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MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AWARDS FOR CHEWTON GLEN

At a glittering awards ceremony held in New York on Monday 10th October 2011, Chewton Glen was ranked as the 2nd Best Hotel in the British Isles by the readers of Condé Nast Traveler, USA. Chewton Glen achieved an overall score of 94.4%, based on 100% for Rooms, 96% for Service, 92% for Food, 88% for Location and 96 % for Design.

Commenting on the award, Chewton Glen's Managing Director Andrew Stembridge said: "The readers of Condé Nast Traveler are a well-travelled and discerning audience, to be endorsed by them is a significant accolade for the hotel and we are delighted by the result. We have received many major awards over the past year and these, coupled with a substantial investment programme for the hotel, will continue to guarantee this outstanding hotel a major role as one of the finest luxury properties in the world." The winner of the Best Hotel category was Culloden House, a Scottish property with an extremely strong ratio business from the USA.

This important award comes close on the heels of another significant award for Chewton Glen by the readers of Conference & Incentive Travel, who earlier this month awarded Chewton Glen the gold accolade of the 'Best UK Incentive Hotel'. C&IT unveiled its 2011 Hot List, which celebrates the best UK and overseas venues, destinations and suppliers in the events industry. This is another fabulous achievement for Chewton Glen, other properties in the running for the Gold Award were Gleneagles in Scotland who achieved Silver and Coworth Park in Berkshire who took home the Bronze Award.

Further award success was also secured for the hotel, and a place in the top five properties, in the UK Condé Nast Travellers Readers' Awards, achieving a percentage of 85.25% in the 'UK Leisure Hotel' category and our spa was listed in the top ten of UK Spa Hotels. The spa at Chewton Glen hotel was also named as a 'National Treasure' in the Tatler Spa Guide 2012, announced on Monday 3rd October.

Chewton Glen always proactively sought to improve and enhance the property and 2011 has been a significant year with the opening of the highly acclaimed Vetiver restaurant, an entirely new restaurant concept which cost over £1 million, in the early summer of 2011. Also, high among the canopy of the New Forest, Chewton Glen is also creating six wonderful two bedroomed Tree House Suites. These luxury residences have been designed to have as little visual and physical impact as possible on their idyllic surroundings, creating a highly desirable, unique destination for guests wishing to experience the ultimate in luxury and privacy, whilst staying at Chewton Glen, the Tree House Suites will be completed in the late summer of 2012.

These romantic retreats will feature picture windows, vaulted ceilings, secret bunk rooms for the children, wood burners and the large hardwood decks will help enhance a sense of place amongst the tree canopy, where guests can relax in their outside hot tub under the stars, at one with their environment. True to our philosophy, these stunning Tree House Suites will have excellent eco-credentials. Made from sustainable materials, their design has evolved to include numerous environmental considerations like rainwater harvesting, air-source heat pumps, solar panels, sedum roofs and low-energy lighting.

Another significant development slightly closer to the ground at Chewton Glen is the construction of a one-acre walled kitchen garden. After months of careful planning, work has just started on this exciting project which will provide the kitchen with a vast array of fresh herbs, fruit and vegetables and provide another location for guests to enjoy during their visits to the hotel.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Chewton Glen is a five-red star privately-owned luxury country house hotel, located on the edge of the ancient New Forest National Park in Hampshire and just a few minutes' walk from sea. Chewton Glen has a world-class spa and leisure activities including a nine-hole par three golf-course, croquet lawn, indoor tennis centre and outdoor tennis courts. The hotel has 58 individually designed luxurious bedrooms and suites, an internationally acclaimed restaurant, together with private dining, banqueting and modern meeting facilities.

Other recent awards include:

AA 5 Red Star Rating and 3 Rosettes, held continuously since 1993. Also awarded 'AA Inspectors' Choice Hotel'.

Relais & Chateaux 2010 – 'Award of the R&C Corporate Trophy'

Green Tourism Business Scheme – 'Gold Award 2011' for environmental and corporate social responsibility initiatives.

Condé Nast Traveller 2011 – 'Best Hotel for Service in the UK' and listed as one of the 'World's Best Hotels, 2011 Gold List.'

Enjoy England National Awards for Excellence 2011 – 'Large Hotel of the Year, Silver Award'.

Tatler Spa Guide 2011 & 2010 – 'Best of British' listing and one of the '101 Best Spa's in the World'.

Caterer and Hotelkeeper 2010 – 'Hotelier of the Year', Andrew Stembridge, Managing Director, Chewton Glen.

Condé Nast Traveler 2010 – ‘Best Hotel in the British Isles’ (located outside London) and one of the ‘Top 100 Hotels in the World’.

Condé Nast Johansens 28th Annual Awards for Excellence – ‘Most Excellent Hotel 2010’.

Gallivanter’s Guide 2011 – ‘Runner-up in the category ‘Best Small Hotel/Resort under 100 Rooms’.

Best of the Best Awards 2011 – ‘Professional Young Chef of the Year, Adam Hart’.

The Sunday Times Travel Magazine 2011 – One of the ‘Top 50 British Spas’ and in the top 10 ‘Classic Spa Hotels’.

Zest Magazine Spa Award 2010 – Readers choice ‘Best for Relaxation’.

Beautiful South Awards 2010, Gold Award – ‘Large Hotel/Townhouse of the Year’, Silver Award ‘Outstanding Customer Service’.

HR in Hospitality Awards 2010 – ‘Award for Excellence in Establishing Links with Schools & Colleges’, Anita Bower, HR Director, Chewton Glen.

Conference & Incentive Travel 2010 – Silver Award ‘Best UK Incentive Hotel’.

Best British Cheeseboard 2010 – ‘Silver Award’.