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CAPELLA SYDNEY CELEBRATES A TRIUMPHANT YEAR WITH A TRIO OF PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

NAMED AUSTRALIAN HOTEL OF THE YEAR, BEST DELUXE ACCOMMODATION AND BEST LUXURY HOTEL IN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & SOUTH PACIFIC

SYDNEY, Australia, December 16, 2024 – Capella Sydney is marking a spectacular close to 2024, securing a series of prestigious awards at the 2024 Australian Hotels Association (AHA) Awards for Excellence, the 2024 HM Awards for Hotel and Accommodation Excellence (HM), and the 2024 Luxury Travel Gold List Awards.

At the AHA Awards, held on November 25 in Brisbane before an audience of over 700 industry leaders, Capella Sydney was named the Best Deluxe Accommodation in Australia, following its earlier success as Metropolitan Deluxe Hotel of the Year at the 2024 NSW Accommodation Awards for Excellence. Additionally, Jonathan Fambart, Capella Sydney's Chief Culturist, was awarded Front of House Employee of the Year (Accommodation Division), recognising his exceptional service and leadership in elevating the hotel's guest experience.

The hotel continued its award-winning momentum at the HM Awards on November 29, held at ICC Sydney in front of nearly 1,000 industry professionals. Capella Sydney was named best Luxury Hotel and Australian Hotel of the Year, sharing the latter accolade with The Calile Hotel in Brisbane. Further recognition was awarded to Capella Sydney's Executive Housekeeper, Christina Liew, who was Highly Commended in the Housekeeper category, and Jonathan Fambart, who received Highly Commended in the Concierge category.

The year culminated with Capella Sydney's recent victory at the 2024 Luxury Travel Gold List Awards on December 5, where the hotel was named best Luxury Hotel or Resort – Australia, New Zealand & South Pacific. This prestigious accolade underscores the hotel's reputation as a leader in luxury experiences, with a strong focus on sustainability and cultural immersion.

Marc von Arnim, General Manager of Capella Sydney, expressed immense pride in the hotel's achievements, "These awards are a true reflection of the unwavering dedication, passion, and hard work of our exceptional team. I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished. To be recognised by the AHA, HM, and Luxury Travel is a great honour, and it only fuels our commitment to continue raising the bar in luxury hospitality. These accolades inspire us to create even more unforgettable experiences for our guests."

Since opening its doors in March 2023, Capella Sydney has swiftly become one of Australia's most sought-after luxury hotels. Located in the iconic Sandstone Precinct near Circular Quay, within the beautifully restored Department of Education building, the hotel seamlessly blends architectural heritage with contemporary design. Its thoughtfully curated interiors, prime location, and bespoke guest experiences celebrate Australia's rich culture and landscape.



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Capella Sydney's global recognition continues to soar, highlighted by its inclusion in Travel + Leisure's 2024 'It List' and its triumph as 'Best Hotel in Asia/Pacific' at the ULTRAs (Ultimate Luxury Travel Related Awards) earlier this year. These prestigious accolades further cement the hotel's status as one of the world's most exceptional new properties.

To celebrate these achievements, Capella Sydney is offering a special Stay 3 and Receive package, which includes a bonus hotel credit of \$200 AUD for bookings of three consecutive nights or more. The credit can be used across the hotel's food & beverage outlets and Auriga Spa. For more information and to make a booking, please click [here](#).

For more information about Capella Sydney, please visit capellahotels.com/sydney

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ABOUT CAPELLA SYDNEY

For generations, the Department of Education building in Sydney's Sandstone Precinct stood quietly, its golden facade forming an unassuming backdrop to the rhythm of the city. Reawakening as Capella Sydney in March 2023, the heritage-listed icon welcomed guests inside its walls for the very first time, setting a global benchmark for luxury accommodation, cuisine and cultural immersion. Embedding visitors in the beating heart of the city's commercial, cultural and hospitality precinct, Capella Sydney also marks the first property under the Capella Hotels and Resorts constellation to open in Australia.

Balancing storied architectural features with a contemporary design aesthetic, Capella Sydney celebrates the Australian panorama through its interiors, location and experiences. 192 spacious guestrooms and suites and an unsurpassed wellness offering are anchored by three ground-level food and beverage outlets and a collection of bespoke function spaces. Original characteristics are celebrated throughout the hotel, with reimagined interiors unfurling to reveal commissioned and collected artworks, sophisticated furnishings and intriguing objet d'art– all within footsteps of the glistening harbour foreshore, the famed Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge.

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ABOUT CAPELLA HOTEL GROUP

Capella Hotel Group is a leading hospitality management company specialising in luxury hotels, resorts, and serviced residences. Based in Singapore, the rapidly expanding group has two brands under its portfolio and properties across eight destinations. The award-winning Capella Hotels and Resorts is renowned for its service excellence, crafted luxury design and immersive experiences celebrating the locale, while Patina Hotels & Resorts is the group's transformative luxury brand pioneering a fresh perspective in luxury hospitality.

Capella Hotels and Resorts was named the #1 Best Hotel Brand in the world in Travel + Leisure's 2023 and 2024 World's Best Awards.

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ABOUT CAPELLA HOTELS AND RESORTS

The Capella Hotels and Resorts constellation consists of properties located in Singapore, Sydney, Ubud, Bangkok, Hanoi, Shanghai, and Hainan. Future openings include exciting destinations such as Taipei, Kyoto, Riyadh, Nanjing, Shenzhen and South Korea. The exceptional hospitality brand, taking its name from the brightest star of the Auriga constellation, shines a spotlight on local heritage, culture and community whilst crafting authentic guest experiences with the highest level of personalised service and combining a legacy of thoughtful design.

Capella was named Best Hotel Brand in Travel + Leisure's "World's Best Awards" in 2023 and 2024. Capella Bangkok and Capella Singapore earned the distinction of being included in The World's 50 Best Hotels in 2023 and 2024, with Capella Bangkok being named The World's Best Hotel and Asia's Best Hotel in 2024, with Côte by Mauro Colagreco elevated to Two MICHELIN Stars for 2025.

Capella Hotels and Resorts is a member of GHA DISCOVERY, a multi-brand loyalty programme representing a collection of 40 independent hotel brands over 100 countries worldwide.

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