

**This looks like a job for .... Superteam  
250 years at The Capital, London**

Corks popped and Superman spread his wings at The Capital this week when David Levin, proprietor of the family-owned, family-run Knightsbridge hotel for the last 43 years, paid tribute to the long service of his dedicated team: 250 years of experience.

The individual loyalty prize goes to Derek Samuel who has been making sure the lights don't go out for 29 years in the Maintenance department. No request will surprise or confound the Concierge desk, which takes the team award for its 85 years on the job. Head concierge Clive Smith (aka Superman) has been at The Capital for 25 years, supported by Graham Luff (20), Joseph Romin-Portilla (15), Abdenmour Brahimi (aka Dino, 14) and Chris Oliver, who is still learning the ropes after a mere 11 years in post. Housekeeping comes a close second with a total of 75 years: Roy Wimbledon (25 years), Carlos Costa (17), Farida Rahli (12), Clara Pires Alvite (11) and Justyna Skrzynecka (10). Front of House duties are led by Lorena Somera and Harald Duttine, who have worked for the company for 11 and 12 years respectively. Cesar Da Silva has manned the Bar with panache for 18 years and plans to be mixing the drinks for at least another 20.

David Levin, who passed the general manager's mantle to his daughter Kate Levin in 2010, said: 'Staff loyalty is the measure of a healthy outfit. There is no better feeling than to travel the road with great and dependable colleagues within the operation of a family business.'



Picture caption (L-R),

front row: Farida Rahli, housekeeping, 12 yrs; Justyna Skrzynecka, housekeeping, 10yrs; Clive Smith, concierge, 25 yrs; Lorena Somera, front of house, 11yrs; Graham Luff, concierge, 20 Years

second row: Cesar Da Silva, Bar, 18 yrs; Roy Wimbledon, housekeeping, 25yrs; Harald Duttine, The Levin Front of House, 12 yrs

Third row: Joseph Romin-Portilla, concierge, 15 yrs; Kate Levin; Derek Samuel, maintenance, 29 yrs

**ABOUT THE CAPITAL:** The Capital is a classic five star boutique hotel at the heart of Knightsbridge in London's West End, with 49 bedrooms, plus eight suites and apartments for longer stays in an adjacent building. Its location on Basil Street is close to Harrods, Harvey Nichols and Knightsbridge underground station, and only a few minutes' walk from the Victoria & Albert Museum and Hyde Park.

Founded in 1971, The Capital remains under the guidance of its original owner David Levin and his daughter Kate Levin. A grand hotel in miniature, it combines the advantages of a large establishment with the warmth and attention to detail that only a privately owned luxury hotel can achieve.

The hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant Outlaw's at The Capital is masterminded by seafood specialist Nathan Outlaw (AA Chef's Chef of the Year 2014-15) and won the award for Best Value Set Lunch Menu in The Good Food Guide 2014.

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