

Crystalbrook Collection Collects at 2019 HM Awards

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Crystalbrook Collection has been recognised in 14 award categories, taking home two wins and a Highly Commended, at the 17th iteration of the HM Awards for Hotel and Accommodation Excellence on Friday 6 September.

The annual event, hosted by Hotel Management (HM) Magazine, celebrates leading hotels and individuals in the industry across Australasia.

Crystalbrook Collection wins:

Best Environmental Programme

Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort

The hotel was recognised for its sustainable and environmentally passionate initiatives such as no plastic straws, water bottles or guest-room key cards, use of technology to reduce paper, providing large-pump amenities bottles (saving more than 250,000 plastic bottles each year) and partnering with Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef, TerraCycle, OzHarvest and Containers for Change.

Crystalbrook Collection Interim CEO and Group Director, Hotels, Geoff York said: “We’re especially proud to be recognised as the best environmental hotel in Australasia. Our stance on the environment and passion for sustainability is a pivotal part of our brand. It’s something that we’re constantly evolving and bringing to life in each of our hotels, resorts and tourism enterprises.”

Riley also took home a Highly Commended for Australia’s Best Regional Property.

Best Interior Design Hotel

Little Albion, a Crystalbrook Collection Boutique Hotel

Little Albion’s interior design is the creation of renowned designers Connie Alessi and Cressida Kennedy. Largely influenced by 1920s and 1970s styles of interiors and choreographed with custom artwork carefully procured and selected for each room.

Geoff York said: “This accolade is a huge achievement. Little Albion has had many lives starting as a convent in 1903. It’s wonderful to see this beautiful heritage building recognised as it stands today, reimagined for the modern luxury traveller.”

The Group was also recognised as finalists in 11 other categories:

- Best Luxury Hotel – Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort
- Best Resort – Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort
- Best New Hotel – Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort and Little Albion, a Crystalbrook Collection Boutique Hotel
- Best Boutique Hotel – Little Albion, a Crystalbrook Collection Boutique Hotel
- Best Technology Hotel – Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort
- Best Hotel Day Spa – Eléme Day Spa at Riley
- Best Hotel Bar – Rocco at Riley
- Best Marketing Campaign – Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort
- Best Communications Associate – Belinda Danks-Woodley
- Best Hotel Chef – Luis Rod Zamora

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#responsibleluxury

Crystalbrook Collection enjoys modern living through attitude, design, technology and a passion for a better world – or what they call #responsibleluxury. The Group embraces environmental change to enhance, not compromise, the quality of their guest experiences.

Find out more about Crystalbrook Collection's #responsibleluxury initiatives [here](#).

Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort

Cairns' newest five-star hotel, Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort, promises a fresh approach to hospitality. With a personality of its own, Riley is a sophisticated character with a playful outlook on life. Guests can expect understated elegance, contemporary design and a splash of fun.

Residing in a prime location at the northern end of the iconic Cairns waterfront boardwalk, Riley features 311 stylish rooms and suites, most with spacious balconies, three unique restaurants and bars, a lagoon swimming pool spanning over 1,000 square metres with a private manmade beach, a day spa and a 24-hour fitness centre.

Little Albion, a Crystalbrook Collection Boutique Hotel

Situated in the heart of Surry Hills, Sydney, Little Albion, a Crystalbrook Collection Boutique Hotel, is an eclectic mix of heritage and contemporary detail true to its own DNA and that of Surry Hills.

Delightfully intimate, devastatingly gorgeous, genuinely original and refreshingly unpretentious, Little Albion features 35 guest rooms, a dedicated team of hosts on hand around the clock to offer individualised service, a rooftop garden oasis with views over Surry Hills and Sydney city and an honour bar featuring top-shelf beverages and gourmet nibbles.

About Crystalbrook Collection

Crystalbrook Collection is an Australian based tourism and hospitality group. Its portfolio includes:

- Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort, Cairns, Queensland – opened 2018
- Little Albion, a Crystalbrook Collection Boutique Hotel, Sydney, New South Wales – opened 2018
- Bailey, a Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Cairns, Queensland – opening October 2019
- Flynn, a Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Cairns, Queensland – opening April 2020
- Kingsley, a Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Newcastle, New South Wales – opening November 2020

Crystalbrook Collection also owns and operates Crystalbrook Station and its subsidiary pastoral businesses, Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, and the 90-foot motor yacht MV Bahama.

To date, Crystalbrook Collection has committed more than AU\$800 million in tourism investments within Australia.

Crystalbrook Collection and Ghassan Aboud Group

Crystalbrook Collection is owned by accomplished entrepreneur and philanthropist Ghassan Aboud. Ghassan Aboud Group is a multi-business conglomerate engaged in automobiles, real estate, retail, bespoke catering, media and logistics. In business for more than two decades, the group operates from its global headquarters in the United Arab Emirates with offices in Australia, Belgium, China, Jordan and Turkey.

The establishment of Crystalbrook Collection in Australia marks the groups substantial investment foray in the region - notably in the acquisition, development and management of hospitality, tourism and related assets.

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