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YTL HOTELS RECEIVES MULTIPLE ACCOLADES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025



Kuala Lumpur, 7 April, 2025 – **YTL Hotels** has earned nine prestigious accolades in the first quarter of this year across select properties in Malaysia, Thailand, and the UK. These achievements highlight the brand's unwavering commitment to excellence, from pioneering sustainable initiatives to elevating guest experiences with world-class service. Each recognition stands as a testament to YTL Hotels' dedication to shaping the future of hospitality while celebrating the unique charm that makes each property a remarkable destination.

DestinAsian 2025 Readers' Choice Awards

The DestinAsian Readers' Choice Awards celebrate the crème de la crème of luxury travel across the Asia-Pacific region. Voted by discerning readers of DestinAsian magazine, these prestigious accolades honour the finest hotels, resorts, airlines, and destinations that set the benchmark for excellence.

Pangkor Laut Resort, nestled on a private island embraced by a two-million-year-old rainforest and twice graced by the legendary Luciano Pavarotti, stands as a sanctuary of serenity and luxury. Honoured in DestinAsian's 2025 Readers' Choice Awards, the resort proudly secures its place among the Top 10 Best Malaysian Resorts. With its untouched natural beauty, signature experiences, and the gentle symphony of the sea, it offers an unparalleled retreat—where time slows, and nature's embrace is pure bliss.

Embracing the Samui way of life is the essence of **The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui**. Set within a private, sun-drenched bay on Thailand's southern coast, the resort is legendary for its warm hospitality and unwavering pursuit of wellbeing. Through bespoke wellness programs, cultural immersions, and exceptional culinary journeys, every experience nourishes mind, body and soul.

This dedication to excellence earned the resort the prestigious title of Best Resort in Thailand in DestinAsian's 2025 Readers' Choice Awards. Here, each moment invites you to slow down and embrace the authentic spirit of Koh Samui.



In the heart of Kuala Lumpur, **The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur** and **JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur** continue to set the standard for luxury and sophistication. Recognised in DestinAsian's 2025 Readers' Choice Awards, The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur secures a coveted spot among the Top 5 Best City Hotels in Malaysia, a testament to its timeless elegance and impeccable service. Meanwhile, JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur earns its place among the Top 10 Best City Hotels in Malaysia, further solidifying its reputation as a premier urban retreat. Together, these distinguished hotels epitomise the pinnacle of hospitality in the city.

Forbes Travel Guide 2025 Star Awards

The Forbes Travel Guide 2025 Star Awards have been unveiled, celebrating the world's most luxurious hotels, restaurants, and spas. Known for its rigorous inspection process, Forbes Travel Guide evaluates properties based on service, amenities, and exceptional guest experiences. Winning a Forbes Star remains a prestigious honour, influencing high-end travellers and setting industry benchmarks. The 2025 awards highlight a continued emphasis on innovation and excellence in global hospitality.

The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur has once again earned its place in the Forbes Travel Guide 2025 Star Awards, reaffirming its unwavering commitment to excellence. Known for its impeccable service and opulent grandeur, the hotel consistently surpasses guest expectations, blending Malaysian hospitality with world-class luxury. From its elegant suites to its award-winning dining, every detail reflects a dedication to extraordinary experiences.

The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui continues its legacy of distinction, securing its second consecutive Forbes Star Award. Nestled along Thailand's pristine shores, this tropical sanctuary offers unparalleled seclusion and bespoke luxury. With private pool villas, breathtaking ocean views, and intuitive service, it remains a jewel in the crown of high-end travel.

Meanwhile, **The Glasshouse, Edinburgh** cements its status among the world's finest with its debut in the prestigious guide. This boutique masterpiece harmonises contemporary design with Edinburgh's historic charm, offering guests an immersive retreat of modern sophistication. Its rooftop gardens, curated dining, and meticulous attention to detail create an unforgettable escape—proving that intimate luxury can rival the grandest of hotels.

Gold Badges from U.S. News & World Report

Earning a Gold Badge from U.S. News & World Report places a hotel among the world's elite. Awarded for unmatched service, luxury amenities, and exceptional guest experiences, this distinction sets the standard in high-end hospitality.



The Glasshouse, Edinburgh has been honoured with Gold Badges from U.S. News & World Report, securing its place as *9th among the Best Hotels in Edinburgh* and *17th across Scotland*. These prestigious rankings reaffirm the hotel's standing as a haven of refined luxury, where contemporary elegance meets unparalleled hospitality.

With its seamless blend of modern design, bespoke service, and Edinburgh's historic charm, The Glasshouse continues to set the benchmark for exceptional stays—proving that intimate sophistication can rival the grandest destinations.

Style Magazine's list of The Best 8 Hotels in Malacca

The Majestic Malacca has been proudly featured in Style Magazine's list of The Best 8 Hotels in Malacca, standing out as a jewel in the city's crown of hospitality offerings. This distinguished heritage property captivates guests with its perfect harmony of old-world charm and modern luxury, nestled in the heart of Malacca's most historic quarter. This recognition by Style Magazine underscores the hotel's commitment to preserving Malacca's legacy while continuously elevating the guest experience.

At **YTL Hotels**, we redefine luxury hospitality by crafting distinctive moments that linger long after your stay. Guided by our philosophy—Treasured Places, Treasured Moments—we perfect every detail, from impeccable service to thoughtfully designed experiences that tell a story.

These accolades honour our team's passion for turning stays into legacies—one treasured moment at a time.

Summary of Awards Received in Quarter 1, 2025

Pangkor Laut Resort

DestinAsian 2025 Readers' Choice Awards: Top 10 Best Malaysian Resorts

The Majestic Malacca

Style Magazine: The Best 8 Hotels in Malacca, Malaysia

The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur

DestinAsian 2025 Readers' Choice Awards: Top 5 Best City Hotels in Malaysia

Forbes Travel Guide 2025 Star Awards Listing

The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui

DestinAsian 2025 Readers' Choice Awards: Best Resort in Thailand

Forbes Travel Guide 2025 Star Awards Listing

JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur

DestinAsian 2025 Readers' Choice Awards: Top 10 Best City Hotels in Malaysia

The Glasshouse, Edinburgh

Forbes Travel Guide 2025: Star Awards Listing

Gold Badges: U.S. News & World Report Best Hotels in Europe: No.9 Best Hotel in Edinburgh and no.17 in Scotland.

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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, Indonesia, Japan, Australia, France, The Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, including Pangkor Laut Resort, voted the world's best resort in 2003 by Condé Nast Traveller UK. The Gainsborough Bath Spa, a part of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World's collection of legendary hotels, was named in the 2017 Condé Nast Traveller Awards World's Top 100 and listed amongst the Best Hotels in the UK as well as the Top Destination Spa Resorts in the World in the 2022 Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards.

The portfolio, which embraces the brand promise of Treasured Places, Treasured Moments, also encompasses the ownership management of Marriott International properties in Australia and Kuala Lumpur as well as properties under the brand's distinctive Autograph Collection banner. Properties under the Marriott International partnership include The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui as well as Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, named in TIME's World's Greatest Places 2021 list and also the first Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Japan, complementing 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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