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Travel + Leisure bestows top award on g hotel

New York, NY (12th February) - The g hotel in Galway, Ireland, has been announced the winner of the prestigious Travel + Leisure annual Design Award for Best Large Hotel.

Travel + Leisure is the world's leading travel magazine, dedicated to providing access to unique and authentic travel experiences. In line with the magazine's editorial mission, the annual awards recognise outstanding design in twelve different categories, from travel bags to hotels.

The g hotel's design, by Philip Treacy in collaboration with Douglas Wallace Architects and Designers, impressed the jury with its "bold lighting and colors (including hot pinks and inky purples) and a self-consciously eclectic mix of styles and patterns, from Swinging Sixties-meets-Dr. Seuss carpeting and Louis XVI-style chairs to high-Modern glass-and-chrome furnishings and elaborate Venetian-plaster moldings."

The judges concluded that Galway's g is "nothing if not eye-popping....entertaining and theatrical public spaces are balanced by subdued guest-room interiors and a comfortable, moody spa, finished in stone and wood, that overlooks a Japanese garden."

The 2007 Design Award winners were selected by an illustrious jury: **Yves Béhar**, founder of Fuseproject; **Sheila Bridges**, interior designer and TV host; **Rob Forbes**, founder of Design Within Reach; **Cathy Leff**, director of the Wolfsonian museum; **Craig Robins**, founder of Dacra; **Kate Spade**, handbag and accessories designer;

and **Robert A.M. Stern**, dean of the Yale School of Architecture. *Travel + Leisure* Consulting Design Editor **Chee Pearlman** moderated the jury.

The 2007 Design Awards special report, complete with descriptions of the winners, the designers for each project, and honorable mentions in every category, is online at www.travelandleisure.com/designawards. The awards will be presented at a ceremony held in New York on 28th February.

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Monogram hotels - The g is the flagship property of Monogram Hotels, a niche collection of hotels wholly owned by Galway based Edward Holdings, a property development and investment company. For details about function suites, room rates and reservations, please visit www.monogramhotels.ie or www.theghotel.ie

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