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SEVEN STAR GLOBAL LUXURY AWARD

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The Seven Star Global Luxury Award's Inaugural Ceremony at the beautiful Villa Padierna Palace Hotel was a huge success for all of the 2013 winners and participants

New York, NY (July 3, 2013) – The Seven Star Global Luxury Award's ceremony took place June 28, 2013 at the Villa Padierna Palace Hotel in Marbella, Spain. The voting was done by the public and trade, and far exceeded this year's expectations. An impressive number of this year's winners were able to be present to be honored with the Signum Virtutis – the seal of excellence, which was bestowed upon them by the Seven Star Global Luxury Award's panel. This year's guests included Mag. Michael Spalek (Austria's Authority of the Ministry of Economy & Tourism), HE Ahmed Adeeb Abdul Gafoor (Maldives' Minister of Tourism), the Della Torre e Tasso family, Dona Alicia de Villapadierna and Mrs. Ijlal Kastal Erdogan (Director of the Turkish Tourism Office).

A notable collection of winners, press, media, government ministers and key CEO's and managers from the travel, tourism, hospitality and lifestyle industries throughout the world were present for this very festive occasion. The guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, complete with gold champagne, sponsored by Gold Emotion. Following the reception, a 3-course award-winning meal was enjoyed by everyone under the stars. In typical Spanish flair, flamenco dancing and Spanish guitar music carried the guests to the sensational amphitheater for the ceremony. The lovely voice of Arina Domski both opened and closed the event, setting the mood of this pristine location. The evening was hosted flawlessly by Ms. Ece Vahapoglu, and in addition to honoring this prestigious list of winners; ENIQUA wowed the audience with their stunning fashion show. Another highlight was the Seven Star Abbas Behbehani Award for Excellence and Innovation in Luxury Technology given to the exquisite ANTOINE MARTIN "Slow Runner" watch. This Award was a proud moment for Mr. Bruno Jufer, CEO of Antoine Martin, as it is a direct selection by Mr. Behbehani, a member of the Seven Star Luxury Panel and Haute horlogerie extraordinaire.

HE Ahmed Adeeb Abdul Gafoor, The Minister of Tourism of Maldives was the recipient of the Seven Star Global Luxury Award special achievement award for "outstanding achievement in Tourism for having maintained the flow of Tourism to the Maldives through extraordinary times and having successfully carried the country through a major recession."

The Seven Star Global Luxury Award is supported by an impressive collection of international media partners, including: eTurboNews, Signature Luxury Travel & Lifestyle, Luxury Travel Blog, Luxe In A City, Le City Deluxe, Room Critic, The Top Tier, Global Living Magazine, Luxe Getaways, Essential Marbella Magazine, Caprice and Society Marbella. Strategic partners include Let's Go Maldives, World Wine Services, Castello di Duino, Nozomi and Gold Emotion.

Seven Star Global Luxury Award's President & Founder, Khalil El-Mouelhy says, "*It was a true personal pleasure to welcome such distinguished Guests from all over the world to our inaugural event. All the Winners present at the ceremony, as well as those unable to attend this year, represent the Pinnacle in Luxury Hospitality and Lifestyle and I am delighted to have had the opportunity to celebrate their incredible achievements with them at this star studded ceremony.*"

Note: Photos from the event can be found on the website (Gallery).



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2013 Ceremony Attendees:

Hotel/Resort Sector:

- Pullman Timi Ama Sardinia
- Villa Padierna Palace Hotel
- Marques de Riscal
- Gardens of Babylon Wellness Resort
- Cornelia Diamond
- Geinberg 5 Private Spa Villas
- Kempinski Zografski
- Vila Joya
- Conrad Algarve
- Vidago Palace
- Conrad Seoul
- Villa Elena
- Maradiva
- St Regis Doha
- Palm Tree Court – JA International Hotels
- Qasr Al Sharq - A Waldorf Astoria Hotel
- The Regency Kuwait
- The Chateau Spa & Organic Wellness Resort
- Layana Resort & Spa
- Essque Zalu Zanzibar
- Ayada Maldives

Tour Operator Sector:

- Regency Travel & Tours

Hotel Collection Sector:

- Great Hotels of the World

Restaurant Sector:

- La Veranda Gastronomic - Villa Padierna Palace Hotel

Rent A Car Sector:

- SIXT

Special Achievement Award:

- HE Ahmed Adeb Abdul Gafoor, Minister of Tourism Maldives

Seven Star ABBAS BEHBEHANI Award:

- Antoine Martin

Seven Star Destination Sector:

- Maldives
- Austria
- Turkey

Spa Sector:

- Carassula Spa - Cornelia Diamond
- ESPA Spa - D Hotel Maris
- Geinberg 5 Spa
- Medical Wellness Institute - Villa Padierna Palace Hotel
- Adler Thermae Toscana
- Ayspa-Ayada Maldives
- MUU SPA - Gardens of Babylon
- Maradiva Spa
- La Sante Spa -The Chateau Spa & Organic Wellness Resort
- Maradiva Spa – Maradiva
- Sha Wellness Clinic



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COMPLETE LIST OF 2013 WINNERS

•• HOTELS & RESORTS ••

| AFRICA |

Morocco

- The Selman

South Africa

- Grande Provence Heritage Wine Estate
- One & Only Cape Town
- Conrad Pezula

| AMERICAS |

Argentina

- Faena Hotel

Brazil

- Pontas dos Ganchos

Canada

- Fairmont Pacific Rim
- Four Seasons Resort Whistler
- Shangri La Hotel Vancouver

Chile

- W Santiago

Costa Rica

- Hotel Parador

Ecuador

- Arasha Tropical Forest Resort & Spa

Hawaii

- St Regis Princeville

Mexico

- Hacienda Tres Rios
- Maroma Resort & Spa
- W Mexico City

Peru

- Tambo Del Inka Resort & Spa

USA

- Miraval Resort
- Montage Laguna Beach
- Waldorf Astoria New York

| ASIA |

Azerbaijan

- Four Seasons Hotel Baku
- Jumeirah Bilgah Beach Hotel
- Kempinski Hotel Badamar Baku

China

- Banyan Tree Sanya
- Fuchun Resort
- Grand Fortune Bay Hotel

Hong Kong

- Island Shangri-La



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India

- Oberoi Rajvilas
- The Oberoi Gurgaon
- Devi Garh by Lebua

Indonesia

- The Samaya Villas Bali
- Viceroy Bali
- The Mulia

Japan

- Conrad Tokyo

Kazakhstan

- Intercontinental Almaty

Macau

- Grand Hyatt Macau

Malaysia

- The Chateau Spa & Organic Wellness Resort

Singapore

- Pan Pacific Singapore
- Swissotel the Stamford
- The St Regis Singapore

South Korea

- Conrad Seoul

Taiwan

- The Sherwood Taipei

Thailand

- Lebua at State Tower
- Layana Resort & Spa
- Conrad Koh Samui

Vietnam

- Hyatt Regency Danang Resort & SPA

| CARIBBEAN |

Bahamas

- One & Only Ocean Club

Barbados

- Sandy Lane

Bermuda

- Elbow Beach

Dominican Republic

- Tortuga Bay-Puntacana Resort & Club

Jamaica

- Round Hill Villas

Puerto Rico

- Conrad San Juan Condado Plaza

St Lucia

- Sandals Grande St Lucian

Turks & Caicos

- Regent Palms



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| EUROPE |

Austria

- Geinberg 5 Private Spa Villas
- Grand Tirolia
- The Ritz Carlton Vienna

Bulgaria

- Kempinski Zografski

Croatia

- Rixos Libertas

Czech Republic

- Le Palais Hotel Prague

England

- Bovey Castle
- Café Royal
- Corinthia Hotel London

France

- Grand Hotel Du Cap Ferrat
- Hotel Du Palais Biarritz
- Grand Hyatt Cannes Hotel Martinez

Germany

- Hotel Adlon Kempinski
- Grand Spa Resort A-Rosa Travemunde
- Falkenstein Grand Kempinski

Greece

- Aldemar Royal Mare
- Elounda Peninsula
- Mystique St Torini

Hungary

- Corinthia Budapest

Italy

- Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni
- Pullman Timi Ama Sardinia
- Rome Cavalieri

Latvia

- Gallery Park Hotel

Malta

- Corinthia Hotel St Georges Bay

Portugal

- Conrad Algarve Spa & Health Club
- Vidago Palace
- Vila Joya

Russia

- Swissotel Krasnye Holmy
- Hilton Moscow Leningradskaya
- Radisson Royal Moscow

Scotland

- Gleneagles

Spain

- Cap Rocat
- Villa Padierna Palace Hotel
- Marques de Riscal



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SEVEN STAR GLOBAL LUXURY AWARD

- Westin Palace Madrid

Switzerland

- Dolder Grand Resort

Turkey

- W Istanbul
- Gardens of Babylon Wellbeing Resort
- Cornelia Diamond

Ukraine

- 11 Mirrors Hotel
- Villa Elena
- Fairmont Kiev

| INDIAN OCEAN |

Maldives

- Coco Prive Kuda Hiti
- Ayada Maldives
- One & Only Reethi Rah
- Sheraton Maldives Fullmoon Resort & Spa
- W Maldives

Mauritius

- Maradiva

Seychelles

- Four Seasons Seychelles

Zanzibar

- Essque Zalu
- Kilindi Zanzibar
- Diamonds Star of the East

| MIDDLE EAST |

Egypt

- Kempinski Nile

Kuwait

- Regency Hotel Kuwait

Oman

- Shangri La Bar Al Jissah Resort & Spa

Qatar

- St Regis Doha

Saudi Arabia

- Qasr Al Sharq – A Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Abu Dhabi

- Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi
- Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara
- Shangri La Hotel Qaryat Al Beri

Dubai

- Burj Al Arab
- One & Only Royal Mirage
- PalmTree Court & Spa

Ras Al Khaimah

- The Cove Rotana Resort



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| OCEANIA |

Australia

- Hayman Island Resort

Bora Bora

- St Regis Bora Bora

Cook Islands

- Pacific Resort Aitutaki

Fiji

- Taveuni palms

New Zealand

- Lake Okareka Lodge by Lebua
- Eagles Nest
- The Langham Hotel Auckland

.. SPA'S ..

| AFRICA |

Morocco

- The Selman

South Africa

- Karkloof Spa Wellness and Wildlife Retreat

| AMERICAS |

Costa Rica

- Four Seasons Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo

Mexico

- Maroma Hotel & KInan Spa

USA

- Mii Amo

| ASIA |

China

- Mandara Spa Sheraton Sanya Resort

Hong Kong

- Peninsula Spa by ESPA

India

- Wildflower Hall Shimla in the Himalayas

Indonesia

- Ayana

Japan

- Ritz Carlton Tokyo

Macau

- Six Senses Spa at MGM Macau

Malaysia

- La Sante Spa at Chateau Spa & Organic Wellness Resort

Thailand

- Kamalaya Wellness Sanctuary & Holistic Retreat

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Barbados

- The Spa at Sandy Lane

Bermuda

- Willow Stream Park Fairmont Southampton



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Dominican Republic

- Six Senses Spa at Puntacana Resort & Spa

Jamaica

- Roundhill Spa

St Lucia

- The Body Holiday le Sport

Turks & Caicos

- Parrot Cay

| EUROPE |

Austria

- Geinberg 5 Spa

England

- Penny Hill Park

France

- Le Spa Imperiale Hotel du Palais

Germany

- Intercontinental Berchtesgaden

Greece

- Six Senses Spa Porto Elounda

Italy

- Capri Palace
- Adler Thermae Toscana
- Castel Monastero Resort & Spa

Portugal

- Longevity Wellness Resort

Spain

- Medical Wellness Institute-Villa Padierna
- Sha Wellness Clinic

Switzerland

- The Dolder Grand

Turkey

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- MUU Spa & Wellness -Gardens of Babylon
- ESPA- D Hotel Maris

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Maldives

- Ayspa-Ayada Maldives

Mauritius

- Maradiva Spa

| MIDDLE EAST |

Egypt

- Six Senses Spa Intercontinental Palace Port Ghalib

Abu Dhabi

- Iridium Spa-The St Regis Saadiyat Island

Dubai

- Assawan Spa and Health Club



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•• AIRLINES ••

- Qatar Airways

•• Private Jets ••

- Qatar Executive

•• Luxury Tour Operator ••

- Regency Travel & Tours
- DNATA
- Quintessentially Travel

•• Hotel Collection ••

- Great Hotels of the World

•• Restaurants ••

- La Veranda Gastronomic Restaurant-Villa Padierna
- NOMA
- El Celler de Can Roca
- Mezzaluna- Lebu at State Tower

•• Luxury Car Rental ••

- SIXT

•• Seven Star Destinations ••

- Maldives
- Austria
- Turkey

•• Luxury Motor Yacht ••

- Benetti yachts

•• Luxury Sailing Yacht ••

- Perini Navi

•• Special Achievement Award ••

- HE Ahmed Adeb Abdul Gafoor, Minister of Tourism Maldives

•• Seven Star Abbas Behbehani Award ••

- Antoine Martin "Slow Runner"