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Rudding Park

**YORKSHIRE'S RUDDING PARK IS CROWNED
'NUMBER ONE HOTEL IN THE UK' AND
'NUMBER SIX BEST LUXURY HOTEL IN THE WORLD'
BY TRIPADVISOR®**

Harrogate's Rudding Park hotel has been awarded the title of 'Number One Hotel in the UK' in the 2010 TripAdvisor® Travelers' Choice Awards which honour the world's finest hotels.

The prestigious accolade, which now puts the North Yorkshire hotel **at sixth in the top ten luxury hotels of the world**, is based solely on the millions of real and unbiased reviews and opinions from travellers gathered on the travel guide website www.tripadvisor.com™.

Favouring Yorkshire over London, world travellers gave Rudding Park its distinctive place in the UK and world rankings despite fierce competition from luxury hotels the world over. To boot, no other London, or major UK city, has appeared in this year's top 25 UK hotels listing.

The title is the third **TripAdvisor®** win for the hotel after it was placed in the 'Top 30 Best Luxury Hotels' award in 2008 and 2009.

Simon Mackaness, chairman of Rudding Park, said: "This is a phenomenal achievement and I am delighted that Rudding Park is favoured so highly among our guests.

"To be voted number one in the UK and to be rated number six among the world's best hotels is an accomplishment we have aspired to since purchasing Rudding Park 30 years ago. When creating our development strategy, we

have always strived to provide the best service and guest care possible. I would like to thank everyone who has helped to bring Rudding Park such astounding recognition.”

Gary Verity, chief executive of Welcome to Yorkshire, said: “This fantastic result for Rudding Park is a shining example of Yorkshire’s quality tourism offer. This is recognition from those who count, our visitors. Congratulations to everyone at Rudding Park who work with us to strengthen Yorkshire’s place as the UK’s number one destination.”

The height of luxury

Rudding Park’s TripAdvisor® achievement comes after a string of industry award wins throughout 2009 which propelled the hotel to the forefront of luxury hotel accommodation in the UK. Highlights include winning ‘**Housekeeper of the Year**’ for Rachael Park, head housekeeper, **at the Caterer and Hotelkeeper’s Hotel Cateys** and the hotel’s consultant chef, Stephanie Moon, won the ‘**Champion**’ title at the **deliciouslyyorkshire Awards**, which both took place in November last year. Rudding Park was also awarded ‘Hotel of the Year’ at the Yorkshire Life Food and Wine Awards in October.

Over the years, numerous special guests have stayed at Rudding Park including Bill Clinton, George Bush Snr, Mikhail Gorbachev, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and John Cleese.

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Image attached: Rudding Park – ‘Number One Hotel in the UK’.

High resolution available on request.

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Notes to Editors:

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-3 six hole short course opened in April 2008. Work is currently underway for a 34 bedroom hotel extension and spa, due for completion in November 2010.

Special offers at Rudding Park

A sample of Rudding Park's great offers include:

- **Three courses and coffee for just £20.10 in 2010.** Visit www.ruddingpark.co.uk/offers for more information.
- **Free golf buggies for groups of eight or more.** Visit www.ruddingpark.co.uk/golf for more information.
- **Bed and breakfast from £99.00 .** Visit www.ruddingpark.co.uk/offers for more information.

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