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The Darling named Sydney's only Five-Star Hotel by Forbes Travel Guide in Official 2018 Star Awards

Forbes Travel Guide has unveiled its annual 2018 Star Award Winners, again bestowing the highest ranking of five stars to The Darling, the first and only hotel in New South Wales to receive top honours.

A Forbes Travel Guide Star Rating is the most coveted award in the global luxury travel sector. Setting the gold standard in the hospitality industry since 1958, the iconic properties awarded five stars are considered outstanding with virtually flawless service and facilities.

First awarded five stars in 2017, The Darling continues to sit alongside top international luxury brands such as The Peninsula Hotel Group, Four Seasons Hotel Group, Rosewood, The Ritz-Carlton, Park Hyatt and Mandarin Oriental.

Located at The Star Sydney, The Darling has been a key feature of Sydney's leading entertainment destination since it opened in 2011. The hotel was designed as a stand-alone structure, with its own arrival experience, amenities and alluring personality.

Housed in a distinctive inverted glass tower resting on a sandstone podium, the hotel features 171 stylish and spacious rooms, suites and penthouses, a 25-metre outdoor heated swimming pool, world-class cuisine and an indulgent day spa.

The Star Sydney managing director Greg Hawkins said the ongoing recognition from Forbes Travel Guide puts The Darling among the most reputable hotels in the world.

"This is a tremendous achievement for our team at The Star and The Darling – one we are both extremely proud to receive. Our team has remained dedicated to redefining luxury hospitality in Sydney for our guests, leading the way with exceptional luxury service, commitment to detail and offering a window into unforgettable experiences for our guests," he said.

"We are delighted to once again receive the prestigious top honours from Forbes and we cannot wait to host visitors from Australia and abroad at Sydney's first and only Forbes five-star rated hotel."

The Darling Spa has also been awarded a prestigious Forbes four-star rating positioning the world-class facility alongside the likes of Spa Montage Beverly Hills and The Peninsula Spa Paris.

With 13 luxurious treatment rooms including two exclusive couples' suites and a Moroccan Hammam chamber, The Darling Spa is Sydney's ultimate urban escape that takes pampering to new heights. The Darling Spa facilities also include a steam room, salt water Jacuzzi and a gym for an all-encompassing experience.

For more information visit: <https://stories.forbestravelguide.com/forbes-travel-guide-unveils-its-2018-star-award-winners>

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About The Darling

The Darling is a luxuriously appointed five-star hotel situated within Sydney's premier events and entertainment destination, the Star, on the edge of Sydney Harbour. The Darling has a distinctive inverted glass tower resting on a sandstone podium and features 171 stylish and spacious rooms and suites, a rooftop pool, world-class cuisine and an indulgent day spa. To make a booking online, visit www.thedarling.com.au

About The Star Sydney

The Star Sydney is Australia's premier place to play. A sip of sparkling. A dozen freshly shucked oysters. Crisp white sheets and red carpet. Diamonds and spades. Gucci and gastronomy. The day begins with luxury – where it ends is up to you. At The Star, we have just one mission — to thrill. That's why we have all star chefs and restaurants, luxurious accommodation and high-end fashion, a sumptuous day spa, an amazing nightclub, and, of course, the world-class casino. It's all yours for the taking, so will you? Come and play at The Star. For more information or enquiries, visit www.star.com.au or call 1800 700 700

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