

**MOST MAGNIFICENT IN HOSPITALITY CROWNED AT  
HAUTE GRANDEUR GLOBAL AWARDS™ GALA CEREMONY**

**Kings and queens of hospitality reign supreme at Haute Grandeur Global Awards™  
hosted on 1 November 2018 at Palazzo Versace Dubai.**

Recognised as the most prestigious event on the luxury hospitality calendar, the Haute Grandeur Global Awards™ ceremony brings together a guest list of esteemed industry VIPs, influencers and personalities. The Awards celebrate the best hospitality experiences, recognizing the world's most exceptional hotels, spas and restaurants.

Each year, top luxury hospitality brands vie for the ultimate accolade in overall excellence. Only the best of the best is awarded for exceptional achievement and greatest contribution to the industry.

“The hospitality industry is highly competitive. Only those who constantly exceed attain prestige,” says Haute Grandeur Founder and President, Marinique de Wet. “Healthy competition is essential to inspire excellence because it ensures sustainability in the most prosperous industries – those that create jobs globally. Association with Haute Grandeur guarantees participating establishments status and distinction. We are proud to contribute to raising the standards of excellence in hospitality worldwide.”

Splendor and elegance set the scene for a spectacular occasion, with winners from over 60 countries attending the red-carpet Gala Ceremony in Dubai – hosted by Thai celebrity emcee Able Wanamakok. Among the dignitaries were key speaker Abdullah Yousuf, Senior Manager of Dubai Business Events representing Dubai Touris, Editor of Official Bespoke Nicolas Shammass, and Managing Editor of Forbes Middle East Claudine Coletti. Guests were treated to the finest cuisine prepared by celebrity chef Mansour Memorial, with entertainment provided by Dubai's famous V3 band.

In the world of Award initiatives, Haute Grandeur is unmatched. Excellence is recognised through feedback from guests and not quantity of votes by the general public or a panel of judges. This fair and transparent process guarantees unbiased results – a concept exclusive to Haute Grandeur.

“The Awards inspire even greater success in already remarkable hospitality establishments and set a new standard of excellence,” says De Wet. “The Haute Grandeur Global Awards™ is more than just a celebration of our dignitaries' achievements. It honors the principles of hard work, commitment, determination, leadership and success.”

“To win a Haute Grandeur Award an establishment must excel on all levels”, says De Wet. “Haute Grandeur Global Awards are recognised as a guaranteed golden stamp of excellence, with associated establishments perceived as the benchmark in the industry. By awarding only the most remarkable, Haute Grandeur inspires already exceptional hotels, spas and restaurants to achieve even greater heights. So, the winners have truly attained the ultimate in excellence, recognized with the highest accolade.”

Among the victorious were top hotel, spa and restaurant brands. Acclaimed hospitality groups represented on the night included: Accor, Anantara, Banyan Tree, Dusit Thani, Fairmont, Hilton, Kempinski & Alila Hotels & Resorts, Mandarin Oriental, Marriot, Six Senses, Sofitel, St Regis, The Four Seasons, The Peninsula, Rosewood, The Ritz Carlton and Westin.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the overall winner for 2018, Five Palm Jumeirah Dubai. Set on Palm Jumeirah, Dubai's most iconic location, the hotel is celebrated for its inspiring guest experiences. This lifestyle hotel combines contemporary architectural design with intuitive personalized service, bringing luxury, glamour and outstanding hospitality to the jet-set social scene of the city.

“It was a great honor for us to host this prestigious Awards event”, says General Manager of Palazzo Versace Dubai, Sandra Tikal. “The night was a great success. The Awards recognize the people who work with unwavering dedication to excel and reflects our commitment to excellence.”

Haute Grandeur collaborated with global media partners Forbes and Official BESPOKE. Other partners included Emirates Airlines, Dubai Tourism, VOYA, UBER, The Dollhouse, The Hall Collection, ITB Asia and Matrix Events & Wise Monkeys Productions.

The next Haute Grandeur Global Awards Gala Ceremony will take place in October 2019. To become a member or for more information, please visit [www.hautegrandeur.com](http://www.hautegrandeur.com).

**Note to Editors:**

**About Haute Grandeur Global Awards™**

The Haute Grandeur Global Awards™ is the world's leading, most respected luxury hospitality Awards initiative, honoring establishments that continuously excel through remarkable hospitality experiences. The Awards recognize exceptional contributions by hotels, lodges, casinos, resorts, retreats, spas and restaurants worldwide.

Association with Haute Grandeur guarantees participating establishments global recognition, distinction, credibility and influence. The Awards are revered as the highest accolade in hospitality – a promise of unparalleled service excellence.

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