

The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd. Announces Award Winners During its Annual Convention

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NEW YORK (November 28, 2007) – The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd. recently announced the winners of a series of prestigious awards during its 2007 International Convention, held in Monte Carlo, Monaco.

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The company presented the Second Annual Commitment to Excellence Awards, acknowledging hotels whose concept of service extends beyond their immediate walls, and whose exceptional efforts exert a positive impact on our world in the areas of the environment, community outreach and cultural support. The respective winners for 2007 were:

Tortuga Bay, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic – for the expansive efforts by the resort in the areas of water conservation, land preservation, marine life protection, and its work for the Network of Businesses for the protection of the environment in the Dominican Republic.

The Rittenhouse, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – in recognition of its support of numerous local institutions, including Cradle of Liberty Council – Boy Scouts of America; Philadelphia Art Alliance; Academy of Vocal Arts; Walnut Hill College Restaurant School; Temple University School of Tourism And Hospitality; Widener University Hotel School; Elizabethtown College; the Hero Scholarship Fund, and numerous other organizations.

Rocco Forte Hotel Savoy, Florence, Italy – for its involvement with the Partners di Palazzo Strozzi association to raise funds to support and promote the artistic and cultural heritage of the city of Florence.

COMMITMENT TO QUALITY AWARDS

The winners of the Sixth Annual Commitment to Quality Awards were also announced, recognizing Leading Hotels and Leading Small Hotels in five regions: Africa/Middle East, Asia/Pacific, Europe, Mexico/Caribbean/South America, and the United States of America/Canada. The winners were those properties which achieved the highest scores during their most recent Leading Hotels' anonymous inspections. A special award was also given to the hotel that achieved the highest inspection score overall.

The 2007 winners of the Commitment to Quality Awards are:

Africa & Middle East

La Residence des Cascades, Soma Bay, Red Sea, Egypt
Cape Grace, Cape Town, South Africa *

Asia & Pacific

The Shilla Seoul, Seoul, South Korea
One&Only Kanuhura, Maldives, Republic of Maldives *

Europe

Hotel Metropole, Monte Carlo, Monaco
Hotel Eden Roc, Ascona, Switzerland *

Mexico, Caribbean & South America

Copacabana Palace, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Paraiso de le Bonita Resort & Thalasso, Riviera Maya, Mexico

United States of America & Canada

The Island Hotel Newport Beach, Newport Beach, California
Williamsburg Inn, Williamsburg, Virginia *

Highest score overall

Hotel Eden Roc, Ascona, Switzerland *

** denotes a Leading Small Hotel*

LEADERS CLUB AWARDS

The winners of the Tenth Annual Leaders Club Awards were revealed. The principal criteria in determining the winners were responses to post-stay questionnaires and letters received by the Leaders Club Services Department from Club members themselves.

Taking the Gold Award this year was **Halekulani**, Honolulu, Hawaii; the Silver Award was presented to **The Ritz London**, London, England; and the Bronze Award went to **The Alex Hotel**, New York, New York.

JUAN GASPART AWARD

And finally, the winner of fifth Annual Juan Gaspart Award, recognizing an outstanding employee of a Leading Hotel pursuing a career in the hospitality industry, was announced.

The winner of the award was Mr. Pravin Bancharam, Training Manager, Learning & Development, at Taj Exotica Resort & Spa on Mauritius. Mr. Bancharam was the author of a 500-word essay on the topic of "What are some of the ways in which hotels and their employees can demonstrate social responsibility?" selected from dozens submitted from around the world.

Paul M. McManus, president and chief executive officer of The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd., said, "Throughout our company's history, our hotels have set the standards for excellence in hospitality and service. It is our pleasure to recognize their numerous achievements in not only in providing their guests with the ultimate luxury experience, but also for their efforts to promote responsible tourism, and to nurturing the future of our industry."

The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd. is the prestigious luxury hospitality organization representing nearly 450 of the world's finest hotels, resorts and spas, and is the operator of www.lhw.com – the online source for your luxury lifestyle. As the largest international luxury hotel brand, the firm maintains offices in 24 major markets across the globe.

Since 1928, the company's reputation for excellence derives from the exacting levels of quality it demands of its members, each of which must pass a rigorous, anonymous inspection covering 1,500 separate criteria.

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