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Baccarat AsiaSpa Awards 2006

The nominations for this year's Baccarat AsiaSpa Awards (BASA) are announced today, Friday 27th October.

The results collated from the list of resorts and hotels, day spas and wellness centres, spa personalities and brands were nominated by our expert panel of independent judges, and represent a year's worth of spa visits, therapeutic treatments and outstanding service.

The BASA Awards are the most comprehensive awards in Asia, specifically designed to celebrate innovation in the Asian spa and wellness industry. Specifically they were motivated by a desire to give back to the industry that itself gives so much, by recognizing creativity, originality and excellence.

In their second year now, the awards have gathered momentum and increased in size, with the number of categories rising from 16 to 19, with New Spa, Day Spa and Men's Spa Treatments of the Year, and the number of judges and nominations also growing exponentially.

As the spa industry continues to develop, with more and more spas offering increasingly sophisticated design and treatments, and the service to match, the BASA Awards provides a way to benchmark the best of the best, helping to push the standards across the Asian spa and wellness industry.

BASA 2006 Categories

1. Destination Spa of the year
2. Urban Spa of the year
3. Day Spa of the year
4. New Spa of the year
5. Spa Retreat of the year
6. Medi-Spa of the year
7. Asia Spa Destination of the year
8. Spa Association of the year
9. Spa Event of the year
10. Spa Personality of the year
11. Spa Academy of the year
12. In-spa training of the year
13. Spa Interior Design of the year
14. Spa Exterior Design of the year

15. Spa Treatment of the year
16. Men's Spa Treatment of the year
17. Spa Product of the year
18. Spa Cuisine of the year
19. Spa Marketing of the year

The Panel of Judges

Catharine Nicol, editor-in-chief AsiaSpa, Hong Kong
Arjun Sharma, Le Passage to India Tours & Travels, India
Georgia Fell Smith, Spa Alliance, Bali
Grant Thatcher, editor Luxe City Guides, Hong Kong
Jean-Louis Bun, Singapore
Judy Chapman, journalist and author, Singapore
Karen Gouge, Spa Travel, Australia
Kate O'Brien, journalist and author, Hong Kong
Kathleen Moynihan-Rodrigo, Massage for Life Philippines
Leisa Tyler, journalist, Tasmania
Luca Tettoni, photographer, Singapore
Mary Darling, Bali
Michael Simmons, Spa Sounds, Australia
Nadine Oliver-Piamsuphasup, Puriti, Thailand
Najwa Green, Spa Services and Products International, Bali
Olivier Burlot, publisher Adkom, Hong Kong
Parineeta Sethi, editor AsiaSpa India, India
Pete Wong, photojournalist, Malaysia
Rachel Oakes-Ash, journalist, Australia
Sarah Noble, Spa Savvies, UK
Sharon Leece, author, China
Sophie Benge, journalist and author, UK
Susan Teng, World Wide Honey, Singapore
Vanessa Gay, Spa Careers, Australia
Vikram Madhok, Abercrombie and Kent, India
Victoria Liu, Spark Consultants, Taiwan

BASA 2006 Nominations

Destination Spa of the Year

Ananda in the Himalayas, India
Anantara Resort, Golden Triangle, Thailand
Aquum Spa at Huvafen Fushi, Maldives
Banyan Tree Ringha, China
Four Seasons Resort Langkawi, Malaysia
Fuchun Resort, Hangzhou, China
Losari Coffee Plantation Resort & Spa, Central Java, Indonesia

Ritz Carlton Bali Resort & Spa, Indonesia
Soneva Fushi and Six Senses Spa, Maldives
Spa Botanica, Singapore
The Datai, Langkawi, Malaysia
The Racha, Koh Racha, Thailand
Trisara, Phuket, Thailand

Urban Spa of the Year

Amara Spa at the Park Hyatt Dubai
Chi, The Spa at the Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok
Chi, The Spa at the Shangri-la Pudong, Shanghai
Chuan Spa, Langham Hotel, Melbourne
Chuan Spa, Langham Place Hotel, Mongkok, Hong Kong
Evian Spa at Three On The Bund, Shanghai
i.sawan Residential Spa & Club, Grand Hyatt Erawan, Bangkok
Plateau Spa Grand Hyatt Hotel, Hong Kong
The Oriental Spa at The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong
The Peninsula Spa by ESPA, The Peninsula Hong Kong
The Spa at Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong
Wellspring Spa, Grand Formosa Regent Taipei
Xuan Spa Park Hyatt Saigon, Vietnam

Day Spa of the Year

Asian Roots Spa, New Delhi, India
Dragonfly @ Forbidden City, Beijing
DVN Spa and Wellbeing Centre, Bangkok
Elemis Day Spa, Hong Kong
Kirana Spa, Ubud, Bali
Qi at Caravelle Hotel
Raffles Amrita Spa at Raffles Hotel, Singapore
Spa Philosophy, Macau

New Spa of the Year

Anantara Spa at Commune by the Great Wall, Beijing
Banyan Tree Spa at Banyan Tree Lijiang
Chi, The Spa at the Shangri-la Pudong, Shanghai
Hilton Sanya Resort and Spa, Hainan, China
L'Institut de Guerlain, Regent Shanghai
Quan Spa, JW Marriott Hotel, Mumbai
The Peninsula Spa by ESPA, The Peninsula Hong Kong
The Spa at Four Seasons Hotel, Hong Kong
The Spa, Millennium Hilton, Bangkok
Zense of Joy Spa, Bangkok
Zenspa, Beijing

Spa Retreat of the Year

Amala Day Spa, Gaia Retreat & Spa, Byron Bay, Australia

Chiva-Som, Hua Hin, Thailand
COMO Shambhala Estate at Begawan Giri, Ubud, Bali
COMO Shambhala Retreat, Uma Paro, Bhutan
Daintree Spa at Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa, Australia
Gwinganna's Heritage Spa at Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat, Australia
Hippocrates Health Resort of Asia, The Farm at San Benito. Philippines
Holistic Health Spa, Tao Garden Health & Wellness Centre, Thailand
Kamalaya Koh Samui Wellness Sanctuary and Holistic Spa, Thailand
Mandala Spa & Villas, Boracay Island, Philippines
Tamarind Springs Spa, Tamarind Retreat, Koh Samui
The Spa Village at Pangkor Laut Resort, Malaysia

Medi-Spa of the Year

Kalari Kovilakom, CGH Earth, Kerala, India
Chiva-Som, Hua Hin, Thailand
Hippocrates Health Resort of Asia, The Farm at San Benito. Philippines
Holistic Health Spa, Tao Garden Health & Wellness Centre, Thailand
Kairali Ayurvedic Health Resort, Kerala, India
S Medical Spa, Bangkok

Spa Capital of the Year

Bali
Hong Kong
India
Japan
Malaysia
Maldives
Philippines
Singapore
Thailand
Vietnam

Spa Association of the Year

Asia Pacific Spa And Wellness Council
Australasian Spa Association
Bali Spa Association
International Spa Association
Spa Association of Philippines
Spa Association Singapore
Taiwan Spa Association
Thai Spa Association

Spa Event of the Year

AsiaSpa Exhibition, New Delhi
Aspa Annual Conference, Australia
Beauty6 Expo Malaysia
Cosmoprof Asia

Health and Beauty Show, Thailand
ISPA Asia
Turning Point Spa Seminar
Wellness and Spas, Middle East
Wellness Summit, Hua Hin, Thailand

Spa Personality of the Year

Adrien Zecha, Amanresorts
Bill Heineke, MSpa International
Don Siegel, Turning Point
Dr Pakpilai Thavisin, S Medical Spa, Bangkok
Geraldine Howard, Aromatherapy Associates
Ian Brewis, Shangri-La
Karen Reina, Mandala Spa
Samantha Foster, Asia Pacific Spa and Wellness Council
Sonu Shivdasani, Six Senses Resorts and Spas
Vikram Oberoi, Oberoi Hotels & Resorts

Spa Academy of the Year

Banyan Tree Spa Academy, Phuket
Chiva-Som Academy
Martha Tilaar Academy, Indonesia
Pacific Spa Academy, KL
Spa Professionals International Development Centre, Philippines
Spa Sessions
SPAcademy by Raffles International, Singapore
Spark Academy and Consultants, Taiwan
Thai Spa Academy
The Frederique Academy, Hong Kong

In-Spa Training of the Year

Banyan Tree Hotels and Resorts
Chiva-Som
ESPA
Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts
Mandala Spa & Villas, Boracay
Mandara Spa
Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group
Oberoi Hotels & Resorts
Paua Group
Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts
Six Senses Resorts & Spas
Spa Botanica, Singapore
Taj Hotels, Resorts & Palaces

Spa Interior Design of the Year

Chi, The Spa at the Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok

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Devarana Spa, Dusit Thani Bangkok Hotel, Thailand
Evian Spa at Three On The Bund, Shanghai
Hilton Maldives Resort & Spa Rangali Island
Hyatt Pure Spa at Park Hyatt Tokyo, Japan
Jiva Spa, Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur, India
Orient Retreat Spa, Taichung, Taiwan
Plateau Spa Grand Hyatt Hotel, Hong Kong
The Lalu Spa, The Lalu, Taiwan
The Oberoi Spa and Fitness Tent, Oberoi Vanyavilas, India
The Oriental Spa at The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong
The Peninsula Spa by ESPA, The Peninsula Hong Kong
The Quan Spa, JW Marriott Hotel, Mumbai
The Spa at Four Seasons Hotel, Hong Kong
Waterfloor at M Hotel Singapore

Spa Exterior Design of the Year

Amanusa, Bali
Aquum Spa at Huvafen Fushi, Maldives
Baan Thai Wellness Retreat, Bangkok
Chi Spa Village, Shangri-la's Mactan Island Resort & Spa, Cebu, Philippines
COMO Shambhala, Uma Paro, Bhutan
Earth Spa at Evason Hideaway & Six Senses Spa, Hua Hin, Thailand
Four Seasons Resort Langkawi, Malaysia
i.sawan Residential Spa & Club, Grand Hyatt Erawan, Bangkok
Kayumanis Spa, Kayumanis Private Villa & Spa, Ubud, Bali
Losari Coffee Plantation Resort, Central Java, Indonesia
Ritz Carlton Bali Resort & Spa, Indonesia
Soneva Gili & Six Senses Spa, Maldives
Spa Indochine, Hotel de la Paix, Siem Reap, Cambodia
The Spa, Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan, Ubud, Bali

Spa Treatment of the Year

Brilliant Resort & Spa, Yunnan, Hot Springs
Chi Spa, Shangri-La, Himalayan Healing Stone Massage
Elemis Day Spa, Exotic Coconut Rub and Milk Ritual Wrap
Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay, Lithos Hot Stone Treatment
Landmark Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong, Aromatherapy Associates Ultimate Body Treatment
Mandara Spa, Mandara Massage (Four Hands)
Mandarin Oriental Macau, Macanese Sangria Ritual
Per Aquum Spas - Maldivian Monsoon Ritual
Ritz Carlton Bali Resort & Spa, Aquatonic Pool
Ritz Carlton Bali Resort & Spa, Spa on the Rocks La Mer Treatments
S Med Spa Bangkok, Half-day Purification Program
Spa MTM Hong Kong, Sajura Revival Therapy
The Observatory Spa, Li'Tya, The Dreaming

The Peninsula Hong Kong, Peninsula Creations by ESPA Signature Body Treatments

Men's Spa Treatment of the Year

Aromatherapy Associates, Men's Aromatherapy Facial

Chiva Som - The Ultimate Shave

Chuan Spa Langham Place Hotel, Mongkok, Hong Kong, A Man's World

Elemis, Skin IQ Facial

Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong, Olive Rub

H2O The Men's Spa, Dubai, Floatation Pool

Landmark Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong, hammam

Maya Ubud – The Refined Man

Sivara Spa, Amari Hotels & Resorts, Exquisite Spirulina Facial

Spa Botanica Singapore, Rooibos Face & Body Anti-aging Delight

Spa Product of the Year

Aromatherapy Associates

Avancé

Babor

Biodroga

Comfort Zone

Decléor

Elemis

Jurlique

Li'Tya

Payot

Pevonia

Phytomer

Sodashi

Sundari

Thalgo

Spa Cuisine of the Year

Amanpuri, Philippines

Banyan Tree Phuket, Thailand

Chiva-Som, Hua Hin, Thailand

COMO Shambhala Estate at Begawan Giri, Bali

Evason Hideaway and Six Senses Spa, Hua Hin

Gwinganna Wellness Retreat, Australia

I-Spa, InterContinental Hong Kong

Mandarin Oriental Dhara Devi, Chiang Mai

Maya Ubud Resort & Spa, Ubud, Bali

Plateau Spa, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Hong Kong

The Farm at San Benito, Philippines

The Mangosteen Resort & Spa, Phuket

Spa Marketing of the Year

Amari Hotels & Resorts
Club Med Resorts
Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts
Hyatt Hotels and Resorts
Jumeirah Luxury Hotels & Resorts Group
Mandara Spa
Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group
Marriott Hotels
MSpa International
Ritz Carlton Hotels and Resorts
S Med Spa Bangkok
Shangri-La Hotels
Six Senses Spas
Taj Hotels

Best of luck to all who have been nominated!

The final voting of the BASA Awards 2006 will be undertaken by our judges, who will send their votes straight to our lawyers, who will compile the results.

The Baccarat AsiaSpa Awards winners will be announced on Thursday November 16th at the Baccarat AsiaSpa Awards ceremony at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Hong Kong.

The winners will also be presented in the 4th anniversary issue, January/February 2007, of AsiaSpa magazine.

Any questions please don't hesitate to email us at awards@adkom.com

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