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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 MORE TRAVEL AGENT



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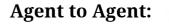
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importantly, with Virtuoso clients," he added.

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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, 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, 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, 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, New York, U.S. Sao Lourenco do Barrocal, Monsaraz, Portugal Andaz Mayakoba Resort Riviera Maya, Playa del Carmen, Mexico

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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