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CONDÉ NAST JOHANSENS ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL EUROPE & MEDITERRANEAN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

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Monday 2nd November 2015, London; Condé Nast Johansens is delighted to announce the winners of their 2016 Europe & Mediterranean Awards for Excellence, revealed at the 34th annual Awards Dinner held tonight at The May Fair Hotel in London.

Best Newcomer or Back on the Scene – Pousada Lisboa, Praça do Comércio, Lisbon & Tagus Valley, Portugal

Inhabiting one of the palatial Pombaline buildings in Lisbon's Praça do Comércio (Commerce Square), Pousada Lisboa is a great example of 18th-century Portuguese architecture. After the city's devastating 1755 earthquake, the Marquês de Pombal initiated the restoration of the city, including this building.

Best for Romance – Gran Hotel Son Net, Mallorca, Spain

Fashioning its very own vineyard, Son Net Estate dates back to 1672 and screams quintessential Mallorca. Gran Hotel Son Net's rooms and suites are awash with colonial influences; beautiful four-poster beds and immaculate marble bathrooms big enough to party in!

Best Service – Gran Hotel Bahía del Duque Resort, Tenerife, Spain

A testament to colonial architecture, Gran Hotel Bahía del Duque Resort in Tenerife is a cluster of impeccable villas. So sublimely luxurious, you needn't step out of the resort into the "Island Of The Eternal Spring".

Best Villa or Serviced Apartment – Villa Mahal, Kalkan, Turkey

This little patch of the Lycian Coast honours the few known facts about the ancient Lycian civilisation. Just like these fascinating, mysterious people (who must have been very fit considering this steep mountainous land), Kalkan is enigmatic, independent and terrifically free spirited.

Small and Exclusive – Locanda al Colle, Tuscany, Italy

With the Apuan Alps one way and the Tyrrhenian Coast the other, the hillside town of Camaiore is artfully placed in nature's glory. Set along the ancient pilgrimage route of Via Francigena, the town of Camaiore is home to the utterly brilliant Locanda al Colle restored farmhouse.

Best for Families – Cornelia Diamond Golf Resort & Spa, Antalya, Turkey

Cornelia Diamond Golf Resort & Spa, Belek, is a decadent dream that's been made a reality. Less resort, more miniature kingdom, there's a refreshing emphasis on nature and the environment at this green and pleasant place with accommodation to suit everyone.

Best Value – Hotel Relais Villa del Golfo & Spa, Sardinia, Italy

Sofas on balconies, magnificent vistas and someone on hand to cater to your every whim. This is Hotel Relais Villa del Golfo & Spa on Sardinia's dazzling shore of Cannigione where kicking back has never been so luxurious, so spoiling and bewitching.

Best Dining Experience – Shangri-La Hotel, Paris, France

If it's gastronomy you've come for, nothing beats the Michelin-Starred L'Abeille restaurant at the five-star Shangri-La Hotel, Paris. Here, you can relax with a signature cocktail or fine wine from the extensive cellar after experiencing the exceptional French cuisine. But that's not all, Shangri-La has a second Michelin-Starred Cantonese restaurant, Shang Palace, the first of its kind in Europe, while informal dining takes place in La Bauhina set under a huge glass cupola.

Best Hotel with Spa – Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa, Rome, Italy

The Prince Spa at Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa is a dazzling, sprawling wellness sanctuary, spanning three floors comprising of 12 treatment rooms, two private couple's suites with Jacuzzis, a large fitness centre, hair salon and areas designated for water treatments, relaxation and beauty. There's also an ozone-sanitised indoor pool, and come the summer, the heated semi-Olympic outdoor pool opens where you can chill with light bites and a cocktail or two.

Best Waterside Hotel – Gran Hotel Atlantis Bahía Real, Fuerteventura, Spain

Wrapped up by Blue Ribbon beaches, Gran Hotel Atlantis Bahía Real, Fuerteventura, is a luxury seaside gift. Utopian white sands and turquoise seas provide breathtaking views from this family-friendly hotel resort, which is part of the UNESCO biosphere.

Best Countryside Hotel – Château la Chenevière, Normandy, France

An 18th-century stunner, Château la Chenevière in Normandy ticks all the boxes. Grand yet welcoming, comfy yet elegant furnishings, contemporary yet full of bygone character. It's the epitome of Gallic country house charm.

Best Urban Hotel – Firenze Number Nine, Florence, Italy

Firenze Number Nine is a chameleon of a hotel. To some it's a romantic retreat, for others it's an ideal base for business. For many it's a cool lounge-bar while the body-beautiful flock here for its fitness centre and spa.

Best for Green Practises – Parkhotel Holzner, Trentino, Italy

In 1908 it was cutting edge; today it's packed with character. Welcome to Parkhotel Holzner, a slice of art-nouveau history on the Renon Plateau, 1,200 metres high up in the Italian Dolomites.

Best for Meetings – Palácio Estoril, Hotel, Golf & Spa, Lisbon & Tagus Valley, Portugal

Behind the grand white façade of this fabulous 1930s palace are romantic stories of royalty in exile, espionage and none other than James Bond himself. During World War II, European heads of state flocked to neutral Portugal and the elegant Palácio Estoril was their HQ.

Best for Weddings, Parties and Special Events – Borgo Scopeto Relais, Tuscany, Italy

"Majestic" best describes the 500-year-old Borgo Scopeto Relais, the former Tuscan hillside home of the noble Sozzini family. "Inspiring" summarises the respectful restoration that's brought the estate back to its heyday glory: the ancient stone walls and cypress-lined avenues appear just as they did all those centuries ago.

Condé Nast Johansens Readers' Award – Hotel Brunelleschi, Florence, Italy

Hotel Brunelleschi's biggest attraction is its unbeatable location. A stone's throw from Florence's spectacular cathedral, its terracotta-toned dome engineered by Filippo Brunelleschi is so close, you'll think you can touch it.

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Winners of the Awards each receive a framed certificate, a bottle of Champagne Taittinger and a bespoke Award Winners Moleskine 2016 diary.

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