

HotelPlanner.com Announced the Winners of the 2019 American Group Travel Awards

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MIAMI, Dec. 3, 2019 /PRNewswire-PRWeb/ -- Last night, HotelPlanner, a leading online provider of group hotel bookings and individual hotel stays worldwide, proudly announced the winners of the 2019 American Group Travel Awards (AGTA).

Held on December 2nd at the Eden Roc Miami Beach, the sixth-annual awards gala was hosted by Dylan Ratigan, former financial and cable news host, New York Times best-selling author, filmmaker and impact entrepreneur. Fifteen award categories were presented throughout the evening, recognizing those organizations offering the highest quality of group travel experiences and outstanding services across hotels, casinos, cruise lines, convention centers, travel agencies, and more. Accepting the first-ever AGTA World Hospitality Award was Paul Oakenfold, world-renowned record producer and trance DJ.

"On behalf of the entire team at HotelPlanner, I would like to congratulate the evening's winners for their exceptional work in advancing the group travel industry. All of the nominees continue to raise the bar by providing services that not only meet but exceed customer expectations. It is an honor to celebrate their terrific achievements," said Tim Hentschel, Co-Founder and CEO of HotelPlanner.

Over 300 of the industry's top executives, travel organizers and journalists attended AGTA. Guests enjoyed music throughout the evening by New York's DJ Dalton and special performances by singer/songwriter Cairo Gold and songwriting/production duo The Wavys. The evening concluded with a Diamond raffle giveaway for a one-carat diamond and magnum bottle of champagne with all proceeds going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the official charity of the 2019 AGTA.

The evening was generously sponsored by Best Western Hotels & Resorts, Choice Hotels, Daszkal Bolton, Hotels.com, iPG360, Kolter Hospitality, Landor Travel Publications, Premier Travel Media, Priceline.com, Radisson, TraVertex, Westgate Resorts & Hotels and Wyndham Hotels & Resorts.

Images from the evening by BFA can be found below:

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The winners of the 2019 American Group Travel Awards are as follows:

Best Hotel Brand – Full Service

Winner: Marriott Hotels & Resorts

Best Hotel Brand – Limited Service

Winner: Cambria Hotels

Best Hotel Brand – Boutique

Winner: Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants

Best Destination Resort Brand

Winner: Grand Hyatt

Best Sports Team Travel Hotel Brand
Winner: Country Inn and Suites by Radisson

Best Wedding Hotel Brand
Winner: The Ritz-Carlton

Best Casino/Convention Hotel
Winner: Treasure Island Las Vegas

Best Hotel Brand - Independent
Winner: Westgate Resorts & Hotels

Best Hotel Brand - Extended Stay Economy
Winner: Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham

Best New/Emerging Hotel Brand
Winner: Sadie Hotel by Best Western

Best Hotel Management Company
Winner: Interstate Hotels & Resorts

Best Housing Company for Citywide Events & Meetings
Winner: Experient

Best Group Registration Company
Winner: Eventbrite

Best Online Travel Agency
Winner: Expedia

Best Cruise Line
Winner: Royal Caribbean International

World Hospitality Award
Winner: Paul Oakenfold

About American Group Travel Awards:

The American Group Travel Awards (AGTA) was created by Tim Hentschel, CEO of HotelPlanner.com, and Peter Stonham, Editorial Director at Landor Travel Publications. Mr. Hentschel and Mr. Stonham organized the AGTA to recognize all the effort and dedication that organizations in the United States put into providing group travelers with exceptional travel experiences.

The concept was introduced into the marketplace by Peter Stonham who, with Group Travel Organiser, have been providing group travelers with information and ideas for group travel trips since 1988. The event in London, called the UK Group Travel Awards, is attended by nearly 500 attendees and awards are provided in 23 categories.

HotelPlanner and Landor Travel Publications also launched the European Group Travel Awards which took place in Berlin, Germany on March 9th, 2017 at the Intercontinental Hotel Berlin. The European Group Travel Awards recognizes the finest suppliers on the continent that specialize in group travel.