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Crown Perth Celebrates Three Bartenders Named Among Australia's Best in World Class Bartender Awards 2025

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PERTH – (March 31, 2025) Crown Perth is proud to announce that three of its exceptional bartenders—Nic Lee from La Vie, Harry Tran from Lobby Lounge, and Afla Ahmed from Bistro Guillaume—have been named among the Top 100 in the prestigious World Class Australia Bartender Awards 2025. This recognition reaffirms Crown Perth's commitment to world-class service, innovation, and craftsmanship in hospitality.

The World Class Australia Bartender Awards is regarded as the premier competition in the industry, highlighting the country's most talented mixologists who push the boundaries of creativity, skill, and guest experience.

Brian Pereira, Interim CEO of Crown Perth, commended the bartenders for their outstanding achievement.

"We are thrilled to see Nic, Harry, and Afla receive this well-deserved recognition in such a competitive arena. Their dedication to innovation, technique, and storytelling through cocktails sets a new benchmark for excellence in the industry," he said.

Each bartender's submission was inspired by an industry icon, crafting a signature cocktail that reflects their mentor's philosophy and artistry:

- **Nic Lee (La Vie) – 'Book of Senses'**
Inspired by Giacomo Giannotti of Paradiso Barcelona, Nic's cocktail engages all five senses to create an immersive experience. Crafted with Ketel One Vodka, a homemade osmanthus and cardamom cordial, bergamot, and sea salt, 'Book of Senses' is served in an interactive book, with a spritz of magnolia mist and a captivating smoke effect that embodies Giannotti's commitment to multi-sensory mixology.
- **Harry Tran (Lobby Lounge) – 'Echoes of Japan'**
Drawing inspiration from Shingo Gokan, a visionary in cocktail storytelling, Harry created 'Echoes of Japan' using Johnnie Walker Blue Label, honey and ginger syrup, a pinch of salt, and midnight bloom bitters. A final touch of yuzu mist adds a fresh citrus aroma, embodying Gokan's philosophy of seamlessly blending tradition with innovation to create an unforgettable sensory journey.
- **Afla Ahmed (Bistro Guillaume) – 'Spice Age'**
Inspired by Don Ranasinghe of Sri Lanka's Smoke & Bitters, Afla's cocktail pays homage to South Asia's rich spice heritage. Using Ron Zacapa rum as its foundation, 'Spice Age' combines cinnamon syrup, jasmine-infused orgeat, and a clarified coconut cream finish, resulting in a velvety, aromatic tiki-style drink that bridges tradition and contemporary craftsmanship.

For more information on Crown Perth and its award-winning venues, please visit: crownperth.com.au

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Notes to the Editor:

About Crown Perth:

Crown Perth opened its doors in 1985 and has grown to become the city's ultimate most popular entertainment destination. Offering unrivalled hotel accommodation, events and conferencing, dining and entertainment throughout, the integrated resort draws more than 9 million guests per year.

Located on the banks of the Derbal Yerrigan (The Swan River), Crown Perth is Western Australia's only fully integrated entertainment resort and the State's largest single site private employer with more than 5,000 team members.

Offering almost 1,200 hotel rooms, Crown Perth is also home to a 24-hour casino featuring more than 130 table games and 2,300 electronic gaming machines, making it the ideal venue to stay, celebrate and entertain. Crown Perth's line up of more than 30 restaurants and bars includes the world-renowned Nobu and Bistro Guillaume, featuring acclaimed chef Guillaume Brahimi's exquisite French cuisine. As Perth's largest hotel, Crown Towers continues to also be the first and only Forbes Five-Star luxury hotel in WA.

The 2300-seat Crown Theatre draws audiences to more than 250 shows annually from cabaret to musicals to solo artists. Crown is also a destination of choice for more than 1,500 events and conferences each year, delivering some of Perth's finest, most-acclaimed events spanning from gala dinners and black-tie affairs to conferences, breakfasts, and exhibitions throughout the more than 8,000 square metres of available venue space.

Crown is a proud part of the WA community and is committed to serving guests, the community and the city. Crown Perth has contributed thousands of training places to the local hospitality network through education and training and since 2015, the Crown Resorts Foundation has contributed over \$25 million to local causes, proudly giving back to the community it operates in.

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