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## 61 Organisations Crowned As China's Best of the Best at 9<sup>th</sup> Annual TTG China Travel Awards

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Shanghai, 7 April 2016 – Back for its 9<sup>th</sup> edition, TTG China Travel Awards 2016 culminates on this night to celebrate the stellar achievements of 61 winners who are the crème de la crème of the Greater China travel trade industry.

Surpassing their peers, 23 new winners debuted among the elite ranks of Greater China's travel trade industry, taking home the signature Hermes trophy home for the first time. They include organisations like Hyatt Hotels and Resorts, and Wanda Hotels and Resorts that have successfully claimed the "Best Global Hotel Chain" and "Best Local Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China" titles respectively – awards that were previously dominated by long-time defenders.

This year, the roll call of debuting winners was most evident in hotel categories. The popular "Best Hotel Within The Regions of China" category which was further segmented into 2 new award categories – "Best Business Hotel" (6 awards) and "Best City Hotel" (6 awards) – this year to better reflect market, location and brand positioning, were monopolised by first-timer winners who bagged 10 out of the 12 awards.

In addition, a new award, "Best Innovative Cruise Operator" was added, with debuting winner Costa Cruises, taking home this inaugural title.

With their relentless pursuit of excellence, 9 winners made their remarkable comeback into the awards. Among them are Emirates Airlines and Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, reclaiming their titles as "Best Middle Eastern Airline" and "Best Luxury Hotel Brand" in Greater China respectively. Kerry Hotel Pudong, Shanghai and Grand Hyatt Macau also returned to the awards with new titles under their belts as "Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Shanghai" and "Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Macau".

While new winners and returning winners made their way into the awards, veteran organisations like Singapore Airlines (Best Asian Airline), Chimelong Hotel Guangzhou (Best Theme Hotel), China International Travel Service (Best Travel Agency in China) and Shanghai (Best BT-mice City in China) held firmly to their titles for at least 5 consecutive years, showing the industry what it takes to be leaders of the pack, constantly raising the bar of excellence for its peers and industry.

The TTG China Travel Awards is a TTG Travel Trade Publishing Event organised by TTG China, held yearly in Shanghai, in conjunction with The Leading International MICE Event in China, IT&CM China and The Leading Corporate Travel Management Conference For China, CTW China.

Voting for the TTG China Travel Awards 2017 will open in December 2016.

More information on the TTG China Travel Awards can be found at: [www.ttgchina.com/ttg-awards](http://www.ttgchina.com/ttg-awards)

*Please refer to Annex A for the full list of 2016 winners.*

## About TTG China Travel Awards

The TTG China Travel Awards has been recognising the best of Greater China's travel industry since 2008. This prestigious annual event honours stellar Travel Suppliers across Airlines, Hotels & Resorts, Serviced Residences and Travel Services segments in the region. This TTG Travel Trade Publishing event is proudly organised by TTG China, with the support of TTG-BTmice China, TTG Asia, TTG India, TTGmice, TTGassociations and TTG Asia Luxury.

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## Annex A

Award Title		2016 Award Winners
Airline Awards - For airlines serving and operating in China		
1	Best China Airline	China Eastern Airlines
2	Best Asian Airline	Singapore Airlines
3	Best European Airline	Finnair <sup>NEW</sup>
4	Best American Airline	Air Canada
5	Best Middle Eastern Airline	Emirates Airline
Hotel Chain Awards		
6	Best Global Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China	Hyatt Hotels & Resorts <sup>NEW</sup>
7	Best Local Hotel Chain Operating in Greater China	Wanda Hotels & Resorts <sup>NEW</sup>
8	Best Luxury Hotel Brand in Greater China	Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts
9	Best Mid-range Hotel Brand in Greater China	Holiday Inn Hotels and Resorts
10	Best Economy Hotel Brand in Greater China	Ibis
Individual Hotel Awards		
11	Best Luxury Hotel in Beijing	Waldorf Astoria Beijing <sup>NEW</sup>
12	Best Luxury Hotel in Shanghai	Jing An Shangri-La, West Shanghai <sup>NEW</sup>
13	Best Luxury Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	JW Marriott Hotel Shenzhen
14	Best Luxury Hotel in Hong Kong	The Peninsula Hong Kong
15	Best Luxury Hotel in Macau	The Ritz-Carlton, Macau
16	Best Mid-range Hotel in Beijing	Park Plaza Beijing Wangfujing
17	Best Mid-range Hotel in Shanghai	Courtyard by Marriott Shanghai Xujiahui
18	Best Mid-range Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Holiday Inn Guangzhou Shifu
19	Best Mid-range Hotel in Hong Kong	Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees
20	Best Mid-range Hotel in Macau	Holiday Inn Macau
21	Best Business Hotel in Beijing	The Westin Beijing Financial Street
22	Best Business Hotel in Shanghai	The Westin Bund Center Shanghai
23	Best Business Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	LN Garden Hotel, Guangzhou
24	Best Business Hotel in Hong Kong	The Mira Hong Kong
25	Best Business Hotel in Macau	MGM Macau
26	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Beijing	Kempinski Hotel Beijing Lufthansa Center
27	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Shanghai	Kerry Hotel Pudong Shanghai
28	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	Langham Place, Guangzhou
29	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Hong Kong	InterContinental Hong Kong
30	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel in Macau	Grand Hyatt Macau
31	Best New Hotel in Beijing	NUO Hotel Beijing <sup>NEW</sup>
32	Best New Hotel in Shanghai	Shanghai Marriott Hotel Parkview <sup>NEW</sup>
33	Best New Hotel in Guangzhou/Shenzhen	White Swan Hotel Guangzhou <sup>NEW</sup>
34	Best New Hotel in Hong Kong	Hotel Sáv Hong Kong <sup>NEW</sup>
35	Best New Hotel in Macau	The St.Regis Macao, Cotai Central <sup>NEW</sup>
36	Best Theme Hotel in China	Chimelong Hotel Guangzhou

Hotel Awards in Other Regions within China		
37	Best Business Hotel in Northeast China	Grand Hyatt Dalian
38	Best Business Hotel in North China (excluding Beijing)	The St. Regis Tianjin
39	Best Business Hotel in Northwest China	Sofitel Xining <sup>NEW</sup>
40	Best Business Hotel in East China (excluding Shanghai)	Shangri-La Hotel, Hefei <sup>NEW</sup>
41	Best Business Hotel in Central South China (excluding Guangzhou and Shenzhen)	Sheraton Wuhan Hankou Hotel <sup>NEW</sup>
42	Best Business Hotel in Southwest China	Niccolo Chengdu <sup>NEW</sup>
43	Best City Hotel in Northeast China	Sofitel Wanda Harbin <sup>NEW</sup>
44	Best City Hotel in North China (excluding Beijing)	Sheraton Tianjin Binhai Hotel <sup>NEW</sup>
45	Best City Hotel in Northwest China	Wyndham Grand Xian South <sup>NEW</sup>
46	Best City Hotel in East China (excluding Shanghai)	Element Suzhou Science and Technology Town <sup>NEW</sup>
47	Best City Hotel in Central South China (excluding Guangzhou and Shenzhen)	InterContinental Changsha <sup>NEW</sup>
48	Best City Hotel in Southwest China	The Westin Chongqing Liberation Square <sup>NEW</sup>
Resort Hotel Awards		
49	Best Resort in China (Beach)	MGM Sanya
50	Best Resort in China (Non-Beach)	Sands Resorts Cotai Strip Macao
51	Best NEW Resort in China	Sheraton Grand Xishuangbanna <sup>NEW</sup>
52	Best Spa Resort in China	Banyan Tree Lijiang
Serviced Residence Award		
53	Best Serviced Residence Operator in China	Ascott China
Travel Services Awards		
54	Best Travel Agency in China	China International Travel Service
55	Best City in China (Leisure Travel)	Suzhou <sup>NEW</sup>
56	Best City in China (BT-MICE)	Shanghai
57	Best Cruise Operator	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.
58	Best Innovative Operator	Costa Cruises <sup>NEW</sup>
59	Best Theme Attraction	Hong Kong Disneyland Resort
60	Best Overseas NTO in China	Singapore Tourism Board
61	Best Overseas NTO in China promoting BT-MICE	Tourism Australia