



**2 Star Hotel of the Year – Murray’s Doonmore Hotel, Inishbofin**

**3 Star Hotel of the Year – Abbey Hotel, Donegal**

**4 Star Hotel of the Year – The Lake Hotel, Killarney**

**5 Star Hotel of the Year – Castlemartyr Resort, Cork**

The evening of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October at The Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone saw the return of the Irish Hotel Awards, where close to 400 people from every sector of the hospitality industry joined together to celebrate the best of the best.

Shane Smith, Director of NI Media who runs the Irish Hotel Awards said;

“It’s been a while but we’re back with a bang. The turmoil that we’ve all been through was like nothing any one of us could have possibly imagined but thankfully the industry is getting back on its feet. This is of course great news for the sector and the standards that are being met, particularly considering staff shortages are simply outstanding.

The people who attended last night should be very proud, keeping a ship sailing with a captain and diminished crew is nothing less than a major achievement. The Irish Hotel Awards report on each property contains no less than 280 points which must be addressed - making it what we believe to be one the most in depth in Ireland. To say reports blew us away with the levels of excellence is an understatement.

We were also thrilled with the response to our Star Awards where hotel teams nominate members of their staff for an award. The respect, value and camaraderie that shone through when people were describing their colleagues was really heart-warming.

A massive thank you to Chef Adrian Caslin and his team at the Radisson Blu Hotel Athlone and also to our dinner sponsors who make such a difference to the quality of our menu – Dingle Gin, Traditional Cheese Company, Andarl Farm, Bluebell Falls Goat’s Cheese, Johnson’s Coffee and Lindt Chocolate.”

The Irish Hotel Awards is sponsored by AIBMS, Clearer Water and YesChef Magazine. Their support is invaluable to the growth and development of the programme.

**Please see winners list below. \*These categories were finalists and not regional winners.**

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## THE IRISH HOTEL AWARDS 2022 WINNERS LIST

CATEGORY	CONNACHT	LEINSTER	MUNSTER	ULSTER	WINNER
<b>Airport Hotel of the Year</b>					<b>Shannon Springs Hotel</b>
<b>Boutique Hotel of the Year</b>	Hyde Hotel	The Village Hotel	Granville Hotel	Me & Mrs Jones	<b>Hyde Hotel</b>
<b>Business &amp; Conference Hotel of the Year</b>	Shearwater Hotel	Ashling Hotel	Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Cork	Seagoe Hotel	<b>Radisson Blu Hotel &amp; Spa Cork</b>
<b>Castle Hotel of the Year</b>	Lough Rynn Castle	Kilkea Castle	Waterford Castle	Killeavy Castle Estate	<b>Kilkea Castle</b>
<b>Coastal Escape of the Year</b>	Diamond Coast Hotel		Garryvoe Hotel	Waterfront Hotel	<b>Garryvoe Hotel</b>
<b>Country House Hotel of the Year</b>	Mount Falcon Estate	Ghan House	Faithlegg House Hotel	Corick House Hotel & Spa	<b>Mount Falcon Estate</b>
<b>Dog Friendly Hotel of the Year*</b>	Inn on the Coast - Finalist	Ocean Sands Hotel - Finalist	Castlemartyr Resort – Finalist	Mulroy Woods Hotel - Finalist	<b>Inn on the Coast</b>
<b>Family Hotel of the Year</b>	The Connacht Hotel	Talbot Hotel, Carlow	Dingle Skellig Hotel	Central Hotel	<b>Dingle Skellig Hotel</b>
<b>Fine Dining Experience of the Year</b>	Lough Rynn Castle	Kilkea Castle	The Lake Hotel	Killeavy Castle Estate	<b>The Lake Hotel</b>
<b>Golf Experience of the Year</b>	Ocean Sands Hotel	Glasson Lakehouse Hotel	Waterford Castle		<b>Ocean Sands Hotel</b>
<b>Gourmet Getaway of the Year</b>	Delphi Lodge	The Heritage	The Lake Hotel	Killeavy Castle Estate	<b>Delphi Lodge</b>
<b>Hotel Bar of the Year</b>	Hyde Hotel	Talbot Hotel, Wexford	Killarney Towers Hotel	Inn on the Coast	<b>Killarney Towers Hotel</b>
<b>Hotel Restaurant of the Year</b>	Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Sligo	The Heritage	Midleton Park Hotel	Titanic Hotel	<b>Titanic Hotel</b>
<b>Local Hotel of the Year</b>					<b>Longcourt House Hotel</b>
<b>Newcomer of the Year</b>					<b>Elephant Rock Hotel</b>
<b>Romantic Hotel of the Year</b>	The Lodge at Ashford Castle	County Arms Hotel	The Lakeside Hotel	Elephant Rock Hotel	<b>The Lodge at Ashford Castle</b>
<b>Rising Star of the Year</b>					<b>Abbey Court Hotel</b>
<b>Self-Catering Property of the Year</b>	Mount Falcon Estate	Talbot Suites at Stonebridge	Waterford Castle		<b>Waterford Castle</b>
<b>Irish Brand Hotel of the Year</b>					<b>Radisson Blu Hotel &amp; Spa Cork</b>
<b>Excellence in Service Award</b>	Lough Rea Hotel & Spa	Clayton Hotel Charlemont	Anner Hotel	Central Hotel	<b>Clayton Hotel Charlemont</b>
<b>Great Irish Breakfast Award</b>	Mount Falcon Estate	The Heritage	The Metropole Hotel	Mulroy Woods Hotel	<b>The Metropole Hotel</b>
<b>Social Media Marketing Award</b>	Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Sligo	Fairways Hotel	Oriel House Hotel	Titanic Hotel	<b>Radisson Blu Hotel &amp; Spa Sligo</b>
<b>Spa Experience of the Year</b>	Lough Rea Hotel & Spa	Four Seasons Hotel Carlingford	Castlemartyr Resort	Corick House Hotel & Spa	<b>Castlemartyr Resort</b>
<b>Wedding Hotel of the Year</b>	Mount Falcon Estate	Kinnitty Castle	Garryvoe Hotel	Corick House Hotel & Spa	<b>Garryvoe Hotel</b>

<b>Intimate Wedding Venue of the Year</b>	Belleek Castle	Newbay House	The Metropole Hotel	Killeavy Castle Estate	<b>Killeavy Castle Estate</b>
<b>2 Star Hotel of the Year</b>					<b>Murray's Doonmore Hotel</b>
<b>3 Star Hotel of the Year</b>	The Connacht Hotel		Great National South Court Hotel	Abbey Hotel	<b>Abbey Hotel</b>
<b>4 Star Hotel of the Year</b>	Lough Rynn Castle	Kilkea Castle	The Lake Hotel	Corick House Hotel & Spa	<b>The Lake Hotel</b>
<b>5 Star Hotel of the Year</b>					<b>Castlemartyr Resort</b>

<b>IRISH HOTEL AWARDS 2022 STAR AWARD WINNERS LIST</b>					
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>ULSTER</b>	<b>WINNER</b>
<b>Bar Manager of the Year</b>	Derry O'Sullivan Diamond Coast Hotel	Hazel Hennessey & Jasmine Walsh Woodford Dolmen Hotel	Ann Power Granville Hotel	James Griffiths Waterfoot Hotel	Ann Power Granville Hotel
<b>Restaurant Manager of the Year</b>	Marie Henry Shearwater Hotel	Shauna Kelly The Village Hotel	Ela Puchowska Longcourt House Hotel	Anne Boyle Abbey Hotel	Anne Boyle Abbey Hotel
<b>Kitchen Porter of the Year</b>	John Healy Lough Rynn Castle	Nicoletta Muntean The Heritage	Piotr Buczynski Great National Ballykisteon Golf Hotel	Graham McKeeman Causeway Hotel	Graham McKeeman Causeway Hotel
<b>Chef of the Year</b>	Clare O'Leary Lough Rynn Castle	Tom Comerford The Heritage	Noel Enright The Lake Hotel	Nigel Mannion Titanic Hotel	Noel Enright The Lake Hotel
<b>Concierge of the Year</b>	Vijay Shetye – Finalist Clontarf Castle	Francis McGowen – Finalist Lough Rynn Castle	William McIlroy – Finalist Titanic Hotel	James Kenny - Finalist Killeavy Castle Estate	Francis McGowen Lough Rynn Castle
<b>Receptionist of the Year</b>	Agata Gubska Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Sligo	Katie Kelly Glenroyal Hotel	Kathryn Fitzgibbon Anner Hotel	Martina Diver Waterfront Hotel	Katie Kelly Glenroyal Hotel
<b>Housekeeper of the Year</b>	Sandra Langan Belleek Castle	Tatjana Eiliakas Fairways Hotel	Dawn Sullivan Waterford Castle	Caroline Burns An Grianán	Dawn Sullivan Waterford Castle
<b>Wedding Planner of the Year</b>	Mary Clarke Diamond Coast Hotel	Ally Doherty Glenroyal Hotel	Laura Jones Talbot Hotel Clonmel	Caroline Robinson Mulroy Woods Hotel	Mary Clarke Diamond Coast Hotel
<b>Spa Manager of the Year*</b>	Gloria Boles – Finalist Great National Ballykisteon Golf Hotel	Michelle Lane – Finalist Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Cork	Amy Devaney – Finalist Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Sligo	Kelly Jordan - Finalist Lough Rea Hotel	Michelle Lane Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Cork
<b>Event Manager of the Year</b>	Louise Lynn		Jodi De Placido	Leona McGavigan	Leona McGavigan

	Belleek Castle		Abbey Court Hotel	Waterfoot Hotel	Waterfoot Hotel
<b>Marketing Manager of the Year</b>	Jodie Gilpin Lough Rynn Castle	Ciara Barry Ashling Hotel	Lisa Glynn Shannon Springs Hotel	Siobhan Kielt Titanic Hotel	Lisa Glynn Shannon Springs Hotel
<b>Rising Star of the Year</b>	Marcin Szczodrowski Ocean Sands Hotel	Ubaldo Santos Ashling Hotel	Josh Geoghan The Park Hotel	Niamh Donaghy Causeway Hotel	Marcin Szczodrowski Ocean Sands Hotel
<b>General Manager of the Year</b>	Alan Kane Lough Rynn Castle	Dermot Redmond Four Seasons Hotel Car- lingford	Dermot Kelly Great National South Court Hotel	Joao Gomes Me & Mrs Jones	Dermot Kelly Great National South Court Ho- tel