

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards 2008**

### **MacNean House & Restaurant**

### **Scoops Fine Dining Gold Medal**

MacNean House & Restaurant in Blacklion, Co. Cavan was presented with one of the hospitality industry's top awards at the 20<sup>th</sup> Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards tonight, when it beat stiff competition from restaurants across the country to win the Gold Medal Award for Fine Dining, sponsored by Rémy Martin.

Organised by *Hotel & Catering Review*, Ireland's leading magazine for the hospitality industry, the Gold Medal Awards recognise and reward excellence within the hotel and catering industry. A total of 14 category awards were presented this year, honouring Ireland's elite hotels, restaurants and caterers.

The Fine Dining category, one of the most prestigious and tightly contested categories in the Gold Medal Awards, saw MacNean House & Restaurant beat four other finalists – The Harvest Room at Dunbrody House, Arthurstown, Co. Wexford, La Cascade at Sheen Falls Lodge, Sneem, Co. Kerry, Mint Restaurant, Ranelagh, Dublin 6 and Still at Dylan Hotel, Dublin 4 – to win the coveted award.

Presented by Brian McGuinness, brand manager for Rémy Martin at Barry Fitzwilliam Maxxium, the Award was accepted by Neven Maguire, chef proprietor of MacNean House & Restaurant. 'I am genuinely delighted to accept this Gold Medal Award,' said Neven Maguire, 'and I'd like to pay tribute to all the other excellent restaurants nominated for these awards, and acknowledge the hard work, commitment and professionalism of my staff and colleagues in MacNean House.'

The Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards, which celebrate 20 years this year, are Ireland's premier awards programme for the hospitality industry. The awards

are decided by a jury of 11 significant industry professionals who travelled nearly 12,000kms around the country to judge this year's awards, consuming over 215 meals in the process. From the 14 category winners, the supreme winner of the Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Award for Excellence was selected by judges. This year the top award was presented to The Merrion Hotel, Dublin. It is the only establishment to win the Gold Medal of Excellence twice in the Awards' 20 year history.





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