

**Michael Magrane Named ‘General Manager of the Year’
at the Northern Hospitality Awards**

The Midland, Manchester scoops top accolade

Michael Magrane, General Manager of The Midland, Manchester, and Regional General Manager for parent company QHotels has been named ‘General Manager of the Year’ at the esteemed Northern Hospitality Awards.

A record number of hotels, restaurants, bars and chefs from across the North West, Yorkshire and the North East were entered for this year’s awards with the winners being announced at a glittering ceremony on 12th April hosted by food and drinks journalist Nigel Barden.

Mike, originally from Bromborough and an ex-student of Wirral Grammar School beat off fierce competition from General Managers at The Angel Inn Hetton, The Arora Hotel Manchester, The Water Witch Lancaster and The Hilton Deansgate Manchester to scoop the top accolade.

“I was absolutely delighted to be a finalist in the General Manager of the Year Award category at the Northern Hospitality Awards, but I never expected to win, so to receive this prestigious award is a huge honour.” commented Mike. “Although this award recognises my commitment, it also represents the dedication and hard work of the entire team at The Midland. As such an iconic, historic hotel in the city, this award is a testament to the fact that we are continuing to provide our guests with the exceptional level of service and professionalism they have come to expect from everyone at The Midland.”

With more than 18 years of experience in the hospitality industry, Michael has been a Regional General Manager for QHotels since 2003 and has been running The Midland since 2004. Through his enthusiasm and leadership The Midland has gone from strength to strength; recently picking up a bronze accreditation within the Green Tourism Business Scheme (GTBS) and the City Restaurant of the Year Award 2009/10 in Life Magazines’ Food and Wine Awards for The illustrious French Restaurant .

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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 six 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). 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

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