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THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL AWARDS GALA DINNER 2018
WAS HELD ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2018
AT THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' HALL, LONDON

Honouring the WORLD'S FINEST BOUTIQUE HOTELS
&
bringing together members of
THE MASTER KEY SOCIETY

THE WORLD'S BEST BOUTIQUE HOTELS ARE REVEALED

The winners of the **Boutique Hotel Awards 2018** were announced last night at the prestigious Awards ceremony held at the **Merchant Taylors' Hall**, London. The ceremony brought together an array of boutique hotel owners, travel and lifestyle press and travel industry influencers from all four corners of the globe.

This year's keynote speech was delivered by **Robin Sheppard**, chairman of Bespoke Hotels and the Institute of Hospitality. Other esteemed guest presenters and speakers included **Paolo Macchiaroli**, founder of My Private Villas; **Alex Buchanan**, co-owner and editor of Catering in Scotland; Game of Thrones actress, **Laura Pradelska**; **Lara Asprey**, founder of Asprey Introductions; **Elisabeth Visoanska**, founder of Visoanska; **Nobert Meinike**, Director of Marketing - Blacklane.

INFORMATION ON THE AWARDS

The Boutique Hotel Awards is the first and only international awards organisation exclusively dedicated to recognising unique excellence among boutique hotels. The Awards, now in its 8th year, honours the people behind these outstanding properties and brings together members of **The Master Key Society**; where relationships are built exclusively among the Award Winners by facilitating hotel exchange visits between them.

AWARDS PROCESS

What makes a Boutique Hotel Award meaningful? Simply put, the hotels and private villas are *actually visited*. It is the only independent awards organisation in hospitality where each and every property is visited personally by an experienced hotel judge, who specialises in each category, and where decisions on winners depend on true first-hand guest experience at the property.

The winners were selected from over 300 Nominees in over 80 countries. Each entrant was nominated by a member of the Awards Nomination Committee, comprising 70 leading trailblazing travel experts, whose business it is to be 'in the know' concerning the extraordinary boutique hotels. The Awards then coordinate judge evaluation visits with each shortlisted nominee. The judges document all aspects of the guest experience covering six categories: dining and entertainment, design, facilities, location and, most importantly, staff service and overall emotional impact. Finally, these extensive hand-written evaluations are meticulously studied by our Awards Panel, which decides our regional and World's Best Award winners.



QUOTES FROM THE NIGHT:

"The Boutique Hotel Awards continue to be a star studded, must attend, essential date in the world's perpetual calendar. The results continue to matter, as the accolades reward all those teams who work so hard within their businesses. Congratulations to each entrant and every winner"

- Robin Sheppard, Cofounder and Chairman of Bespoke Hotels, Keynote Speaker 2018

"It's an honour to have hosted the Boutique Hotel Awards for the third year running. What's remarkable is that every winner stands for making their dream come true and each founding story could make a synopsis of a film. It's all about sharing your passions and executing it in the best way possible. Also offering a unique experience is the name of the game, not only in the Hotel industry. As a founder of an eco-luxury skincare line I can identify strongly with all of these concepts. I feel very close at heart with our winners!"

- Elisabeth Visoanska, Founder of Visoanska, Boutique Hotel Awards Host 2018

"The Boutique Hotel Awards 2018 Ceremony was an exciting and invigorating night that has been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. I am so proud to be a part of an organisation that recognises the passion and hard work of our winners and nominees, creating outstanding, unique luxury hotels and villas around the globe. Congratulations to everyone involved."

- Bianca Revens, Managing Director, Boutique Hotel Awards 2018

"I am certainly very thankful for the award and humbled by this incredibly prestigious honour. Awarta's vision and mission has always been to build a hotel, a resort by simply allowing the existing culture to flourish into the care of welcoming people with genuine warmth and bespoke luxury services - that travellers from anywhere around the world coming to Bali will always return to what they can call their 'home'. It has also been a dream being with the Boutique Hotel Awards and being able to share this ascend amongst distinguished global hoteliers - together we are shaping and transforming the standard of service and quality of hotels and resorts around the world to the next level and beyond. Leading Awarta to this day and honour would not be complete without the support from our family, friends and our God. So thank you very much for this award and honour. With this, we will always serve from our heart and bring more pleasant surprises for everyone, from Awarta."

- Naomi Siawarta, Director of Awarta Nusa Dua Resort & Villas, World's Best Boutique Hotel 2018



The 2018 **World's Best Category Winners** and **Best in Region** are listed below.

WORLD'S BEST BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Awarta Nusa Dua Resort & Villas, Bali, Indonesia

World's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel	Reethi Faru Resort, Filaidhoo, Maldives
World's Best City Explorer	Corpo Santo Lisbon Historical Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal
World's Best Classic Elegance Hotel	Relais & Chateaux Hotel Heritage, Bruges, Belgium
World's Best Culinary Excellence	Awarta Nusa Dua Resort & Villas, Bali, Indonesia
World's Most Inspired Design Hotel	Hotel TwentySeven, Amsterdam, Netherlands
World's Best Honeymoon Hideaway	Drake Bay Getaway Resort, Drake Bay, Costa Rica
World's Best New Hotel	Hotel Grand Windsor, Auckland, New Zealand
World's Best Relaxation Retreat	Carpe Diem Exclusive Boutique Resort, Santorini Greece
World's Most Romantic Retreat	Akademie Street, Franschoek, South Africa
World's Most Sustainable Hotel	Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, Tofino, Canada
World's Best Wellness Spa	Green SPA Resort Stanglwirt, Going am Wilden Kaiser, Austria
World's Best Private Villa	The Resort Villa, Rayong, Thailand
World's Most Stunning Views	Hanging Gardens of Bali, Bali, Indonesia
World's Best Family Hotel	Blue River Resort and Hot Springs, Dos Rios, Costa Rica

REGIONAL CATEGORY WINNERS

Best Beach or Coastal Hotel

The America's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel	Tata Tulum, Tulum, Mexico
Asia's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel	Reethi Faru Resort, Filaidhoo, Maldives
Australasia's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel	Rumours Luxury Villas & Spa, Rarotonga, Cook Islands
Europe's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel	The Infinity 180 Luxury Suites, Alonnisos, Greece
Southeast Asia's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel	Villa Mia, Koh Samui, Thailand

Best City Explorer

Africa's Best City Explorer	Menlyn Boutique Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa
The America's Best City Explorer	The Ivey's Hotel, Charlotte, USA
Asia's Best City Explorer	The Olympian Hong Kong, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Australasia's Best City Explorer	Adge Apartment Hotel, Sydney, Australia
Europe's Best City Explorer	Corpo Santo Lisbon Historical Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal
Southeast Asia's Best City Explorer	Shanghai Mansion, Bangkok, Thailand



Best Classic Elegance Hotel

Africa's Best Classic Elegance Hotel	Grand Dedale Country House, Western Cape, South Africa
The America's Best Classic Elegance Hotel	Rosedon Hotel, Hamilton, Bermuda
Asia's Best Classic Elegance Hotel	Royal Heritage Haveli, Jaipur, India
Europe's Best Classic Elegance Hotel	Relais & Chateau Hotel Heritage, Bruges, Belgium
Southeast Asia's Best Classic Elegance Hotel	Kayumanis Jimbaran Private Estate & Spa, Bali, Indonesia

Best Culinary Excellence

Africa's Best Culinary Excellence	Pondoro Game Reserve, Kruger Park, South Africa
Asia's Best Culinary Excellence	The Kayotei, Kaga, Japan
Europe's Best Culinary Excellence	Hotel & Chalet Aurelio, Lech am Arlberg, Austria
Southeast Asia's Best Culinary Excellence	Awarta Nusa Dua Resort & Villas, Bali, Indonesia

Most Inspired Design Hotel

Africa's Most Inspired Design Hotel	Riad Kheirredine, Marrakesh, Morocco
The America's Most Inspired Design Hotel	The Harkness Hotel, Idaho, USA
Asia's Most Inspired Design Hotel	The Pottinger, Central, Hong Kong
Australasia's Most Inspired Design Hotel	Hotel Grand Windsor, Auckland, New Zealand
Europe's Most Inspired Design Hotel	Hotel TwentySeven, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Southeast Asia's Most Inspired Design Hotel	Shinta Mani Angkor - Bensley Collection, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Best Honeymoon Hideaway

Africa's Best Honeymoon Hideaway	Desert Luxury Camp, Sahara, Morocco
The America's Best Honeymoon Hideaway	Drake Bay Getaway Resort, Drake Bay, Costa Rica
Asia's Best Honeymoon Hideaway	Royal Heritage Haveli, Jaipur, India
Australasia's Best Honeymoon Hideaway	Taveuni Palms, Taveuni Island, Fiji
Europe's Best Honeymoon Hideaway	Cocoon Suites, Santorini, Greece
Southeast Asia's Best Honeymoon Hideaway	Kayumanis Ubud Private Villa & Spa, Bali, Indonesia

Best New Hotel

Africa's Best New Hotel	Little Machaba Camp, Maun, Botswana
The America's Best New Hotel	La Cocotera Resort & Ecolodge, Jujutla, El Salvador
Asia's Best New Hotel	Aquatic Island, Kerala, India
Australasia's Best New Hotel	Hotel Grand Windsor, Auckland, New Zealand
Europe's Best New Hotel	Aurora Estate oy, Ylläs, Finland
Southeast Asia's Best New Hotel	Onsen @ Moncham, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Best Relaxation Retreat

Africa's Best Relaxation Retreat	Rhulani Safari Lodge, Madikwe, South Africa
The America's Best Relaxation Retreat	Villas HM Palapas del Mar, Holbox, Mexico
Asia's Best Relaxation Retreat	The Address Montgomerie Dubai, Dubai, UAE
Australasia's Best Relaxation Retreat	Aga Reef Resort, Lalomanu, Samoa
Europe's Best Relaxation Retreat	Carpe Diem Exclusive Boutique Resort, Santorini, Greece
Southeast Asia's Best Relaxation Retreat	Salinda Resort Phu Quoc Island, Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam



Most Romantic Retreat

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Europe's Most Romantic Retreat
Southeast Asia's Most Romantic Retreat

Akademie Street, Franschhoek, South Africa
Hasbrouck House, Stone Ridge, near NYC, USA
Kings Pavilion Kandy, Stone Ridge, near NYC, USA
Taveuni Palms, Taveuni Island, Fiji
Aenaon Villas, Santorini, Greece
The Pavilions Bali, Bali, Indonesia

Most Sustainable Hotel

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The America's Most Sustainable Hotel
Australasia's Most Sustainable Hotel
Europe's Most Sustainable Hotel

Chitwa Chitwa Private Game Lodge, Nelspruit, South Africa
Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, Tofino, Canada
Pumpkin Island, Yeppon, Australia
Lefay Resort & Spa Lago di Garda, Lago di Garda, Italy

Best Wellness Spa

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Europe's Best Wellness Spa
Southeast Asia's Best Wellness Spa

Hotel Tigmiza, Marrakesh, Morocco
Entre Cielos, Mendoza, Argentina
Green SPA Resort Stanglwirt, Going am Wilden Kaiser, Austria
Escape Haven Bali, Bali, Indonesia

Best Private Villa

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Europe's Best Private Villa
Southeast Asia's Best Private Villa

Leobo Private Reserve, Vaalwater, South Africa
Villa Neo, St Jean, St Barths
Coco Privé, Kuda Hithi Island, Maldives
Raiwasa Private Resort, Waiyevo Taveuni, Fiji
Isla Sa Ferradura, Ibiza, Spain
The Resort Villa, Rayong, Thailand

Most Stunning Views

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Villas Most Stunning Views

Elewana Kifaru House, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya
Hamanasi Adventure and Dive Resort, Hopkins, Belize
The Theva Residency, Kandy, Sri Lanka
Villa Del Mar, Marbella, Spain
Hanging Gardens of Bali, Bali, Indonesia
La Solana, Mexico

Best Family Hotel

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Southeast Asia's Best Family Hotel

Blue River Resort and Hot Springs, Dos Rios, Costa Rica
Why House, Galle, Sri Lanka
Wellness & Spa Hotel Villa Memories, Moravia, Czech Republic
The Chiang Mai Riverside, Chiang Mai, Thailand



FOR FULL INFORMATION, AWARDS CEREMONY PHOTOS AND PHOTOS OF THE WINNING PROPERTIES PLEASE SEE [THIS DOWNLOAD FOLDER](#).

The 2019 Boutique Hotel Awards are now open.
To nominate your favourite boutique hotels, find out about participating in the Awards, and read the reviews of all the winners go to:

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