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50 Most Influential People in British Luxury Announced in Walpole Power List



Andrew Stembridge, Managing Director, Chewton Glen

Andrew Stembridge, Managing Director of Chewton Glen and Executive Director of Iconic Luxury Hotels, a collection of luxury hotels that also includes Cliveden House in Berkshire, The Lygon Arms in the Cotswolds and 11 Cadogan Gardens in the heart of Chelsea, has been named as one of the 50 Most Influential People in British Luxury in the Walpole Power List 2019.

Produced in association with Inzito and Coutts, the inaugural list was revealed at a party at Ennismore Sessions House in London on Thursday 6th June, the same day that Walpole announced the British luxury sector is now worth £48 billion to the UK economy – an increase of 49% in four years.

The Walpole Power List celebrates the people steering the sector to success and included a roll call of their 50 most influential people in British luxury, the Entrepreneurs, Founders, Game-Changers, Gurus, Heroes, Legends, Mavericks, Rising Stars, Storytellers and Tastemakers

within the Walpole membership.

Commenting on the night, Helen Brocklebank, CEO of Walpole said: "British luxury has a unique sensibility – its products and experiences make the country famous throughout the world for creativity, craftesmanship, innovation and the ability to conjure new, exciting, relevant stories from a magical past. But what makes British luxury a £49 billion power house is the exceptional ability of the people inside its brands, and Walpole's annual Luxury Power List recognises and celebrates fifty talented individuals and their impact on this extraordinary, fast-growing sector."

Joining Andrew Stembridge in the category of 'Legends' are: Andrew Maag, CEO, Dunhill; William Asprey, Chairman, William and Son; Michael Wainwright, Managing Director, Boodles; Steven Quin, Retail Diector & Royal Warrant Holder, Turnbull & Asser; and Robert Ettinger, CEO & Chairman, Ettinger. Other noteable names on the night included: Marcus Wareing, Chef Patron, Marcus Wareing Restaurants; Jacqueline Euwe, Managing Director, Luxury & Fashion, Harper's Bazaar and Town & Country; Nick and Giles English, Co-Founders, Bremont; and Hugh Seaborn, CEO, Cadogan.

Walpole member brands strive for the highest quality in all they do and their business model is based on craftsmanship, creativity, continuous innovation, impeccable customer service and experiences, strong exports and highly-skilled employment.

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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 the sea. Featuring an award-winning restaurant, world-class spa and leisure activities, luxurious accommodation and modern meeting facilities, the hotel has 72 individually designed bedrooms and suites including 14 tree-house suites, a nine-hole par three golf course, croquet lawn, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and a spa which has been voted the best in Europe and recently opened a purpose-built cookery school, bakery and informal restaurant in association with James Martin.

Chewton Glen is a member of Iconic Luxury Hotels, a collection of England's finest iconic hotels which also includes Cliveden House in Berkshire, 11 Cadogan Gardens in the heart of Chelsea, and The Lygon Arms in the Cotswolds. Each property has its own character but they share a common commitment to delivering outstanding experiences.

Walpole is the sector body for the British luxury industry representing more than 250 member companies from the high-end creative and cultural industries with members spanning brands including Alexander McQueen, Burberry, Glenmorangie, Harrods, NET-A-PORTER, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Wedgwood and numerous small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs). Which currently made up 60% of the sector, such as Astley Clarke, Chapel Down, Ettinger, Floris, Savoir Beds and Temperley London.