# Inspiring Capital Boutique Hotel Boasts Best Design

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At an awards ceremony last night, Sunday 23 April, Le Monde, Edinburgh ’s newest elegant boutique hotel scooped the best Hotel Design Award.  This award ceremony is the biggest annual gathering of Scottish hoteliers, as more than 400 guests descended on The Radisson SAS in Glasgow for the announcement of The Scottish Hotels of The Year Awards 2006.

The awards, organised by Scotland’s most-read hotel guide HotelReviewScotland.com and supported by the Scottish Tourism Forum and VisitScotland.com, plus other national tourism bodies and companies, cover every facet of the hotel hospitality business, including awards for design, housekeeping, dining, innovation and management.

The awards, now in their third year, pioneered online voting and with enormous success this year: almost 25,000 votes (up from 11,000 votes in 2005) were received for these prestigious awards, making this the biggest ever public vote on hotels in the country.

A panel of 16 judges, made up of industry experts and critics, including Marco Truffelli, CEO of VisitScotland.com, Gary McLean, Editor of HotelreviewScotland.com, David Young, former Chief Hotels Inspector of the AA, and Wendy Barrie of the Scottish Food Guide and ex CEO of Taste of Scotland, then made the final decisions for the winners of the 61 award categories, the results of which were a closely guarded secret until they were announced on the night.

Following the presentations, a musical masquerade gala with opera, indie-rock and Celtic music entertained the guests until the early hours of the morning.

The award winning Le Monde, is located at 16 George Street, Edinburgh (Tel: 0131-270 3900).

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