

THE ONLY WAY IS UP! OVOLO SOARS TO THE TOP OF THE CHARTS AT 2019 HM AWARDS

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The 17th iteration of the HM Awards, Ovolo Hotels were acknowledged for Hotel and Accommodation Excellence for being one of the country's top hotel brands, receiving the accolade "Hotel Brand of the Year" at the awards ceremony held on Friday 6 September 2019 at Sydney's International Convention Centre.

Ovolo Hotels are a guest-centric business motivated by reacting to guest needs, standing out from the accommodation crowd, zigging when others zag, taking creative strides and spontaneous moves at every turn with zero intention of slowing down. Ovolo Hotel's passionate attitude towards their guests and the brand remains strong – forever fabulous, unconventional and never boring (F.U.N.).

Founder and CEO, Girish Jhunjhnuwala said, "Ovolo was created with the vision to innovate, disrupt, and offer guests an experience like no other. We were born in Hong Kong, grew up in Australia, and most importantly we look forward to where our guests take us next, who by the way, have made all this possible.

"Winning 'Brand of the Year,' along with a number of other commendations, ratified and motivates our unique approach to hospitality - a focus on effortless living, being truly guest-centric, and having fun along the way. It's that Ovolo feeling that our guests remember long after they've checked out - thanks, Straya' we love you too!"

The HM Awards are the leading industry awards in the region, curated to applaud the leading properties, departments, people and brands in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. The award nominees reflect brands and individuals that excel in a wide range of categories in the accommodation industry, such as conferences and events, interior design, restaurants and bars, people, hospitality and accommodation.

As released by HM Awards, the calibre of nominations in 2019 saw the highest number of joint winners in the event's history, with judges unable to separate the two best entries received across a host of categories. Ovolo Hotels took home several awards and high commendations.

AWARDS:

- HOTEL BRAND OF THE YEAR
 - Ovolo Hotels
- HOTEL RESTAURANT
 - Alibi, Ovolo Woolloomooloo, Sydney, NSW



HIGHLY COMMENDED:

- UPSCALE HOTEL
 - o Ovolo Inchcolm, Brisbane, QLD
- BOUTIQUE HOTEL
 - Ovolo Inchcolm, Brisbane, QLD
- HOTEL BAR
 - o Mister Percy, Ovolo 1888 Darling Harbour, Sydney, NSW

Executed in Ovolo style, fronted by the brand's ethos of 'effortless living' in order to achieve effervescent experiences for all, this experience comes together to create the ultimate home-away-from-home for the modern traveller. 2019 has been incredibly rewarding for Ovolo Hotels, who earlier this year was awarded the #1 Hotel in Australia and South Pacific, for the unique Ovolo Woolloomooloo in the TripAdvisor Travellers Choice Awards for Hotels, 2019.

With two new properties announced to open in Melbourne next year in South Yarra and South Melbourne, and the completion of major refurbishments of Ovolo Central and Southside in Hong Kong, Ovolo Hotels will continue to move, shake and disrupt the hotel industry.

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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.