

# **Heritance Ahungalla wins Gold at National Green Awards**

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Heritance Ahungalla has gained recognition for its sustainability initiatives

Heritance Ahungalla won the Gold Award at the National Green Awards organised by the Central Environmental Authority. His Excellency President Mahinda Rajapaksa graced the occasion which was held for the second consecutive year. Forty nine awards were presented in 16 categories with environmentally-friendly organisations being selected by an expert panel of judges.

Sri Lanka's entrepreneurs, industrialists, and other stakeholders who contribute their share to environmental conservation and anti pollution were recognised for their excellence in green practice, strategy and products at these Awards. The main aim of the all island Awards programme is to promote sustainable management of the environment in order to achieve a green country through a clean green environment.

Heritance Ahungalla has been recognised both locally and internationally for service excellence, culinary expertise as well as its sustainability initiatives. The Hotel was

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certified for Energy Management System ISO 50001:2011 and was recognised as the first resort in the world to receive the certification.

“We at Aitken Spence Hotels have set a perfect balance of practicing sustainable tourism while ensuring our commitment to service excellence is maintained,” said Malin Hapugoda, Managing Director – Aitken Spence Hotels.

“It is a tremendous achievement that all our properties in Sri Lanka have sustainability policies which are adhered to stringently which has resulted in all our local hotels including Hotel Hilltop and Bandarawela Hotel attaining the prestigious Earth Check Silver status. We will continue to drive our commitment towards a sustainable operation with a sustainability focus that transcends beyond mere operational to one that is strategic.”