09.

This year's league table saw QHotels aligned with brands including Moneybookers, LOVEFILM.com, London City Airport, St Tropez, Dreams and YO! Sushi.

"We are delighted to have made it into the Buyout Track 100 for the fourth consecutive year. As a group we have made a massive commitment to improving and developing our hotels, investing almost £150 million across the whole collection. More importantly though, we have invested in a first class team of individuals who put their heart and souls into ensuring that the QHotels brand goes from strength to strength year on year. The success of the group is a real testament to their hard work," commented Managing Director of QHotels, Michael Purtill.

QHotels was founded by Michael Purtill, Sales Director David Taylor and Financial Director Ian Goulding in collaboration with the investment company Alchemy Partners in 2003. Today the group is made up of 21 hotels across the UK including The Midland in Manchester, The Queens in Leeds and Crewe Hall in Cheshire.

- 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 can be found 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 Purtil, Sales Director - David Taylor, Finance Director – Ian Goulding and investment company Alchemy Partners;
- The collection has grown from 2 to 21 hotels over the last seven years.
- The collection, which has iconic hotels including The Midland in Manchester, The Queens in Leeds and Crewe Hall in Cheshire, was voted AA Hotel Group of the Year 2008/09 and is ranked 53rd in The Sunday Times Buyout 100 register of the 100 fastest growing private equity backed businesses... the only hotel operator to feature in the top 100 for four consecutive years.
- 2009 saw QHotels shortlisted for the Business Hotel Brand of the Year Award at the Business Travel Awards and Norton Park in Winchester scoop two HRS Hotel Excellence Awards (Excellence in Meetings and Excellence in Business Management). Since then the QHotels trophy cabinet is buckling under the weight of new awards, including 'Most Improved Brand' twice in the last three years 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

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