



## **WORLD CLASS FRONT LINE SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE TRAINING SCOOPS THREE BUSINESS AWARDS FOR THE OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE HOTEL AND SPA**

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The Old Government House Hotel and Spa has become the first triple winner in the 25 year history of the Guernsey Awards for Achievement as it was crowned Commerce and Employment Guernsey Business of the Year and also won Healthspan Best Large Business and the Excellence in Training NP Silver Salver – all announced at the Guernsey Awards Gala Evening held at Beau Sejour. The other main business winners on the night were Island Analysis, winner of the NatWest Best Small Business Award and AO Hall Legal Specialists, winner of the BWCI Best Medium Business Award.

The Guernsey Awards for Achievement Gala Evening is the single largest most glittering event of the Guernsey Calendar where Guernsey's corporate chief executives, dynamic entrepreneurs and individual personalities come together in a formal black tie event that is a combination of aspiration, the will to win, the friendship of networking and the glamour of attending the largest and most prestigious gala evening that Guernsey holds each year.

The 2010 Guernsey Awards Gala Evening has extra resonance as it marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of an Awards programme that embraces both corporate and individual excellence.

The Old Government House Hotel and Spa, who entered for the Awards for a second consecutive year having not been shortlisted the previous year, was presented the Commerce and Employment Business of the Year Award by H.E. Lieutenant-Governor Sir Fabian Malbon. In the introduction to this "Best of the Best" Award, Carla McNulty Bauer, Minister for Commerce and Employment said "The Old Government House Hotel and Spa has demonstrated not only excellent all round business performance, in an industry that is facing many challenges, but also a total commitment to delivering world-class customer service whilst simultaneously investing in the training and development of its staff."

The breadth of companies entering the 2010 Guernsey Awards reached a new level. Island Analysis, winner of NatWest Best Small Business Award beat off strong competition from Focus HR Solutions, specialists in recruitment and HR issues, and Vision Networks who is the only island wide provider of public area safety CCTV and associated electronic services. The judging panel, in making their final decision, said "Island Analysis has developed a niche offering, involving specialist skills, that brings Guernsey into the international arena."

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AO Hall Legal Specialists, winner of BWCI Best Medium Business Award, won out against Grant Thornton, an accountancy, audit, tax and advisory company that has recently undergone substantial change with its own management buy-out and Skipton International who is now the largest provider of new mortgages in Guernsey as it continues to expand its portfolio of innovative products.

The BWCI Best Medium Business judging was one of the closest with the panel making the following statement on the winner "AO Hall's approach to legal services has been transformational as they delivery 'city standards' with 'family values'."

The NP Silver Salver, the IOD/NP Group/GTA University Centre Excellence in Training Award was the second Award of the evening for The Old Government House Hotel & Spa. In making their final decision, the judges commented "Despite working in a very challenging industry, the OGH's visionary approach to training has created a stable and motivated workforce who consistently delivers customer service excellence." The runners up were Guernsey Post and Island Coachways.

The Guernsey Awards Gala Evening, attended by 780 guests, is the climax of an awards programme that begins the previous June, with nomination submissions in November, judging and short-list presentations in December and six weeks of intense planning and organisation that culminates in the Gala Evening itself in early February. Reflecting upon the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Guernsey Awards for Achievement, Carla McNulty Bauer said "These awards began with just one award, Ambassador of the Year, in 1986. Thanks to the vision of a small group of people in the early 1990s, all of whom worked for the then Board of Industry, the Guernsey Awards for Achievement as we know them were formed and they have gone from strength to strength over the past two decades. All companies who entered, irrespective of whether they were short-listed or won, deserves commendation and applause for having the belief that they are commercial winners. The diversity of Guernsey's business sectors belies the geographical size of the island; each and every company who entered the 2010 Guernsey Awards for Achievement should feel justifiably proud of its efforts and successes."

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**For details and photos of all winners of the 2010 Guernsey Awards for Achievement, please visit [www.guernseyachievementwards.com](http://www.guernseyachievementwards.com) from Tuesday 8 February 2011**