



**MEDIA INFORMATION**  
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## **ARORA HOTELS TO BACK TOP JOCKEY AND TRAINER AWARDS**

Arora Hotels are the new sponsors of the coveted top trainer and jockey awards at Royal Ascot, won last year by Johnny Murtagh and Barry Hills respectively.

Johnny Murtagh will wear the leading jockeys' armband for the Queen Anne Stakes, handing it over after the opening race of Royal Ascot unless he wins the race of course. The armband will once again identify to racegoers and viewers at home who is heading the table at any time.

For the first time, in conjunction with Arora Hotels, there will be a press tipping competition at this year's Royal Meeting.

Media in all areas will be given a form to complete on the opening day of Royal Ascot, Tuesday 15th June, asking them to predict the winners of all seven Group One races at Royal Ascot. There will be two tie break questions, the first being to identify the winner of the Arora Hotels Top Jockey Competition and the second to name the trainer who tops the table at the end of the week.

The prize is for an overnight stay for two guests at either Sofitel London Heathrow at Terminal 5 or Sofitel London Gatwick, directly connected to the North Terminal, two properties which are owned and operated by Arora Hotels.

Arora Hotels has been selected as the preferred partner to build and operate the 200 bedroom four star Royal Ascot Hotel, to be located on the High Street opposite the racecourse.

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## **Note to editors**

### **About Arora Hotels – [www.arorahotels.com](http://www.arorahotels.com)**

Arora Hotels is an independent hotel company owned and founded by Surinder Arora in 1999. It is the UK's leading specialist hotelier to the airline industry and one of the fastest growing private hotel companies in the UK.

The company has made a name for itself through the design, construction and operation of luxury hotels, with exceptional levels of hospitality.

Their portfolio currently comprises seven hotels with over 2500 bedrooms. Prime locations include the Arora Hotel – Heathrow, Arora Park – Heathrow, Arora Hotel – Gatwick/Crawley, Arora Hotel – Manchester city centre, the recently opened 605 bedroom Sofitel London Heathrow, directly connected to the iconic Terminal 5 (recently voted 'Best New Business Hotel In The World' at the Business Traveller Awards 2009 and 'Best Airport Hotel In The World' at the Business Traveller US Awards 2009), Sofitel London Gatwick at the North Terminal and Mercure London Gatwick. Both Sofitels and Mercure London Gatwick are operated under a franchise agreement with Accor Hospitality.

At The Brit Oval, Arora is currently working in partnership with Surrey County Cricket Club on the development of a four-star, 168 bedroom hotel.

The property arm of the Arora Group – Arora Management Services – is involved in property asset management of a portfolio of landmark office buildings at key UK airports

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