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Blythswood Square wins AA Hotel of the Year Scotland

Blythswood Square picked up its biggest award yet earlier this week when the Glasgow hotel was named AA Hotel of the Year Scotland.

First introduced in 1992, this award is the AA's ultimate accolade for hotels in the UK. It is awarded to those that are recognised as being outstanding examples in their particular market. Entrants can be small, family-run hotels to the most ambitious commercial ventures and hotels of every size and style are considered.

About Blythswood Square, the judges said: 'Lovingly restored by the present owners, this hotel has everything you would expect from a five star hotel. Throughout the bedrooms & the public areas décor & objet d'art reflect this aspect of the building's history creating a focal & discussion point.'

Peter Taylor, Chairman of The Town House Collection, owner of the five star property, was naturally thrilled to receive the award. He said: 'It is exactly a year ago just now that we completed the transformation of the former Royal Scottish Automobile Club to Blythswood Square, and what a wonderful way to mark the anniversary!

'Since we first came to Glasgow and began the restoration of this 'grand old lady' it has always been our intention to create the best hotel in the city. With this award from the internationally recognised AA I believe that we've achieved that. This is a true testament to the skill, dedication and hard work of the team and to the support that we have enjoyed from all our customers and guests since we opened our doors.'

AA Hotel Services manager, Simon Numphud, said, "Blythswood Square was selected as the winner of this award because it is a stunning new addition to the hotel scene in Glasgow. Any new hotel opening has many challenges, but Blythswood Square has had more than its fair share and the amazing result is a true testament to Peter Taylor for creating such a wonderful hotel. It is certainly a worthy winner."

The AA Hospitality Awards bring together some of the most influential people within the hospitality industry to recognise the outstanding accomplishments of high-achieving AA establishments and individuals. The award event also sees the launch of the 2012 AA guides to UK hotels and restaurants, which contain details of all the winning establishments

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