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## CHRIS ROUSE PRESENTS BEST NEW HOTEL DEVELOPMENT OF THE YEAR

### AT THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL HOTEL INVESTMENT FORUM

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Chris Rouse, Senior Director at CB Richard Ellis Hotels once again presented the Best New Development of the Year at the International Hotel Investment Forum in Berlin. He is recognised as a leading authority in hotel development within the industry.

This years nominations ranged across Europe from Ireland to the UK, Switzerland, Germany and Italy. Rouse commented "the three short-listed nominees could not be more different. A 43 room style hotel, rescuing an historic brewery building; a 130 key de-luxe resort created from an English Country House and a spectacular new build 428 key new-build city centre hotel in Frankfurt."

The finalists included Hotel du Vin and Bistro at Henley on Thames, Designed by Architects Michael Philips and Interior Designer Judy Hutson the hotel is owned by MWB Group and operated by Malmaison Holdings Limited. Rouse said "In the words of one of the judges, "Fantastic local facilities, with a national appeal."

The Radisson SAS Frankfurt was introduced as another finalist. Designed by John Seiffert the Hotel is a new landmark on the Frankfurt sky-line, located between the Airport and the Fairground. Rouse identified it as "A spectacular instance of squaring the circle...which symbolises a new gateway to the city"

The winner was announced as Four Seasons Hampshire; a new 133 key de-luxe property with 22 suites created out of an 18<sup>th</sup> century Georgian Manor House. On this property Rouse commented "Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts was the unequivocal first choice of two of the judges."

Other awards presented included the single asset deal of the year won by Kingdom Hotel International for the Acquisition of the Savoy Hotel – London, UK. And the portfolio deal of the year was won by Starwood Capital Europe Limited for the Acquisition of Société du Louvre.

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