

## 2017 Platinum Choice Award Winners Announced

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## Distinguished hotels and CVBs earn coveted Smart Meetings honor

After much voting and decision-making, the 14th annual Platinum Choice Award winners have been selected by Smart Meetings magazine, the meeting industry's premier resource for meeting professionals. This highly esteemed award salutes excellence in service and amenities among meeting hotels and resorts in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. Also recognized is exceptional service by destination marketing companies and CVBs from across North America.

Since there are thousands of qualified properties and associations, selecting the top tier winners is no easy task. Recipients of the award have demonstrated exemplary standards of excellence ranging from ambience, amenities, breadth of resources, facility quality, guest services, meeting space and packages, recreational activities, restaurant and dining options, and technical support. Votes are cast by industry professionals, the Smart Meetings editorial team and Smart Meetings readers.

"Over the years, our list of winners has become a crucial resource for many meeting planners," says Marin Bright, founder and CEO of Smart Meetings. "The Platinum Choice awards really identify who's who in today's hospitality industry. I'm thrilled about our list of winners, and I hope you use this roster when selecting your meeting destinations for the coming year—they certainly have earned your business."

The new honorees will be celebrated in the December 2017 issue of Smart Meetings magazine. Those winners are as follows:

## **Hotels & Venues**

**CVBs** 

Alisal Guest Ranch & Resort

Allegretto Vineyard Resort Paso Robles

Andaz Mayakoba Resort Riviera Maya

Andaz Napa

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa Reno

Atlantis Paradise Island

**Austin Convention Center** 

Barcelo Maya Beach

**Belmond Charleston Place** 

Bernardus Lodge

Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers

The Breakers Palm Beach

**Broadmoor Colorado Springs** 

Caesars Palace

Carneros Resort and Spa

Coeur D Alene Golf & Spa Resort

Coronado Island Marriott Resort and Spa

**Enchantment Resort** 

Fairmont Royal York

Fairmont San Francisco

Fairmont Scottsdale Princess

Atlanta CVB

**Durham CVB** 

**Experience Columbus** 

**Explore St Louis** 

Fort Worth CVB

Frisco CVB

Greater Miami CVB

Greater Palm Springs Convention & Visitors

Bureau

Hampton CVB

Hilton Head Island VCB

Little Rock CVB

Long Beach Area Conventions & Visitors

Bureau

Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board

Meet AC

Monaco Government Tourist Office

Myrtle Beach Area CVB

New Orleans CVB

NYC & Company

Pasadena Convention & Visitors Bureau

Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Cancun Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco **Quebec City Business Destination** Reno-Tahoe CVA Gateway Canyons Resort Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center San Francisco Travel Association Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center Tourism Australia Tourisme Montreal Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center Gideon Putnam Travel Tacoma Grand Hyatt Atlanta In Buckhead Virginia Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau **Grand Hyatt DFW** Visit Anaheim Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa Visit Billings **Grand Hyatt Seattle** Visit Denver Grand Velas Nueva Vallarta Visit Oakland Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa Visit Orlando Hard Rock San Diego Visit Pittsburgh Hilton Galveston Island Visit Rochester Visit Salt Lake Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa Hilton Santa Fe At Buffalo Thunder Visit San Antonio Hotel Del Coronado Visit Savannah Visit Wichita Hotel Hershey Hotel Jerome Hotel Terra Jackson Hole **Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland** 

**Hyatt Regency Austin** 

Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor

Hyatt Regency Denver At Colorado Convention Center

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Hyatt Regency LAX
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Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa

Hyatt Regency Maui Resort

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay

Hyatt Regency New Orleans

Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa

InterContinental The Clement Monterey

JW Marriott Austin

JW Marriott Marquis Miami

Kiawah Island Golf Resort

King and Prince Golf & Beach Resort

La Cantera Resort & Spa by Destination Hotels

La Quinta Resort

Lansdowne Resort

Lied Lodge & Conference Center

London House

Lotte New York Palace

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego

Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino

Marcus Hotels & Resorts

Margaritaville Hollywood

Marina Inn At Grande Dunes

Marriott International

Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina

Meritage Resort and Spa

MGM National Harbor

Mohegan Sun

Monarch Beach Resort & Spa

**National Conference Center** 

Nemacolin Woodlands Resort

Nizuc Resort & Spa

Nobu Eden Roc Miami Beach

Ocean Reef Club

Omni Fort Worth Hotel

Omni Hotels & Resorts

One&Only Palmilla Resort

Palace Hotel, A Luxury Collection Hotel

Pechanga Resort & Casino

PGA National Resort & Spa

Pinehurst Resort

Hyatt Ziva Cancun

Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

The Resort at Pedregal

Reunion Resort & Club, a Salamander Hotel

Ritz Carlton Denver

Rosen Shingle Creek

Royal Sonesta Hotel New Orleans

San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk

San Francisco Travel Association

San Luis Resort Spa & Conference Center

Scottsdale Plaza Resort

Sea Island Resort

Seaport Hotel

Silverado Resort & Spa

Sonoma County Tourism

South Seas Island Resort

The St Regis Punta Mita

The St. Regis Mexico City

Streamsong Resort

Sun Valley Resort

Talking Stick Resort

The Allison Inn and Spa

The Davenport Grand Hotel

The Diplomat Beach Resort

The Langham, Boston

The Line Austin (formerly Radisson Hotel and Suites Downtown

Austin)

The Lodge At Whitefish Mountain

The Phoenician

The Pierre, A Taj Hotel

The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch

Paradisus Playa del Carmen La Perla & La Esmeralda

The St. Louis Union Station Hotel, Curio Collection

Tropicana Las Vegas – a DoubleTree by Hilton

Trump National Doral Miami

UNICO Hotel Riviera Maya

Keystone Resort

Viceroy Snowmass

Villas of Grand Cypress Resort

W Punta de Mita

Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin

Washington Duke Inn Golf Club

Westin Cape Coral Resort At Marina Village

Westin Convention Center Pittsburgh

Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort & Spa

Westin Harbour Castle

Westin Peachtree Plaza

Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa

Woodlands Resort & Conference Center

Wyndham Grand Chicago Riverfront

Wynn Las Vegas and Encore