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### Jupiters a winner at Queensland Awards for Excellence



*Image: Kiyomi's Head Bartender Thomas Angel*

Jupiters Gold Coast is the toast of the State after taking out the trifecta at the hugely respected Queensland Hotels Association Awards for Excellence, held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday 23 October.

The prominent awards are yet another superb accomplishment for Jupiters which is currently undergoing a \$345 million transformation.

Multi award-winning Japanese restaurant Kiyomi once again thrilled the judges with its cutting-edge approach to dining, claiming 'Best Prestige Restaurant' – its third major award win since opening its doors in December 2014.

Kiyomi has been labelled by many as an unsurpassed culinary experience, with its spectacular menu crafted by internationally recognised Executive Chef Chase Kojima who also recently won 'Chef of the Year' at the Australian Hotels Association 2015 National Awards for Excellence.

Jupiters' success continued as Kiyomi's Head Bartender and passionate Mixologist Thomas Angel was honoured for his innovation, taking out the award for 'Best Employee – Food & Beverage'. Thomas' collaborative approach to his role has played a part in Jupiters' transformation's success and has also seen the 28 year old named one of Australia's Top 100 Bartenders.

The Gold Coast icon's triumph at the awards did not end there, with Cucina Vivo picking up 'Best Restaurant – Accommodation Division'. Cucina Vivo is the property's first-ever indoor-outdoor dining venue and features the newly-renovated pool as an amazing backdrop for the restaurant's mouth-watering Italian menu.

Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg said the property's achievements were well-deserved recognition for a hard-working team who welcome millions of people through the restaurants every year.

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“These accolades are a credit to our phenomenal team who continue to impress both industry peers and guests with their attention to detail and dedication to providing world-class dining experiences,” he said.

The QHA Awards for Excellence paid testament to parent company Echo Entertainment Group’s extraordinary year of success, with sister property Treasury Casino & Hotel claiming the coveted award for ‘Most Outstanding Community Service & Achievement – 100+ Employees’ award.

The judges commended Treasury’s substantial ongoing commitment to the local community and applauded in particular their numerous off-property community activations for Cerebral Palsy League Queensland and Ronald McDonald House South East Queensland as an important exemplar of the long-term benefit and value of profile and awareness-raising in addition to fundraising.

“To have our two Queensland properties named as finalists in seven categories was an honour, but to be awarded wins in four of those seven – and be recognised as the biggest winner of the night – is an astounding achievement for the team,” Mr Hogg said.

The Queensland Hotels Association Awards for Excellence recognise the top achievers in the State’s Hospitality industry, with Jupiters and Treasury’s outstanding success topping off a record start to the financial year for Echo Entertainment Group.

In the last month alone Echo has celebrated a number of achievements; being named the preferred proponent of the transformational Queen’s Wharf Brisbane development, the first Official Partner of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games and commemorating the official groundbreaking of Jupiters’ new six-star 17-storey hotel tower.

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