



SOUTH LODGE HOTEL

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South Lodge Hotel wins ‘Hotel of the Year - Group’ at The Cateys Awards last night

South Lodge Hotel (Nr. Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6PS) was last night awarded the prestigious accolade of ‘Hotel of the Year – Group’ at the 2009 Caterer and Hotelkeeper Cateys Awards. The hotel fought off competition from *Lodge on the Park* in Bristol and *The Milestone Hotel* in London.

Already one of the South East’s finest hotels, situated in the heart of the beautiful Sussex Downs, South Lodge has recently enjoyed an £8 million investment programme lifting it to unprecedented new heights in five star luxury. The country house hotel now boasts 89 individually styled bedrooms. The Camelia restaurant has been joined by The Pass which opened in November



2008. The Pass offers a unique dining experience - 22 covers situated in the heart of the kitchen. Head Chef, Matt Gillan (Gordon Ramsay in London and Midsummer House Restaurant in Cambridge) offers a selection of five, seven and nine course tasting menus, adapted for both lunch and dinner. A tasting menu is also available for breakfast served from 7.30-10am.

General Manager, Rupert Spurgeon comments,

‘The past year has certainly been busy for everyone at South Lodge following the major refurbishment programme, the opening of The Pass and hosting the G20 summit in March. Therefore, to achieve Hotel of the Year at such a prestigious awards ceremony is hugely rewarding and a great testament to the hard work of everyone at the hotel’.

The hotel was awarded its fifth black star and three AA Rosettes in January 2009 and was honoured to host the G20 finance minister’s summit in March this year.

Since their inception in 1984, the Cateys have become a byword for quality, class and achievement. Two elements in particular make a Catey such a desirable accolade: peer-group

recognition and a meticulous judging process. Candidates in each category are nominated by readers of *Caterer & Hotelkeeper* and winners are chosen by judging panels selected for their expertise and industry knowledge.

Other members of the Exclusive Hotels Group include Lainston House, Pennyhill Park and The Manor House. Both The Latymer at Pennyhill Park and The Bybrook at The Manor House were awarded Michelin Stars in January this year.

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