

## Press Release

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### Dorchester Collection's UK hotels are awarded 'Best Graduate Scheme of the Year' at 2017 Institute of Hospitality Awards.

(London) The Dorchester, 45 Park Lane and Coworth Park, part of Dorchester Collection, has been honoured with 'Best Graduate Scheme' at the 2017 Institute of Hospitality Awards held at The Montcalm, Marble Arch on Tuesday 20 June.

The award was given in recognition of the iconic British hotels' Management Graduate Programme, launched in March 2015, which has seen a total of 45 graduates' progress through the programme of which more than half of the graduates have moved into permanent leadership positions within the company.

Area director of human resources Beth Aarons commented: "We strive to provide the finest hotel experience in the world, not just for our guests but also for the employees who are attracted to come and work at one of the world's leading luxury hotels. It is fantastic to receive this recognition for the Management Graduate Programme, proving that this is the best start to a career in hospitality that a graduate can hope for."

Graduates are provided a senior mentor, tailored training workshops, and selected to join an 18 month training programme, during which they have the opportunity to work across three different departments and work on performance improvement projects. Experiences have included the launch of new food & beverage outlet, Parcafe at The Dorchester, management roles to support The Dorchester with its food and beverage offering at the prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower Show and a new innovative three hour laundry service.

The Institute of Hospitality is the professional body for individual managers and aspiring managers working and studying in the hospitality, leisure and tourism (HLT) industry. The Institute has been in existence since the 1930s when it began in the UK. For more information visit [instituteofhospitality.org](http://instituteofhospitality.org)

For more information please visit Dorchester Collection's dedicated careers section of the website: [dorchestercollection.com/en/careers/](http://dorchestercollection.com/en/careers/)

## Editor's notes:

### The Dorchester

An iconic British hotel, The Dorchester has been at the heart of London's Mayfair overlooking Hyde Park since 1931. A room and suite refurbishment programme began in 2012 with a fresh look by interior designer Alexandra Champalimaud that stays true to the hotels classic English residential style, fusing contemporary comfort with the timeless glamour and heritage of the property. Exceptional dining is available to guests in The Promenade, China Tang and three Michelin star Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester, and The Grill at The Dorchester which reopened in 2014 after a full redesign. The Dorchester Spa offers indulgent pampering in a glamorous art deco setting. The Dorchester's ten event rooms offer a wide selection for flexible and creative event planning from intimate dinners to cocktail receptions of up to 1,000 guests.

High resolution images can be downloaded from: [leonardo.com/dorchestercollection](http://leonardo.com/dorchestercollection)

### Dorchester Collection

Dorchester Collection is a portfolio of the world's foremost luxury hotels in Europe and the USA, each of which reflects the distinctive culture of its destination. By applying its unrivalled experience and capability in owning and operating some of the greatest individual hotels, the company's mission is to develop an impeccable group of the finest landmark hotels through acquisition as well as management of wholly-owned and part-owned hotels, and to enter into management agreements.

The current portfolio includes the following hotels (in order of them joining the group): **The Dorchester**, London; **The Beverly Hills Hotel**, Beverly Hills; **Le Meurice**, Paris; **Hôtel Plaza Athénée**, Paris; **Hotel Principe di Savoia**, Milan; **Hotel Bel-Air**, Los Angeles; **Coworth Park**, Ascot, UK; **45 Park Lane**, London; **Le Richemond**, Geneva; and **Hotel Eden**, Rome.

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