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NSW ECLIPSES ALL IN GOURMET TRAVELLER AWARDS

New South Wales is the most featured destination in Gourmet Traveller's newly launched 2014 *Gourmet Traveller Australian Hotel Guide*, revealed at the inaugural hotel guide awards announced last night at one of Sydney's newest restaurants, Nomad in Surry Hills.

Of the 50 hotels included in the guide, 10 are in Sydney and four in Regional NSW, making NSW the most awarded of any state in Australia.

Hotels included:

Park Hyatt Sydney	Establishment Hotel
The Darling	Blue Sydney
Shangri-La Sydney	The Westin Sydney
Pullman Quay Grand Sydney Harbour	Bannisters (Mollymook)
QT Sydney	Bells at Killcare (Killcare)
Intercontinental Sydney	Tonic Hotel (Hunter Valley)
Sheraton on the Park	Perry Street Hotel (Mudgee)

In addition, The Park Hyatt was named as the Best Large City Hotel and Blu Bar on 36 at the Shangri-La awarded the Best Hotel Bar.

Destination New South Wales Chief Executive Officer, Sandra Chipchase said this list confirms NSW is the number one for best stays with plenty of choice in the city and across the State.

"With Sydney being Australia's global tourism and major events city, we can now put another feather in our cap and say we have the best accommodation on offer," she said.

"Whether you choose the city, the coast or inland NSW, visitors to Sydney and NSW are spoilt for choice when it comes to some of the best hotel accommodation," Ms Chipchase said.

The 2014 *Gourmet Traveller Australian Hotel Guide*, will be included in the June edition of the magazine.

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Editor's notes: In addition to the top 50 hotels, 11 other NSW accommodation providers are noted in the guide in the following categories:

Australia's Leading Lodges and Resorts: Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains and Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island

The Best Addresses by the Beach: Watsons Bay Boutique Hotel, Watsons Bay and Bannisters, Mollymook

Unique Places to Stay: Paperback Camp, Jervis Bay

The Most Sumptuous Spas: Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains, Byron at Byron Bay Resort & Spa, Byron Bay, The Spa at Park Hyatt, Sydney, SpaQ at QT, Sydney

Best Long-Stay Accommodation: Fraser Suites, Sydney and Adge Boutique Apartment Hotel, Surry Hills.