

## **AsiaSpa Awards 2007**

### **Presented at the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong**

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2007: Last night the winners of the third year of the AsiaSpa Awards, presented by AsiaSpa magazine, the region's most recognised spa and wellness publication, were announced at a glittering evening in Hong Kong. Celebrating the best in terms of innovation and quality that Asia's spa industry can offer, the 26 categories, voted on by 28 independent judges, were won by the spas, spa personalities, events, associations and resorts that set the benchmarks in the region.**

Thailand had the most number of winners: The Peninsula Spa by ESPA at The Peninsula Bangkok winning New Spa of the Year, Earth Spa by Six Senses at the Evason Hideaway Hua Hin taking the Eco-Spa award, S Medical Spa in Bangkok winning Medi-Spa of the Year, Chiva-Som International Health Resort winning In-spa Training and i.sawan Residential Spa and Club at the Grand Hyatt Erawan going home with Men's Spa Treatment of the year.

Indonesia also came up with numerous winners, with Bali walking away with Spa Capital of the Year following the Maldives' success last year, the new Kriya Spa at Grand Hyatt Bali snapping up Spa Interior of the Year, and COMO Shambhala Estate at Begawan Giri in Bali winning the prized Destination Spa of the Year.

Malaysia, India, China, Philippines, Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore all had winners too, and while big brands Hyatt Hotels and Resorts, Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts and The Ritz-Carlton Hotels and Resorts were represented, independent spas like Mandala Spa and Villas, Boracay and Spa Esprit @ House in Singapore also made the winner's podium.

“It's wonderful to be able to gather so many of Asia's spa industry drivers together and celebrate another year of innovation and stellar progress,” said Olivier Burlot, CEO of Adkom Media. “The AsiaSpa Awards are now a firm fixture in the industry's calendar and we are proud of their integrity and success.”

“A big thank you to all our judges, whose experience and industry knowledge are essential ingredients of the awards,” said Catharine Nicol, Editor-in-chief of AsiaSpa. “With their support AsiaSpa is dedicated to raising the profile of the industry, as well as encouraging the setting of standards and pushing forward the barriers of innovation. It is great to be part of such a wonderful regional industry.”

Hosted and sponsored by the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, the black and silver themed event took place in The Residence. Entertainment was provided by a jazz trio by Innotation, as over 350 industry VIPs networked while the champagne flowed and delicious canapés were tasted. Sponsors Baccarat displayed their stunning glass jewelry, the event was decorated with flowers by Tiffany Flowers and candles from The Candle Company, and guests walked away with goodie bags including fabulous products from Payot, Carolina Herrera and Nina Ricci. Special guests included Oriane Hong of Baccarat, Mr Matsushita of AsiaSpa Japan, Mr Rajiv Sethi of AsiaSpa India and Rodney Heng of the Hong Kong Cancer Fund.

**The winners of the AsiaSpa Awards 2007 are:**

**Destination Spa of the Year** – Como Shambhala Estate at Begawan Giri, Bali, Indonesia

**Urban Spa of the Year** – Spa Village, The Ritz-Carlton Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Day Spa of the Year** – Spa Esprit @ Dempsey House, Singapore

**New Spa of the Year** – The Peninsula Spa by ESPA, The Peninsula Bangkok, Thailand

**Spa for Men of the Year** – The Spa, Four Seasons Hong Kong

**Spa Retreat of the Year** – Ananda Spa, Ananda in the Himalayas, India

**Eco-Spa of the Year** – Earth Spa by Six Senses, Evason Hideaway at Hua Hin, Thailand

**Medi-Spa of the Year** – S Medical Spa, Bangkok, Thailand

**Asian Spa Capital of the Year** – Bali

**Spa Association of the Year** – Australasian Spa Association

**Spa Event of the Year** – Turning Point Spa Seminar 2007, Shanghai

**Spa Personality of the Year** – Samantha Foster, Director of International Projects Chiva-Som and Chairperson of APSWC

**Spa Academy of the Year** - SPAcademy by Raffles International, Singapore

**In-Spa Training of the Year** - Chiva-Som International Health Resort, Thailand

**Spa Interior of the Year** – Kriya Spa, Grand Hyatt Bali, Indonesia

**Spa Exterior of the Year** – Spa Village, Pangkor Laut Resort, Malaysia

**Spa Treatment of the Year** – Jade Journey, Chi, The Spa at Shangri-La, Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts

**Holistic Treatment of the Year** – Hilot Trilogy, Mandala Spa, Boracay, Philippines

**Men's Spa Treatment of the Year** – Man's Space, i.sawan Residential Club and Spa, Grand Hyatt Erawan, Bangkok, Thailand

**Spa's Therapist Team of the Year** – The Oriental Spa and The Ayurvedic Penthouse, The Oriental Bangkok, Thailand

**Product of the Year** – Elemis

**Anti-aging Product of the Year** – Pevonia Botanica

**Natural Product of the Year** – Aromatherapy Associates

**Men's Product of the Year** – Pevonia Botanica

**Spa Cuisine of the Year** – COMO Shambhala Estate at Begawan Giri, Bali, Indonesia

**Spa Marketing of the Year** – Chi, The Spa at Shangri-La, Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts

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