



Media Release

The Rees Hotel Queenstown Named on “Stellar Stay” List 2014 by HotelsCombined

May, 2014 – [The Rees Hotel Queenstown](#) has been announced as one of only four New Zealand hotels to win a ‘Stellar Stays’ award by the world’s leading hotel price comparison website, [HotelsCombined](#). The second annual ‘Stellar Stays’ Awards honoured thirteen outstanding hotels across Australia and New Zealand in a range of accommodation options and are based on a stringent set of criteria. In order to be considered a ‘Stellar Stay’, properties must be currently ranked at 9.0 or above, with a minimum of 250 customer reviews on HotelsCombined.com. The properties must have a significant community or environmental program underway and have received at least three major industry awards within the last 12 months.

Global PR and Content Manager at HotelsCombined, Alycia Simons, said the strict award criteria ensure the calibre of properties remains very high. “With over 25 million users to our site a month and a database of over 800,000 properties, we know that guests of these properties have been highly satisfied with their stay,” she said. “Responsible tourism is very important to HotelsCombined and the Stellar Stays Awards aim to encourage and highlight the benefits of sustainable tourism practices.”

Mark Rose, CEO of The Rees Hotel, honoured for the first time with this award, said it is welcome recognition of both the Hotel’s sustainable and environmentally ethical policies and practices and the high service standards that his staff consistently delivers on an ongoing basis.

The Rees Hotel has implemented a company-wide stewardship programme that minimizes waste and promotes positive interaction between the operations of our business and the broader. The property practices energy, water and nature conservation from the initial design and construction, to its daily operational procedures. The Hotel has made a strong commitment to social sustainability through respect for and promotion of the social, cultural and historic values of the Southern Lakes District. The Hotel displays a unique collection of contemporary and historic art works and prints, an extensive library of rare books on the development of the region and serves local produce, wines, and beverages. The Rees Hotel endeavours to source its external supplies locally, wherever possible and to encourage suppliers to follow similar policies in regard to environmental and social sustainability in their own operations.

The Rees Hotel, Queenstown was also awarded the **New Zealand Leading Hotel Residence Award** in the **2013 World Travel Awards**; was recognized by **TripAdvisor®** as one of the top five hotels in New Zealand with a **2014 TripAdvisor Travelers’ Choice Award** and its True South Dining Room received the **New Zealand 2014 Beef + Lamb Excellence Award** with **Executive Chef Ben Batterbury** named again as a prestigious **Beef + Lamb Ambassador**.

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About [The Rees Hotel, Queenstown](#), New Zealand

The Rees Hotel Queenstown blends chic five star accommodation with all the comforts of home and the service and facilities of an elite international hotel. Situated on the absolute lakefront, The Rees Queenstown’s terraced construction delivers complete privacy and showcases panoramic views overlooking Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkable Mountains in Queenstown, New Zealand. Its landmark restaurant is the True South Dining Room.

About HotelsCombined

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