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YTL HOTELS CELEBRATES GLOBAL HONOURS ACROSS ITS COLLECTION OF ICONIC DESTINATIONS

From Michelin Key distinctions to spa and travel awards, YTL Hotels continues to set new benchmarks for authentic, world-class hospitality.

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 21 OCTOBER 2025 – YTL Hotels celebrates a remarkable year of international recognition, with its portfolio of distinctive hotels and resorts honoured by the Michelin Guide, Condé Nast Traveler, and SpaChina for exceptional hospitality, craftsmanship, and guest experience. These global accolades reaffirm the group's enduring commitment to curating destinations that embody timeless elegance, authentic charm, and a profound sense of place.

Leading the accolades, two YTL Hotels properties have once again received the coveted Michelin Key in the Michelin Guide 2025. This marks their second consecutive year of distinction for outstanding quality, design, and hospitality:

- Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve
- The Gainsborough Bath Spa

Introduced by the globally esteemed Michelin Guide, the Michelin Key recognises hotels that offer truly exceptional stays — celebrating those that elevate hospitality to an art form, similar to how Michelin Stars honour the world's finest restaurants.

At the recently announced Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards 2025, one of the most trusted benchmarks in global travel, YTL Hotels' properties were again ranked among the region's and world's best:

- The Majestic Malacca – *#1 Hotel in Southeast Asia*
- The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur – *Top 10 Hotels in Southeast Asia*
- Pangkor Laut Resort – *Top 15 Resorts in Asia*
- The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui – *Top 15 Resorts in Thailand*
- The Gainsborough Bath Spa – *Top 20 Hotels in the United Kingdom*

Further reinforcing its position as a leader in holistic wellness, Spa Village Gaya Island Resort was named Best Global Spa Brand 2025 by SpaChina, a respected voice in Asia's luxury spa and wellness industry. This recognition celebrates the spa for its authentic integration of ancient healing traditions, natural wellness philosophies, and rainforest-to-sea setting, a true sanctuary of rejuvenation and balance.

From the secluded shores of Pangkor Laut Resort, embraced by lush rainforest and turquoise waters, to the storied grandeur of The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur and The Majestic Malacca, every YTL Hotels property is shaped by a distinct sense of place. Across the region, The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui captivates with its coastal serenity, while in the United Kingdom, The



Gainsborough Bath Spa continues to define refined heritage and restorative luxury. At the pinnacle of the group's Japanese collection, Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, embodies the brand's most intimate expression of craftsmanship and cultural connection.

These international recognitions collectively underscore YTL Hotels' philosophy of creating Treasured Places, Treasure Moments in destinations where the art of hospitality is not merely experienced, but deeply felt.

For more information, visit www.ytlhotels.com.

About YTL Hotels

YTL Hotels owns and manages a prestigious collection of award-winning resorts, hotels, boutique experiences, and Spa Villages, with a hospitality footprint across Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Australia, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. With over 35 properties and more than 7,000 rooms, YTL Hotels continues to redefine luxury and authentic experiences across the globe. Notable properties include Pangkor Laut Resort, voted the World's Best Resort in 2003 by Condé Nast Traveller UK and ranked among the Top 20 Best Resorts in Asia in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US. The Gainsborough Bath Spa, part of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World's prestigious collection, was ranked the 6th Best Hotel in the UK in the 2024 Condé Nast Traveller Awards. It has also been consistently listed as one of the Top Destination Spa Resorts in the World in both the 2022 and 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US. Additionally, both The Gainsborough Bath Spa in the UK and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Japan, have earned the prestigious Michelin Key. The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui was recognised in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US as one of the Top 15 Best Resorts in Thailand. Furthermore, Monkey Island Estate, Gaya Island Resort, and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui have been named in the 2025 edition of Fodor's Finest as some of the Most Incredible Hotels in the World.

YTL Hotels' portfolio embodies the brand's promise of "Treasured Places, Treasured Moments" and includes the ownership and management of several Marriott International properties in Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, and Australia. This also encompasses distinctive hotels under the Autograph Collection and AC Hotels banners. Notable properties within the Marriott International partnership include The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur, and Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur. The collaboration further features prominent hotels like The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, which was named one of TIME's World's Greatest Places 2021. As Japan's first Ritz-Carlton Reserve, it plays a key role in YTL Hotels' master plan for Niseko Village.

With each new experience that it presents, the company strives to embrace and highlight the natural essence of culture, character, and tradition of its surroundings. YTL Hotels is the hospitality arm of YTL Corporation Berhad. Visit ytlhotels.com for more information and follow us on our social media platforms for #YTLTravels.

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