



TRAVEL & LEISURE NAMES THE MERRION AS THE No.1 CITY HOTEL IN UK & IRELAND

London, 20 May 2011: *Travel + Leisure* magazine, one of the world's most respected authorities on travel, has voted The Merrion, Dublin (www.merrionhotel.com) the No.1 hotel in **The UK & Ireland** in its **WORLD's BEST SERVICE** awards.

The awards, which are published in the June 2011 issue of *Travel & Leisure*, give The Merrion an impressive 97.14% for service. This means The Merrion is:

- **In the top 10 hotels in the world for service**
- **In the top 5 highest scoring city hotels in Europe**

The Merrion was also the only hotel in the UK and Ireland to be ranked.

Peter MacCann, General Manager said: "I am really proud of every single member of our brilliant staff and this high score is testament to their dedication and talents. Unrivalled service in a friendly atmosphere, a warm Irish welcome awaits every guest."

To experience what the best service in the UK and Ireland feels like; simply telephone The Merrion on +353 1 603 0600, email info@merrionhotel.com, or visit www.merrionhotel.com

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Note to editors:

About The Merrion - The Merrion, Dublin's best address, stands directly opposite the Government Buildings in the heart of Dublin city centre, on Upper Merrion Street, minutes from The National Gallery and The National History Museum. A short walk leads to the "golden mile" with its lively pubs, shops and restaurants around St. Stephens Green. Grafton Street is a leisurely stroll away for all the latest designer shops. In summer The Merrion's Georgian garden is a haven, for drinks and a leisurely supper. The Merrion is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

About Travel+Leisure - Founded in 1971 and designed for the sophisticated, well-travelled person who has a strong interest in leisure activities. Editorial offers suggestions and resources concerning all aspects of travel, including airlines, hotels, spas and resorts, dining, shopping and entertainment. The magazine offers money-saving ideas for national and international getaways, in addition to advice for the first-time traveller.