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## **Press Release**

# Minor Hotels Celebrates 27 Accolades at the 2023 Travel+Leisure Luxury Awards Asia Pacific

**Bangkok, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** Minor Hotels, the parent company behind the Anantara, Avani, Tivoli, NH Collection, NH, nhow, Oaks and Elewana hotel brands, is celebrating a total of 27 accolades awarded to its properties throughout the Asia Pacific region in the first annual Travel+Leisure Luxury South East Asia awards recently held in Bangkok.

Travel+Leisure South East Asia, the popular luxury and lifestyle travel magazine, conducted an online survey in which readers rated their overall travel experiences resulting in the first Luxury Asia Pacific Awards. The awards recognise excellence in the travel industry, ranking the best hotels, resorts, cities, islands, pools and leaders from a region covering the Maldives to Australia.

Anantara Kihavah Maldives Villas, won big for the brand taking home two coveted awards - the Best Resort in the Maldives and Best House Reef in the Maldives, while also being voted into the second-spot for Best Spa in the Maldives. Situated along the pristine beaches of the Maldives' Baa Atoll island archipelago, Anantara Kihavah consists of 80 luxury villas, the largest telescope for stargazing in the Indian Ocean and the award winning underwater restaurant and wine cellar SEA. Thanks to its privileged location within the Baa Atoll, a renowned UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Anantara Kihavah is the ideal base from which to explore the world that lies hidden beneath the calm turquoise waters. Built on a naturally formed island, the resort is encircled by a magnificent coral reef that is widely regarded as the best house reef in the Maldives.

In Thailand, Anantara's two northern resorts Anantara Chiang Mai and Anantara Golden Triangle made the top five best upcountry hotels at number 3 and 5 respectively. Minor's wellness offerings in Thailand also fared well with the newly opened BDMS Wellness Clinic Retreat at Anantara Riverside Bangkok Hotel ranked as the fourth best spa, and Clinique La Prairie Bangkok located at the St Regis Bangkok rounded off the top five.

Continuing the top five rankings of the region's best, Anantara Hoi An Resort was voted in at number 2 of the Best Upcountry Hotels in Vietnam, while the history-rich boutique sanctuary Avani+ Luang Prabang Hotel was voted in number 5 position for Best Hotels in Laos.

"On behalf of our hotels, I would like to thank the readers of Travel+Leisure South East Asia for their continuous support," said Mr. Dillip Rajakarier, Group CEO of Minor International and CEO of Minor Hotels. "It's such a pleasure and honour to see our properties in the region listed as the best that the Asia Pacific region has to offer."

















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# Full rankings were as follows:

Maldives

Best resort:

#1 Anantara Kihavah Maldives Villas

Best Pool:

#3 Anantara Kihavah Maldives Villas

Best Spa:

#2 Anantara Kihavah Maldives Villas

#6 Niyama Private Islands

Best House Reef:

# 1 Anantara Kihavah Maldives Villas

Most Outrageous Villas:

#10 Anantara Kihavah Maldives Villas

#### **Thailand**

**Upcountry Hotels:** 

#3 Anantara Chiang Mai Resort

#5 Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp and Resort

City Hotels:

#7 Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel

Beach Island Resorts:

#6 Anantara Layan

Best Pools:

#5 Avani+ Riverside Bangkok Hotel

#7 Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp and Resort

#9 Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort

**Hotel Spas** 

#4 BDMS - Anantara Riverside Bangkok Hotel

#5 Clinique La Prairie Bangkok

#### Vietnam

**Best Upcountry Hotel** 

#2 Anantara Hoi An Resort

Best Beach Resort

#6 Anantara Quy Nhon Villas

Best Hotel Spa

















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#10 Anantara Quy Nhon Villas

Cambodia

City Hotels

#6 Anantara Angkor Resort

#10 FCC Angkor by Avani

**Beach Island Upcounrty Hotels** 

#5 Cardamom Tented Camp

**Hotel Pools** 

#5 Anantara Angkor

Laos

**Best Hotels** 

#5 Avani+ Luang Prabang Hotel

**Best General Managers** 

#2 Beatrice Ellis

**Best Pools** 

#2 Avani+ Luang Prabang Hotel

**Best Spa** 

#4 Avani+ Luang Prabang Hotel

Malaysia

**Best Hotel Pools** 

#3 Anantara Desaru

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#### About Minor Hotels

Minor Hotels is an international hotel owner, operator and investor currently with more than 530 hotels in operation. Minor Hotels passionately explores new possibilities in hospitality with a diverse portfolio of properties designed intelligently to appeal to different kinds of travellers, serving new passions as well as personal needs. Through our Anantara, Avani, Oaks, Tivoli, M Collection, NH Collection, NH, nhow, Elewana, Marriott, Four Seasons, St. Regis, Radisson Blu and Minor International properties, Minor Hotels operates in 56 countries across Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Africa, the Indian Ocean, Europe, South America and North America.

With dynamic plans to expand existing brands and explore strategic acquisitions throughout opportunistic markets, Minor Hotels pursues a vision of a more passionate and interconnected world.

Minor Hotels is part of the GHA DISCOVERY loyalty programme, enabling travellers to savour every moment at home or away, while being recognised and rewarded at participating hotels and resorts worldwide. For more information, please visit www.ghadiscovery.com.

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