



PAWEŁ LEWTAK RECEIVES THE 2018 HOTELIER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR GENERAL MANAGER OF INDEPENDENT HOTEL IN POLAND

Warsaw, 27 November 2018 – Paweł Lewtak, General Manager at Polonia Palace and Member of the Management Board at Syrena Hotels has been named the 2018 Hotelier of the Year Award for General Manager of Independent Hotel in Poland. Mr. Lewtak was presented with his award at the annual celebratory reception and dinner at the Sofitel Victoria Warsaw on 26th November 2018. The awards are held by leading Polish hospitality trade magazine “Hotelarz” or “Hotelier” to honour excellence in hospitality leadership. The celebration brought together over 400 hoteliers and industry professionals, who gathered for the fifth edition of Hotel Trends Poland & CEE 2018 event to await the announcement of this year's award winners.

In 2014, “Hotelarz” created the Hotelier of the Year Award to recognise individuals who lead by example according to defined standards of service, show creativity in management, build a strong market position of their hotels through effective strategies and standout projects. Also, for those who are able to contribute to the greater good of the Polish hospitality industry.

The judging panel comprised of experts who hold a significant amount of industry specific skills and knowledge. Those judges were, “Hotelarz” editor-in-chief, prominent figures from Chamber of Commerce of the Polish Hotel Industry, representatives of Polish and international hotel chains, technological partners, sponsors and former award winners.

With more than 17 years of professional and diversified experience within international and Polish chains as well as unique independent hotels, Paweł Lewtak as General Manager and Board Member has a progressive record of achievements including successful opening and positioning of hotels, developing business through effective sales and marketing strategies, managing operations including major renovation projects, food and beverage including MICE sales. Setting and maintaining highest quality standards proven by excellent online reviews. Known for building and leading successful teams. Paweł Lewtak has been working in Syrena Hotels for 11 years, he has been General Manager of Polonia Palace since 2013 and he has served as Member of the Management Board of the company responsible for operations and marketing for 3.5 years. He holds an executive MBA from ESG – University of Quebec at Montreal and the Warsaw School of Economics. Paweł Lewtak is the only Polish member of the European Hotel Managers Association, but he hopes it is going to change soon.

About “Hotelarz” magazine

“Hotelarz” or “Hotelier” magazine has been a quality publication and the leading source of news and analysis for the Polish hotel industry since 1962. Reaching more than 30,000 hotel professionals in Poland through print and online communications with 90,000 unique users and 340,000 views, “Hotelarz” magazine provides critical information on all aspects of the Polish hotel industry, including design, successful sales and operation

strategies, marketing, finance and the Polish legal context. It is giving its various audiences the news on the latest hotel technologies and services.

“Hotelarz” magazine is the best read publication by the Polish hoteliers, investors, buyers and specifiers for hotel products and services. Today, “Hotelarz” still enjoys being the no. 1 Hotel branch magazine in Poland.

About Polonia Palace Hotel, Warsaw

Polonia Palace Hotel is one of Warsaw’s prime addresses for business as well as for domestic and foreign leisure guests. The hotel was first opened in 1913, and reopened after a complete renovation in 2005. The strengths of the hotel lies in the perfect combination of its modernity, history, first-rate location in the business district of Warsaw, thus living up to the guests’ expectations. Polonia Palace is an ideal place for travellers who look for onsite perks and amenities where they can experience the genuine heartbeat of the city while finding a retreat from the hubbub in the lobby with palms and the cosy hotel rooms.

Polonia Palace offers 206 enjoyable guest rooms and apartments, 9 banqueting and conference rooms able to accommodate events of up to 700 people on two conference floors, the unique Ludwikowska Ballroom, a bold example of Louis XVI-style and the adjacent Ludwikowska Lounge Wood and Marble added in 2018, the Polonia Restaurant, the Lobby Bar, Sauna and Fitness area.

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