



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### THE DARLING SYDNEY – A BENCHMARK OF LUXURY

The Darling Sydney has again received the highly coveted Five-Star award from Forbes Travel Guide.

This marks the sixth consecutive year in which The Darling has been recognised as one of the world's finest luxury hotels, and the only NSW-based property to receive the honour.

Forbes Travel Guide is the only global rating system for luxury hotels, spas and restaurants. Only a select group of prestige hotels have been recognised in the 2022 Awards, after a rigorous assessment on approximately 900 criteria, with an emphasis on service delivery.

The Star Sydney's Director of Hotels and Guest Experience, Christina Grasso said she is proud to see The Darling Sydney receive the five-star rating from Forbes Travel Guide and recognised for its unwavering dedication to delivering world-class service – by the pre-eminent experts in hospitality.

"We are honoured to see The Darling Sydney once recognised as the gold standard in luxury accommodation, and a global leader alongside other iconic hotels and resorts from around the world.

"It's a testament to our people who work incredibly hard and pay attention to the smallest details that help us deliver exceptional service and create memorable moments for each of the 60,000 guests that visit and stay with us every year.

"Not only was The Darling designed to embody luxury, but that has been complemented by an ongoing focus on training and guest service to set new benchmarks for Sydney's and Australia's hospitality and accommodation industry."

Forbes Travel Guide Executive Vice President of Standards and Ratings, Amanda Frasier said: "Following the tremendously unique impact the pandemic had on the hospitality industry, we continue to see the very best hotels in the world driving even harder to show enhanced care and concern that ensures guests will find an elevated level of comfort.

"The Darling continues to exemplify this heightened guest expectation for service, and we congratulate the property on earning its Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star award for the sixth consecutive year."

The Darling Spa has also been awarded a prestigious Forbes four-star rating positioning it among the world's best facilities.

With 11 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, saltwater jacuzzi and a gym for an all-encompassing experience.

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Forbes Travel Guide is the only global rating system for luxury hotels, restaurants and spas. Our anonymous professional inspectors evaluate based on up to 900 objective standards, with an emphasis on exceptional service, to help discerning travellers select the world's best luxury experiences. The only way to get a Five-Star, Four-Star or Recommended rating is by earning it through our independent inspection process. For more information about Forbes Travel Guide, please visit [ForbesTravelGuide.com](https://www.forbes.com/travelguide).

**About The Darling Sydney**

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](http://www.thedarling.com.au)