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**The g hotel is Best in the West at prestigious Irish Travel Consumer Awards this week.**

The luxurious g hotel celebrates again this week with another accolade, Galway's ultimate 5\* property wins the prestigious title of 'Best Connaught Hotel' at the inaugural Irish Travel Consumer Awards held this week in the RDS, Dublin. Hosted by Kathryn Thomas, presenter of RTE's No Frontiers, the awards celebrated the very best of the travel industry as voted for by the Irish travel consumer. The Awards are the creation of ebookers.ie and Abroad Magazine in association with the Irish Times Go travel magazine. Unlike any other travel awards this is the first time Irish consumers have had the opportunity to vote for their favourite hotel, holiday destination, airline, travel agent, travel websites and tour operator. Thousands of votes were registered online before the final results were independently counted by the Department of Tourism Research at DIT College Dublin.

Damien O'Riordan, General Manager at the g hotel stated "We are delighted to receive this illusive award as the Best Hotel in Connaught, especially because the winner is chosen by guests who have visited or experienced the g". Selected as one of five finalists in the Best Connaught Hotel category, O'Riordan accepted the coveted title at the Gala reception, attended by over 400 distinguished personalities from the travel industry. Winning this illusive title reaffirms the g hotels position as best in the West by offering 101 lavish guestrooms, gourmet food creations designed by renowned chef Stefan Matz, glorious spa experience in ESPA, charming bar adorned with thousands of Red Swarovski crystals and with a relaxed vibe in the signature lounges, its no surprise the g received the magnificent title.

This award follows on from an earlier success this month when Irene Kenning beauty therapist in ESPA at the g won 'Spa Therapist of the Year' at the annual Irish Beauty Professional Association Awards. The g is also the only Irish property named as one of the top hotels in the world for ambience and design on the coveted 'Condé Nast Traveller' magazine's Gold List 2009. Galway also won Best Irish Destination at the Awards ceremony, which is an added incentive for those planning a trip to the g!

Since opening in 2005, the g has distinguished itself as the leading hotel in the region, offering guests an unrivalled hospitality experience. From the moment you step inside the g hotel you know you are some place uniquely special. Designed by famous milliner Philip Treacy, the g hotel offers a real sense of old – fashioned Hollywood glamour. As well as providing the finest 5\* accommodation you could expect and more, the g have created luxury spa packages and contemporary conference facilities. For further details on the magnificent hotel visit [www.theg.ie](http://www.theg.ie) or call (091) 865200.

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