

2019 STAR AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS, TRENDS & FUN FACTS

- **By the Numbers – A Breakdown of the 1,694 Winners**

- ☆ There are 210 Five-Star, 534 Four-Star and 362 Recommended hotels.
- ☆ There are 69 Five-Star, 152 Four-Star and 86 Recommended restaurants.
- ☆ There are 64 Five-Star and 217 Four-Star spas.
- ☆ Five-Star recipients represent 20 percent of all rated properties.

- **New and Noteworthy**

- ☆ Fresh from renovations after a 2018 fire, Mandarin Oriental, Hyde Park, London reopened in time to pick up Five-Star accolades for its hotel and spa.
- ☆ The Swiss Alps launched with a trio of Five-Star hotels: The Alpina Gstaad, The Chedi Andermatt and Carlton Hotel St. Moritz.
- ☆ Bulgari Hotels & Resorts emerged as a big winner. The brand synonymous with its Italian jewelry heritage seized its first Five-Star hotels: Bulgari Hotel & Residences, London; Bulgari Hotel Beijing; and Bulgari Resort Bali.
- ☆ Rosewood Hotels & Resorts welcomed two new Five-Star hotels to its ranks: Hôtel de Crillon, A Rosewood Hotel in Paris and Rosewood San Miguel de Allende in Mexico. New Four-Star (Rosewood Puebla) and Recommended hotels (Rosewood Sanya) were added, too.
- ☆ The Middle East made significant gains. A new Five-Star hotel surfaced in Abu Dhabi (Four Seasons Hotel Abu Dhabi at Al Maryah Island). Plus, new Four-Star winners were found in Bahrain (The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain) and Oman (The Chedi Muscat, Six Senses Zighy Bay).
- ☆ Boutique hotels continue to impress. The standouts delivering one-of-a-kind experiences include Four-Star properties such as The Chanler in Newport, Rhode Island; Chatham Inn in Cape Cod; The Chedi Muscat; Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort in Tucson; Kulm Hotel St. Moritz; Quintessence Hotel in Anguilla; and Wymara Resort and Villas in Turks and Caicos; along with Recommended hotels such as Half Moon Jamaica; Hotel Fasano Punta del Este in Uruguay; Hotel Magna Pars Suites Milano; Hotel Wailea in Maui; The Norman Tel Aviv; and The William Vale.
- ☆ Istanbul debuted with a Five-Star hotel (Raffles Istanbul), five Four-Star properties (Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul; Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet; Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus; The Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul; The St. Regis Istanbul) and a pair of Recommended hotels (Fairmont Quasar Istanbul and Shangri-La Bosphorus, Istanbul).
- ☆ Up-and-coming travel destination Chengdu, China, welcomes a trio of new Four-Star recipients: Niccolo Chengdu; The Ritz-Carlton, Chengdu; and The Temple House, along with a new Recommended hotel, Waldorf Astoria Chengdu.

- **Stars All Around**

- ☆ An elite group of 11 properties earned Five-Star awards for their hotel, restaurant and spa. These triple Five-Star winners include: Banyan Tree Macau; The Broadmoor (Colorado Springs); The Cloister (Sea Island, Georgia); Fairmont Grand Del Mar (San Diego); The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong; Mandarin Oriental, Macau; Meadowood Napa Valley; Montage Laguna Beach; The Peninsula Hong Kong; Star Tower at Studio City Macau; and Wynn Las Vegas.
- ☆ Altira Macau and Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong received a total of four Five-Star awards for the hotel, spa and two restaurants.
- ☆ Nüwa Macau won a total of five Five-Star awards for the hotel, spa and three restaurants.
- ☆ Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong; Wynn Macau; and Wynn Palace achieved a remarkable total of six Five-Star awards for the hotel, spa and four restaurants.

- **Where the Hotel Stars Shine Brightly**

- ☆ In the United States, the greatest number of Five-Star hotels is in: California (18), New York (11), Florida (7), Massachusetts (6), Hawaii (5) and Virginia (5).
- ☆ U.S. cities with the highest number of Five-Star hotels include: New York (10), Beverly Hills (6) and Miami (5).
- ☆ Globally, London is the city with the most Five-Star hotels (13). Last year, Macau was in the top position (12) and in 2017, the China destination tied Paris (both had 10). Other cities with the largest number of Five-Star hotels in 2019 include: Macau (12), Paris (11), New York (10) and Hong Kong (7).
- ☆ The Broadmoor is the longest-running Five-Star hotel. The Colorado Springs icon has continued its Five-Star reign for 59 consecutive years. The D.C. area's The Inn at Little Washington has maintained its Five-Star rating for 31 years.
- ☆ Fourteen hotels have achieved a Five-Star award for 20 years or more: The Beverly Hills Hotel, The Broadmoor (Colorado Springs), Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta, Four Seasons Hotel Boston, Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, Four Seasons Hotel New York, Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach, The Inn at Little Washington (D.C. area), The Little Nell (Aspen), The Peninsula Beverly Hills, The Point (Saranac Lake, New York), The St. Regis New York, Twin Farms (Barnard, Vermont) and Viceroy L'Ermitage Beverly Hills.

- **Where the Restaurant Stars Shine Brightly**

- ☆ In the United States, the greatest number of Five-Star restaurants resides in California (9), New York (7) and Nevada (6).
- ☆ Cities in the United States with the most Five-Star restaurants are New York (7) and Las Vegas (6).
- ☆ Worldwide, cities with the highest number of Five-Star restaurants are Macau (17) and Hong Kong (9).

- ☆ Wynn Palace obtains three new Five-Star restaurants. Mizumi at Wynn Palace, Sichuan Moon by Andre Chiang and Wing Lei Palace. The Macau hotel now counts four top-rated fine-dining venues (including previous Five-Star winner Sushi Mizumi).
- ☆ There's a new star in Santa Monica, California. Dialogue, an intimate 18-seat restaurant led by chef Dave Beran, received its inaugural Five-Star award.
- ☆ The Inn at Little Washington is the longest-running Five-Star restaurant. The D.C.-area institution has retained its rating for 29 consecutive years. The French Laundry (Napa) and Jean-Georges (New York City) have kept their Five-Star rating for 21 years.
- ☆ Fifteen restaurants have maintained their Five-Star rating for 10 years or more: Alinea (Chicago), The French Laundry (Napa), Georgian Room (Sea Island, Georgia), The Inn at Dos Brisas (Washington, Texas), The Inn at Little Washington (D.C. area), Jean-Georges (New York City), Joël Robuchon (Las Vegas), Kai Restaurant (Phoenix), Lautrec (Farmington, Pennsylvania), Le Bernardin (New York City), Masa (New York City), Penrose Room (Colorado Springs), Per Se (New York City), Studio (Laguna Beach) and The White Barn Inn Restaurant (Kennebunk, Maine).

- **Where the Spa Stars Shine Brightly**

- ☆ In the United States, the greatest number of Five-Star spas is in: California (10), Florida (6) and Nevada (4).
- ☆ Globally, cities with the most Five-Star spas include: Macau (9), Hong Kong (5) and Las Vegas (4).
- ☆ Houston captures its first Five-Star spa with The Spa at The Post Oak Hotel. The new 20,000-square-foot urban facility also has the distinction of being the only Five-Star spa in Texas.
- ☆ The U.S. welcomed new Five-Star spas in cities such as Houston (The Spa at The Post Oak Hotel), Las Vegas (The Spa & Salon at ARIA), Los Angeles (La Prairie Spa at Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills) and Palm Beach (The Spa at The Breakers Palm Beach).
- ☆ New Five-Star spas were found in international destinations, including Bali (The Bulgari Spa Bali), Cabo San Lucas (The Spa at Esperanza), Lisbon (Ritz Spa) and Macau (Zensa Spa).
- ☆ The longest-running Five-Star spa is Spa Montage Laguna Beach, which has maintained its rating for 14 consecutive years. It also was Forbes Travel Guide's first Five-Star spa recipient.
- ☆ Ten spas earned Five-Star rating for more than 10 years: The Mandarin Spa (Hong Kong); The Oriental Spa, Hong Kong; The Peninsula Spa Hong Kong; The Spa at The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island (Charleston); The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Miami; The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, New York; The Spa at Sea Island (Sea Island, Georgia); The Spa at Wynn Las Vegas; The Spa at Wynn Macau; and Spa Montage Laguna Beach.

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