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B&B is named as best in the world by travel website

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A TORQUAY boutique B&B has been announced as the World's Best B&B in the 2019 Travellers' Choice awards – the only holiday establishment in the UK in any category to win a best on the planet accolade.

The 25 Boutique B&B in Avenue Road has finally and officially laid the Fawley Towers ghost to rest by proving that standards in the English Riviera are world class.

Owners Julian and Andy Banner-Price today said they were 'ecstatic' to find they have risen up the Trip Advisor rankings from 9th best in the world last year to win the number one place.

Julian said: "It's quite unbeliev-

able. We are so proud that all our hard work is recognised by the world's largest travel site. We literally do everything on our own with no staff and you can't help thinking 'little old me – best in the world!'"

The 25 with it's unusual contemporary decor and all home-made, local produced food, opened just over four years ago when the couple moved from a larger hotel in Wales in search of a better climate.

"We chose to call ourselves a B&B and not a hotel because it's just us doing everything ourselves and making everybody feel at home. We feel like we are welcoming people into our own home."

"The last Fawley Towers was in 1979 and it's only in the last few years that the English Riviera has shaken off that old image. Now there



» Julian and Andy Banner-Price of The 25 in Torquay, named best in the world

are some fantastic places to eat, including Michelin star restaurants, and our customers come for our fantastic UNESCO world heritage coastline. This award will bring Torquay some great publicity and put us on the world stage.

"We are already pretty booked into September but there's always room for more! If we get the weather we had last year, with the blue sky and palm trees swaying, there is no better place on earth and this makes

it official. Last year the sun really was always shining in the English Riviera.

"We are seeing more and more British people choosing to stay at home. Staycations are the antidote to Brexit.

"Everyone is gloom and doom at the moment but good news like this cuts through all that. This goes out far and wide and a lot more people will find out how fantastic the English Riviera is."