

## Press release

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# Beijing Airport wins Condé Nast Traveller Award for Innovation and Design

Foster + Partners design for Beijing Airport won a Condé Nast Traveller Innovation and Design Award last night, at a presentation ceremony held at the London Marriott Hotel, Grovesnor Square.

Nominated in the Infrastructure category, Beijing Airport was a clear winner, voted for online by readers from a short list of recent designs compiled by a panel of experts and revealed in the May issue of Condé Nast Traveller. Beijing airport will be the worlds largest and most advanced airport building - not only technologically, but also in terms of passenger experience, operational efficiency and sustainability. It is due to open in time for the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

The Innovation and Design Awards are new annual awards presented exclusively to organisations and individuals that have demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the experience of travel through good design and innovative thinking, whether applied to airplanes and trains, museums, restaurants, shops or gadgets. In addition to 'Infrastructure', excellence was recognised in a further 9 categories:

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## Notes to Editors

- Other category winners are:

Communications and Technology - Bose QuietComfort 3 headphones.

Sustainable - Christoph Behling for his Solar Shuttle. Style on the move - Samsonites Black Label range by Alexander McQueen.

Retail - Tom Dixon for his interior for Habitats new store on Londons Regent Street.

Culture - The Phaeno Science Center in Wolfsburg by Zaha Hadid.

Aviation - Silverjet, the worlds first carbon-neutral airline.

Leisure - ESPA, a global brand in spa design by Susan Harmsworth.

Transport - Honda FCX, a car that runs on hydrogen extracted from the domestic gas supply.

Gourmet - Alan Yaus Yauatcha.

Design Guru - an additional award. Presented to mark the significant contribution to design made by an individual. Given to Adrian Zecha, creator of the AmanResorts.

- The panel of experts who chose the shortlist for each category comprised the following -- Loyd Grossman, Claire Wrathall, Jonathan Bastable, Nicole Bellamy, Nicholas Lander, Fiona Lintott, Jason Barlow, Sir Nicholas Serota, Simon Calder, James Beechinor-Collins, Adam Vaughan, and Matthew Buck.
- Conde Nast Traveller is the UKs leading quality travel monthly and will celebrate its 10th anniversary this September. The magazine recently posted its highest ever circulation figure of 87,783 a growth of nearly 50% since the magazine was first audited in 1998.

For further details of the Condé Nast Traveller Innovation and Design Awards in association with Marriott please contact Nicky Eaton or Harriet Robertson on 020 7152 3807 /3388. or go to: <http://www.cntraveller.co.uk/promotions/marriottawards/>

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