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The Star Sydney recognised for exceptional Event Centre at MEA NSW Industry Awards

The Star Sydney has been crowned the winner of two prestigious awards in the annual Meetings and Events Australia (MEA) NSW Industry Awards.

Sydney's premier events and entertainment venue, The Star Event Centre, won the title of Specialty Event Venue and the property's exceptional in house audio visual team took home the trophy for Technical & Creative Production - In-house AV Services.

For the second consecutive year, The Star Sydney has won both these categories, cementing the Event Centre as a world-class venue with the best audio visual technology and expertise on offer in the market. The Star is a key partner and host venue for Australia's major creative and sporting industry gala events including the ARIA Awards, AACTA Awards, Astra Awards, The Dally M Awards as well as a range of gala dinners, conferences and product launches.

Celebrating the wins, Greg Hawkins, Managing Director at The Star Sydney commented on the immense achievement of winning two significant and highly coveted categories of the awards, two years running.

"We are honoured to be recognised by MEA as the winner of these categories for our exceptional venue, dedicated team of event experts and innovative in-house technical capabilities; these three combined have proved a winning combination for The Star Sydney.

"Our spectacular Event Centre has impressed clients since it opened in 2013, and continues to wow event attendees time after time. This award is the result of the many great partnerships that we have with our clients, who entrust our talented team to create engaging, innovative and stunning events," said Mr Hawkins.

The Star's team leaders Scott Bayne, Director of Events and Mathew Haynes, Event Centre Technical Manager accepted the awards on behalf of The Star.

As the winner in two categories of the state awards, The Star Sydney will go on to compete for the national winners' position at the MEA National Awards Dinner in Melbourne, 19 April 2016.

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About The Star Sydney:

The Star is Sydney's leading integrated resort and premium entertainment destination. The Star offers award-winning chefs and restaurants, luxury hotel accommodation and serviced apartments, a 13-room day spa, an international designer retail collection as well as a world-class casino and international nightclub Marquee. The \$100 million Star Event Centre is a state-of-the art multi-use venue and has hosted more than 400 events since opening in January 2013, including The AACTA Awards, The ARIA Awards, The Premiere of World War Z, charity events for the Sony Foundation, Starlight Foundation and Thomas Kelly Foundation and leading Australian and international talent such as Coldplay, One Direction, Ricky Martin, Seal, Garbage, Olly Murs, Tina Arena, Jessica Mauboy and Alicia Keys.

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