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## **Select Success at The Annual World Travel Awards**

*Select Hotels & Resorts International* congratulates Member properties for their recent stunning success at the **Annual World Travel Awards** in Bangalore, India.

The awards, held at The Leela Palace Kempinski, saw over 200 travel professionals and media from 16 countries across the Asia, Australasia & Indian Ocean regions celebrate achievements in the travel industry. *Select's* The Spire, Queenstown, Huka Lodge, Taupo and The Observatory Hotel, Sydney took out four of the major categories on the evening.

### **The Spire Queenstown, South Island- New Zealand** [www.selecthotels.com/spire](http://www.selecthotels.com/spire)

The Spire team is thrilled with their win in the **Australasian Leading Ski Resort** category. Mel Bohse, The Spire's General Manager says, "We were absolutely delighted to receive this recognition to add to our already substantial portfolio of awards. Since Friday we have received so many emails congratulating the Spire team from our supportive Travel Agents globally. We feel very fortunate at the Spire to have such wonderful guests who choose to stay with us when visiting Queenstown and the team looks forward to providing many more memorable stays for our guests to take home in 2008".

The Spire opened its doors in May 2005 and in a very short time has built an enviable reputation for being the luxury hotel of choice when planning a stay in downtown Queenstown. It is a thoroughly urban escape for the style-conscious traveller seeking a cutting edge design experience.

### **Huka Lodge Taupo, North Island- New Zealand** [www.selecthotels.com/hukalodge](http://www.selecthotels.com/hukalodge)

Huka Lodge won awards for two categories this year; the prestigious **New Zealand's Leading Luxury Lodge** and **New Zealand's Leading Suite** for the Owner's Cottage. Huka Lodge has featured strongly in all major international listings and awards since 1984. With its luxurious guest suites, superb cuisine and outstanding reputation, this is one of the world's great lodges.

### **The Observatory Hotel, Sydney, NSW - Australia** [www.selecthotels.com/observatory](http://www.selecthotels.com/observatory)

This is the second consecutive year The Observatory has been recognised as **Australia's Leading Hotel** at the World Travel Awards, cementing its presence internationally within the travel industry.

The Observatory sets the standard for premier Sydney hotels, blending beautifully with the surrounding historic buildings of The Rocks harbourside precinct. Ideal for both the business traveller and tourist, The Observatory Hotel offers only 100 guest rooms and suites, with elegant furnishings that capture the romance of a bygone era; the highly acclaimed Galileo restaurant and the gloriously decadent Day Spa featuring the luxurious La Prairie product range. ....**More**

**Ralph Kelly, Select's Managing Director**, says, "The exceptional achievements of the Select Member properties at the prestigious World Travel Awards continue to highlight the quality of the unique and authentic accommodation experiences that make up *Select*. Whether it's a country retreat, city hotel or ski resort Select Members represent the very best luxury accommodation concepts within the Asia Pacific region. We congratulate all the people within our Member establishments that work extremely hard to create these exceptional places to stay."

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**Select Member properties for 2007 are:**

**AUSTRALIA:** *The Observatory Hotel, Sydney, NSW; Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa, Katoomba NSW; Tower Lodge, Hunter Valley, NSW; Kims Beach Hideaway, Toowoomb Bay, NSW; Arajilla Retreat, Lord Howe Island, NSW; MV A.Q.A., Sydney Harbour, NSW; Meadowlake Lodge, Milton, NSW; Hotel Lindrum, Melbourne, VIC; Marwood, Grampians, VIC; Hotel Pension Grimus, Mount Buller, VIC; LifeTime Private Retreats, Kangaroo Island, SA; The Lodge at Tarraleah, Tarraleah, TAS; Couran Cove Island Resort, South Stradbroke Island, QLD; Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa, Mossman, Far North Qld; Whitfield House, Cairns, QLD;*

**NEW ZEALAND:** *Carrington Resort, Karikari Peninsula, Northland; Mangapapa Petit Hotel, Hawke's Bay; Huka Lodge, Taupo; Maruia River Lodge, Murchison; Grasmere Lodge, Arthur's Pass; Huntley House, Christchurch; Otahuna Lodge, Christchurch; Millbrook Resort, Queenstown; The Spire Hotel, Queenstown; Fiordland Lodge, Te Anau; Corstorphine House, Dunedin;*

**PACIFIC ISLANDS:** *Fiji Orchid, Nadi, Fiji; Nukubati Island, Fiji; Dolphin Island Resort, Fiji; Toberua Island Resort, Fiji; Royale Takitumu Villas, Rarotonga, Cook Islands; Tikehau Pearl Beach Resort, Tikehau, Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia; Manihi Pearl Beach Resort, Manihi, Tuamotu Archipelago, French Polynesia*

**ASIA:** *Pita Maha Resort & Spa, Ubud, Bali; Royal Pita Maha Resort, Ubud, Bali; Nihiwatu Resort, Sumba; Saman Villas, Bentota, Sri Lanka; The Regency Wing of Galle Face Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka; Mom Tri's Villa Royale, Phuket, Thailand; Veranda Resort and Spa, Hua Hin, Thailand; Wanakaren Beach Resort & Spa, Phuket, Thailand*

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