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Condé Nast Johansens Luxury Hotel Guide Announces

**Winners of their 2007 Awards for Excellence in
The Americas, Atlantic, Caribbean & Pacific Islands**

Cindy Crawford Co-hosts Gala Ceremony at Hotel Bel-Air

LOS ANGELES (February 6, 2007) -- Condé Nast Johansens, the international luxury travel guide from the “most trusted name in travel publishing,” Condé Nast Publications Ltd., today announced the eagerly awaited winners of the 2007 *Awards for Excellence*. The winners of the prestigious awards were presented last night at the publication’s annual awards gala, held at Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles and co-hosted by supermodel Cindy Crawford. Attendees included hoteliers from premier properties throughout the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Atlantic, Caribbean and Pacific Islands. The full list of winners is included below.

“We are thrilled to have had Cindy Crawford co-host our awards ceremony this year,” said Lesley O’Malley-Keyes, Condé Nast Johansens Vice President and Publishing Director for the Americas. “Cindy’s career has taken her to the most exotic locations around the world. She represents our readers -- discerning, savvy travelers. We’re absolutely delighted for her help in honoring the leaders in the luxury travel industry.”

Awards were presented in 25 categories, including Most Excellent Hotel, Most Excellent Resort and Most Excellent Spa Hotel. The awards also featured categories created specifically to celebrate the ever-growing diversity of the Guide’s offerings, such as Most Excellent Eco Resort, Mexico & Central America; Most Excellent Ranch, USA;

and Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway, Atlantic, Caribbean and Pacific Islands. The winners were voted for by readers of the Guide, hotel guests and the Condé Nast Johansens inspection team.

“With more than 100 extraordinary new properties in the 2007 Guide and our expanded coverage of Canada and Central and South America, I am pleased to say that it was quite a task selecting the winners,” added O’Malley-Keyes. “Condé Nast Johansens recommends only properties that meet our exemplary standards, so the nominees for the Excellence Awards are exceptional and the winners represent the best of the best, the very finest hotels and resorts in the world.”

The nominees were selected by the Condé Nast Johansens team of inspectors, readers, and hotel guests from the 310 properties featured in the 2007 *Recommended Hotels, Inns, Resorts & Spas – The Americas, Atlantic, Caribbean, Pacific*. Guests made their suggestions online at www.johansens.com or by completing one of the Awards for Excellence cards available at all Condé Nast Johansens *Recommended* accommodations.

“The awards represent the wonderfully diverse vacation preferences of our readers,” said O’Malley-Keyes. “While each destination has a distinct personality and signature amenities, each must display an exceptional level of accommodation and service, so whether they’re zip-lining above the forest canopy in Argentina or enjoying tea at a country estate in British Columbia, our readers are assured of only the very best.”

Condé Nast Johansens is the most comprehensive illustrated luxury guide to hotels, inns, resorts, and spas throughout the Americas, Great Britain and Europe, and the only guide book to carry the prestigious and widely-recognized Condé Nast seal of approval. Recommendations are based on excellence, unique style, cuisine, diverse character, and exceptional location, making the Guides one of the most trusted resources for exemplary accommodations.

The Guides, which are celebrating their 25th year of publication in Europe, have attracted a loyal readership in the United States by guarantying that each *Recommended*

property undergoes a rigorous annual inspection process to ensure exceptional quality is maintained year-after-year.

Every *Recommended* hotel or spa in the Guide is awarded the “Condé Nast Mark of Excellence” wall plaque. This prestigious sign of approval serves as a visible endorsement for more than 13 million of the world’s most discerning travelers.

The Guide's easy-to-use format simplifies the independent traveler’s task of selecting and booking accommodations. Each *Recommendation* features rich, full-color exterior and interior hotel photographs, location maps, and details about facilities, rates and contact information.

**The winners of the Condé Nast Johansens 2007 Awards for Excellence,
the Americas, Atlantic, Caribbean & Pacific Islands are:**

USA & CANADA

Most Excellent Resort

The Lodge at Turning Stone - Verona, New York

Most Excellent Inn

Château du Sureau & Spa - Oakhurst, California

Most Excellent Lodge

The Wickaninnish Inn – Tofino, British Columbia

Most Excellent Spa Hotel

Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain – Scottsdale, Arizona

Most Excellent Hotel

The Hay Adams - Washington D.C.

Most Excellent Ranch

Sorrel River Ranch Resort & Spa - Moab, Utah

Most Excellent Small Hotel

L'Auberge Carmel - Carmel-by-the-Sea, California

Most Excellent Golf Resort

The Inn at Palmetto Bluff - Bluffton, South Carolina

Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway

Rancho de San Juan - Española, New Mexico

MEXICO & CENTRAL AMERICA

Most Excellent Resort

One & Only Palmilla – San José del Cabo, Mexico

Most Excellent Hotel

Gaia Hotel & Reserve - Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica

Most Excellent Spa Hotel

Grand Velas All Suites & Spa Resort - Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico

Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway

Casa Nalum - Tulum, Mexico

Most Excellent Eco Resort

Hotel Punta Islita - Islita, Costa Rica

SOUTH AMERICA

Most Excellent Resort

Txai Resort - Itacaré, Brazil

Most Excellent Hotel

Ponta dos Ganchos - Governador Celso Ramos, Brazil

Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway

Sítio do Lobo - Angra dos Reis, Brazil

Most Excellent Spa Hotel

Kurotel - Gramado, Brazil

Most Excellent Lodge

Isla Victoria Lodge - Isla Victoria, Argentina

ATLANTIC, CARIBBEAN & PACIFIC ISLANDS

Most Excellent Resort
Grace Bay Club - Turks & Caicos

Most Excellent Hotel
Horned Dorset Primavera - Puerto Rico

Most Excellent Romantic Hideaway
Royal Davui - Fiji Islands

Most Excellent Spa Hotel
Parrot Cay - Turks & Caicos

THE AMERICAS, ATLANTIC, CARIBBEAN & PACIFIC ISLANDS

Most Excellent Service
Hotel Bel-Air - Los Angeles, California

Most Excellent Business Partner
Spice Island Beach Resort- Grenada

The Condé Nast Johansens international collection of guides are available at select bookstores nationwide, including the 2007 *Recommended Hotels, Inns, Resorts & Spas – The Americas, Atlantic, Caribbean, Pacific*. The Guide Web site, www.johansens.com, offers exclusive seasonal discounts and complimentary access to the international database of luxury accommodations. Consumers can purchase Condé Nast Johansens Guides by calling Condé Nast Johansens at 1-800-564-7518, or via the online bookstore at www.johansens.com. Gift certificates are also available at the Web site.

The complete Condé Nast Johansens international collection includes:

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Recommended Hotels and Spas, Europe and The Mediterranean

Recommended Hotels, Inns, Resorts & Spas The Americas, Atlantic, Caribbean, Pacific

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Recommended Luxury Spas

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