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Two staff members from the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor have been selected as finalists at the 2017 New Zealand Hotel Awards in Auckland next month.



Judy Chen

Judy Chen, Director of Sales and Marketing for Hotel Grand Chancellor's two New Zealand properties (Wellington and Auckland), is one of two finalists in the prestigious 'Hotel Industry Senior Hotel Executive' of the Year category. Her diverse portfolio, passion and enthusiasm have enabled her to greatly contribute to many aspects of the wider sector. Judy co-founded the Young Tourism Export Council of New Zealand and sits as an advisor on Victoria University's Tourism Group. After completing her Masters of Tourism Management at Victoria University of Wellington, Judy began her career with Tourism New Zealand. Her achievements within the hotel business over the past 12 years have been outstanding and she is committed to positively influence the next generation of young tourism and hospitality hopefuls to reach their fullest potential.



Naomi Oh

Naomi Oh has been selected as one of three finalists in the inaugural 'Food and Beverage Employee of the Year' category. She has progressed throughout her three years at the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, has been awarded Employee of the Month twice and has been instrumental in developing a positive team environment at the hotel's two outlets. Naomi studied at the Pacific School of Hotel Management and has energetically been involved in training and development during her time at the hotel. Currently employed as Food & Beverage Supervisor, Naomi is responsible for the smooth running of shifts at Whitby's Restaurant & Bar (Level 17 of hotel), which can cater for up to 150 guests and often operates at full capacity throughout a range of service periods (breakfast, lunch, high tea, dinner).

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