

Press release

THE GRAND, YORK – THE BEST CITY HOTEL IN ENGLAND

YORK'S most luxurious hotel has seen off competition from across the UK to be named the best city hotel in England.

The Five AA star The Grand, York, scooped the accolade at the 2019 Luxury Lifestyle Magazine Readers' Travel Awards, based on the views of almost 75,000 readers.

And it is a double celebration for the city, as York beat both Edinburgh and London to be voted Best UK City.

Built in 1906 as the headquarters for the all-powerful North Eastern Railway, The Grand, York is a testament to Edwardian opulence, overlooking the city walls and historic York Minster.

A £15m expansion and refurbishment in 2018 increased its rooms to 207 and earlier this year the hotel opened The Cookery School at the Grand, York.

This state-of-the-art Masterchef-style kitchen, runs workshops, classes and demonstrations throughout the year and has also hosted masterclasses by renowned professional chefs.

In the Best City Hotel category, The Grand, York, was up against stiff competition from top London hotels, including Fleming's, Corinthia, The Beaumont and Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London.

The top award in the Best UK City Hotel category was given to Belfast's Grand Central Hotel.

Philip Bolson, general manager at The Grand, York, said the accolade is particularly significant as “it was awarded by the people who matter most – the general public.

“Industry awards are great, too,” he said, “but the hotel industry is first and foremost about customer satisfaction, so awards like this are always very special.”

For more information about The Grand, York, or to make a reservation, call 01904 380038, email events@thegrandyork.co.uk or visit www.thegrandyork.co.uk.

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York’s only AA five star hotel, The Grand, York, was built in 1906 as the former North Eastern Railway’s headquarters.

In 2010 it opened as a hotel and in 2018 it unveiled 100 additional rooms – taking the total to 207 - as part of a £15m expansion and refurbishment.

Luxurious and opulent it has two restaurants; The Rise for casual dining and Hudsons, a destination restaurant which offers five and nine course tasting menus and overlooks York Minster.

The Grand York has an intimate and relaxing Spa and a newly opened, state-of-the-art Cookery School, which holds a programme of workshops, classes and guest chef events.

The Grand, York is a member of the Preferred Hotels & Resorts L.V.X. Collection. All guests are eligible to enrol in the I Prefer hotel rewards programme, which extends points redeemable for cash-value Reward Certificates, elite status, and special benefits, such as complimentary internet to members upon every stay at more than 650 participating Preferred Hotels & Resorts locations worldwide.

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