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**Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide Announce  
2020 Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence Nominee Finalists**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—November 23, 2020 Historic Hotels of America® and Historic Hotels Worldwide® are pleased to announce the nominee finalists for the 2020 Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence. The Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence recognize and celebrate the finest historic hotels and hoteliers from across the United States of America and from around the world.

Nominee finalists are selected from nominations received from historic hotels, preservation supporters, prior award recipients, community leaders, and leadership from Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide. As official programs of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide provide the recognition to travelers, civic leaders, and the global cultural, heritage, and historic travel market that member hotels are among the finest historic hotels across America and around the world. The Historic Hotels Annual Awards of Excellence program recognizes the pinnacle of this distinct group of nominees in a range of categories.

From over 200 nominations, the awards committee evaluated and after careful consideration selected the following 2020 award nominee finalists:

**Historic Hotels of America New Member of the Year**

- Inns of Aurora (1833) Aurora, New York
- Riggs Washington DC (1891) Washington, DC
- Hotel Colorado (1893) Glenwood Springs, Colorado
- Stonepine Estate (1920) Carmel, California
- The Savoy Hotel & Beach Club (1935) Miami, Florida

**Best Social Media of a Historic Hotel**

- Antrim 1844 (1844) Taneytown, Maryland
- 1886 Crescent (1886) Eureka Springs, Arkansas
- Jekyll Island Club Resort (1886) Jekyll Island, Georgia
- Grand Hotel, (1887) Mackinac Island, Michigan
- Hotel Boulderado (1909) Boulder, Colorado
- The Wigwam (1912) Litchfield Park, Arizona
- Haywood Park (1923) Asheville, North Carolina
- Francis Marion Hotel (1924) Charleston, South Carolina
- The Raphael Hotel (1928) Kansas City, Missouri
- Skytop Lodge (1928) Skytop, Pennsylvania

**Sustainability Champion**

- Mohonk Mountain House (1869) New Paltz, New York
- Airlie (1892) Warrenton, Virginia
- Claremont Club & Spa, A Fairmont Hotel (1915) Berkeley, California

- The American Club at Destination Kohler (1918) Kohler, Wisconsin
- La Fonda on the Plaza (1922) Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Francis Marion Hotel (1924) Charleston, South Carolina
- Westin Poinsett (1925) Greenville, South Carolina
- Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa (1927) Sonoma, California
- Hilton Chicago (1927) Chicago, Illinois

**Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel (Under 75 Guestrooms)**

- Hotel El Convento (1651) Old San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Antrim 1844 (1844) Taneytown, Maryland
- Middlebury Inn (1827) Middlebury, Vermont
- Wentworth Mansion (1886) Charleston, South Carolina
- Ledges Hotel (1890), Hawley, Pennsylvania
- Castle Hill Resort (1905) Cavendish, Vermont
- Haywood Park Hotel (1923) Asheville, North Carolina
- Inn on Boltwood (1926) Amherst, Massachusetts

**Best Historic Hotel (76-200 Guestrooms)**

- Jekyll Island Club Resort (1886) Jekyll Island, Georgia
- Riggs Washington DC (1891) Washington, DC
- Hotel Boulderado (1909) Boulder, Colorado
- The Otesaga Resort Hotel & The Cooper Inn (1909) Cooperstown, New York
- La Valencia Hotel (1926) La Jolla, California
- Phoenix Park Hotel (1922) Washington, DC
- The Raphael Hotel (1928) Kansas City, Missouri
- Skytop Lodge (1928) Skytop, Pennsylvania
- The King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort (1935) St. Simons Island, Georgia

**Best Historic Hotel (201-400 Guestrooms)**

- The Willard InterContinental (1818) Washington, DC
- Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa (1852) Mobile, Alabama
- The Historic Menger Hotel (1859) San Antonio, Texas
- West Baden Springs Hotel at French Lick Resort (1902) West Baden, Indiana
- The Candler Hotel Atlanta, Curio Collection by Hilton (1904) Atlanta, Georgia
- HOTEL DU PONT(1913) Wilmington, Delaware
- The Skirvin Hilton (1913) Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Francis Marion Hotel (1924) Charleston, South Carolina
- The Fairfax at Embassy Row (1927) Washington, DC
- Mauna Kea Beach Hotel (1965) Kohala Coast, Hawaii

**Best Historic Hotel (Over 400 Guestrooms)**

- Palmer House®, a Hilton Hotel (1871) Chicago, Illinois
- Hotel Monteleone (1886) New Orleans, Louisiana
- Hotel del Coronado, Curio Collection by Hilton (1888) Coronado, California
- Martinique New York on Broadway, Curio Collection by Hilton (1898) New York, New York
- Omni William Penn Hotel Pittsburgh (1916) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- The Drake Hotel (1920) Chicago, Illinois

- Lord Baltimore Hotel (1928) Baltimore, Maryland

### **Best City Center Historic Hotel**

- Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa (1852) Mobile, Alabama
- The Peabody Memphis (1869) Memphis, Tennessee
- The Martinique New York on Broadway, Curio Collection (1896) New York, New York
- Fairmont San Francisco (1907) San Francisco, California
- Hotel Boulderado (1909) Boulder, Colorado
- HOTEL DU PONT (1913) Wilmington, Delaware
- The Skirvin Hilton (1913) Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC (1930) Washington, DC
- La Fonda on the Plaza (1922) Santa Fe, New Mexico
- The Huntington Hotel (1924) San Francisco, California
- Lord Baltimore Hotel (1928) Baltimore, Maryland

### **Best Historic Resort**

- Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa (1865) Whitefield, New Hampshire
- Castle Hill Resort (1905) Cavendish, Vermont
- The Omni Grove Park Inn (1913) Asheville, North Carolina
- The American Club at Destination Kohler (1918) Kohler, Wisconsin
- Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa (1927) Sonoma, California
- Silver Birches Resort (1927) Hawley, Pennsylvania
- The Wigwam (1929) Litchfield Park, Arizona
- The King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort (1935) St. Simons Island, Georgia

### **Hotel Historian of the Year**

- Jeff Lane at French Lick Resort (1845) French Lick, Indiana
- Susan Stein at Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa (1847) Point Clear, Alabama
- Susan Wilson at Omni Parker House (1855) Boston, Massachusetts
- Doug Weatherford at The Peabody Memphis (1869) Memphis, Tennessee
- Sherri Zacher at Jekyll Island Club Resort (1887) Jekyll Island, Georgia
- Laurel McKown at Hotel Boulderado (1909) Boulder, Colorado
- Tom Vickstrom at The Hermitage Hotel (1910) Nashville, Tennessee
- Cherie LeJeune at The American Club at Destination Kohler (1918) Kohler, Wisconsin
- Ed Pulsifer at La Fonda on the Plaza (1922) Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Pamela McClain at The Raphael Hotel (1928) Kansas City, Missouri

### **Best Historic Restaurant in Conjunction with a Historic Hotel**

- The Crystal Room at Omni Bedford Springs Resort & Spa (1806) Bedford, Pennsylvania
- Smokehouse Restaurant at Antrim 1844 Taneytown, Maryland
- Chez Philippe at The Peabody Memphis (1869) Memphis, Tennessee
- Lemaire at The Jefferson Hotel (1895) Richmond, Virginia
- Castle Hill Restaurant at Castle Hill Resort (1905) Cavendish, Vermont
- Capitol Grille at The Hermitage Hotel (1910) Nashville, Tennessee
- Le Cavalier at the Green Room at HOTEL DU PONT (1913) Wilmington, Delaware
- The Immigrant Restaurant at The American Club (1918) Kohler, Wisconsin
- Swamp Fox Restaurant at the Francis Marion Hotel (1924) Charleston, South Carolina

### **Legendary Family Historic Hoteliers of the Year**

- The Mollett Family at Antrim 1844 in Taneytown, Maryland
- The Callewaert Family at Island House Hotel (1852) Mackinac Island, Michigan
- The Marcus Family at The Pfister Hotel (1893) Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- The Kohler Family at The American Club at Destination Kohler (1910) Kohler, Wisconsin
- The Hardy Family at The Lodge at Nemaconlin Woodlands Resort (1968) Farmington, Pennsylvania

### **Historic Hotelier of the Year**

- Joseph Vezzoso at French Lick Resort (1845) French Lick, Indiana
- Randy Howat at Inns of Distinction, LLC (1861) Pennsylvania
- Nina Smiley at Mohonk Mountain House (1869) New Paltz, New York
- Linda Price Topp at The Pfister Hotel (1893) Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Dee Patel at The Hermitage Hotel (1910) Nashville, Tennessee
- Jennifer Kimball at La Fonda on the Plaza™ (1922) Santa Fe, New Mexico

### **Steward of History and Historic Preservation**

- Eugene Lucas at The Historic Menger Hotel (1859) San Antonio, Texas, The Brown Hotel (1923) Louisville, Kentucky, Crockett Hotel (1909) San Antonio, Texas, The Cliff House at Pikes Peak (1873) Manitou Springs, Colorado
- Steve Bartolin at The Broadmoor (1918), Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Richard Bernstein at Henley Park Hotel (1918), Morrison-Clark Historic Inn (1864), Hotel Lombardy (1926) Washington, DC
- General Gregory Melikian (retired) at Hotel San Carlos (1928) Phoenix, Arizona

### **Best Historic Hotels Worldwide hotel in Europe**

- Kilkea Castle (1180) Castledermot, Ireland
- La Bagnai Golf & Spa Resort Siena, Curio Collection by Hilton (11<sup>th</sup> Century) Siena, Italy
- Sofitel Legend The Grand Amsterdam (1578) Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Hotel Union Øye (1891) Norangsfjorden, Norway
- Tivoli Palacio de Seteais (1787) Sintra, Portugal
- Great Southern Killarney (1854) Killarney, Ireland
- Hotel Regina Louvre (1900) Paris, France
- Grand Hotel Tremezzo (1910) Lake Como, Tremezzo, Italy

### **Best Historic Hotels Worldwide hotel in Asia/Pacific**

- Alsisar Haveli (1892) Jaipur, India
- The Strand Hotel (1901) Yangon, Myanmar
- Beijing Hotel NUO (1917) Beijing, China
- Hotel New Grand (1927) Yokohama, Japan
- The Yangtze Boutique Shanghai (1933) Shanghai, China

### **Best Historic Hotels Worldwide hotel in the Americas**

- Alfiz Hotel (17<sup>th</sup> Century) Cartagena, Colombia
- Hamilton Princess & Beach Club (1885) Hamilton, Bermuda
- Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu (1899) Quebec, Canada
- Fairmont Empress (1908) British Columbia, Canada
- Mayaland Hotel & Bungalows (1923) Yucatan, Mexico

- Fairmont Le Château Montebello (1930) Quebec, Canada

“It is an honor to congratulate all the 2020 award nominees,” said Lawrence Horwitz, Executive Vice President, Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide. “The nominee finalists exemplify the finest historic hotels and hoteliers from the across the United States and from around the world. The historic hotels nominated include small historic inns, boutique hotels, lifestyle hotels, and resorts. They represent small towns to large cities to UNESCO World Heritage destinations. We applaud the dedication and passion of the thousands of individuals working at these iconic and legendary hotels that keep the stories alive from the past and make staying or celebrating special occasions at these historic hotels memorable experiences. The hotels on this list represent the best spirit of perseverance and preservation of Historic Hotels. Through the many chapters these buildings have seen, it is the care of their staff, owners, and operators and the support of travelers that allow these stories to continue.”

### **About Historic Hotels of America®**

Historic Hotels of America is the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for recognizing and celebrating the finest Historic Hotels. Historic Hotels of America has more than 300 historic hotels. These historic hotels have all faithfully maintained their authenticity, sense of place, and architectural integrity in the United States of America, including 44 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Historic Hotels of America is comprised of mostly independently owned and operated historic hotels. More than 30 of the world’s finest hospitality brands, chains, and collections are represented in Historic Hotels of America. To be nominated and selected for membership into this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least 50 years old; has been designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark or listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and recognized as having historic significance. For more information, please visit [HistoricHotels.org](http://HistoricHotels.org).

### **About Historic Hotels Worldwide®**

Historic Hotels Worldwide® is a prestigious collection of historic treasures, including historic hotels, castles, chateaus, palaces, academies, haciendas, villas, monasteries, and other historic lodging spanning ten centuries. Historic Hotels Worldwide represents the finest global collection of more than 260 historic hotels in more than 42 countries. Historic Hotels Worldwide is dedicated to promoting heritage and cultural travel to prestigious historic treasures. Hotels inducted into Historic Hotels Worldwide are authentic historic treasures, demonstrate historic preservation, and celebrate historic significance. Embracing luxury hotel brands, chains, collections, and the finest independent historic hotels, participation is limited to those distinctive historic hotels that adhere to the following criteria: minimum age for the building is 75 years or older; historically relevant as a significant location with a historic district, historically significant landmark, place of a historic event, former home of a famous person, or historic city center; hotel celebrates its history by showcasing memorabilia, artwork, photography, and other examples of its historic significance; recognized by national preservation or heritage buildings organization or located within UNESCO World Heritage Site; presently used as historic hotel. To learn more visit [www.HistoricHotelsWorldwide.com](http://www.HistoricHotelsWorldwide.com)

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