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Virtuoso Announces 'Best of the Best' Nominees

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PHOTO: Awards will be handed out at the Bellagio in August. (photo via Flickr/[Prayitno](#))

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Virtuoso's Best of the Best Awards, which is one of the longest-running awards programs in the travel industry.

Nominees include 55 contenders in 11 categories.

Winners will be announced at the upcoming Virtuoso Travel Week, which will take place at the Bellagio Resort & Casino in Las Vegas Aug. 12-18. The awards will be handed out on Aug. 16 during Virtuoso Travel Week's Hotels & Resorts Dinner.

"From its inception in 1992 with just 20 hotels to today's robust total of more than 1,200, Virtuoso Hotels & Resorts has set itself apart in the luxury travel world as a carefully curated collection of the world's finest properties," said Albert Herrera, Virtuoso senior vice president, global product partnerships in a statement.

"It's this commitment to excellence that has served as the hallmark of our program and it's the reason for both its longevity and resounding respect, both within the industry and, more

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importantly, with Virtuoso clients,” he added.

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Over the next few weeks, Virtuoso travel advisors will be able to vote for these Best of the Best nominees.

Best Achievement in Design

Baoase Luxury Resort, Willemstad, Curaçao
Park Hyatt Mallorca, Majorca, Spain
Six Senses Douro Valley, Lamego, Portugal
The Strand Yangon, Yangon, Myanmar
The William Vale, Brooklyn, New York, U.S.

Best Dining Experience

Le Louis XV – Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Monte Carlo, Monaco
La Terrazza – Hotel Eden, Rome, Italy
Meo Modo – Relais Borgo Santo Pietro, Siena, Italy
Manta – The Cape, A Thompson Hotel, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Majorelle – The Lowell, New York, U.S.

Best Bar

The Blue Bar – The Berkeley, London, UK
Aquarium Bar – Castelbrac Hotel, Dinard, France
Saxony – Faena Hotel Miami Beach, Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.
Bar Hemingway – Ritz Paris, Paris, France
The Long Bar – Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund, Shanghai, China

Best Family Program

Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat’Saisons, Oxford, UK
Hotel Castello at Forte Village Resort, Santa Margherita di Pula, Italy
Hotel Sacher Wien, Vienna, Austria
The Reef Atlantis, Nassau, Bahamas
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Florida, U.S.

Best Wellness Program

Canyon Ranch, Tucson, Arizona, U.S.
Golden Door Luxury Resort & Spa, San Marcos, California, U.S.
Kempinski Hotel Berchtesgaden, Berchtesgaden, Germany
Rosewood San Miguel de Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
SHA Wellness Clinic, Alicante, Spain

Best Virtuoso Experience

Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort, Tangalle, Sri Lanka
Hotel Solar de las Animas, Tequila, Mexico
The Mark, New York, U.S.
Sao Lourenco do Barrocal, Monsaraz, Portugal
Andaz Mayakoba Resort Riviera Maya, Playa del Carmen, Mexico

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UXUA Casa Hotel & Spa, Trancoso, Brazil

Best Virtuoso Newcomer

Amanemu, Shima, Japan

Chablé Resort and Spa, Chocholá, Mexico

Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown, New York, New York, U.S.

Park Hotel Vitznau, Vitznau, Switzerland

The St. Regis Langkawi, Langkawi, Malaysia

Best Virtuoso Ambassador

Kees Hogetoorn – AccorHotels

Leslie Dodson – AccorHotels

Tets Kato – Banyan Tree Mayakoba

Gillian Greenwood – InterContinental Hotel Group

Janet Kato White – Montage Hotels

Hotelier of the Year

Taparahi Tibble – Aman Sveti Stefan, Sveti Stefan, Montenegro

Eric Boonstoppel – Cheval Blanc Courchevel, Courchevel, France

Timothy Ananiadis – Hotel Grand Bretagne, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Athens, Athens, Greece

Frank Marrenbach – Brenners Park–Hotel & Spa, Oetker Collection, Baden–Baden, Germany

Susanne Hatje – Mandarin Oriental, New York, New York, New York, U.S.

Hotel of the Year

Four Seasons Resort Lana'i, Lanai City, Hawaii, U.S.

Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok, Bangkok, Thailand

Palazzo Seneca, Norcia, Italy

The Peninsula Beijing, Beijing, China

The Lanesborough, Oetker Collection, London, UK