

The Midland Clinches City Restaurant of the Year

QHotels' The Midland is celebrating after its fine dining restaurant, The French, was awarded City Restaurant of the Year 2009/10 in Life Magazines' Food and Wine Awards.

The awards, in association with Cheshire Life, Lancashire Life and Lake District Life magazines, recognise and reward the very highest standards of hospitality and purveyors of the highest quality food and drink in the North West region.

The French, which already boasts a two star AA Rosette rating, was credited for its culinary excellence, outstanding service and varied product offering. The restaurant was also commended for its use of local produce, which includes the popular Kendal Rough Fell Lamb.

Mike Magrane, General Manager at The Midland commented: "We are thrilled to have won such a prestigious award, which acknowledges the quality and distinction of our food and beverage offer in The French. The restaurant has received a number of accolades over the years and this is due to our committed and experienced staff, including Restaurant Manager Anibal Cabral and Head Chef Paul Beckley who between them have been at The French for 16 years".

Mike added: "We have always prided ourselves on the quality of The French and our team work hard to ensure it remains recognised as the best restaurant Manchester has to offer".

The City Restaurant of the Year award will be presented to the hotel on 22 September at the awards ceremony, held at Michael Caines restaurant at ABode Manchester.

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- 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 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 17th 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).
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