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The Sebel & Citigate, Albert Park voted Australia's best in PCA Awards

Tourism development *The Sebel & Citigate, Albert Park* has been named Australia's best after winning the National Award for Tourism & Leisure Developments at the 2009 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall Awards for Innovation and Excellence.

The recently refurbished development took out this prestigious award against a strong field of competitors at the gala event held at Sydney's Convention and Exhibition Centre over the weekend.

Mr Michael Kerr, Director of Rider Levett Bucknall Melbourne said that by utilising best practice environmentally sustainable design, *The Sebel & Citigate* is an industry leading example of hotel repositioning and refurbishment.

Property Council of Australia National President Daniel Grollo said the awards showcase the finest development projects from around the country and distinguish industry projects that demonstrate innovative practice and design from large-scale multi-million dollar developments to individuals making an impact within the industry.

"This year's winners, including *The Sebel & Citigate, Albert Park*, continue to raise the bar for the industry in setting new benchmarks in excellence, particularly in the area of innovative design and practice," Mr Grollo said.

"*The Sebel & Citigate Albert Park* is one the largest conference hotels in Australia, with 2,132 square metres of meeting space over 29 different venues."

Mr Grollo said the conference and event rooms have been designed to provide state of the art functionality and can accommodate up to 1400 delegates.

"Its recent multi-million dollar transformation has created a modern and stylish environment for guests to enjoy with all 242 rooms overlooking stunning Albert Park Lake and Port Phillips Bay."

Other national winners on the night included:

- OVERALL WINNER Rouse Hill Town Centre (NSW)

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- BLUESCOPE BUILDINGS Award for Business or Industrial Parks – Quad Business Park (NSW)
- BILFINGER BERGER Award for Emerging Assets – Sir Montefiore Jewish Home (NSW)
- RIDER LEVETT BUCKNALL Award for Office Developments – AXA Centre (VIC)
 - Highly commended – Green Square South Tower (QLD)
 - Highly commended – 7 London Circuit (ACT)
- CITY PLAN SERVICES Award for Residential Developments - Place on Brougham (SA)
- Award for Heritage & Adaptive Re-use – Home (WA)
 - Highly commended – 88 George (NSW)
- COFFEY Award for Future Leaders – Adam Haddow (NSW)
- PITNEY BOWES BUSINESS INSIGHT Award for Shopping Centre Developments – Rouse Hill Town Centre (NSW)
- CONICS Award for Master Planned Communities – Prince Henry at Little Bay (NSW)
- WOODHEAD Award for Mixed Use Developments – Regent Place (NSW)
 - Highly commended – Campbelltown Catholic Club (NSW)
- PHILLIPS GROUP Award for Government Leadership – City of Whittlesea (VIC)
- MOORE STEPHENS AUSTRALIA Award for Public Buildings - Melbourne Recital Centre (VIC)
- AECOM Award for Sustainable Development – 101 Miller St (NSW)
 - Highly commended – The Bendigo Centre (VIC)
 - Highly commended – The Gauge (VIC)

Winners were announced at the 2009 Property Council of Australia Rider Levett Bucknall National Innovation and Excellence Awards gala dinner held at Sydney's Convention & Exhibition Centre on Saturday 13 June 2009.

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