



DRINK UP AND EAT WELL WITH OVOLO
Ovolo's restaurants and bars are shining bright this awards season

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Across the 2019 hotels and hospitality industry awards season, Ovolo's innovative and inspired restaurants and bars have continued their entrance into the hallowed halls of the nation's finest. Ovolo continues to shake up the hospitality industry, pushing the boundaries and exciting the senses of locals and guests alike.

2019 Restaurant and Bar Awards to date:

Alibi Bar & Kitchen, Ovolo Woolloomooloo, Sydney

Winner of Best Hotel Bar, Australian Hotels Association National Awards For Excellence

Winner of Hotel Restaurant, HM Awards

Winner of Bar of the Year, Tourism Accommodation Australia NSW Awards for Excellence

Mister Percy, Ovolo 1888 Darling Harbour, Sydney

Highly Commended for Hotel Bar, HM Awards

Monster Kitchen & Bar, Ovolo Nishi, Canberra

Winner of Best Restaurant in a Hotel, ACT Restaurant & Catering Awards for Excellence

Alibi Bar & Kitchen housed in Ovolo's Sydney flagship hotel, Ovolo Woolloomooloo, was announced as the *Best Hotel Bar* in the Accommodation division at the Australian Hotels Association National Awards For Excellence 2019 (AHA Awards) hosted at The Star on the Gold Coast, on Monday 9 September.

Recognised as the Australian hotel, tourism and hospitality industry's most prestigious awards programme, this comes as the third win for the brand's uniquely contemporary Alibi Bar & Kitchen – Australia's first 100% plant-based hotel restaurant and bar. The start of the season saw Alibi take home *Hotel Restaurant of the Year* at the 2019 HM Awards and *Bar of the Year* at the 2019 Tourism Accommodation Australia NSW Awards for Excellence. With Mister Percy, neighbourhood wine bar cozily situated in Ovolo 1888 Darling Harbour, received a high commendation for *Hotel Bar* at the 2019 HM Awards also.

Shaking up the industry's palette in the nation's capital, Monster Kitchen & Bar at Ovolo Nishi took out *Best Restaurant in a Hotel* at the ACT's Restaurant & Catering Awards for Excellence held on Monday 9 September, up against the likes of QT Canberra's Capital Bar and Grill, and Hotel Realm's Buvette Bistro.

Located within Canberra's cultural hub of the New Acton precinct, Monster continues to be a hospitality hotspot for locals and travelers alike, serving up a classic French brasserie fair married with Japanese rooted flavours, while pouring an array wines from Burgundy and Rhone Valley, sake and tipples from their ever-growing Japanese whiskey collection.

Overseeing food and beverage across Ovolo Group, Group Director of Food and Beverage Vincent Lombino believes that Ovolo's guest-led, experience-based offering might have something to do with this run of wins for the brand. He says, "Ovolo's bars and kitchens exist to offer a unique vibe and well-



rounded hospitality experience that's beyond fulfilling hunger and thirst. Born from Ovolo's guiding ethos of effortless living, we provide an emotional and sensory experience guided by a high attention to detail across each aspect of the offering".

The notion of hospitality continues to evolve; to become a more personable, experiential and innovative. The competition throughout the industry continues to heat up with new school creatives coming up against old timer traditionalists, one constant is that Ovolo is at the forefront.

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About Ovolo Hotels

Founded by Girish Jhunjhnuwala in 2002, Ovolo Hotels has become one of Hong Kong's largest independent owner, operator hospitality firms, by providing business and leisure guests with the best in effortless living. The company keeps in touch with the modern traveller through award-winning interior designs, detail-driven comforts, focused all-inclusive service and cutting-edge en suite technology, all done in Ovolo Hotel's signature style. A proud Hong Kong brand, Ovolo Hotels remains a family-owned and privately-operated business with a charitable core. The company now runs four hotels in Hong Kong, and six hotels across Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane. Ovolo Hotels has also recently launched a new brand Mojo Nomad in Central which opened in September 2018, and in Aberdeen Harbour Hong Kong which opened its doors in December 2017. Mojo Nomad is a co-habitation concept for global nomads that combines travel, lifestyle and community at its core and will be entering the Australian market in the near future.