

**SOFITEL LONDON HEATHROW WINS  
BEST CONFERENCE AND BANQUETING TEAM OF THE YEAR  
AT HOTEL CATEY AWARDS 2011**



**London Heathrow, November 2011** – After starting 2011 by winning the Gold for Meetings Excellence at the HRS Hotel Excellence Awards, Sofitel London Heathrow looks to cap off this successful year on a high after scooping the award for the Best Conference and Banqueting Team of the Year at the Hotel Cateys Awards 2011.

“This achievement of the Meetings & Events team is true recognition of the dedication the entire hotel places on delivering excellence in events. Since we opened in 2008 we have been honoured with many accolades and I am particularly proud of this team award. *Inspired Meetings* are created by these dedicated people who enjoy what they do and this passion for client success is what makes *Life Magnifique* at Sofitel London Heathrow” said Vincent Madden, General Manager of Sofitel London Heathrow.

The Hotel Cateys Awards pay tribute to some of the best performers in the UK’s hotel industry and presents members who work tirelessly in all levels of management and operations the opportunity to celebrate their achievements.

Sofitel London Heathrow offers 45 individually designed meeting rooms (the largest seating over 1,000 delegates) including a purpose built 117 tiered-seated theatre and 3 high-tech boardrooms, all equipped to the highest technical standard, making it one of the largest meeting and events facilities in Europe. Additionally, the hotel has the unique ability to offer up to 500 bedrooms to one conference group.

The 605-bedroom Sofitel London Heathrow is the only hotel at Terminal 5 with only 4 minutes walk away from the terminal via a covered link bridge and takes just 21 minutes to Central London via the Heathrow Express. It also has the largest onsite, undercover parking facilities in the area.

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**Picture credit:** General Manager of Sofitel London Heathrow, Vincent Madden, receiving the award with his events team; award presenter Fraser Thomson from Unilever Food Solutions, Mark Lewis, Group Editor at Caterer & Hotelkeeper, and comedian Marcus Brigstocke.

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