



## Press Release

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### **Hotel Association of Washington, D.C. Announces “Stars of the Industry” Award Winners**

(Washington, DC) — The Hotel Association of Washington, D.C. presented its annual **Stars of the Industry Awards** at the Association’s luncheon held at the historic **Hay-Adams Hotel** on **Thursday, March 18, 2010**. This annual hotel industry awards ceremony recognizes Washington, DC hotels and hotel employees for their outstanding service. Lodging employees of the year received a plaque and \$1,000 cash award. This year’s winners are:

#### **Outstanding General Manager of the Year**

Christian Clerc, Four Seasons- Medium Sized Property

Steve Cowan, Washington Hilton- Large Sized Property

#### **Outstanding Manager of the Year**

Jessica Mallon, Westin Grand- Medium Sized Property

Elizabeth Vita-Finzi, Mandarin Oriental Washington, DC- Large Sized Property

#### **Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year**

Haileeselassie Teklu, Westin Grand- Medium Sized Property

Edwin Aguilar, Mandarin Oriental Washington, DC - Large Sized Property

#### **Outstanding Special Events Ongoing**

Fairmont Washington

#### **Outstanding Guest Relations**

Sofitel Lafayette Square

#### **Outstanding Community Service**

The Carlyle Suites Hotel & Savoy Suites Hotel- Small Sized Property

Four Seasons- Medium Sized Property

“This is always a great luncheon for our Association where we get the opportunity to thank and honor the people that make us the best hospitality city in the country. The fact that this was our largest luncheon ever proves the commitment that our industry has to the employees that make our industry special.” Emily Durso, President, HAWDC.

Photo Credit: From L to R; George Terpilowski, Fairmont Washington; Haileeselassie Teklu, Westin Grand; Pierre-Louis Renou, Sofitel Lafayette Square; Diana Bulger, Fairmont Washington; Jennifer Oakes, The Four Seasons; Joylette Whitaker, The Carlyle Suites Hotel & Savoy Suites Hotel; Jessica Mallon, Westin Grand; Elizabeth Vita-Finzi, Mandarin Oriental Washington, DC; Edwin Aguilar, Mandarin Oriental Washington, DC; Steve Cowan, Washington Hilton

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