

## UK spa in line for top honour

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Staff at a family run hotel in Merseyside are celebrating after gaining a place in the National finals of the British Beauty and Spa Awards.

Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa, in Wirral, has been selected as one of 7 finalists nationwide for the top award of the night - Destination Hotel/Spa of the Year - and will go head to head with the crème de la crème of the beauty world.

The four star venue has been nominated in previous years for Regional Salon of the year in the Northwest and Scotland but it is the first time the family run hotel has gained a place within the prestigious category of Destination Hotel/Spa of the Year.

The finalists include Alexander House Hotel & Utopia Spa in East Grinstead, Titanic Spa in Huddersfield, Norton House Hotel in Edinburgh and Senspa in Brockenhurst and The Spa at Gleneagles by ESPA in Auchterarder.

“Here at Thornton Hall we are passionate about providing positive changes in our clients’ lives so we are absolutely thrilled to have made it into the final for such a prestigious award,” said Linda Waldron, spa manager at Thornton Hall, which is located in the picturesque village of Thornton Hough. “We work hard to give our guests the ultimate spa experience which will leave them feeling relaxed, rejuvenated and ready to face the world again.”

The British Beauty & Spa Awards 2008, which launched 12 years ago, recognises innovation and excellence in the spa and beauty industry. They have rapidly become the Oscars of the beauty world and are attended by top industry names.

Award categories include beauty therapist of the year, body therapist of the year, day spa of the year, and manicurist of the year. Finalists had to produce a brochure about their spa to submit to event organisers - Health and Beauty Salon Magazine.

“We are leading increasingly hectic lives where demands from family and work are greater than ever, so it has never been as important to take time out to recharge,” said Mrs Waldron. “We believe that the elimination of stress and tension is critical to the improvement, maintenance and overall well being of the body.”

The British Beauty & Spa Awards 2008 presentation takes place on Sunday September 7 at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, and will be hosted by a leading TV personality.

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