

Reach for the Stars! The 2015 Smart Star Awards

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We are thrilled to present the winners of this year’s Smart Stars Awards, which celebrate the premier meetings hotels, resorts, cruise lines, event venues, and convention and conference centers in North America.

This is the third year of the Smart Stars contest. Nominated and voted on by you—our Smart Meetings readers—the awards have become an industry benchmark that recognizes excellence. They are also an essential resource for meeting planners worldwide.

Readers voted for their top picks in 25 categories, and winners receive gold, silver and bronze awards.

“We are very proud of this year’s winners,” says Marin Bright, Smart Meetings CEO and founder. “The hotels, resorts and meeting venues are outstanding and deserve recognition. Voting for the Smart Star Awards gave readers the opportunity not only to give these properties additional exposure for their excellent service and special features, but also to reward them with future business.”

Congratulations to all!

Best Airport Hotels

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront – Gold

Grand Hyatt Dallas Fort Worth – Silver

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport – Bronze

Best Attraction/Theme Park

Best Eco/Green Hotel

Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa – Gold

Hotel Terra Jackson Hole – Silver

Vdara Hotel & Spa – Silver

Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay – Bronze

Universal Orlando Resort – Gold

Walt Disney World Resort – Silver

Monterey Bay Aquarium – Bronze

Best Ballroom

The Phoenician – Gold

Amway Hotel Collection – Silver

Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate – Silver

Zermatt Resort – Bronze

Best Beach Hotel

Paradisus Punta Cana Resort – Gold

Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa – Silver

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club – Bronze

Best Boutique/Lifestyle Hotel

Sanctuary Camelback Mountain – Gold

Hutton Hotel – Silver

The Nines, Portland – Silver

The Brazilian Court Hotel – Bronze

Best City Hotel

JW Marriott Marquis Miami – Gold

The Fairmont Dallas Hotel – Silver

Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago – Silver

New York Marriott Marquis – Bronze

Best Conference Center

Best Executive Retreat

Gateway Canyons Resort & Spa – Gold

The Lodge at Pebble Beach – Silver

The St. Regis Deer Valley – Bronze

Best Family Friendly Hotel/Resort

The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa – Gold

Arizona Grand Resort – Silver

Great Wolf Lodge, Grapevine – Silver

Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa – Bronze

Best Gaming/Casino Hotel

Aria Resort & Casino – Gold

Wynn Las Vegas & Encore Hotel – Silver

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa Reno – Silver

Tropicana Las Vegas Casino Hotel Resort – Bronze

Best Golf Resort

Pinehurst Resort – Gold

The Broadmoor Colorado Springs – Silver

PGA National Resort & Spa – Bronze

Silverado Resort & Spa – Bronze

Best Historic Hotel

The Breakers Palm Beach – Gold

The Westin St. Francis San Francisco – Silver

Omni La Costa Resort & Spa – Bronze

Hershey Resorts – Gold

Monterey Conference Center – Silver

Lied Lodge & Conference Center – Bronze

The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center – Bronze

Best Convention Center

New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center – Gold

Oregon Convention Center – Gold

Palm Springs Convention Center – Silver

Orange County Convention Center – Bronze

Best Convention Center Hotel

MGM Grand Hotel & Casino – Gold

Rosen Shingle Creek – Silver

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center – Silver

Hyatt Regency New Orleans – Bronze

Best Coastal Hotel

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay – Gold

San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina – Silver

Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf – Bronze

Best Cruise Line

Royal Caribbean International – Gold

Norwegian Cruise Line – Silver

Hornblower Cruises & Events – Bronze

Best Desert Hotel

Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North – Gold

Best Hotel Pool

Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort – Gold

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina – Silver

JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa – Bronze

Best Hotel Spa

Enchantment Resort and Mii Amo Spa – Gold

The Venetian Las Vegas – Silver

The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa – Bronze

Best Incentive Hotel

Nizuc Resort & Spa – Gold

The Resort at Pedregal – Gold

St. Regis Punta Mita Resort – Silver

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana – Bronze

Best Island Resort

Atlantis Paradise Island – Gold

The Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort & Spa – Silver

El Conquistador Resort, A Waldorf Astoria Resort – Bronze

Best Mountain/Ski Hotel

St. Regis Aspen Resort – Gold

Montage Deer Valley – Silver

The Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch – Bronze

JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa –
Silver

La Quinta Resort & Club – **Bronze**

Best Outdoor Event Space

Terranea Resort – Gold

Caesars Palace Las Vegas – Silver

Diplomat Resort & Spa, Florida – Bronze

Best Special Event Venue

L.A. Live – Gold

Museum of Glass – Silver

The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas – **Bronze**
