

Associated Luxury Hotels’ Awards & Recognition Go Beyond Diamonds & Stars

WASHINGTON, DC -- If you’re familiar with **Associated Luxury Hotels International** (ALHI), then you know that its portfolio consists of over 100 premier Four- and Five-Diamond/Star quality luxury hotels and resorts worldwide.

But did you know that awards bestowed upon its membership are much more extensive than that? Look at any of the awards presented to hotels and resorts by the meetings industry magazines, and you’ll find a large number of the recipients are members of ALHI. Interestingly, there are often more members of ALHI on the list, than there are of those affiliated with each of the upper-tier chains.

Take *Successful Meetings* magazine, which awarded 23 members of ALHI its prestigious “**Pinnacle Award**” in 2006. This was 9 more than the chain with the highest representation. ALHI member recipients included **Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows**, **InterContinental Chicago**, **Naples Grande Resort & Club**, **Seaport** in Boston, **Ocean Reef Club**, **The Adolphus**, **Gaylord Texan® Resort & Convention Center**, **Pointe South Mountain Resort** in Phoenix, and **Vail Cascade Resort & Spa**.

The accolades continue with *Association Meetings*’ “**Inner Circle Award**,” where 12 ALHI members were the recipients in 2006. This included **The Broadmoor**, **Mohegan Sun**, **Amelia Island Plantation**, **Gaylord Palms® Resort & Convention Center**, **MGM Grand**, **The Greenbrier**, **El Conquistador Golf Resort & Casino**, and **Westin Rio Mar Beach Golf Resort & Spa**.

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While *Meeting News'* "**Planner's Choice Award**" included 17 members of ALHI in 2006. Among those presented were: **Lansdowne Resort** in Virginia; **Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino**; **The Grand America Hotel** in Utah; **The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa**; **Gaylord Opryland® Resort & Convention Center**; **The Inverness Hotel and Conference Center** in Englewood, Colorado; **The Mirage**; **Loews Ventana Canyon Resort** in Tucson; **Bellagio**; and the **Universal Orlando® Resorts Portofino Bay Hotel** and **Royal Pacific Resort**.

The "**Greens of Distinction Award**" by *Corporate & Incentive Travel* featured 11 ALHI members, which included **Boca Raton Resort & Club**; **The Boulders Resort and Golden Door® Spa** in Carefree, Arizona; **Chateau Élan Winery & Resort** in Atlanta; **The Homestead** in Hot Springs, Virginia; **La Costa Resort & Spa**; **Keystone Resort & Conference Center**; and **La Quinta Resort and Club**.

The list goes on and on, and also pertains to "Best" lists by consumer magazines like *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Golf Digest*, and to surveys like Zagat's "Top Hotel Restaurants."

In *Condé Nast Traveler's* list of "**Top Resort Spas**" for 2006, there were eight members of Associated Luxury Hotels that were named to the Top 30. SpaHalekulani at **Halekulani** in Honolulu was named #2 on the prestigious list, which was followed by the spa at **Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows** on the Big Island of Hawaii at #4. Also in the Top 30 were such ALHI members as **The Homestead** in Hot Springs, Virginia; **Pebble Beach Resorts** in California; and Spa Grande at **Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa** in Maui.

In its list of "**Top 25 Ski Hotels**," *Condé Nast Traveler* included six ALHI members, which included **Hotel Jerome** in Aspen; **Pan Pacific Whistler Mountainside** in Whistler, British Columbia; **Topnotch Resort & Spa** in Stowe, Vermont; **Peaks Resort & Golden Door Spa®** in Telluride, Colorado; and **Sun Valley Resort** in Sun Valley, Idaho.

In *Zagat Survey*'s 2006 list of the “**Top Hotel Restaurants in America**,” four of the top 10 restaurants named are located at ALHI member hotels or resorts. Identified as America's best hotel restaurant (rated #1) was The French Room at **The Adolphus** in Dallas. Others in the Top 10 are: Hampton's at **InterContinental Harbor Court** in Baltimore; La Mer at **Halekulani**; and Picasso at **Bellagio**. Also in the Top 100 are 10 more restaurants located within ALHI member hotels and resorts. These include T. Cook's at **Royal Palms Resort and Spa** in Phoenix; Alain Ducasse at **Jumeirah Essex House** in New York City; Prime Steakhouse at **Bellagio**; Orchids at **Halekulani**; Fleur de Lys at **Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino**; Le Cirque and Michael Mina at **Bellagio**; Napa Rose at **Disney's Grand Californian® Hotel & Spa**; Ventana Room at **Loews Ventana Canyon Resort**; and Brightons Orangerie at **InterContinental Harbor Court**.

While *Golf Digest* named 17 ALHI members to its list of “**The 75 Best Golf Resorts In North America**,” with six members in the Top 20.

“We have an outstanding portfolio of award-winning luxury hotels and resorts that are exceptional venues for meetings and incentive programs,” said David Gabri, president and CEO of Associated Luxury Hotels. “Meeting professionals and incentive specialists enjoy easy access to all of these award-winning hotels and resorts, by just one call to our National Sales Network. Then our national sales professionals can provide options to them in order to determine the ideal site for their group.”

With a diverse luxury portfolio of more than 80,000 rooms and suites and over 9 million square feet of meeting space, Associated Luxury Hotels International provides planners with an array of luxury options for meetings and incentive programs requiring from 10 to more than 5,000 rooms – all by just one call to its National Sales Network.

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For information about Associated Luxury Hotels, or to inquire about a meeting at any of the ALHI member properties, contact your nearest Associated Luxury Hotels National Sales office. ALHI has 12 National Sales Offices with locations in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Boston, Northern California, Southern California, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City (MO), New York City, Orlando, and Philadelphia.

You may also call ALHI's "Luxury Group Desk" toll-free at **866-303-ALHI (2544)**. Planners also may call to acquire a copy of Associated Luxury Hotels' "**2007-2008 Guide to Meeting Destinations and Facilities**." Information about ALHI and its member properties also may be obtained by visiting www.alhi.com.

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