

**HOTEL CLAUDE RAISES THE ROOF
AS IT WINS A MAJOR PROPERTY AWARD**

There's even more good news for the property market and its related professionals this week as the results of the Europe & Africa Property Awards 2009 in association with CNBC Arabia have been revealed. Rightly proud of its success, Hotel Claude is delighted to announce that it has won an award in the category of The Best Small Hotel in Spain. Winners will be invited to attend a high profile gala dinner at the Marriott Hotel in London's Grosvenor Square on Friday, October 16th where they will be presented with their awards.

The event is part of the International Property Awards, the world's most prestigious competition dedicated to finding the best real estate professionals across the globe. The fact that Hotel Claude has won one of these coveted awards is proof that Spain is not only able to compete at this level but also triumph within the highly competitive Europe and Africa property arenas.

Later this year, top scoring winners from the Europe & Africa Property Awards will compete against other winning companies from Asia Pacific, the UK, Americas and Arabia to find the ultimate World's Best in each category.

Entries were judged by a panel of professionals whose collective knowledge of the property industry is second to none and unsurpassed by any other property awards. This year's judges included Eric Pickles MP, chairman of the Conservative Party, Ben Wood, industry head property markets of Google UK; Peter Bolton King, group chief executive of the National Federation of Property Professionals; Imtiaz Farookhi, chief executive of the National House Building Council; Christopher Hall, president elect of FIABCI; Wilhelm Harnish, Master Builders of Australia (MBA); Thijis Stoffer, International Consortium of Real Estate Agents Association (ICREA); Helen Shield, editor-in-chief of

International Homes Luxury Collection magazine and Gillian Farr, head of design of Laura Ashley Home.

Franz Willmes, Managing Owner of Hotel Claude said of winning the award, “We are incredibly proud to have won this award. By opening this hotel we have brought luxury and individuality to Marbella and offer discerning travellers a true boutique hotel brimming with history and Andalucían charm. Being named Best Small Hotel in Spain is a fantastic way to reward our hard work and reinforce our belief that we have created a unique hotel, combining the best of the old with all the latest modern comforts. We hope that more travellers will hear about Hotel Claude through the award and enjoy our stylish, welcoming sanctuary in the heart of the real Marbella.”

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