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Hotel beats more than 600 hotels in over  
100 countries to win Hotel of the Year  
award**

Mary Buckley, General Manager of the hotel, attended the special awards ceremony at the InterContinental Carlton Cannes where Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport also picked up the InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) Hotel of the Year for the UK & Ireland Division and then, out of all the divisional winners, was also awarded the overall EMEA Hotel of the Year award said, "We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded the 2005 EMEA Hotel of the Year award, and are honoured to have been selected from so many hotels. I am very proud of all my colleagues at the hotel; this has been an excellent team effort and one that everyone has contributed to."

The Crowne Plaza also walked away with two other awards, the 2005 Torchbearer Award, awarded to hotels that gained the top scores in the Guest Satisfaction Score (GSS) Index and a 2005 Food & Beverage Excellence Award, which recognises a hotel's demonstrated commitment to quality, profitability and concept development within the Food & Beverage area.

Located close to Dublin Airport, the 204 bedroom is a four-star deluxe hotel offers everything you expect from a world-renowned name and more. Situated on 120 acres of rolling mature parkland the hotel is in near completion of a 1,000 seat conference and event centre positioning itself as one of Dublin's finest and best equipped venues when it comes to hosting a business meeting or conference. An *Express by Holiday Inn* adjacent to the Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport is due to open too on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2006.

**Footnote:**

InterContinental Hotels Group PLC of the United Kingdom [LON:IHG, NYSE:IHG (ADRs)] is the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms. InterContinental Hotels Group owns, manages, leases or franchises, through various subsidiaries, over 3,600 hotels and 537,000 guest rooms in nearly 100 countries and territories around the world. The Group owns a portfolio of well recognised and respected hotel brands including InterContinental® Hotels & Resorts, Crowne Plaza® Hotels & Resorts, Holiday Inn® Hotels and Resorts, Holiday Inn Express®, Staybridge Suites®, Candlewood Suites® and Hotel Indigo™, and also manages the world's largest hotel loyalty programme, Priority Club® Rewards.