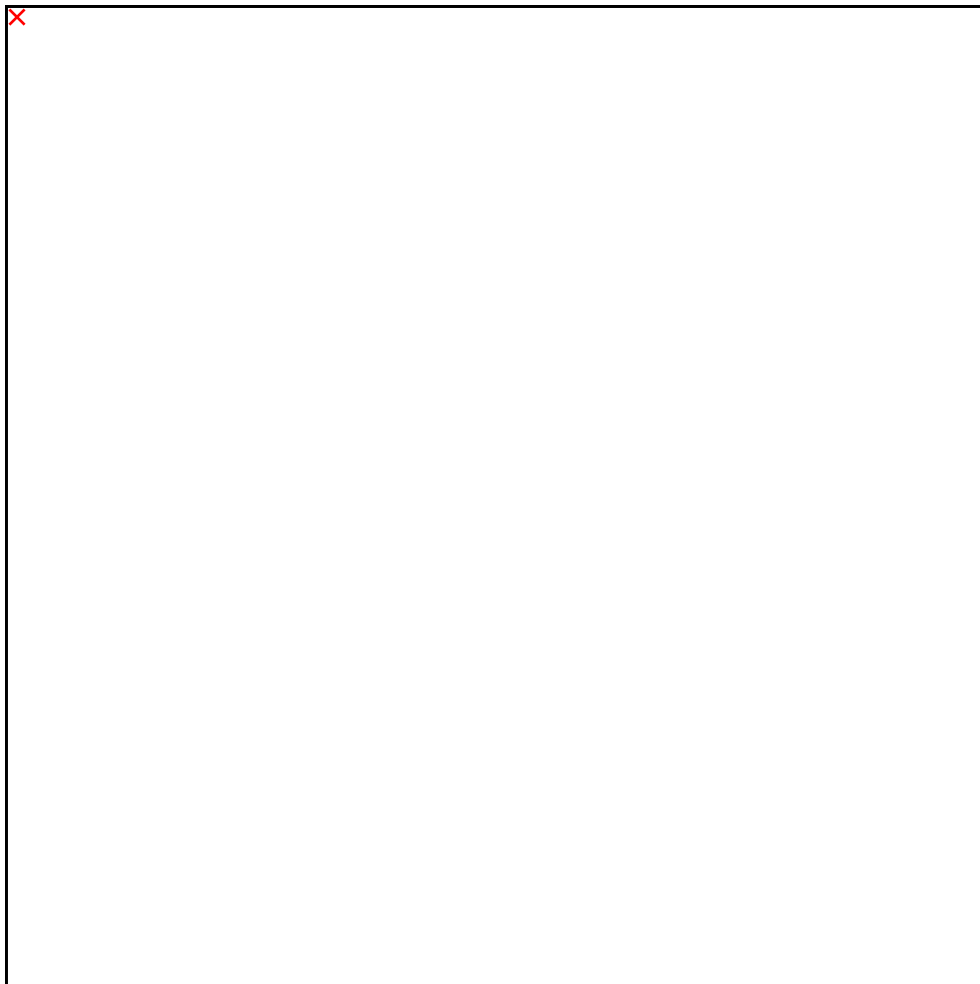


U.S. News & World Report Names 22 BENCHMARK® Properties To “Best Hotels List” for 2019

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The Woodlands (Houston), Texas, February 2019 ... BENCHMARK®, a global hospitality company, is proud to announce that 22 of its luxury hotels and resorts have been named to the prestigious U.S. News & World Report “Best Hotels” list for 2019. The exclusive hotels spanned leading destinations in 15 states and the Caribbean and are part of the company’s Benchmark Resorts & Hotels and Gemstone Collection brands.

The honors included three Silver Badge winners that placed in the Top 30 percent of all ranked luxury hotels within a destination. They include Villas of Grand Cypress in Orlando, which placed 13th in the Orlando-Walt Disney World market. Benchmark’s newest hotel, La Cantera Resort & Spa in San Antonio, placed 7th in San Antonio. In the Caribbean, Santa Barbara Beach & Golf Resort placed 2nd on Curacao.

“U.S. News & World Report Best Hotels is among our industry’s most prestigious awards,” said Benchmark’s CEO Alex Cabañas. “We are truly honored by this acknowledgement of Benchmark’s commitment to creating authentic, personalized guest experiences in inspiring destinations coupled with exceptional service for all our guests. As important, Benchmark’s dedicated hospitality professionals are being recognized by one of America’s most respected publications.”

BENCHMARK® luxury properties that are included in the U.S. News Best Hotels Listing for 2019 include:

Benchmark Resorts & Hotels

Beachwalk Resort – Hallandale Beach, FL
Chaminade Resort & Spa – Santa Cruz, CA

Dollywood's DreamMore Resort and Spa™ – Pigeon Forge, TN
Doral Arrowwood – Rye Brook, NY
Eaglewood Resort & Spa – Chicago, IL
High Hampton Resort – Cashiers, NC
Hotel Contessa – San Antonio, TX
La Cantera Resort & Spa – San Antonio, TX, Silver Badge Winner
The Grove Resort Orlando – Orlando, FL
The Heldrich – New Brunswick, NJ
The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center – Blacksburg, VA
Santa Barbara Beach & Golf Resort – Curacao, Silver Badge Winner
Snow King Resort Hotel and Condos – Jackson Hole, WY
Turtle Bay Resort – North Shore, Oahu, HI

Gemstone Collection

Copley Square Hotel – Boston, MA
Costa d'Este Beach Resort & Spa – Vero Beach, FL
Garden of the Gods Collection – Colorado Springs, CO
Marenas Beach Resort – Sunny Isles Beach, FL
The Essex, Vermont's Culinary Resort & Spa – Essex, VT
Tivoli Lodge – Vail, CO

Villas of Grand Cypress – Orlando, FL, Silver Badge Winner

Willows Lodge – Woodinville, WA

The ninth annual U.S. News Best Hotels rankings evaluate more than 24,000 luxury properties across the United States, Europe, Caribbean, Canada and Mexico.

U.S. News & World Report established the Best Hotels list to identify the top properties across North America, Europe and the Caribbean. The U.S. News hotel ranking is updated annually. For the complete list of top hotels and resorts in the United States, visit <https://travel.usnews.com/hotels/>

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BENCHMARK®, a global hospitality company, is a leader in the development, management, and marketing of independent, soft branded, and experiential hard branded resorts, hotels, and conference centers. In addition to the company's award-winning full service Benchmark Resorts & Hotels, its lifestyle and luxury Gemstone Collection, and its industry-leading Benchmark Conference Center division, etc.venues is a leading provider of contemporary city centre venues for meetings, signature events, and conferences. BENCHMARK's combined portfolio features more than 80 unique projects across three continents. The company is passionately committed to delivering personal, inspiring, and memory-making experiences, driving total revenue and profitability, and cultivating an award winning, "Be The Difference" culture for all its employees. BENCHMARK, is based in The Woodlands (Houston), Texas, with offices in London, England; Miami, Florida; Park City, Utah; Scottsdale, Arizona; New Brunswick, New Jersey; Seattle, Washington; and Tokyo, Japan.
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