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RUDDING PARK AMONGST WORLD'S TOP 30 BEST LUXURY HOTELS IN THE 2009 TRIPADVISOR TRAVELERS' CHOICE AWARDS - Harrogate Hotel Triumphs for the Second Year Running -



29 January 2009 – Harrogate's Rudding Park has been chosen as a Top 100 Best Luxury Hotel by TripAdvisor® in its 2009 Travelers' Choice® awards.

Beating off stiff competition from international five-star hotel brands such as Peninsula, Mandarin Oriental and Oberoi, Rudding Park achieved 27th place, ranking amongst the Top 30 in the world for the second year in a row.

Now in its seventh year, the TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice awards honor the world's best hotels, earning their distinction from those who know them best – real travellers. Unlike any other hotel awards programs in the world, TripAdvisor® Travelers' Choice® winners are based on the millions of real and unbiased reviews and opinions about hotels on tripadvisor.com™ and content from across the web.

Simon Mackaness, Chairman of Rudding Park, says, "It is a wonderful achievement for the hotel and its staff, who work so hard to realise the exceptional service standards recognised with this award. To receive this accolade for the second successive year is a true honour."

RUDDING PARK GIVES VAT BACK TO CHARITY - Hotel Raises £900 for St Michael's Hospice -

29 January 2009 – Rudding Park has raised just under £900 for local charity St Michael's Hospice through a VAT reduction voucher scheme over the Christmas period.

Guests who had pre-paid for Christmas Party Nights prior to the VAT reduction on 1 December 2008 were offered the option of a refund, a future discount at Rudding Park or donating their credit to St Michael's Hospice, one of Rudding Park's nominated charities.

Peter Banks, Managing Director of Rudding Park, commented, "We are delighted to have raised a significant sum for such a worthy cause. It was a simple but effective idea – my thanks to our guests for their generosity."

Notes to Editors:

High resolution photography is available on Rudding Park's online image library

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About Rudding Park

Rudding Park is independently owned by Simon Mackaness and his family. Over the last 30 years they have carried out a comprehensive programme of improvement and redevelopment, which includes the opening of Rudding Holiday Park in 1978, the renovation of Rudding Park House in 1987 and the subsequent opening of the 50-room hotel in 1997.

The estate also comprises an 18 hole, par 72 golf course set in mature Parkland, complemented by an 18 bay floodlit driving range and Golf Academy. A new development of 18 luxury holiday lodges adjacent to the golf course opened in May 2006 and a par-three six-hole short course opened in April 2008.

For further information on Rudding Park visit www.ruddingpark.co.uk

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