



The Wit Hotel Racks Up the Golden Accolades

Swanky hotel wins Golden Local Debate, named second trendiest hotel in the world

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The hotel noted for being one of the hottest places to see and be seen in the city received a double dose of love Wednesday.

Voting closed Tuesday for the [Golden Local Debate](#) on this Web site, seeking the [Best Hotel Bar](#) in the city. ROOF, theWit's popular rooftop lounge, snagged 58 percent of the vote up against The [Trump Hotel's](#) Rebar lounge.

Commenters on the debate page lauded ROOF for everything from its cool vibe, celebrity clientele and of course, the pretty ladies.

"These were two quality bars involved, but to have us come out on top in the customers' minds is extremely gratifying," said theWit's GM Mark Shouger. "Everybody was really into it and excited. We were watching it every day and were happy to see the response."



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TheWit also came up big against some hefty worldwide competition in [TripAdvisor's 2010 Travelers' Choice](#) awards. The [State Street](#) hotel was named the [second trendiest hotel](#) in the world, finishing one place behind [citizenM](#) in Amsterdam.

TripAdvisor also listed the Best Hotels in [Chicago](#), based on great service and extraordinary value, naming [The Talbot Hotel](#), [Sofitel Chicago Water Tower](#) and [Hampton Inn Majestic Chicago](#) as the tops, in that order.

"It's just overwhelming. To get this kind of exposure just six months after opening and getting our feet on the ground is extraordinary," Shouger said.

TripAdvisor compiles its lists from user reviews on its Web site.

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