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American Automobile Association
Diamond Awards (Lodging)

CONTACT NAME: For award information visit:
www.aaa.biz/approved
For state-by-state account managers visit:
http://www.aaa.biz/approved/cu_acctmgrs.html

TYPE: Rating system reflecting overall quality.

RATINGS: AAA Diamond Ratings for hotels represent a combination of the overall quality, range of facilities and level of services offered by the property. The descriptive ratings are assigned exclusively to properties that meet and uphold AAA’s rigorous quality standards.

◆ Appeal to budget-minded travelers. Provide essential, no-frills accommodations. Meet basic requirements pertaining to comfort, cleanliness and hospitality.

◆◆ Appeal to travelers seeking more than basic accommodations. Provide modest enhancements to overall physical attributes, design elements and amenities, typically at a moderate price.

◆◆◆ Appeal to travelers with comprehensive needs. Multifaceted with a distinguished style, including marked upgrades in the quality and level of physical attributes, amenities and comfort.

◆◆◆◆ Upscale in all areas. Progressively more refined and stylish. Physical attributes reflect enhanced quality throughout. Fundamental hallmarks include extensive amenities and a high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail.

◆◆◆◆◆ The ultimate in luxury and sophistication. Physical attributes are extraordinary in every manner. Fundamental hallmarks include meticulous service that exceeds guest expectations, impeccable standards of excellence and personalized services and amenities that provide an unmatched level of comfort.

RATING PROCESS: Complete the AAA Application for Evaluation found on the Web site, www.AAA.biz/approved. Click on “Evaluation/Ratings.” Include recent and accurate pictures of the exterior, public areas as well as examples of a standard guest unit and bathroom. Return to AAA. Once they have received a completed application, the property will be advised in writing of its status within the next five working days. If
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quality criteria are met, establishment is designated AAA Approved, listed in the print and AAA.com TourBook. A property that has received a letter from AAA stating that it has been accepted for further consideration can expect an unannounced evaluation within one year from the date of the letter. Once the property has been approved, it will be evaluated at least once per evaluation cycle by an AAA Tourism Editor.

If the AAA tourism editor determines that a property meets the Five-Diamond criteria, he/she will recommend consideration. All Five-Diamond rating recommendations are forwarded to AAA’s Five-Diamond Committee for thorough review. Once the committee’s assessment is concluded, the establishment will be advised in writing of the outcome.

REQUIREMENTS: Overall evaluation process includes review of six key areas: Cleanliness & Condition; Management & Style of Operations; Exterior and Public Areas; Guestrooms; Guest Bathrooms and Guest Services & Hospitality.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Ongoing; Evaluation deadlines vary by state beginning February.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Awards are announced in January.

ELIGIBILITY: U.S./Canada/Mexico/Caribbean
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American Automobile Association
Diamond Awards (Restaurants)

CONTACT NAME: For award information visit:
www.aaa.biz/approved
For state-by-state account managers’ visit:
http://www.aaa.biz/approved/cu_acctmgrs.html

TYPE: Rating system reflecting overall quality.

RATINGS: AAA Diamond ratings for restaurants represent a combination of the
overall food, service, décor and ambiance offered by the
establishment. The descriptive ratings are assigned exclusively to
establishments that meet and uphold AAA’s rigorous quality
standards.

◆ Meet basic requirements pertaining to management, cleanliness and
overall quality. Provide familiar food at an economical price.
Generally, menu selection surrounds a specialty such as hamburgers,
fried chicken, pizza or tacos. Service is limited, often self-service, and
surroundings utilitarian.

◆◆ Noticeable enhancements to food presentation, such as the use of
common garnishes and dishware. Typically a wide menu selection
featuring familiar favorites or home-style foods, often cooked to order
and reasonably priced. Service is limited and relaxed. Surroundings
are limited in scope and typically reflect a clear theme. Often family
oriented.

◆◆◆ Employ a professional chef and highly trained cooks. Menu is
skillfully prepared and often reflects interpretations of latest trends or
mastering of traditional cuisine. Typically expanded beverage
offerings that complement menu. Professional dining room manager
leads efficient service staff. Service reflects some degree of
refinement such as reservations, personal assistance or ability to adapt
to guest’s specific needs. Décor reflects well-coordinated design
 mediums that provide a distinct theme and good comfort. An entry
into fine dining; often adult oriented.

◆◆◆◆ A distinctive fine-dining experience. Often an executive
chef and accomplished staff. Menus reflect high degree of creativity
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and complexity using imaginative presentations to enhance market-fresh ingredients. Proficient service staff meets or exceeds guest expectations. Wine steward typically available. Ambiance is highly refined, comfortable and well-coordinated, incorporating quality materials and upscale design enhancements for a first-class impression. Typically expensive.

Renowned and consistently provides a world-class experience. “Haute cuisine” at its best. Menus are cutting edge, using only the finest ingredients. Food preparation is highly imaginative and unique. The combination of technique and ingredients is extraordinary, reflecting the impeccable artistry of highly acclaimed chefs. Maître d’ leads an expert service staff that attends to every detail effortlessly and unobtrusively.

RATING PROCESS: Overall evaluation process includes review of Cleanliness & Condition; Management Style of Operation; Exterior and Food, Service, Décor and Ambiance. There are three parts to the rating process: Introduction/Interview; Meal and/or Restaurant Tour; and Practical Application of Approval.

REQUIREMENTS: The evaluation process is made up of three parts: AAA/CAA Diamond Rating Requirements (listed above), objective rating guidelines for both physical attributes and service levels (where applicable) and subjective elements based on professional experience and training.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Ongoing; evaluation deadlines vary by state beginning February.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Awards are announced in January.

ELIGIBILITY: U.S./Canada/Mexico/Caribbean
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American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA)
Stars of the Industry Awards

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CATEGORIES: AH&LA Employee Awards categories:
Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year
Outstanding Manager of the Year
Outstanding General Manager of the Year
Stevan Porter Emerging Hospitality Leader of the Year (under age 30)
Women in Lodging - Leader of the Year

AH&LA Lodging Property Achievement Awards categories:
Good earthkeeping
Guest services
Community service
Special events
Ongoing and One-time Only
Technology Innovation of the Year
Prism (for Diversity)

SELECTION PROCESS: Committee of industry professionals

REQUIREMENTS: Open to AH&LA member properties only. Property winning Outstanding Lodging Employee is responsible for producing a 3-minute video to be shown at awards presentation.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: November, winners announced end of January the following year.

ELIGIBILITY: Some state associations sponsor their own awards: www.ahla.com/stars. State winners automatically enter for the national award. Otherwise, send application to:

AH&LA Stars of the Industry Awards Program
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Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005
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American Spa Magazine
Professional’s Choice Awards

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CATEGORIES: Spas
Brands
Equipment
Professionals

SELECTION PROCESS: Industry decision makers from day spas, destination spas, medical spas and resort spas from around the country cast their votes in a write-in web survey for their favorite spas, brands, equipment and professionals in American and worldwide.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Polls are open until mid-September.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners are announced in the December issue.
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Andrew Harper’s Hideaway Report Grand Awards

CONTACT NAME: Andrew Harper
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CATEGORIES: Hideaway of the Year; United States; Caribbean; South America; Europe; Africa, Middle East, and Asia; Indelible Memories; Restaurants of the Year; People of Note; Special Recognition: Hotels; Special Recognition: Experiences; Gastronomic Highlights; Wine & Spirits; Previous Hideaways of the Year

SELECTION PROCESS: Publication makes a secret, unannounced visit to property and at end of year announces awards for Grand Award.

ELIGIBILITY: Any property is eligible, but the criteria are extremely high, so only five-star level properties should be recommended. AHHR can be invited to take a scouting visit to property, but no feedback is offered (other than a notification that the invitation was received). Note stated criteria: “Properties must be relatively small in size, possess strong individual personalities, offer relaxing atmospheres and demonstrate a consistent devotion to personal service.”

SUBMISSION: Invitations to property can be made throughout the year, bearing in mind awards are announced at year’s end.

RESULTS: Announced at end of year of Andrew Harper’s Hideaway Report. The complete list can be found by visiting www.AndrewHarper.com
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Association Conventions & Facilities Magazine
Distinctive Achievement Award

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TYPE: Plaque of recognition to advertisers in awards issue

CATEGORIES: Hotels, Resorts and Conference Centers
- Superior Service Standards
- Excellent Accommodations and Meeting Facilities
- Reasonable Room Rates and Labor Costs
- Advanced Technological Capabilities and First-Rate Web Site
- Environmentally Friendly Policies
- Paramount Safety and Security

Convention & Visitors Bureaus and Convention Centers
- Superior Service and Support
- Top-Notch Assistance with Promotion, Accommodations and Site Inspections
- High Level of Assistance to Identify and Liaison with Suppliers, Vendors, Facilities, Venues and Local Government
- Outstanding Communication and First-Rate Web Site

SELECTION PROCESS: Ballots emailed to qualified meeting planner subscribers (industry subscriber ballots are not accepted).

REQUIREMENTS: The voter must be qualified meeting planner subscriber.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Awards announced in the August/September issue of Association Conventions & Facilities.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all U.S., International and off-shore properties; Caribbean, Mexico and Canada.
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BizBash
National Biz Bash Event Style Awards

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CRITERIA: The National Biz Bash Event Style Awards honor the top names in events throughout the U.S. and Canada.

CATEGORIES: Best Association Event
Best Conference
Best Corporate Event Concept—Budget Over $250,000
Best Corporate Event Concept—Budget Under $250,000
Best Marketing Activation or Guerilla Marketing Campaign
Best Nonprofit Event Concept—Budget Over $250,000
Best Nonprofit Event Concept—Budget Under $250,000
Best Product Launch
Best Social Event
Best Trade or Consumer Show
Best Catering at an Event
Best Event Decor—Budget Over $250,000
Best Event Decor—Budget Under $250,000
Best Event Lighting Design
Best Floral Design for an Event or Meeting
Best Print or Digital Invitation Design
Best Staging and Set Design
Best Sustainability/Corporate Social Responsibility Program for an Event/Meeting
Best Trade Show Booth
Best Use of Event Technology
Best Use of Social Media for an Event or Meeting
Best Use of Special Effects at Events
Best Use of Video at an Event
Best Video Capture of an Event
Best Event Entertainment Act
Best New Event Product/Service
Best New Venue for Meetings and Events
Best Hotel Space for Meetings and Events
Best Rooftop Space
Best Venue for Weddings and Events

SELECTION PROCESS: Winners are chosen by event industry experts and BizBash editors and announced at the Event Innovation Awards show.
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: Online submissions are open April 1 through July 15. Details of the Event Style Awards will not be finalized until after the new year. The team is in the process of updating. Submission period will be very close to what is listed, but the list of categories may change.
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Boutique Design
The Boutique 18: Designers of the Next Generation

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CRITERIA: Nomination form is available here.

SELECTION PROCESS: They will select the 18 designers based on their nominations. Accepted nominees will be contacted by Boutique Design magazine and asked to answer a couple of questions about the future of design.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Submissions due January 11. Winners featured in March issue. Winners will be honored at the third annual BDWest Opening Reception in late March in Los Angeles. Specific date and time are to be determined.

ELIGIBILITY: See nomination form. They are looking for young leaders who are actively pushing the envelope in hospitality interiors, worldwide.
AWARDS

Budget Travel
America’s Coolest Small Towns

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CRITERIA: Annual award. Population must be under 10,000 and have something that no place else has: great shops, food, a unique history, a breathtaking location, peerless music scene, art galleries or maybe something cool their editors have not thought of yet.

SELECTION PROCESS: Nominations open each fall (Sept./Oct.) and close late Nov./early Dec. Budget Travel reviews the nominations and selects the top 15 contenders based on diversity in geography, attractions, architecture and more. Finalists are revealed to readers in mid-January and ask their audience to cast their votes. Voting closes mid-February.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Winners are announced in February.
AWARDS

Condé Nast Traveler
Gold List

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CRITERIA: Condé Nast Traveler editors, writers and network of influencers select their favorite hotels in the world.

CATEGORIES: Hotels

SELECTION PROCESS: A prerequisite for a Gold List property is a high standard of service, luxury and beauty. What earns each winner a spot on the list is the unforgettable special touches that bring a hotel’s ethos to life. “The housekeeper at a resort who delivers a message to the tooth fairy after hearing a young guest has lost her tooth, the scent of lavender in the air or the feeling of picking a mango from your balcony at in Jamaica.”

The best way to make it on the list is to stay in constant communication with the editors and make sure each top luxury property is on their radar for Gold List consideration.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Results appear in the January issue and online in mid-December
AWARDS

Condé Nast Traveler
Hot List

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CRITERIA:  The Hot List surveys the best NEW hotels. If a hotel has opened by the end of the calendar year, they can be considered for the following year’s Hot List. Later openings can be considered for the year after that. For example, a hotel opening in March of the current year would be considered for Hot List for the current year, while one opening in October might be considered for the following year’s Hot List.

CATEGORIES:  Hotels

SELECTION PROCESS:  New properties are reviewed by staff and winners are selected based on these reviews. Hotels cannot enter to win the award nor offer the editors complimentary accommodations. The best way to make it on the list is to stay in constant communication with the editors and make sure each new property is on their radar for Hot List consideration.

DATE OF SUBMISSION:  Results appear in the May issue
AWARDS

MeetingsNet
Paragon Awards

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CATEGORIES: 40 Hotel/Resorts/Cruise Lines
15 Convention and Visitor Bureaus
15 Convention Centers

SELECTION PROCESS: MeetingsNet subscribers nominate the hospitality partners that excelled on meetings executed from January through December. Meeting professionals nominate the properties and destination they deem most deserving of an award for superior service for their meetings. Winners include 40 hotels, resort and cruise lines, 15 convention and visitor bureaus; and 15 convention centers

REQUIREMENTS: Ballots will be sent out via email to subscribers in late spring/early summer

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Winners are announced in the August issue of the interactive magazine app and on Meetings.Net.com

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Fodor’s
100 Hotel Awards

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CATEGORIES:
New & Noteworthy
Enduring Classics
Country Retreats
Trip of a Lifetime
Readers’ Choice
All-Inclusive Vacations
Boutique Chic
Small Hotels
Modern City
Additional categories change yearly

SELECTION PROCESS: Fodor’s contributors around the globe submit thousands of nominations of the best hotels in the regions that they cover. From there, Fodor’s 15 staff editors make their final selections, and Readers’ Choice nominations are ranked by popularity. The resulting 9 categories reflect the best attributes of these winning 100 hotels.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners are featured on Fodors.com each fall and are celebrated at an event in New York City in September.
AWARDS

Food & Wine Magazine
Best New Chefs

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CRITERIA: Chefs must be “Head of the Kitchen” for less than five years.

SELECTION PROCESS: Year-long process. Nominators consist of a "trusted group of
nominators" including writers for the magazine, past honorees, Food
& Wine freelancers, restaurateurs, etc. They're looking for chefs who
have been creating dishes and running a professional kitchen for five
years or less. Editors also comb local magazines and newspapers to
find out who is generating buzz regionally. Once the group of
candidates is whittled down, Food & Wine visits the restaurants to
taste the local fare anonymously.

REQUIREMENTS: No ballots to submit, done by referral. Editors take all
recommendations and test each restaurant first hand.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: No official form to submit. Winners are announced in April, but
formally announced to readers in the July issue.
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Forbes Travel Guide
Five-Star, Four-Star, Recommended Ratings for Hotels, Restaurants and Spas

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TYPE:  Forbes Travel Guide announces its Five Star ratings and awards annually, recognizing the world's best hotels, restaurants and spas based on outstanding service and facilities. The results of the awards and expert reviews on the winning properties are published on Forbes Travel Guide's website, www.forbestravelguide.com.

RATING CRITERIA:  Forbes Travel Guide, formerly Mobil and the originator of the Five-Star rating system in North America, has inspected and rated hotels, restaurants and spas since 1958. Anonymous inspections are conducted at each property during which a professional inspector evaluates hundreds of attributes related to service and facility standards (cleanliness, physical facilities, employee attitude, courtesy, etc.) to produce a mathematically-derived score. These quantifiable scores allow comparative analysis among properties and form the base that Forbes Travel Guide uses to assign its Five-Star, Four-Star and Recommended ratings.

HOTEL CATEGORIES:

*****These exceptional hotels provide a memorable experience through virtually flawless service and the finest of amenities. Staff is intuitive, engaging and passionate, and eagerly goes beyond expectations. The hotel was designed with your comfort in mind, with particular attention paid to craftsmanship and quality of product. A Forbes Travel Guide Five Star property is a destination unto itself.

****These hotels provide a distinctive setting, and you will find many interesting and inviting elements to enjoy. Attention to detail is prominent throughout the property, from design concept to quality of products provided. Staff is accommodating and takes pride in catering to your specific needs throughout your stay.
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Recommended: These well-appointed hotels have enhanced amenities and design that provide a strong sense of location, whether through style or function. They may have a distinguishing design and ambience, or they may be more focused on functionality, providing easy access to local hot spots.

RESTAURANT CATEGORIES:

*****Five-Star restaurants deliver a truly unique and distinctive dining experience. Diners will find consistently exceptional food, superlative service and elegant decor. An emphasis is placed on originality and personalized, attentive and discreet service. A gracious, warm dining room team attends to every detail of the meal.

****These are exciting restaurants with often well-known chefs that feature creative and complex foods and emphasize various culinary techniques and a focus on seasonality. A highly trained dining room staff provides refined personal service.

Recommended: These restaurants serve fresh, appealing food in a unique setting that offers a strong sense of location either by style or menu. Attention to detail is evident through the restaurant, from the service to the menu.

SPA CATEGORIES:

*****Stepping foot in a Five Star Spa will result in an exceptional experience with no detail overlooked. These properties wow you with extraordinary design and facilities, and uncompromising service. Expert staff cater to your every whim and pamper you with the most advanced treatments available. These spas often offer exclusive services and emphasize local elements.

****Four Star spas offer a wonderful experience in an inviting and serene environment. A sense of personalized service is evident from the moment you check in and receive your robe and slippers. Your comfort is always of utmost concern to the well-trained staff.

SELECTION PROCESS: Participation in the Forbes Travel Guide Star Rating system and a placement on the annual inspection schedule is at the discretion of Forbes Travel Guide’s Ratings division. However, eligible properties proactively seeking to partner with Forbes Travel Guide and receive transparency around the inspection process should contact Peter
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REQUIREMENTS: Contact Forbes Travel Guide Ratings division for inspection eligibility requirements. Contact Forbes Travel Guide Client Services division for all Global Star Rating (GSRP) partnership inquiries.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Awards are announced every first quarter and inspections are conducted annually between January and December.

ELIGIBILITY: Properties may submit media kits or other printed materials for review and consideration of a future inspection. These should be mailed directly to Amanda Frasier, SVP, Ratings, Forbes Travel Guide 255 E Paces Ferry Road, Suite 700. Atlanta, GA 30305
AWARDS

Garden & Gun
Made in the South Awards

CONTACT: editorial@gardenandgun.com; All new information will be published on the dedicated Made in the South site, www.madeinthesouthawards.com, when the new call for entries is announced in late May/early June.

CRITERIA: Annual awards to celebrate Southern craftsmanship. Must be produced in one the following Southern states: AL, AR, NC, SC, TN, KY, GA, LA, MS, TX, FL, OK, WV, VA or MD. Products do not have to be new, though that helps. They cannot have been featured in the magazine before. It is fine if the company has been covered as long as the specific product being nominated has not been covered. Products must be available in sufficient quantity by December/January when readers receive their issues and begin ordering en masse. An e-commerce site helps greatly.

Nominations open June 1 and close August 1

CATEGORIES: Food
Drink
Style & Design
Home
Outdoors

SELECTION PROCESS: Garden & Gun appoints a judge for each category to select the best the South has to offer.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Finalists are notified in mid-September. Winners are announced in the December/January issue and invited to participate in Garden & Gun’s annual signature event, Jubilee, held first week in December in Charleston.
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Golf Digest
U.S. Awards

CATAGORIES:  
America’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses  
Best Golf Courses in Each State  
Best Newly Remodeled Course  
100 Greatest Public Courses  
Green Star Award (Courses demonstrating environmental excellence)  
Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards

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(Ron deals with both architects and properties regarding the course awards. He solicits nominations from architects and contacts each nominated course to make sure they understand the process. Once in a while he gets requests from a property for consideration for each of the awards.)

SELECTION PROCESS:  
Candidates are chosen based on the evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses. (Evaluation specifications are kept confidential.) Golf Digest partners with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America on the annual Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards, which go to outstanding course superintendents for their environmental stewardship.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:  
Rankings are conducted annually and published in the December issue.
AWARDS

Golf Digest
World’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses

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SELECTION PROCESS: Candidates are chosen based on the evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses. (Evaluation specifications are kept confidential.)

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Rankings are conducted biennially (every odd-numbered year). Winners for the rankings will be published in the February issue.
AWARDS

Golf Magazine
Architects of the Year

CONTACT NAME: Joe Passov
Senior Editor Course Ranking Editor
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SELECTION PROCESS: Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: January issue and online at www.golf.com.
AWARDS

Golf Magazine
Premier Resorts

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CATEGORIES:  Platinum Award Resorts
              Gold Award Resorts
              Silver Award Resorts
              Green Award Resorts

SELECTION PROCESS:  With the help of golf.com readers, Golf Magazine selects the best resorts in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

CRITERIA:  Golf
           Lodging
           Food and Drinks
           Service

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:  Will run in March issue.
AWARDS

Golf Magazine
Top 100 Courses You Can Play

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Senior Editor Course Ranking Editor  
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SELECTION PROCESS: Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists made up of Golf magazine editorial staff, industry insiders, and the magazines network of “course spies” in the field, who play the qualified courses.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: September issue of every even numbered year, and online at www.golf.com.
AWARDS

Golf Magazine
Best New International Course of the Year

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SELECTION PROCESS: Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: January issue and online at www.golf.com.
AWARDS

Golf Magazine
Best New Private Courses of the Year

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SELECTION PROCESS: Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: January issue and online at www.golf.com.
AWARDS

Golf Magazine
Best Renovation of the Year

CONTACT NAME: Joe Passov
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SELECTION PROCESS: Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: January issue and online at www.golf.com.
AWARDS

Hospitality Design Magazine
Hospitality Design Awards

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CATEGORIES: Projects:
Resort
Spa
Sustainable Project
Nightclub, Bar, or Lounge
Bathroom
Student Project
Open Category
Special Judges Award: Placemaking
Special Judges Award: Fine Dining Redefined
Restaurant (Upscale)
Restaurant (Casual/Quickserve)
Senior Living/Healthcare
Guestrooms or Suites (Midscale/Economy)
Public Spaces (Midscale/Economy)
Hotel (Midscale/Economy)
Guestrooms or Suites (Boutique/Lifestyle)
Public Spaces (Boutique/Lifestyle)
Hotel (Boutique/Lifestyle)
Guestrooms or Suites (Luxury/Upscale)
Public Spaces (Luxury/Upscale)
Hotel (Luxury/Upscale)
Best of Show: Projects

Products:
Accessories
Bath
Casegoods + Furniture
Lighting
Outdoor Furnishings
Seating
Textiles + Fabrics
Wallcoverings + Surfaces
Special Judges Award: Sustainability
Special Judges Award: Technology
Best of Show: Products
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| **PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** | The awards ceremony will be held in New York City in June. In addition, winning projects will be published in the June issue of Hospitality Design magazine. |
AWARDS

HOTELS.com
Top Guest Rated U.S. Hotels of the Year

CONTACT: Taylor Cole, Hotels.com, North America
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CRITERIA: Hotels.com experts review hotel properties across several categories and make selections.

SELECTION PROCESS: Properties must have an average guest review rating of 4.5–5.0. The criteria are based on an overall guest rating and number of reviews on Hotels.com. For a hotel to be featured, they need to take good care of their guests. Hotels.com will review guest ratings at various times throughout the year globally, by country and by city.

CATEGORIES:
- Best Beach Hotels
- Best Spa Hotels
- Best Rising Star Hotels
- Best Luxury Hotels
- Best LGBT Hotels
- Best Family Hotels
- Best Business Hotels
- Best Boutique Hotels
- Best All Inclusive Hotels
- Best Ski Hotels

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Winners are announced in December
AWARDS

Hotels Magazine
Great Hotel Restaurant Award

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Chicago, IL  60642
312.274.2226
E-mail: jweinstein@hotelsmag.com

SELECTION PROCESS:  Chosen by Expert Committee

REQUIREMENTS:  None
AWARDS

Hotels Magazine
Hotelier of the World

CONTACT NAME: Mr. Jeff Weinstein
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1415 N. Dayton St.
Chicago, IL 60642
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CRITERIA: Leadership
Style
Hotelmanship

CATEGORIES: Corporate Hotelier
Independent Hotelier

SELECTION PROCESS: Nominees come from past winners, staff, and editorial advisors.
Ballots/votes are filled out by readers (industry peers). NO SUBMISSIONS.

REQUIREMENTS: None

DATE OF SUBMISSION: April issue contains ballots which are due in July. Award presented in November during the International Motel & Restaurant Show. Ballot finalized in early February.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all, United States or foreign.
**AWARDS**

Hotels Magazine  
Social Hotel Awards

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**CATEGORIES:**  
Best Facebook page  
Best Twitter account  
Best use of Foursquare  
Best use of digital video  
Best use of emerging social media platforms (Pinterest, Google+, etc.)  
Best Facebook sweepstakes, contest, promotion  
Best reputation management (including TripAdvisor)  
Best blog  
Best Facebook ad campaign  
Best integrated digital campaign (across social platforms, websites and/or apps)

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:**  Submissions considered must have been completed by spring.

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:**  Winners will be named for both brands and individual hotels in each of the 10 categories, and will receive a custom trophy as well as a digital badge for online display.
AWARDS

HSMAI: Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International Adrian Awards for Advertising, Digital Marketing and Public Relations

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TYPE: Best in Show
Platinum
Gold
Silver
Bronze

CRITERIA: Statement of Communications includes:
Situational Analysis
Marketing Objectives
Target Audiences
Research, Planning and Implementation
Message
Results
Budget

CATEGORIES: Categories are Advertising, Digital Marketing, Public Relations
Each may apply for a Single Entry, Series and/or a Complete Campaign, Special Categories or Franchise Sales.

SELECTION PROCESS: Group of judges evaluates and scores, ranging from 0-50, each entry on its own merit, not against the competition. Entries evaluated in five equally weighed categories:
● Marketing Objectives
● Creativity
● Quality
● Content
● Results

REQUIREMENTS: Communicating objectives, piece and support material.
AWARDS

DATE OF SUBMISSION: There are no applications to submit. Entries are uploaded into the Adrian Awards competition site between July and September. Exact dates will be announced late June/early July. Please go to www.adrianawards.com for more details. Judging (by peers) takes place September to November. Winners are announced mid-November (Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze). Best of Show winners are announced at the Gala in New York. The Gala occurs in January or February.

ELIGIBILITY: All hospitality and travel related industries—both domestic and international. No limits on number of entries a firm may submit.
AWARDS

HSMAI: Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International
Greater New York Chapter Awards of Excellence

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TYPE: (Subject to change)
Revenue Management Executive of the Year
Hospitality Professional of the Year
Sales Executive of the Year
Marketing Executive of the Year
General Manager of the Year

CRITERIA: Revenue Management Professional of the Year

In order to qualify for Revenue Management Professional of the Year, the nominee must:

*Hold the title of Director of Revenue Management, VP Revenue Management or similar VP/Area title for a minimum of one year at their current company.

*Have responsibility for either multiple properties or have a direct report who is a revenue manager, revenue analyst or reservations manager.

Sales Professional of the Year

In order to qualify as a nominee for Sales Professional of the year, the nominee must:

*Be actively employed as a Sales executive in the hospitality industry for a minimum of one year.

Marketing Professional of the Year

In order to qualify as a nominee for Marketing Professional of the year the nominee must:
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*Hold the title of Vice President or Director of Marketing for a minimum of one year.

*Have responsibility for one or more properties and have at least one direct report such as a Sales Manager or Sales Coordinator

General Manager of the Year

In order to qualify as a nominee for General Manager of the Year, the nominee must:

*Have held their current title or have been with their current employer for a minimum of one year.

*Currently be working as a General Manager, Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer or similar position for a single or multi-property lodging business.

For any questions or further clarification please contact the Awards and Recognition Committee via email at info@hsmainyc.org.

SELECTION PROCESS: Group of judges evaluates and scores each entry on its own merit, not against the competition.

REQUIREMENTS: Communicating objectives, piece and support material.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Nominations are accepted in December and continue through early February. Top nominees for each award will be announced at a monthly luncheon date in late April or May. Winners are announced at the annual New York Chapter Awards Dinner in June.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to domestic and international.
AWARDS

Institutional Investor
The World’s Best Hotels

CONTACT NAME: Jane B. Kenney
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CRITERIA: Awards given to what are judged to be the world’s leading luxury hotels as determined by the financial industry.

TYPE: Top 100 Hotels
- Americas
- Asia
- Europe
- Middle East & Africa

Best Hotels by City
- Americas
- Asia
- Europe
- Middle East & Africa

METHODOLGY: Institutional Investor polls more than 200 senior financial executives from 38 countries who have spent an average of 41 nights in a hotel over the course of the year. Greater weight is assigned to the most frequent travelers. The results are then averaged and the top 100 hotels that make the cut are then ranked. To qualify, a hotel has to receive a significant number of votes. Even consistently highly ranked hotels sometimes fail to secure the vote minimum. The rankings are compiled by senior editor Jane B. Kenney.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Results are posted in early December; must have paid subscription (paywall with login) to fully access content on website
AWARDS

Insurance & Financial Meetings Management Magazine
World Class Award

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TYPE: Plaque of recognition to advertisers in awards issue

CRITERIA: Superior Staff Service
Excellence in Accommodations & Meeting Facilities
Trouble-free Food & Beverage Functions
Smooth Setups and Arrangements for Social Functions
Exceptional Ambience
Convenient and Accessible Location

CATEGORIES: Resorts
Conference Centers
Hotels
Convention & Visitors Bureau

SELECTION PROCESS: Subscriber open-ballots sent to subscribers in May with three
selections per category; publication editor and staff judge and review
results and candidates.

REQUIREMENTS: The voter must be qualified subscriber.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Awards announced in September/October issue of Insurance and
Financial Meetings Management.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all U.S., International and offshore properties; Caribbean,
Mexico and Canada.
AWARDS

Interior Design Magazine
Best of the Year Award – Product Design

CONTACT NAME: Dayna Fucarino
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CATEGORIES: Updated information: http://boyawards.interiordesign.net/faq
Categories:

Accessories
Accessories: Office
Accessories: Outdoor
Architectural Products (doors, windows, paint etc)
Bath: Accessories and Hardware
Bath: Cabinetry
Bath: Fittings (faucets etc.)
Bath: Fixtures (sinks, tubs, etc.)
Flooring: Carpet/Broadloom
Flooring: Carpet/Modular
Flooring: Carpet/Rugs
Flooring: Hard
Flooring: Healthcare
Flooring: Hospitality
Flooring: Tile and Stone
Furniture: Beds
Furniture: Contract/Case Goods
Furniture: Contract/Desking
Furniture: Contract/Systems
Furniture: Contract/Tables
Furniture: Education
Furniture: Healthcare
Furniture: Outdoor/Lounge
Furniture: Outdoor/Seating & Tables
Furniture: Partitions and Wall Systems
Furniture: Residential/Dining Tables
Furniture: Residential/Occasional Tables
Furniture: Residential/Storage
Green Innovation
Hardware
Kitchen: Appliances
Kitchen: Cabinetry
AWARDS

Kitchen: Fittings (faucets, taps etc.)
Kitchen: Fixture (tubs, sinks etc.)
Lighting: Architectural
Lighting: Chandelier (multiple bulb)
Lighting: Floor
Lighting: Pendant (single bulb)
Lighting: Sconce
Lighting: Table
Materials and Surfaces (including paneling)
Seating: Contract/Conference
Seating: Contract/Guest
Seating: Contract/Lounge
Seating: Contract/Task
Seating: Residential/Accent
Seating: Residential/Lounge
Seating: Residential/Sofa
Technology
Textiles: Contract
Textiles: Healthcare
Textiles: Hospitality
Textiles: Outdoor
Textiles: Residential

SELECTION PROCESS: Information regarding awards posted online in May.

REQUIREMENTS: Information regarding awards will be posted in May, but submission deadlines are typically in mid-September every year. Submission fee is $300 per entry.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Products must have been manufactured and introduced to the market between September of one year and August of the following year.
- Due to the comprehensive nature of this competition, we do accept products that have been awarded and/or are part of another competition.
- There is no limit to the number of products that may be entered to the competition.
AWARDS

- Please note: product categories may be renamed, consolidated, or eliminated and products may be reassigned at the editors' discretion.
- Fees: $300 per entry/category.
- Best of Year Product Design finalists will be selected by interior designers and architects via an online vote taking place October 5 - 16.
- Finalists will be posted on this site in November.
- Winners will be chosen by Editor in Chief Cindy Allen and a jury of design leaders, and announced live in December during a celebration in New York City. Winners will be featured in the December issue of Interior Design.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:

Finalists will be posted at InteriorDesign.net/boyawards in November, live Best of Year awards event will be held December.
AWARDS

Interior Design Magazine
Best of the Year Award – Project Design

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CATEGORIES:
Bar/Lounge
Beach House
Beauty
Budget
Casual Dining
Coffee/Tea
Counter Service
Country House
Designers Own Office
Education
Exhibit
Fashion Retail
Fine Dining
Fitness
Green Hotel
Hotel Dining
Hotel Restoration
Installation
Institutional
Institutional: Entertainment
Kitchen & Bath
Large Apartment
Large Healthcare
Large House
Large Office
Large Office: Media/Tech
Mid-Size Office
Mid-Size Office: Tech
Outdoors
Public Space: Lobby
Residential Lobby/Amenity Space
Resort Hotel
Retail: Other
Shining Moment
Showroom
AWARDS

Showroom: Sales Center
Small Apartment
Small Healthcare
Small House
Small Office
Small Office: Tech
Spa
Urban Hotel

SELECTION PROCESS: Project Design winners will be chosen by Editor in Chief Cindy Allen and a jury of design leaders

REQUIREMENTS: Project entries must include a completed submission form, including digital images, press release or other accompanying documentation, list of project team members, and list of primary sources, submitted no later than 11:59pm EST on September 9. Each image should be a minimum of 350dpi high resolution, .jpg or .tif file size 9” x 11”.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Information regarding awards will be posted in May, but submission deadlines are typically in mid-September. Submission fee is $300 per entry.

ELIGIBILITY:

● Work must have been completed between September 2015 and August 2016
● Due to the comprehensive nature of this competition, we will accept work that has been published previously and/or was part of another competition
● There is no limit to the number of projects that may be entered to the competition.
● Please note: submissions may be reassigned to a different project category at the editors’ discretion.
● Best of Year: Project Design winners will be chosen by Editor in Chief Cindy Allen and a jury of design leaders and featured in the December issue of Interior Design.
● Finalists will be posted on this site in November.
● Winners will be announced live in December during a ceremony and celebration in New York City.
AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:
Finalists will be posted at InteriorDesign.net/boyawards in November, live Best of Year awards event will be held December.
AWARDS

Boutique Design
In Conjunction with HX: The Hotel Experience;
BDNY; Hospitality Media Group
Gold Key Awards for Excellence in Hospitality Design

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CATEGORIES:
Best Hotel Luxury
Best Hotel Upscale
Best Hotel Midscale
Best Hotel Budget/Focused Service
Best Resort
Best Guest Room Luxury
Best Guest Room Upscale
Best Guest Room Midscale/Budget/Focused Service
Best Lobby Luxury
Best Lobby Upscale
Best Lobby Midscale/Budget/Focused Service
Best Restaurant Fine Dining
Best Restaurant Casual Dining
Best Nightclub/Lounge
Best Suite
Best New Hotel Brand or Soft Brand Concept
Best Eco Conscious or Socially Conscious Hotel
Judges’ So Cool (Interior or a single design element in a hotel, restaurant, spa, club or cruise ship that makes a never-seen-before “wow” statement)

SELECTION PROCESS: Hospitality designers from around the world are invited to submit their best work in the Gold Key Award for Excellence in Hospitality Design competition. The Gold Key Awards recognize the most influential and innovative design work in every sector of the hospitality industry.

CRITERIA: To be eligible for the industry’s most prestigious design award, new construction, conversion or renovation work must have been completed from April 1 to April 1 of the following year. A renowned judging panel will select winners and finalists in each of the 18 award categories.
The awards ceremony will take place Monday, November 13, in New York in conjunction with HX: The Hotel Experience (formerly IHMRS) and Boutique Design New York, at which time winners, finalists and honorable mentions in each category will be recognized.
AWARDS

The James Beard Foundation
Chef and Restaurant Awards

CONTACT:  
awards@jamesbeard.org

CRITERIA:
Anyone can submit a chef or restaurant for consideration during the online open call for entries in the fall. There is no entry fee.

Best New Restaurant
A restaurant opened in the calendar year that already displays excellence in food, beverage, and service and is likely to have a significant impact on the industry in years to come.

Outstanding Pastry Chef
A chef or baker who prepares desserts, pastries or breads in a restaurant, and who serves as a national standard bearer of excellence. Must have been a pastry chef or baker for the past five years.

Outstanding Baker
A chef or baker who prepares breads, pastries or desserts in a retail bakery, and who serves as a national standard-bearer of excellence. Must have been a baker or pastry chef for at least five years.

Outstanding Wines, Beer or Spirits Professional
A beer, wine or spirits professional who has made a significant national impact on the restaurant industry.

Outstanding Wine Program
A restaurant that displays and encourages excellence in wine service through a well-presented wine list, a knowledgeable staff, and efforts to educate customers about wine. Candidates must have been in operation for at least 5 years.

Outstanding Bar Program
An establishment that displays and encourages excellence in cocktail, spirits, and/or beer service.

Outstanding Service
A restaurant that demonstrates high standards of hospitality and service. Candidates must have been in operation for at least the past 5 years.
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Outstanding Restaurateur
A working restaurateur who sets high national standards in restaurant operations and entrepreneurship. Candidates must have been in the restaurant business for at least 10 years. Candidates must not have been nominated for a James Beard Foundation chef award in the past 10 years.

Rising Star Chef of the Year
A chef age 30 or younger who displays an impressive talent and who is likely to have a significant impact on the industry in years to come.

Outstanding Restaurant
A restaurant in the United States that serves as a national standard-bearer for consistent quality and excellence in food, atmosphere, and service. Candidates must have been in operation for at least 10 or more consecutive years.

Outstanding Chef
A working chef in America whose career has set national industry standards and who has served as an inspiration to other food professionals. Candidates must have been working as chefs for at least the past 5 years.

America's Classics
Humanitarian of the Year
Lifetime Achievement

Best Chefs (10 Regions)
Chefs who have set new or consistent standards of excellence in their respective regions. Eligible candidates may be from any kind of dining establishment and must have been working as a chef for at least five years with the three most recent years spent in the region.

The Regions
Great Lakes (IL, IN, MI, OH)
Mid-Atlantic (D.C., DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA)
Midwest (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WI)
New York City (Five Boroughs)
Northeast (CT, MA, ME, NH, NY State, RI, VT)

Northwest (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY)
West (CA, HI, NV)
AWARDS

South (AL, AR, FL, LA, MS)
Southeast (GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, WV)
Southwest (AZ, CO, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT)

SELECTION PROCESS: The Restaurant and Chef Awards Committee produces a ballot with approximately 20 semifinalists in each category. This ballot is distributed online to a voting body of 300 previous James Beard Restaurant & Chef Award winners; 200 to 250 panelists divided evenly among 10 regions (see below); and 17 members of the Restaurant and Chef Award subcommittee. All votes count equally and are tabulated by the independent accounting firm Lutz & Carr. The 5 semifinalists with the highest number of votes become the nominees.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Deadline: December 31
The 20 semifinalists in each category are announced in mid-February. A ballot goes out electronically to the judges, and the 5 nominees in each category are announced in March. A second ballot is then distributed to the same voting body. Winners are announced at the Awards ceremony on May 2.
AWARDS

James Beard Foundation
Book Awards

CONTACT: awards@jamesbeard.org

CRITERIA: Any book published in English in the United States or Canada during the previous calendar year is eligible for an award. Publishers, editors, and authors submit their books for consideration in one of 10 categories: American Cooking, Baking and Dessert, Beverage, Cooking from a Professional Point of View, General Cooking, Healthy Focus, International, Single Subject, Reference and Scholarship, and Writing and Literature. There is a $100 entry fee for JBF members, $150 for non-members. New Rules: You cannot enter your book only in the photography category. You must enter your book into one of the listed categories and also enter your book in the photography category. Please note that there will be an additional fee of $25 to enter your book into the photography category, and you will also need to submit one additional book, for a total of Seven books with your submission.

SELECTION PROCESS: Four judges are assigned to each category. The judges (48 in total) are not committee members; rather, they’re editors, authors, journalists, and culinary educators who have not published a culinary book during the current awards year. Judges are looking for books that contribute to the growing canon of information and knowledge about food and beverage. Content, accuracy, design, and writing style are among the elements considered. The same book cannot be entered into multiple categories and six copies must be mailed to:
The James Beard Foundation
Slot A: 6 West 18th Street (10th floor)
New York, NY 10011

The Book Awards Committee selects the Cookbook of the Year from among the nominated books in each category. From among the books submitted for nomination, an award is given for Outstanding Photography. Each year the committee also inducts a classic cookbook or an author’s body of work into the Cookbook Hall of Fame.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Deadline: December 11
AWARDS

RESULTS: The nominees are announced at a Nominees Breakfast in March. The winners are announced during the Book, Journalism, and Broadcast Media Awards Dinner in April. The author(s) of the book receive(s) the award. The awards will take place in New York on April 26, 2016.

CATEGORIES:
Cookbook of the Year
Cookbook Hall of Fame
American Cooking
Beverage
Cooking from a Professional Point of View
Focus on Health
General Cooking
International Photography
Reference and Scholarship
Single Subject
Vegetable Focused and Vegetarian
Writing and Literature
Baking and Dessert
AWARDS

James Beard Foundation
Journalism Awards

CONTACT: awards@jamesbead.org

CRITERIA: Any article published in English in the U.S. or Canada during the previous calendar year is eligible. Writers, journalists, and editors submit their articles for consideration. There is a $100 entry fee for JBF members, $150 for non-members.

CATEGORIES: MFK Fisher Distinguished Writing Awards
Craig Claiborne Distinguished Restaurant Review Award
Food Coverage in General-Interest Publication
Personal Essay
Humor
Home Cooking
Profile
Visual Storytelling
Food and Culture
Dining and Travel
Food Reporting
Food and Health
Food-Related Column
Wine, Spirits and Other Beverages
Food Blog
Publication of the Year

SELECTION PROCESS: The judges are editors and journalists, retired food and beverage editors and writers, and journalism deans and professors. Judges may not enter in the category they are judging.

Judges look for accurate, insightful reporting, exceptional writing, unusual perspectives, and other attributes of fine journalism as they pertain to food and beverage topics.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Deadline: January 6

RESULTS: The winners are announced at the Book, Journalism, and Broadcast Media Awards Dinner on April 26. The journalist(s) receive(s) the award
AWARDS

James Beard Foundation
Broadcast and New Media

CONTACT: awards@jamesbeard.org

CRITERIA: Any English-language TV, radio, or webcast show or segment on food, cooking, or gastronomy, copyrighted and broadcast in the United States or Canada during the previous calendar year is eligible. Producers, writers, hosts, and other people involved in the production submit their work for consideration. There is a $100 entry fee. There is a $100 entry fee for JBF members, $150 for non-members.

CATEGORIES: Outstanding Personality/Host
Podcast
Radio Show/Audio Webcast
Special/Documentary
Television Program, In-Studio or Fixed Location
Television Program, on Location
Television Segment
Video Webcast, Fixed Location and/or Instructional
Video Webcast, on Location
Visual and Technically Excellence

SELECTION PROCESS: The Broadcast Media Awards Committee divides the entries into categories making sure that they are entered in the correct categories, then five to six judges are assigned to each category. The judges (more than 30 in total) are chosen by the committee. They include producers, educators, editors, and print journalists. Judges may not enter the category they are judging during current year. They are looking for creativity, accuracy, high production values, and a fresh perspective on food- and beverage-related topics.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: January 6

RESULTS: The nominees are announced at a Nominees Breakfast in March. Winners are announced during the Book, Journalism, and Broadcast Media Awards Dinner in April 26. The host(s) or producer(s) receive(s) the award.
AWARDS

James Beard Foundation
Restaurant Design and Graphics Awards

CONTACT: awards@jamesbeard.org

CRITERIA: Any restaurant or design project that was completed or redone in North America within three years prior to the year the award is being given is eligible. Architects, interior designers, and graphic designers submit their projects for consideration. There is a $100 entry fee for JBF members, $150 for non-members.

CATEGORIES: 75 Seats and Under
76 Seats and Over

SELECTION PROCESS: The Restaurant Design and Graphics Awards Committee is made up of architects, interior designers, and graphic designers. The committee both chooses the jurors who will judge the winners and oversees the process. They are looking for beautiful functional design that seamlessly melds the setting and theme of the restaurant environment.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Deadline: January 29

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: The nominees are announced at a Nominees Breakfast in March. The winners are announced during the Awards Ceremony on April 26. The architect(s) or designer(s) receive(s) the award.
AWARDS

Luxury Travel Advisor
Awards of Excellence

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SELECTION PROCESS: Nominated Board determines candidates. Winners are chosen by Luxury Travel Advisor readers.

CATEGORIES: Change Annually: http://www.luxurytraveladvisor.com/awardsofexcellence
Best Cruise Line for Ocean Cruises
Best Cruise Line for Small Ships
Best River Cruise Company
Airlines: Best Flat-Bed Business Class Service
Best FIT Operator
Best Local Destination Management Company
Best Authentic Experience Series
Best Train Experience
Best Hotel Villa
Best Rooftop Bar
Most Anticipated New Hotel Opening
Top Europe Hotel Opening in 2015
Top Africa, Indian Ocean or Middle East Hotel Opening in 2015
Top Asia Hotel Opening in 2015
Top North America Hotel Opening in 2015
Best Hotel Renovation/Reinvention Worldwide
Best Hotel in the Caribbean
Best Hotel in Mexico
Best Pet-Friendly Hotel Worldwide
Best Hotel Worldwide
Top General Manager Worldwide
Best Hotel Bar, Paris
Best Afternoon Tea, London
Best Chauffeured Services Worldwide
Top Hotel for Jetsetters Worldwide

DATE OF SUBMISSION: March 28

RESULTS: May 16
AWARDS

Michelin Group
Michelin Restaurant Guide

CONTACT NAME: TBD

CRITERIA: 
Stars
The guide awards one to three stars to a small number of restaurants of outstanding quality. One star indicates a "very good cuisine in its category", a two-star ranking represents "excellent cuisine, worth a detour," and three stars are awarded to restaurants offering "exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey". A three-star Michelin ranking is rare.

Rising Stars
The Michelin Guide also awards Rising Stars, an indication that a given restaurant has the potential to qualify for a star, or an additional star.

Bib Gourmand
Since 1955, the guide has also highlighted restaurants offering "good food at moderate prices," a feature now called "Bib Gourmand." They must offer menu items priced below a maximum determined by local economic standards. Bib (Bibendum) is the company's nickname for the Michelin Man, its corporate logo for over a century. The Bib Gourmand designation denotes good cuisine at a reasonable price in a variety of comfort categories. Defined as “Inspectors’ Favorites for Good Value,” Bib Gourmand restaurants offer two courses and a glass of wine or dessert for $40 or less (tax and gratuity not included), and are often of most value to a city’s residents, who regularly dine in neighborhood restaurants.

OTHER RATINGS
All listed restaurants, regardless of their star- or Bib Gourmand-status, also receive a "fork and spoon" designation, as a subjective reflection of the overall comfort and quality of the restaurant. Rankings range from one to five: One fork and spoon represents a "comfortable restaurant" and five signifies a "luxurious restaurant." Forks and spoons colored red designate a restaurant that is considered "pleasant" as well.

Restaurants, independently of their other ratings in the guide, can also receive a number of other symbols next to their listing.
AWARDS

- *Coins* indicate restaurants that serve a menu for a certain price or less, depending on the local monetary standard. In 2010 France, 2011 US and Japan Red Guides, the maximum permitted "coin" prices are €19, $25, and ¥5000, respectively.
- *Interesting view* or *Magnificent view*, designated by a black or red symbol, are given to restaurants offering those features.
- *Grapes*, a *sake set*, or a *cocktail glass* indicate restaurants that offer, at minimum, a "somewhat interesting" selection of wines, sake, or cocktails, respectively.

SELECTION PROCESS: Guide provides a comprehensive selection and rating, in all categories of comfort and prices, more than 500 restaurants and 50 hotels, in a reader-friendly layout adapted to the American market. Michelin inspectors – both European and American – conduct anonymous visits to restaurants and hotels. In all cases, it involves test meals or overnight stays at each establishment by Michelin inspectors, in order to assess the level and the regularity of the establishment. It awards stars just for what is on the plate. It gives a separate ranking for restaurant’s ambience and service. Guide is distributed yearly in bookstores. They are updated annually and all restaurants are re-inspected.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Restaurants send info year-round for consideration by submitting to: Attention Michelin Guide Editorial Team Michelin Guides, PO Box 19001, Greenville, SC 19001. Guides published in October each year.
AWARDS

Pacific Asia Travel Association
PATA Gold Awards

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CATEGORIES:

Marketing Campaign (six Gold Awards and one Grand Award)
PG – Primary Government/Destination (As defined by the PATA)
SG – Secondary Government/Destination (State or city tourism organization)
AP – Allied Partner (Destination, state or city tourism organization, outside the PATA region)
CA – Carrier (Airline, cruise, airport, train etc.)
HO – Hospitality (Individual hotel, resort hotel or management company)
IN – Industry (Any other travel and tourism organization)

Environment (three Gold Awards and one Grand Award)
EC – Ecotourism Project
CO – Corporate Environmental Programme
ED – Environmental Education Programme

Corporate Social Responsibility

Heritage & Culture (two Gold Awards and one Grand Award)
HE – Heritage (manmade or natural cultural inheritance)
CU – Culture (traditional performing and visual arts)

Education & Training (one Gold Award and one Grand Award)
Education & Training (programme, text or curriculum)

Marketing Media (nine Gold Awards)
BR – Consumer Travel Brochure
AD-B – Travel Advertisement Broadcast Media
AD-P – Travel Advertisement Print Media
PO – Travel Poster
VI – Promotional Travel Video
PR – Public Relations Campaign
SM – Social Media
AWARDS

WS – Web Site
EN – Promotional E-Newsletter
TJ-D – Destination Article (Consumer audience)
TJ-I – Industry Business Article (Travel trade audience)
TJ-P – Travel Photograph
TJ-G – Travel Guidebook

REQUIREMENTS: Full details of program are available at www.PATA.org/goldawards. An entry fee of US $20-200 for each entry must be included.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Details to be announced, but submissions usually open in March through April. Award recipients will be notified in July and honored during PATA Gold Awards Lunch and Presentation September 9 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

RESULTS: Sept. 9, Jakarta, Indonesia
AWARDS

Reed Travel Exhibitions’ World Travel Market Showcase
World Tourism Award

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CRITERIA: Submit written nomination outlining success.

SELECTION PROCESS: Nominations are submitted to a panel of judges.

REQUIREMENTS: The Award serves to recognize the extraordinary initiatives by individuals, companies, organizations, destinations and attractions, for outstanding accomplishments in "giving back" to the travel industry/sustainable tourism and local communities around the world.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: April

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Nov. 7-9, at the WTM Showcase in London
AWARDS

Robb Report
Best of the Best

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FREQUENCY: Annual

CRITERIA: Chosen by editors who have written and/or experienced the product. The issue covers products and services that are new or have undergone renovations or other significant changes in the past year.

CATEGORIES: Autos
             Boats
             Watches
             Golf Courses
             Dining
             Spas
             Resorts
             Vacation Properties
             Home Décor
             Wines (Domestic Red Wines and Domestic White Wines)

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Listed in the June issue of Robb Report.
AWARDS

Smart Meetings Magazine
Platinum Choice Awards

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CATEGORIES: Hotels
Resorts
CVBs

CRITERIA: Winners are chosen based on the highest industry standards for: ambience, amenities, guest services, meeting space, restaurant and dining facilities, staff attitude, technical support, recreational activities, breadth of resources, meeting packages, marketing support, and convention facilities. Online profile required.

SELECTION PROCESS: Readers vote for their favorite hotels, resorts, and CVBs to reward those who helped make their events a success. Editors narrow down the list of nominees based on industry standards.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Nominations for Platinum Choice awards typically come in prior to July 15 each year. Voting runs 6 weeks, August 1 to September 15.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Winners announced in the December issue.
AWARDS

Smart Meetings Magazine
Smart Star Awards

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CATEGORIES:
Best Airport Hotel
Best Attraction/Theme Park
Best Ballroom
Best Beach Resort
Best City Hotel
Best Coastal Hotel
Best Conference Center
Best Convention Center
Best Convention Center Hotel
Best Cruise Line for Meetings
Best Desert Hotel and Resort
Best Eco/Green Property
Best Executive Retreat
Best Family-Friendly Meeting Hotel/Resort
Best Gaming/Casino Hotel
Best Golf Hotel
Best Hotel Chef
Best Hotel Pool
Best Hotel Spa
Best Incentive Resort
Best Island Hotel
Best Mountain/Ski Resort
Best Outdoor Event Space
Best Pet-Friendly Hotel
Best Special Event Venue

CRITERIA: One category allowed per property, online profile required.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Nominations and voting are open through Feb. 1-April 30. Participating hotels and venues receive ¼ page profile in special section.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Winners announced in June with opportunity for special print ad buy in Smart Stars feature section and online video.
AWARDS

Southeast Tourism Society
Shining Example Awards

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TYPE: Commemorative Award Lantern; publicity on behalf of selected individual or organization

CRITERIA: Open to members and non-members of STS but the nominee/events must be within the 12 member states of STS. Each category has its own criteria. Submissions must be submitted online.

- Escape to the Southeast Travel Attraction of the Year
- Tourism Office of the Year <$2 Million - Category 1
- Tourism Office of the Year > $2 Million – Category 2
- State Tourism Office of the Year
- STS Top 20 Event or Festival of the Year Attendance under 100,000 people – Category 1
- STS Top 20 Event or Festival of the Year Attendance more than 100,000 people – Category 2
- Governmental Tourism Leadership Award
- Tourism for Tomorrow
- Beacon Award
- Rising Star Award
- Best Marketing Campaign
- Best Niche Marketing Campaign
- Chairman of the Board Award (not open to nomination)
- Spirit of STS Award (not open to nomination)

SELECTION PROCESS: Final selection committee will be made up of top professionals in various sectors of the travel industry.

REQUIREMENTS: See www.southeasttourism.org for nomination forms and requirements for each category which will be posted before the end of the year.
AWARDS

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Nomination form and online submission will be available on the STS website. Nominations are due June 10.

ELIGIBILITY: Nominations accepted only from current STS member organizations, except for three categories: Escape to the Southeast Travel Attraction of the Year; Top 20 Event of the Year; Beacon Award

AWARDS CEREMONY: September. Exact date and location are to be announced.
AWARDS

Spafinder Wellness 365®
Wellness Travel Awards

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CATEGORIES:
To ensure the most deserving properties are recognized, a unique three-part approach is used to select winners. First, a global panel comprised of leading spa and wellness industry journalists and experts nominate top candidates in each category. This process takes place in early second quarter. After the nominations are aggregated, the panel scores the nominees and finalists are selected. The finalists are then announced on spafinder.com and other media outlets, and consumers are invited to cast their votes for the final winners. In 2015, the voting began in August. Winners are announced at the World Travel Market in London, which takes place in November.

Crystal Awards: The crème de la crème of wellness travel designations, including spas, resorts, hotels and retreats. There are six Crystal Award winners, one honoree on each habitable continent.

Country Awards: These spas are our consumers’ favorite choices in a range of 44 countries and regions.

Category Awards: The top 10 wellness properties worldwide are honored in a range of categories, such as Best for Healthy Cuisine and Best for Yoga.

SELECTION PROCESS: Consumers vote online at www.spafinder.com. Voting dates will be announced in July.
AWARDS

AWARD PRESENTATION: Winners will be announced at the World Travel Market in London in November.
AWARDS

StarChefs.com
Rising Stars Award

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LOCATIONS: New Orleans
Miami
San Francisco
Pittsburgh/Cleveland

CATEGORIES: Chef
Pastry Chef
Mixologist
Artisan (baker, charcutiers, chocolate makers)
Brewer
Roaster
Sommelier
Rising Star Hotel Chef
Rising Star Community Award
Rising Star Sustainability Chef
Rising Star Concept Award
Rising Star Restaurateur
Rising Star Mentor Award

SELECTION PROCESS: Rising Stars are nominated for selection by the StarChefs Advisory Board, previous Rising Stars Award winners, local food media, and StarChefs editorial research, and through the Website comprised of over 20 of the country’s most influential chefs. Final choices are made by StarChefs editorial team. Rising Stars are up-and-coming chefs and culinary professionals who represent the vanguard of the contemporary American dining scene. They should have less than 10-years’ experience as an Executive Chef and be less than 40 years old.

RESULTS: Nomination form can be found on StarChefs.com. Deadline for nomination is three months before the review.

Review dates are:
New Orleans (February 15-17)
Miami (April 12-14)
San Francisco (June 7-9)
Pittsburgh/Cleveland (December 7-9)
AWARDS

Successful Meetings Magazine
Convention Services Manager of the Year

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CATEGORIES: Hotels & Resorts
Convention Center
Convention & Visitors Bureau

SELECTION PROCESS/DATE OF SUBMISSION: Successful Meetings, in conjunction with the Event Service Professionals Association (ESPA), will recognize three top convention services managers, one each from hotels, resorts & conference centers, a convention center, and a convention & visitors bureau. The nominations will be reviewed by ESPA CSM advisory board, which will select the three finalists who will be honored at ESPA annual conference in January.

DEADLINE: Ballot posts in September; nominations due in November.
AWARDS

Travel + Leisure
It List

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CRITERIA: Travel + Leisure recognizes the top 70 best new hotels that have opened across the world over the last year. The 70 IT List properties appear in the print issue, online at Travelandleisure.com and in the iPad edition.

CATEGORIES: Hotels

SELECTION PROCESS: Winners are selected by Travel + Leisure editorial staff and consist of brand new hotels (or major renovations/re-openings) from the year prior. The editors select from feedback of staff and freelancers who visit the property anonymously and pay for the visit.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Runs online in Feb. and in print in March
AWARDS

Travel Weekly
Magellan Awards – Honoring the Best in the Travel Industry

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FREQUENCY: Annual - nominations opened in April last year

RESPONDENTS: From design to marketing to services, the Travel Weekly Magellan Awards honors the best in travel and salutes the outstanding travel professionals behind it all.

Categories include:
● Hospitality
● Travel Destinations
● Cruise Lines
● Online Travel Services
● Airlines and Airports
● Travel Agents and Agencies
● Tour Operators
● Ground transportation

For more information and to download an entry form, visit www.travelweeklyawards.com.

ELIGIBILITY: Entrants may provide materials (including pictures and images; video content; print materials; URLs; and descriptive text) to demonstrate to the judges why they are the best in their industry.

Entries are submitted using the Travel Weekly online entry system, a simple and easy process.

SELECTION PROCESS: The Travel Weekly Magellan Awards is judged by a body of industry professionals. All judges come from world-recognized companies and organizations and have proven their abilities through their involvement throughout the travel industry. Judges range from marketing and advertising professionals, executives, owners and operators.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners are featured in a special issue of Travel Weekly in September.
AWARDS

TravelMole
UK TravelMole Web Awards

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CATEGORIES:
Best Accommodation Site (over 20 rooms)
Best Airline Site
Best Car Hire Site
Best Cruise/Ferry Site
Best Rail Operator Site
Best Responsible Tourism Site
Best Sports Travel & Tourism Site
Best Tour Operator Site
Best Tourist Board Site
Best Travel Agent Site
Best Travel Blog
Best Travel Directory Site
Best Travel Recruitment Site
Best Use of Social Media
Holiday Miscellaneous

SELECTION PROCESS:  Nominations are accepted through September. The shortlist, chosen by judges completely independent of TravelMole, is announced in November. Readers vote from November 16 – December 31, with winners announced at the London ceremony on January 21.

CRITERIA:  The UK TravelMole Web Awards focus not on the travel Companies, but on the websites, social media, mobile and technology that represent those businesses. They are looking for what represent the best online practice that demonstrate excellence in content, flow, usability and engagement, and the best examples of strategies and techniques for enhanced marketing and conversion.

“Our aim is to use these prestigious awards to reward and promote examples of the best deployments in the Asia Pacific travel industry and to hold them up high as shining examples. In this manner, we strive to help improve web, social and mobile deployments across the industry as a whole, for all of us.”

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:  Winners are presented at a ceremony in London on January 21.
AWARDS

U.S. News & World Report
Best Hotels, Best Cruises & Cruise Line Rankings

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OVERVIEW: Rankings are announced annually in late January. U.S. News & World Report is a reputable American news magazine first published in 1933. It was a competitor to Time and Newsweek, but with the demise of print news, it went completely digital in 2011. It is known for its ranking system and annual reports on American colleges, graduate schools and hospitals, but entered the travel ranking game in the past few years with a regional focus -- USA, Canada, Mexico, Caribbean only. Their methodology is calculated as the weighted average of scores for the three components: Awards & Recognition (based on other pubs and industry sources), Hotel Class (from AAA, Forbes) and Guest Rating (license by TripAdvisor guest reviews). In summary for 2014: US News & World Report ranked 2,500 luxury hotels in N. America/Caribbean, and highlighted the top 10% in their awards survey.

SELECTION PROCESS: Each hotel, hotel brand, cruise ship and cruise line rank takes into account the aggregate opinion of published travel experts and the overall customer satisfaction expressed in guest reviews across the Web. The highest-ranking hotels, hotel brands and cruises are those that experts and users alike recognize for exceptional quality. Cruise ship and cruise line rankings additionally take into account health ratings. In total, 1,693 U.S. hotels, 271 Caribbean hotels, 342 Mexican hotels and 223 Canadian hotels were evaluated for the 2014 rankings. For more information on U.S. News & World Report’s travel and vacation rankings, visit http://travel.usnews.com/methodology/ and http://travel.usnews.com/Rankings/.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: No submissions; ongoing data collection

ELIGIBILITY: All Four and Five Star hotels in the United States, Caribbean, Mexico Canada and Destination. U.S. News and World Report only ranks cruise ships within 15 of the most popular ocean cruise lines.
AWARDS

U.S Travel Association
Rising Star Award

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CRITERIA: This honor is presented to a DMO colleague who is new to the world of destination marketing and is already influencing his or her organization and the destination marketing industry.

SELECTION PROCESS: DMO Rising Star entries are solicited in the summer (between May and June). Candidates for this new award must be nominated by another member of his/her DMO. All entries are reviewed and the winner selected by a nominating committee.

ELIGIBILITY: The Destinations Council DMO Rising Star is a professional who works within a DMO, has three or less years of experience in the industry and is creating positive change in an always-changing industry.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: The winner is announced at ESTO which will take place August 27 – 30 in Boca Raton, FL.
AWARDS

U.S. Travel Association and National Council of Destination Organization (NCDO)
Destiny Awards

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CATEGORIES:
Category 1: Budget > $5 million
Category 2: Budget $1-5 million
Category 3: Budget < $1 million
Short Term Marketing Campaign
Digital Campaign
Destination Website
Social Media Campaign
Visitors Guide
Public Relations Campaign
Niche Targeting
Special Projects
Judges Choice

CRITERIA: The Destinations Council Destiny Award program recognizes U.S. Travel destination members for excellence and creative accomplishment in destination marketing and promotion at the local and regional level; and foster the development of imaginative and innovative destination marketing promotion programs and activities.

SELECTION PROCESS: Candidates submit information to a committee of judges who determine how the marketing programs and special projects met their stated objectives.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: The entry period for the Destinations Council Destiny Awards is April/May.

ELIGIBILITY: Presentation ceremony held at ESTO which will take place August 27 – 30 in Boca Raton, FL.
AWARDS

National Council of State Tourism Directors (NCSTD)
Mercury Awards

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CRITERIA: The Mercury Awards recognize members for excellence and creative accomplishment in state destination marketing and promotion; and inspire, through showcasing outstanding work, the continued development of imaginative and exciting marketing and promotional programs. The *Mercury awards* are given to state tourism offices by the National Council of State Tourism Directors (NCSTD)

SELECTION PROCESS: Candidates submit information to a committee of judges who determine how the marketing programs and special projects met their stated objectives.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: The entry period for the NCSTD Mercury Awards is April/May. Presentation ceremony held at ESTO which will take place August 27 – 30 in Boca Raton, FL.
AWARDS

United States Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology
Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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CRITERIA: Recipients are selected based on achievement and improvement in seven areas, known as the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence:

- Leadership: How upper management leads the organization, and how the organization leads within the community.
- Strategic planning: How the organization establishes and plans to implement strategic directions.
- Customer and market focus: How the organization builds and maintains strong, lasting relationships with customers.
- Measurement, analysis, and knowledge management: How the organization uses data to support key processes and manage performance.
- Human resource focus: How the organization empowers and involves its workforce.
- Process management: How the organization designs, manages and improves key processes.
- Business/organizational performance results: How the organization performs in terms of customer satisfaction, finances, human resources, supplier and partner performance, operations, governance and social responsibility, and how the organization compares to its competitors.

CATEGORIES: The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA) is presented annually by the President of the United States to organizations that demonstrate quality and performance excellence.

AWARDS

SELECTION PROCESS: Companies must first complete the Application Forms and Instructions to submit to the Award Review Process, which may be reviewed here: www.nist.gov/baldrige/enter/how_to_apply.cfm

The process is based upon performance excellence criteria created through a public/private partnership. In its response, each applicant is expected to provide information and data on the company’s improvement processes and results.

Fees will be assessed for criteria. Electronic versions of the criteria can be downloaded. There is a fee for printed copies on a per-volume basis. Discounts will be provided for additional hard and electronic copies.

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REQUIREMENTS: Applications are reviewed and evaluated by members of the Board of Examiners. Each applicant receives a feedback report at the conclusion of the review process.

ELIGIBILITY: For profit business and certain subunits of businesses headquartered in the U.S. and for profit and not for profit public, private and government organizations and some subunits that are primarily engaged in providing education services and/or medical, surgical or other health services. Not for profit organizations, both agencies and government agencies, may be eligible, funding permitting.

DEADLINE: Eligibility certification package: February 22
Award application package:
   On CD only April 26
   As 25 paper copies + CD: May 3

*Please note that these due dates are the final dates by which each package must be received at ASQ, not the dates by which they must be postmarked.
AWARDS

VIRTUOSO LIFE Magazine
Best of the Best Virtuoso Awards

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FREQUENCY: Annual

SELECTION PROCESS: Nominees are announced in July. These nominees represent the highest standards in their given category with only 50 properties under consideration for the awards. Editors of VIRTUOSO LIFE Magazine review numerous submissions from travel agents and research hundreds of properties to select the award nominees. Virtuoso’s travel advisors lend their experience and firsthand accounts to the voting process, as they determine the winners in each category. To have your client considered, they will need to work directly with their account representative within Virtuoso. In the early part of the year (February-March timeframe), the hotel should reach out to their account person with news and information that supports a potential nomination in a given category. The account person can help shepherd their cause through the internal channels, as the Best of the Best Awards are a joint effort between the Virtuoso Life editorial team and the Global Product Partnership team

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners are revealed at the Hotels & Resorts dinner in mid-August. VIRTUOSO LIFE Magazine features the Best of the Best winners in its September/October issue.
AWARDS

VISIT FLORIDA
The Flagler Awards

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FREQUENCY: Annual

CRITERIA: The Flagler Awards are open to any Florida-based company, association, non-profit organization offering a product or service that promotes tourism to Florida. Do not have to be a Visit Florida Partner to enter. (Public Relations and Advertising)

CATEGORIES: Tourism Advocacy
Creativity in Public Relations
Special Event
Niche Marketing
Resource/Promotional Material-Trade
Resource/Promotional Material Consumer
Direct Marketing
Out-of-Home
Print Advertising
Websites
Internet Advertising
Mobile Marketing
Social Media Marketing
Radio Advertising
Television Advertising
Mixed Media Campaign
Best of Show:
  (Under 100K)
  ($100K to $1M)
  (Over $1M)

REQUIREMENTS: Complete set of entry guidelines available on Web site (available in Jan/Feb of each year). All work entered must have first been used between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 of previous year.

ENTRY DEADLINE: For 2015, date was June 16. Late entries were accepted through June 19 with $50 fee.
AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Award presented at a presentation gala in early fall
AWARDS

Wine Enthusiast
America’s Best 100 Wine Restaurants

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FREQUENCY: Annual

SELECTION PROCESS: Voting is done by an international panel of judges chosen by Wine Enthusiast.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Results are published in the July issue.
AWARDS

Wine Enthusiast
Best of Year: Enthusiast 100, Top 50 Spirits & Top 25 Beers
Top 100 Cellar Selections

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: Voting is done by an internal panel of judges chosen by Wine Enthusiast.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Results are published in December issue.
AWARDS

Wine Enthusiast
Top 100 Best Buys

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: Voting is done by an internal panel of judges chosen by Wine Enthusiast.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Results are published in the December issue.
AWARDS

Wine Spectator
Restaurant Wine List Awards

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TYPE: Listed in Wine Spectator August issue. Award certificate follows.

CRITERIA: Award of Excellence – Recognizing 2,869 winners with a commitment to a fine wine list with a sufficient selection of better producers along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style. Award of Excellence lists typically offer at least 100 selections.

Best of Award of Excellence – Middle award created to give special recognition to 850 winners that exceed the basic category. These lists display vintage depth, vertical offerings of several top wines, excellent breadth from major wine growing regions and typically 400 or more selections.

Grand Award – Given to 72 restaurant winners that show an uncompromising, passionate devotion to quality. These lists show serious depth of mature vintages, outstanding breadth in their vertical offerings, excellent harmony with the menu, superior organization and presentation and 1,500 or more selections.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Entries are accepted from December 1 to February. New details and an FAQ for submitting entries can be found here and the online application for new entries can be found here. All award winners will be notified by mail in May and will be listed in the August 31 Dining Guide issue of magazine (extra copies may be ordered by emailing retailsales@mshanken.com or calling 800-344-0763.

ELIGIBILTY: Everything you need to know to enter is found here. Entries submitted before December 31 will receive an “early bird” discount submission fee of $325; entries submitted January 1 to February 1 will pay a regular fee of $375.
AWARDS

Working Mother magazine
Working Mother 100 Best Companies

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CATEGORIES: Six areas are assessed: workforce profile, paid time off and leaves, benefits and child care, women’s issues and advancement, flexible work, and company culture and work life programs.

SELECTION PROCESS: Go to www.wmmsurveys.com; complete online registration to receive application. Application includes some 500 questions on six assessment areas. It also surveys usage, availability and tracking of programs as well as accountability of managers who oversee them.

The award promotes the interests of working mothers in corporate America by honoring companies that successfully help employees integrate home and work.

All applicants receive feedback comparison to all other applicants; however, names of applicants not making the list remain confidential.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Application open December through March (no specific date given); winners featured in the October/November issue and on www.workingmother.com, and are also invited to Working Mother Work/Life Congress in October in New York City.

ELIGIBILITY: Applications from private or public firms in any industry with 500 or more employees, with the exception of government agencies and firms in the business of providing work/life or child-care services, are welcome. Companies must offer at least one full week paid maternity leave (not PTO) for all female full-time exempt employees who have been at the company for one year or more (can include short-term disability pay so long as the employee does not have to opt-in to receive it). Must offer some type of flex benefits (such as flexible work arrangements).
AWARDS

World Travel Awards

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SELECTION PROCESS: Voting is cast by travel agents in over 200 countries around the world. Geographical categories are broken down from the Whole World category into eight regional areas – Africa, Asia, Australasia, Caribbean, Central America, Europe, Indian Ocean, Middle East, North America and South America. Votes can be cast online at the World Travel Awards website.

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates for nomination are based upon the previous year’s voting or you can nominate yourself by completing the form online, www.worldtravelawards.com. Nomination process details and rules for entry may be found here.

ENTRY FEES: Country/Sub-Region Categories: 399 Euros
Regional Categories: 499 Euros

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Middle East region deadline January 31.
Africa, Asia, Australasia, Caribbean, Central America, Europe, Indian Ocean, North and South America regions deadline March 31.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: The regional winners over the year will come together to compete in the Grand Final in November.
AWARDS

World Travel & Tourism Council
Tourism for Tomorrow Awards

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CATEGORIES:

Destination Award – The Destination Award is about the places where tourism takes place, typically a region, state, city, town or national park that is working to create greater sustainability through its Travel & Tourism sector. The award can be for destinations that have worked exceptionally in any aspect of sustainability (i.e., economically, socially, culturally, environmentally or politically). Applicants may include national, regional or local authorities, NGOs, businesses, or community organizations on behalf of the destination.

Environment Award – Any Travel & Tourism organization working to improve the natural environment through its practices. Also for an organization that has worked exceptionally to improve biodiversity, promote conservation, minimize use of scarce resources or developed mitigation and adaptation strategies for climate change.

Community Award – Any Travel & Tourism organization working to improve the lives and opportunities for communities where it operates. Can be for an organization that has worked exceptionally to enhance the capacity of the community, for community engagement, to provide health and education facilities, for the empowerment of local people and increasing the spread of benefits.

People Award – Any Travel & Tourism organization, or partnership of organizations, working to improve the career opportunities for people within the Travel & Tourism sector. Can be for organizations that have worked exceptionally to enhance the capacity of individuals and groups of people to enter the Travel & Tourism sector, to aid the recruitment and retention of under-represented groups, to develop skills for those already employed to advance in the sector and to offer fair employment practices.

Innovation Award – Aims to identify future solutions to current sustainability challenges. The kind of innovation can relate to the
AWARDS

process, product, delivery or financing of the approach, but it should be new to the world and not simply new to an organization or destination. The award can be for projects that have worked exceptionally to develop an innovative solution to problems such as mitigating impact on climate change, reducing demands on scarce resources, promoting bio-diversity or improving health and well-being. Applicants must be able to demonstrate the cutting-edge features of their project.

SELECTION PROCESS: A guided seven-step application process leads you easily through the application form, allowing you to double check, save along the way, and return to your application form multiple times before submitting it. Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation email, and a final version of your application will automatically be sent to the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC). http://www.wttc.org/-/media/files/t4t/t4t%20rules%20%20guidelines%202016.pdf

REQUIREMENTS: Full list of requirements: http://www.wttc.org/-/media/files/t4t/t4t%20rules%20%20guidelines%202016.pdf

ELIGIBILITY: All companies/organizations must have been in operation for at least THREE full years and the sustainable tourism project/initiative submitted for consideration must have been in operation for at least ONE full year. There is no minimum length of time for applicants to the innovation category to have been in operation.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners and finalists of the Awards are recognized by a panel of internationally acclaimed sustainable tourism judges; they receive free flights and accommodations to attend a glamorous awards ceremony which will be held during WTTC’s Global Summit location (TBD) and they benefit from outstanding international media exposure. Video of award ceremony here: http://www.wttc.org/tourism-for-tomorrow-awards/apply/
SURVEYS

About.com
Readers’ Choice Awards

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CATEGORIES:
- Autos
- Business & Finance
- Cities & Towns
- Computing & Technology
- Education
- Electronics & Gadgets
- Entertainment
- Food & Drink
- Health
- Hobbies & Games
- Home & Garden
- Industry & Trade
- Jobs & Careers
- Parenting & Family
- People & Relationships
- Religion & Spirituality
- Sports & Recreation
- Style
- Travel

SELECTION PROCESS: Starting in mid-January the website accepts reader nominations for hundreds of award categories across About.com. Based on those nominations the website’s experts choose up to five finalists per award category, and during the voting phase (usually mid-February – mid-March) readers are able to vote for their favorite finalists for each award category.

CRITERIA: Users must provide an email address or log in via their Facebook or About.com accounts to vote. Votes are limited to one vote per award category per user per day, and any votes not originating from the about.com domain will be rejected. The website has internal checks in place to detect fraudulent voting activity, and in some cases the poll results shown during voting may not reflect the accurate final counts used to determine winners.

Please note that About.com polls are not scientific. Rather, they are a way for readers to share their opinions about their favorite products, services and innovations with About.com Guides and with other users.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners are announced end of March.
SURVEYS

Andrew Harper’s Hideaway Report
Readers’ Survey

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DATE OF SUBMISSION: TBD
Survey distributed in summer to members only, requesting readers to select their favorite hotels for Andrew Harper’s Readers’ Choice Awards.

ELIGIBILITY: Any property can be nominated by a reader for this survey. Clients do not “partake” in the survey; they are selected by reader nominations only. As the survey is exclusive, editors at Andrew Harper do not typically notify properties individually when the survey is distributed to control distribution of survey just to their members.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Announced in the September issue of Andrew Harper’s Hideaway Report. The complete list can be found by visiting www.AndrewHarper.com
SURVEYS

Bon Appétit
Annual Restaurant Issue

FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: Internal panel chooses what restaurants will be featured in this issue, including sections called “Our Favorites” with 10 chapters, each dealing with different reasons to dine out.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Favorite restaurants and recipes are published in the September issue. Results are widely publicized to consumers.
## SURVEYS

**Celebrated Living Magazine**  
“Platinum List” Readers’ Survey

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                           Cruises |
| PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: | Winners announced in the summer issue. |
SURVEYS

Condé Nast Traveler
The 100 Best Cruise Ships

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: The Cruise list is derived from the Reader’s Choice Awards survey, which is online and open to subscribers and non-subscribers year-round. The data is tabulated annually, usually starting around May 1.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Late January/early February. Results are widely publicized to consumer media.
SURVEYS

Condé Nast Traveler
Business Travel Poll

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: All subscribers will receive an email inviting them to take the survey. Readers are also invited to take the Readers’ Choice survey in the March issue.

The survey is promoted on the website as well. Equation Research asked Condé Nast Traveler readers identified as business travelers to rate hotels, hotel brands, and airlines as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor on a variety of criteria. Final scores (out of 100) represent the percentage of respondents who rated a hotel, hotel brand, or airline excellent or very good based on a required minimum number of responses. More than 79,000 surveys are tabulated.

CATEGORIES: Hotel Brands
Airports
Airlines

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Results are widely publicized in consumer media.
SURVEYS

Condé Nast Traveler
Readers’ Choice Awards

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: The Reader’s Choice Survey is online and open to subscribers year-round at www.condenasttraveler.com/vote.

CATEGORIES: (Subject to change)
Top 121 Golf Resorts
Top 100 Properties
Top Cities (50)
Top Islands
Top Cruise Lines
Top Transportation – Airlines, Cruise Lines
Top Hotels

CRITERIA
Readers are asked to vote on the world’s best establishments taking location, rooms, and service, ambience/design, food and leisure facilities into consideration. Readers are generally affluent, educated and experienced, sophisticated travelers.

Readers rate candidates, criterion by criterion. Criterion scores, which represent the percentage of respondents rating a candidate excellent or very good, are averaged to determine the final score. For example average of scores for activities, atmosphere/ambience, beaches, friendliness, lodging, restaurants and scenery.

RESULTS: November issue/cover story. Results are widely publicized to consumer media.

NOTE: Gold List always appears in the January issue and is derived from the Reader’s Choice Survey. The Gold List always features accommodations and includes ratings.
NOTE ABOUT CNT SEAL: CNT now charges for use of the CNT World’s Reader’s Choice Seal:

- Advertising: $4,000 (print, television & radio mentions, digital)
- Print Marketing: $2,500 (brochures, pamphlets, internal/consumer usages)
- Online Marketing: $2,500 (website, commerce site, mobile, email blasts, etc.)
- Display Marketing: $1,500 (in-store displays, shelf talkers, etc.)
SURVEYS

Condé Nast Traveler
Spa Awards (Guide to the Best Spas in North America, the Caribbean, Canada and at Sea)

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FREQUENCY:  Annual

RESPONDENTS:  The Reader’s Choice Survey is online and open to subscribers year-round at www.condenasttraveler.com/vote. The data is tabulated annually, usually starting on May 1. Each spa is judged on treatments, staff and facilities.

CATEGORIES:  Hotel Spas – U.S.  
Resort Spas – U.S.  
Resort Spas – Caribbean  
Resort Spas – Hawaii  
Cruise Ship Spas

All subscribers will receive an email inviting them to take the survey. Readers are also invited to take the Readers’ Choice survey in the March issue. The survey is promoted on the website as well.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:  Online in January. Results are widely publicized to consumer media.
SURVEYS

Gayot
Top 40 Restaurants in the US

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: Gayot’s rating system works with the highest possible score being 20 (based on the system of grading students in France). The rankings reflect only Gayot’s opinion of the food. The décor, service, ambience and wine list are commented upon within each review.

CATEGORIES: The categories for 2016 have not been finalized; sample categories include:
Top 40 Restaurants in the U.S.
Top 10 New Restaurants
Top 40 Cheap Eats
Top 10 Steakhouses
Top 10 Hotel Restaurants
Top Restaurateur: Michael Mina
Top 5 Rising Chefs
Top 10 Insider Picks

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners announced in the February Annual Restaurant Issue.
SURVEYS

Meetings & Conventions Magazine
Gold Key Award (Hotels)

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: Ballots are sent via email to subscribers and accessible online. Voting runs from January through March 31.

CATEGORIES: Overall attitude of meeting staff
              Quality of meeting rooms
              Availability and quality of guest services
              Quality of food & beverage services
              Ease and efficiency of reservations handling
              Availability of A/V and other technical/support equipment
              Possible range of recreational facilities (at resorts)

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners announced in November issue.
SURVEYS

Meetings & Conventions Magazine
Gold Platter Award (Food & Beverage)

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: Ballots are sent via email to subscribers and accessible online. Voting runs from January through March 31.

CATEGORIES:
- Professionalism of catering manager and department
- Quality of food presentation
- Originality of theme party concepts
- Overall staff helpfulness and budgeting considerations
- Excellence of waiter/waitress service
- Ambiance of dining rooms

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners announced in November issue.
SURVEYS

Meetings & Conventions Magazine
Gold Service Award (CVBs)

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: Ballots are sent via email to subscribers and accessible online. Voting runs from January through March 31.

CATEGORIES: Overall professionalism and helpfulness of staff
Advice on hotels and site inspections
Assistance with ground transportation planning
Guidance on local attractions and facilities
Liaison with local vendors and services

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners announced in November issue.
SURVEYS

Meetings & Conventions Magazine
Gold Tee Award (Golf Meeting Properties)

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: Ballots are available online and also sent via email to subscribers, who include 50,000 meeting planners. Voting runs from January through March 31.

CATEGORIES:
- Beauty and condition of the course
- Playing difficulty of the course
- Number of courses offered
- Golf staff assistance on tournaments
- Quality of food and beverage services
- Overall experience of meeting including golf amenities

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Winners announced in July Golf Supplement.
SURVEYS

Meetings & Incentive Travel (Canada)
Readers’ Choice Awards

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FREQUENCY: Annual

DESCRIPTION: Readers Choice Awards are determined by the readers with an Annual Market Survey. The survey is sent to readers via email and is also available on the website, www.meetingscanada.com.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Readers are surveyed for the Reader’s Choice Awards in November/December. Winners are featured in the February/March issue.
SURVEYS

Saveur
Good Taste Awards

WEBSITE:  http://www.saveur.com/good-taste-awards

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CRITERIA:  From June through August, the SAVEUR team posts social media alerts and sends email blasts to readers and consumers.

CATEGORIES:  Categories Include:
Wine Destination
Vegetarian Capital
Next Great Food City
Best Culinary Road Trip
Good Taste in a Most Unusual Form
Transforming Foodways
Hospitality Obsessives
Hotel Bar
In-Flight Dining (First and Business Class)
In-Flight Dining (Economy Class)
In-Flight Wine Program
Culinary Tours
Culinary Cruise Line

SELECTION PROCESS:  The honorees in the Culinary Travel Awards are broken down into 21 categories; within each category, there are three tiers: Best, Outstanding, and Notable. An expert panel of travelers, writers, editors, and photographers determine which honorees will be selected as the Experts’ Choice for Best; a poll open to all SAVEUR and Saveur.com readers determined the honorees for Readers’ Choice: Best. Those same expert and reader poll results are used to identify the three or four additional honorees per category identified as Outstanding, as well as all those honored as Notable. Nominees (i.e., those left out last go-round) can be suggested to editorial team.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:  Winners are announced in early September.
SURVEYS

Ski Magazine
Top 50 Resorts in North America

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CATEGORIES: Best in North America
Best Resorts in the West
Best Resorts in the East

Additional categories include character, scenery, variety, grooming, service, lodging, dining, access, lifts, challenge, and family programs.

SELECTION PROCESS: Chosen by editors with influence from a reader survey.

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Results are announced in September. The full survey and rankings are published in the October issue.
SURVEYS

Travel + Leisure
World’s Best Awards

RESPONDENTS: Subscribers and non-subscribers vote for the World’s Best by visiting TLWORLDBEST.COM Nov. 2 through Feb. 29. Email Sarah Clemence sara.clemence@travelandleisure.com to nominate.

Top Hotels
● Continental US + Canada, Africa + Middle East, Asia, Australia, South Pacific, Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas, Mexico, Europe, Hawaii, Latin America
● $250 or Less
● Top Hotel Spas: Top Spas in US + Canada, Top Hotel Spas by Region

Top 10 Islands
● Continental US + Canada, Asia, Australia + South Pacific, Caribbean, Europe, Hawaii, Mexico and Central and South America

Top 10 Cities
● Continental US + Canada, Africa + Middle East, Asia, Australia + South Pacific, Europe, Mexico and Central and South America

Top Hotel Brands
Mega-Ship Cruise Lines
Large Cruise Lines
Small Cruise Lines
River Cruise Lines
Cruise Ships (can vote on individual ships within each cruise line)

Airports
Domestic Airlines
International Airlines
Car-Rental Agencies
Tour Operators & Safari Outfitters

Best Business Hotels
Best Hotels for Service
Best Hotels for Families
Destination Spas

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:
Usually August

NOTE:
Travel + Leisure “Top 500” is based on the results of World’s Best Survey and appears in the January issue.
SURVEYS

Travel Weekly
Travel Industry Survey

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: This survey is a nationwide study of travel agents that provides the industry with a comprehensive picture of the travel agency business.

CATEGORIES: Key demographics of travel agencies
Travel suppliers (tour operators, hotels, resorts, airlines, cruise lines, car rentals)
Preferred supplier relationships
Customer relationship management
Revenue information

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: The results of this study will appear in a special edition of Travel Weekly in an October issue.
SURVEYS

Zagat
America’s Top Restaurants

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FREQUENCY: Annual

RESPONDENTS: Voters cast ballots on website (www.zagat.com) year-round and an editing committee compiles the responses.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: Results are publicized in December.