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PRESS RELEASE

The *Trophée des Renommées d'Or du Tourisme International* 2007 awarded to Camille Oostwegel ChâteauHotels & -Restaurants

The **Comité de France**, founded during the presidency of President Vincent Auriol (1947-1954), has awarded the French distinction **Le Trophée des Renommées d'Or du Tourisme International 2007** to Camille Oostwegel ChâteauHotels & -Restaurants. This prize is accompanied by the **Diplôme de Mérite et de Prestige National** for the founder, Camille Oostwegel himself. He is also to be made a **Membre d'Honneur du Comité de France** (honorary member).

This **Trophée des Renommées d'Or** is presented annually to organisations or individuals who have made a special contribution in the fields of tourism, gastronomy, quality of life, and French culture. This is the first time since its establishment that this prize has been awarded to a Dutch tourist organisation. This prize has previously been accepted by the Hotel Ritz in Paris, the country of Tunisia, the city of Barcelona and the Hotel de Paris in Monaco, amongst others.

The distinction has been awarded on the grounds of the great services to the preservation of cultural heritage, for creating ChâteauHotels & Restaurants in loss-making and dilapidated monumental buildings in Limburg, and there was a special mention for the restoration of **Château Neercanne** with the baroque terraced gardens and the **Kruisheren Hotel Maastricht**.

Camille Oostwegel, a Francophile and also an Honorary Consul of France in Maastricht, will be presented with this prize on the birthday of H.M. Queen Beatrix, 31 January 2007, at the Dutch Embassy in Paris, in the presence of the Dutch ambassador to France, Mr Hugo Hans Siblesz, numerous French and Dutch diplomats, politicians, entrepreneurs and representatives from the world of art and culture.

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- Kasteel Erenstein / Hotel Brughof
- Château Neercanne
- WinselerHof
- Château St. Gerlach
- Kruisherenhotel Maastricht
- Villa Casa Blanca / Head Office