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## Awards for new boutique B&B

BOUTIQUE B&B owners Andy Banner-Price and his husband Julian have won three awards within months of moving to Torquay.

The couple moved to Torquay following a successful time in Caernarfon, North Wales, running a country house hotel.

Now wishing to downsize, they bought what was then called Glenross Guest House on Avenue Road and carried out a major refurbishment which took five months.

During that time, the rooms were stripped back with new wiring, plumbing and plastering using a host of local contractors.

The pair then set about creating rooms with a real wow factor and opened The 25 Boutique B&B at the end of March this year after sourcing unusual décor and objects from both local craftspeople and on the internet.

Their B&B has already started to build a reputation for



**OWNERS:** Andy Banner-Price and his husband Julian of The 25 Boutique B&B

quality and bookings are coming in thick and fast.

Andy said: "We're busier than we expected for our first year and are already seeing recommendations and repeat business."

Last month they were visited by three different inspectors.

Environmental Health began the month by turning up on the

doorstep early one morning for their unannounced inspection – they scored the top mark of 5 out of 5.

Next, a guest introduced himself as the AA Hotel Inspector after checking out one morning and following a full tour of The 25, gave the pair not only a 5 Star rating but also a Gold Award for excellence in service



**STYLISH:** A room at The 25 Boutique B&B, Torquay

and hospitality. The AA also awarded them a Breakfast Award for providing an outstanding breakfast.

Lastly, a Visit England inspector stayed anonymously and again awarded 5 Star Gold status and their own Breakfast Award.

Andy said: "After all the time and investment that has gone into creating The 25, we're really thrilled to be recognised by the official bodies so early on."