

SURVEY

**Hoteliers' Hall of Achievement
Recipients 2006**



GEORGE BENNEY
SUKHO THAI

A seasoned hotelier who has extensive senior management experience including numerous hotel openings, his career spans four continents. He is known for his leadership qualities and his focus on establishing high performance executive management teams. He leads this internationally acclaimed property as it continues to define luxury and style in Bangkok.



CHRISTOPHER COWDRAY
DORCHESTER

Having started his career in his native Zimbabwe, he is an expert at building a culture and set of values that define a property. He is a passionate believer in excellence and world-class customer service, both of which he created at Claridge's during his tenure as managing director. These are the qualities and traits that he now brings to The Dorchester, which is sure to take this luxury London property to even greater heights.



KARL NUESER
NASSAUER HOF

He joined the Hotel Nassauer Hof, one of Europe's few remaining grand hotels, in 1980 as managing director, after gaining experience in Europe and the United States with a number of leading international hotel brands. He understands all aspects of the business, from finance to food and beverage to personal service to attracting top talent. In 2000 he became managing partner and all guests who have the fortune to visit the property should find the time to meet this hotel legend.



CHRISTOPH SCHMIDINGER
FOUR SEASONS

A Four Seasons veteran since 1993, he manages the 368-room, Mobile five-star, AAA five-diamond Four Seasons Hotel New York. He has international expertise having spent eight years in Asia at various Four Seasons/Regent properties. He is known for his focus on personal service and customer relationships, and for his loyalty to employees. It is clear that he is the right person to be running one of the leading properties in the world.



EDWARD V. STAROS
RITZ CARLTON

Having been employed by Ritz-Carlton since the company's founding in 1983, he has helped create the mission, values, and culture for which the brand is known. He has managed properties as well as served in executive positions at the company's headquarters and truly knows all aspects of being a hotelier. A native of Florida, he was appointed to his current position at Mobil five star, AAA five-diamond Ritz-Carlton, Naples, in 1999 and he has truly "come home" to lead this successful property.

For the past 10 years, we have asked our readers, the heads of the travel departments at major corporations, and leaders in the hotel and airline industries: Who are the best hotel executives?

Each year, we have published the results of that poll, and through the years some names have been consistently rated at the top for different reasons. Some run large, internationally famous hotels, while others run small, boutique hotels with equally fine service.

Because of this continued record of excellence, we created a Hall of Achievement to honor those dedicated hoteliers who have truly become legends in their field. To the left are this year's inductees; below is a list of the past members of the Hoteliers' Hall of Achievement.

**HONORED MEMBERS OF THE
HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT**

- RAYMOND N. BICKSON**
- STAN BROMLEY**
- DENNIS A. CLARKE**
- DAVID J. COLELLA**
- RICHARD J. COTTER**
- ALBERTO DEL HOYO**
- GEOFFREY GELARDI**
- TERENCE R. HOLMES**
- MANFRED J. AND CHRISTINA
HÖRGER**
- CHRISTOPHER HUNSBERGER**
- BERNARD LACKNER**
- PHILIPPE LEOBEUF**
- NIKLAUS LEUENBERGER**
- DIDIER LE CALVEZ**
- YOUNG-IL LEE**
- PAUL LEONE**
- ERIC O. LONG**
- CARLOS LOPES**
- MARIA RAZUMICH-ZEC**
- GUENTER H. RICHTER**
- NATALE RUSCONI**
- JOHN SEGRETI**
- GILES SHEPARD**
- MARCO TORRIANI**
- KURT WACHTVEITL**