



ASCOTT wins top honour at 2007 World Travel Awards

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Ascott Auckland Metropolis voted leading hotel in Australasia and New Zealand by travel professionals worldwide

Ascott Auckland Metropolis, managed by Ascott International (Ascott), has been voted 'Australasia's Leading Hotel' at the annual 2007 World Travel Awards, one of the most prestigious accolades in the travel industry. This is the second time the serviced residence has received the top honour. Besides this award, Ascott Auckland Metropolis also came up tops as 'New Zealand's Leading Hotel' for the third consecutive year.

Mr Dean Minett, Area General Manager, Australia and New Zealand said: "Ascott is honoured to have won the awards. It goes to show that our emphasis on delivering service from the heart through our 'Heartware' campaign has paid off once again. As Ascott continues to grow, we will continue to build on the brand loyalty and trust that our residents have placed on us."

Ms Allison Englebreten, General Manager, Ascott Auckland Metropolis said, "The travel industry has come to regard the World Travel Awards as the best endorsement that any travel product could receive. Winning the award is a great encouragement and we will continue to enhance our service quality and product offerings to make our residents' stay a memorable experience."

The World Travel Awards was established in 1993 to acknowledge, reward and celebrate the achievements in all sectors of the global travel industry. Winners were voted by close to 170,000 travel professionals worldwide.

Exclusive stay at Ascott Auckland Metropolis Ascott Auckland Metropolis is located in the heart of Auckland's Central Business District. It is close to offices, shops, the harbour, art galleries, museums, bars, clubs and an endless selection of fine New Zealand and international cuisine.

With 120 units, the property offers residents a choice of the elegant studio, one-bedroom or two-bedroom layouts. Each unit is fitted with a fully equipped kitchen and a home entertainment system. Living and dining areas are separate and some balconies open to breathtaking views of the glistening harbour and the serene Albert Park. Facilities include a 22-metre indoor heated swimming pool, a spa pool and a gymnasium. There are also meeting rooms, business centre services, and 24-hour room and concierge services and numerous dining experiences to choose from.

Besides Ascott Auckland Metropolis, Ascott has six Somerset serviced residences in Australia. They are Somerset on the Pier and Somerset on Salamanca in Hobart, Somerset Gordon Place, Somerset Gordon Heights and Somerset on Elizabeth in Melbourne, as well as Somerset Darling Harbour in Sydney.

Ascott Auckland Metropolis is offering you the opportunity to experience our world class hospitality with celebratory rates from \$169NZD. To book or to find out more, visit www.the-ascott.com or call 0800 202 828 (NZ local toll free).

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