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The Langham, Melbourne Voted Number One Top City Hotel in Australia and New Zealand in Travel + Leisure's 2016 World's Best Awards

July 2016... The Langham, Melbourne has been named the #1 hotel in the category Top City Hotels in Australia and New Zealand in the Travel + Leisure 2016 World's Best Awards.

This is the 8th consecutive year that The Langham, Melbourne has been included in the prestigious awards.

Every year, Travel + Leisure readers vote on their favourite hotels, resorts, spas, airlines, cruise lines and more in the magazine's annual World's Best Awards survey.

One guest told Travel + Leisure that The Langham, Melbourne was "the fineset hotel we've ever stayed in." More details are available at travelandleisure.com/worldsbest

"We are thrilled to be recipients of this revered accolade again. It means a lot to us that our guests took the time to vote for The Langham, Melbourne. It's a testament to our commitment to ongoing excellence and innovation," commented The Langham, Melbourne's Managing Director, Ben Sington.

The hotel continues to innovate and introduce new experiences for guests. For instance, this week the hotel announced the appointment of Christy Tania as the hotel's new Executive Pastry Chef. Tania is renowned for her precision and whimsical creations and has built up a cult following for her sought after desserts and pastries.

Also this week, Aria Bar & Lounge added a selection of warm pastries and savoury dishes to the hotel's already popular The Langham Afternoon Tea with Wedgwood. Warm Wedgwood offers guests an additional reason to take part in the time honoured tradition of afternoon tea and at the same time warm up from the winter's chill.

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On Tuesday 5 July, the hotel was awarded a tribute from Soap Aid, one of The Langham, Melbourne's selected charities.

The hotel was recognised by Soap Aid for contributing one tonne of used guest soap which is then re-purposed and delivered to communities in need around the world to help improve sanitation standards and save lives.

The Langham, Melbourne has a special winter offer currently available including tickets to experience the Eureka Sky Deck.

Guests will enjoy luxurious overnight accommodation, an in room movie and popcorn delivery, two tickets to the hotel's neighbouring Eureka Sky Deck, valet parking and breakfast for two in Melba Restaurant from \$375.00 per room, per night.

Bookings may be made by visiting melbourne.langhamhotels.com.au or by calling +61 8696 8888.

*Terms and conditions do apply. Accommodation bookings are subject to availability.

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For more information, to obtain images or to arrange an interview with Christy Tania, please contact: Tara Bishop, Public Relations Manager Email: tara.bishop@langhamhotels.com or via mobile on +61422003549

Background Notes

<u>The Langham, Melbourne</u> at Southbank is located at the heart of Melbourne's diverse performing arts scene, and is a proud partner of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Melbourne Recital Centre, Opera Australia and the Melbourne International Jazz Festival.

The 25-floor hotel has 388 luxuriously appointed rooms including 126 river view rooms, 57 executive club rooms, 6 balcony rooms with 19m² private balconies, 7 Terrace Rooms with 50m² private balconies, 11 suites and one Presidential Suite; each attended to by the hotel's signature Service Stylists. Boasting stunning views of the Melbourne city skyline, the Yarra River, historic Flinders Street station and Federation Square, The Langham, Melbourne offers a luxurious and timeless inner-city experience.

The Langham, Melbourne has been named the top city hotel in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific by *Travel & Leisure (US)* magazine (2016), and has been a constant feature on *Travel + Leisure (US)* World's Best lists (2008 – 2016). *BRW* awarded The Langham, Melbourne as one of Australia's most innovative companies (2013) and the hotel has been recognised by notable consumer-voted awards including TripAdvisor's Traveler's Choice Awards 2012 (No.1 in the Top 25 Luxury Hotels in Australia). The Langham, Melbourne is also actively retaining EarthCheck Gold Certification in 2015 and maintaining place as a Leader in the unique worldwide group of sustainable tourism operators that are certified to the internationally recognised EarthCheck Company Standard with the exclusive EarthCheckTM.

The Langham, Melbourne is also acclaimed for its award-winning $\underline{\text{Chuan Spa}}$, interactive dining restaurant – $\underline{\text{Melba}}$, and chic bar & lounge – $\underline{\text{ARIA}}$.

Reservations may be made by visiting http://melbourne.langhamhotels.com.au/melbourne/ or calling 1800 858 662.