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Vincent Schuit receives Hospitality Executive Achievement 2026

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Vincent Schuit has received the Hospitality Executive Achievement distinction 2026 at the European Hotel Awards, recognising a career built around operational leadership, hotel development and the ability to translate hospitality concepts into consistent day-to-day guest experiences.

Schuit is Operational Director at ONILIO in Vlissingen, the hospitality organisation behind a portfolio of hotels, apartments and accommodation concepts in Zeeland and beyond. He also plays a central operational role at Hotel De Zeevaartschool, one of the group's most distinctive recent projects.

Operational leadership with a strong hospitality foundation

Vincent Schuit's career has developed through several levels of hotel operations. After hospitality studies in Middelburg, he worked in food and beverage, hotel management and general management before moving into broader operational responsibilities. This progression has given him a practical understanding of the hotel business from both guest-facing and management perspectives.

Since joining ONILIO, his responsibilities have extended across operations, quality, service delivery and the coordination of different hospitality concepts. The organisation currently identifies him as its principal contact for operational matters.

Hotel De Zeevaartschool: bringing a complex project to life

His recent work is particularly visible at Hotel De Zeevaartschool in Vlissingen. Opened in 2025 in a restored national monument on the city's seafront boulevard, the 70-room property transforms a building with deep maritime history into a contemporary four-star superior hotel.

Schuit has been closely involved in the hotel's operational development and opening. The challenge has been to respect the architectural and historical identity of the former maritime school while creating a functioning modern hotel with a clear service culture, restaurant concept and guest experience.

From property operations to executive responsibility

Hospitality Executive Achievement 2026 recognises this broader dimension of Schuit's work. His role is not limited to managing one property: it involves structuring operations, supporting teams, translating ownership vision into practical standards and ensuring that individual hotel concepts remain commercially viable without losing their personality.

That combination of strategic oversight and operational proximity is increasingly important in hospitality. Strong executive leadership is often measured not by visibility alone, but by the consistency of the systems, teams and guest experiences that operate behind the scenes.

The logic behind Hospitality Executive Achievement 2026

The European Hotel Awards are not based on public voting, popularity rankings or automated scoring. Their approach is qualitative, holistic and editorial, considering leadership, achievement, hospitality culture, consistency, guest experience and contribution to the industry.

For Vincent Schuit, Hospitality Executive Achievement 2026 recognises a professional journey defined by progression, operational depth and the capacity to make hospitality concepts work in practice. The distinction reflects an executive profile grounded in the reality of hotel operations, team leadership and long-term development.

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