

Property Person of the Year

The Urban Taskforce has named hospitality trailblazer Justin Hemmes as its 2018 Property Person of the Year. Mr Hemmes has been an outstanding entrepreneur in the way he has acquired old hotel sites and venues across Sydney and turned them into must-visit destinations, Urban Taskforce chief executive Chris Johnson said. Since taking the reins of his family's fashion business in 1997, Mr Hemmes had made a major mark on commercial property development in Sydney, dominating the hospitality sector and expanding the Merivale portfolio to include a host of the country's most ambitious and successful hospitality transformations. His Merivale portfolio now includes over 70 venues that have galvanised their local cultural economies and magnetised tourists from around the world, Mr Johnson said. MICHAEL BLEBY



Justin Hemmes

Gold certification

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