



BEST LUXURY HOTEL AWARDS 2026

REGULATIONS

PROMOTING ENTITY

The company **Teamwork Hospitality** presents the first edition of the "**BEST LUXURY HOTEL AWARDS**". Teamwork Hospitality has its registered office in Rimini, Via Macanno n. 38Q, Tax Code, VAT number, and registration in the Rimini Business Register n. 02581030406, share capital 25,500.00 i.v., PEC: teamwork@pec.pensareweb.it. For any information relating to the award or these regulations, please contact the promoter via email at the following address:

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TERRITORIAL SCOPE

Participation in the "BEST LUXURY HOTEL AWARDS" is open to all companies that meet the requirements listed in the "Eligible Categories" section and operate within the territory of the Italian Republic or the Republic of San Marino.

ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES

Participation in the awards is free of charge and open to the following 5 categories of accommodation facilities classified as 5-star or 5-star luxury:

1. Hotel accommodation facilities
2. Boutique hotels
3. Resorts
4. Villas
5. Historic residences

Properties may be independent, part of groups, belonging to international circuits, or linked to international brands.

AWARDED CATEGORIES

Any accommodation facility classified as 5-star or 5-star luxury and belonging to the 5 categories indicated in the "Eligible Categories" paragraph may submit its candidacy for the "BEST LUXURY HOTEL AWARDS" by choosing up to three "awarded categories" listed below.



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The application must be sent via the specific form on the official "BEST LUXURY HOTEL AWARDS" website with your contact information. By filling out the form, the candidate authorizes the organizing committee of the "BEST LUXURY HOTEL AWARDS" to process their personal data, pursuant to Legislative Decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and additions and EU 2016/679, limited to the purposes of the competition in question. For all awards, it is possible to send your application until June 30, 2026, a date to be considered the final deadline for participation in the competition.

List of Awarded Categories:

1. **Best Service:** Award to the accommodation property that offers the most exceptional and personalized guest service.
2. **Best Design:** Award to those who stand out for the architecture of the structure and the design of the rooms and common areas.
3. **Best Restaurant:** Award to the hotel restaurant with the best gastronomic proposals, including bar and room service.
4. **Best Breakfast:** Award to the structure that offers the best breakfast experience for product quality, service, and atmosphere.
5. **Best Wellness & Spa:** Award to the structure that offers the best wellness and spa experience.
6. **Best General Manager:** Award to the general manager who has distinguished themselves for professional recognition and company performance.
7. **Best Sustainability Program:** Award to the structure that demonstrates a strong commitment to environmental, social, and Governance sustainability.
8. **Best New Opening 2026:** Award to the newly opened structure that stands out for the uniqueness of its location and the specific characteristics of the facility.
9. **Best Wine Selection:** Award to the hotel that offers the best wine-related experience for quality and variety of labels, both inside and outside the property, proposing dedicated visits to the cellar and vineyard.
10. **Best Bar:** Award to the best bar for variety and quality of beverage proposals.

METHODS OF PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Participation in the "BEST LUXURY HOTEL AWARDS" takes place according to the following methods:

- **Reporting:** The property is reported to the organizing committee by partners or other sources.



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- **Invitation:** The facility is selected via direct invitation from the organizing committee.
- **Spontaneous Candidacy:** The property can apply independently on the Best Luxury Hotel Awards website.

Each hotel can participate in a maximum of three categories. At the end of the selection process, the jury identifies 3 finalists for each "BEST LUXURY HOTEL AWARDS" prize. Subsequently, a further selection is made among the three finalists to decree the final winner, who is announced during the awards evening.

DEADLINES

It is possible to send your application until **June 30, 2026**, a date to be considered the final deadline for participation in the competition. Following the application, the organizing committee will request candidates to send material suitable for the evaluation of the applications and the selection of the winners by the jury. This material must be sent no later than **July 30, 2026**.

JURY AND EVALUATION SYSTEM

The jury, composed of technicians and industry experts, provides, at its sole discretion, for the selection of finalists and winners for each awarded category. The evaluation system will take into account the following criteria:

1. Best Service Category

- **Surprise effect and personalization:** ability to exceed expectations by creating unexpected moments that amaze the guest during their stay.
- **Technical professionalism:** excellence in skills, empathy, and discretion demonstrated by the staff of all departments.
- **Operational perfection and fluidity:** constant attention to small gestures and precision in technical processes that guarantee an impeccable and uninterrupted stay experience.

2. Best Design Category

- **Architectural harmony:** aesthetic coherence between the external structure, the design of the rooms, and the common spaces.
- **Innovation and style:** originality in the choice of furnishings and the use of materials to create a unique identity.
- **Aesthetic functionality:** ability to combine the beauty of the environments with comfort and liveability for the guest.



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3. Best Restaurant Category

- **Gastronomic quality:** excellence of raw materials and creativity in the hotel restaurant's proposals.
- **Completeness of the offer:** variety and quality also extended to the bar service and room service.
- **Sensory experience:** care for the atmosphere, plating, and the professionalism of the dining room service.

4. Best Breakfast Category

- **Excellence of raw materials:** selection of local products, freshness, and variety of the sweet and savory offer.
- **Quality of service:** efficiency and courtesy of the staff in managing guest requests at the table.
- **Atmosphere and presentation:** care for the set-up, the design of the buffet, and the comfort of the dedicated environment.

5. Best Wellness & Spa Category

- **Wellness path:** variety and quality of the equipment, relaxation areas, and treatments offered.
- **Technical professionalism:** competence of the operators and ability to personalize the personal care experience.
- **Concept and design:** harmony of spaces, impeccable cleanliness, and the ability to create an oasis of sensory peace.
- **Link with the territory:** enhancement of the wellness philosophy through the use of local natural ingredients and references to the ancient traditions of the place.

6. Best General Manager Category

- **Company performance:** ability to achieve high-level economic and management objectives for the facility.
- **Leadership and vision:** ability to lead the team towards excellence and consolidate the brand's prestige.
- **Industry recognition:** awards or goals achieved that attest to the professional depth of the manager.

7. Best Sustainability Program Category

- **Environmental impact:** adoption of solutions for energy saving, waste management, and plastic reduction.
- **Social responsibility:** commitment to the local community, employees, and the enhancement-protection of the territory.



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- **Innovation and influence:** implementation of pilot projects or distinctive programs recognized as reference models in the sector.
- **Governance (ESG):** transparency and integration of sustainability into the company's decision-making processes.

8. Best New Opening 2026 Category

- **Uniqueness of the location:** added value given by the geographical positioning or the architectural context.
- **Innovative concept:** originality of the hospitality proposal compared to luxury market standards.
- **Distinctive features:** design elements or exclusive services that make the new opening memorable.
- **Avant-garde restaurant concept:** originality of the gastronomic proposal and its ability to integrate the structure's identity with new fine dining trends.

9. Best Wine Selection Category

- **Breadth and depth of the list:** variety of labels, historical vintages, and the presence of small niche producers.
- **Experiences in the area:** organization of visits to the cellar, the vineyard, and activities related to wine culture.
- **Competence in service:** professionalism of the sommelier in recommending ideal pairings.

10. Best Bar Category

- **Mixology and creativity:** originality and technical quality in the preparation of classic and signature cocktails.
- **Beverage selection:** variety of proposals, from fine spirits to sophisticated non-alcoholic drinks.
- **Service and atmosphere:** style of the bar counter, competence of the bartenders, and care for the post-dinner environment.

FINALISTS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

On **September 7, 2026**, the finalists who will access the final stage of the competition will be announced on the "Luxury Hospitality Conference" LinkedIn page and will be invited to attend the awards ceremony on **October 22, 2026**, at the Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milan on the occasion of the "Luxury Hospitality Conference".



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During the awards ceremony, the 10 winners will be proclaimed, 1 per awarded category. The prizes, in case of victory, consist of the delivery of a trophy. Finalists and winners will be highlighted in the national trade press. The winners will be published on the official awards website and on the "Luxury Hospitality Conference" LinkedIn page.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS

The regular submission of one's candidacy implies having read and fully accepted the conditions of participation indicated in the regulations themselves. The regulations may undergo variations or revisions at the sole discretion of the organizing committee. Any modification or update to the regulations will be appropriately communicated on the awards website.

CALENDAR SUMMARY

- **Deadline for submission of applications:** June 30, 2026
- **Submission of requested material:** July 30, 2026
- **Communication of finalists:** September 7, 2026
- **Awards Ceremony:** October 22, 2026, during the opening evening of the "Luxury Hospitality Conference" event.

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