



Emperors Palace sweeps up the industry award for Africa's 'Best Airport and Convention Hotel' at the 2013 International Hotel Awards

Emperors Palace settles yet another 5-star award on its mantle with the addition of the International Hotel Award for African Regions Best Airport Hotel in Africa, Best Convention Hotel in SA and Best Airport Hotel in SA for the prestigious D'oreale Grande hotel and Convention Centre at the Emperors Palace resort. Africa's finest hoteliers recently gathered at the One & Only Royal Mirage Hotel in Dubai to attend the EY and Virgin Atlantic sponsored gala; which proved to be the perfect setting for Wayne Hill, General Manager for Hotels and Resort Operations to represent Emperors Palace which celebrates its 15th birthday anniversary over the next two months. "Yet another sterling award to add to our collection this year! The D'oreale Grande competed against a number of hotels and resorts in Africa to receive this recognition and prestigious title." quips Hill.

"Emperors Palace continues to strive towards excellence and the number of awards won over the years has definitely showcased this. I am thrilled that Emperors Palace, the Convention Centre and the D'oreale Grande stand proud amongst the very best on the African continent and globally. The entire resort complex has a timeless air that still attracts the most discerning of travellers," comments Hill. "I would like to thank all the staff that worked extra hard to ensure we received this award. The entry process was extremely rigorous. The submission requirements included; guest satisfaction, design, responsible tourism overviews, health and safety practices, sustainability, innovation strategies and a study of our market segments. These, along with CV's and an economic outlook for the property, probably made it one of our most comprehensive award submissions to date" continues Hill.

Awards were allocated for the region's most impressive hotels for a variety of categories and property types, where a highly experienced team of professional's covered an entire range of hospitality disciplines and judged the entries prepared by the hotels and selected the winners. The Chairman of the Judging Panel is Sir David Michels, Retired CEO of Hilton Hotels.

The regional winners, also known as 'International Nominees,' then compete in the International Hotel Awards final competition, which will be hosted in London early this month. They will compete against

other regional winners from Asia, the Middle East, the UK, Europe and the Americas to find the ultimate World's Best in each category.

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About Emperors Palace

Conveniently located alongside O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa, with regular complimentary shuttles and now on the new Gautrain bus route directly to and from Rhodesfield Station, the Emperors Palace Hotel Casino Convention and Entertainment Resort is the Vegas of Africa.

This mega resort combines the timeless classical elegance of a bygone era with the sheer excitement of a modern casino resort to offer luxurious accommodation in four unique hotels, a glorious health and beauty spa, a magnificent casino with unparalleled gaming enjoyment, the finest in dining options, spectacular entertainment choices and a state-of-the-art cinema complex, world-class conference facilities, and impeccable service.

About International Hotel Awards

The International Hotel Awards global competition determines the finest hotels and hospitality companies in the world. They were developed to identify, highlight and reward excellence in the global hospitality industry throughout a range of disciplines. In addition to categories for several types of specialty hotels and categories by hotel size, there are also categories for hotel architecture, construction, interior design, marketing and website. The awards are open to hoteliers, hotel developers and builders, interior designers, architects, public relations and advertising agencies and web designers. The awards are split into regions covering Asia Pacific, Arabia, Africa, the Americas, Europe and the UK. Participants enter representing their country and have the chance to win at a national, regional, or international level.

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