



Lorenzo Stella, one of the family team to win the Which? best value hotel title.

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Which? rates family hotel tops

A FAMILY business in Hampstead has come out on top of a Which? guide to the best hotels in the capital.

La Gaffe in Heath Street has been awarded the title of the best value for money hotel in London in The Which? Hotel Guide 2003.

The news came as something of a surprise to Lorenzo Stella, part of the award-winning family team.

He said: "I am very very pleased. We have made a real

effort to keep our prices competitive which has been hard with more travel inns coming to London and the difficulties the industry has faced in the last year.

"We know what we are which is a small independent hotel and we just try to make life as comfortable as possible for the people who come here."

The hotel, which has been in business for 40 years, has 18 rooms at an average price of £65 a night.

The family also runs a renowned Italian restaurant on the premises which is a firm favourite with local residents including former war correspondent Martin Bell.

Mr Stella, who is the son of La Gaffe owner Bernardo Stella, a playwright and well-known Hampstead character, added: "We are very pleased to get a mention in certain travel guides, especially ones like this where you can't pay to get in them."