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The Top 100 Hotels

Properties in Africa and Asia make up 28 percent of our list of the world's best hotels this year, but T+L readers are also recognizing excellence closer to home: the United States has 11 additional properties this year, for a total of 30, including 16 properties in the top 50. Our neighbors to the north also saw a boost: the number of Canadian properties jumped from two to four.

- 1 **SINGITA SABI SAND & KRUGER NATIONAL PARK** South Africa 97.50
- 2 **OBEROI RAJVILAS** Jaipur, India 95.71
- 3 **FAIRMONT MARA SAFARI CLUB** Masai Mara, Kenya 95.58
- 4 **OBEROI UDAIVILAS** Udaipur, India 95.00
- 4 **TRIPLE CREEK RANCH** Darby, Montana 95.00
- 6 **OBEROI AMARVILAS** Agra, India 94.27
- 7 **KIRAWIRA LUXURY TENTED CAMP** Serengeti National Park, Tanzania 93.89
- 8 **SABI SABI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE** Sabi Sands, South Africa 93.48
- 9 **TORTILIS CAMP** Amboseli National Park, Kenya 93.06
- 10 **DOMAINE DES HAUTS DE LOIRE** Onzain, France 92.56
- 11 **ALVEAR PALACE HOTEL** Buenos Aires 92.44
- 12 **LITTLE PALM ISLAND RESORT & SPA** Little Torch Key, Florida 92.39
- 13 **HOTEL BEL-AIR** Los Angeles 92.32
- 14 **THE ORIENTAL** Bangkok 91.94
- 15 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI, THE LODGE AT KOELE** 91.88
- 16 **KICHWA TEMBO** Masai Mara, Kenya 91.59
- 17 **THE PENINSULA** Bangkok 91.51
- 18 **TAJ LAKE PALACE** Udaipur, India 91.43
- 19 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Chiang Mai, Thailand 91.25
- 20 **THE PENINSULA** Beverly Hills 91.15
- 21 **HOTEL HASSLER** Rome 91.10
- 22 **CAPE GRACE** Cape Town 91.05
- 23 **THE PENINSULA** Hong Kong 91.04
- 24 **VOYAGES LIZARD ISLAND** Australia 90.94
- 25 **TREETOPS LODGE & WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE** Rotorua, New Zealand 90.77
- 26 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT MAUI AT WAILEA** 90.64
- 27 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALALAI** Hawaii 90.63
- 27 **WICKANINNISH INN** Tofino, Vancouver Island 90.63
- 29 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Hong Kong 90.37
- 30 **HOTEL AMIGO** Brussels 90.20
- 31 **HOTEL MONASTERIO** Cuzco, Peru 90.16
- 32 **IL SAN PIETRO** Positano, Italy 90.13
- 33 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GEORGE V** Paris 90.08
- 34 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GRESHAM PALACE** Budapest 90.00
- 35 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** New York City 89.94
- 36 **THE PENINSULA** Beijing 89.92
- 37 **AUBERGE DU SOLEIL** Rutherford, California 89.89
- 38 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MÉXICO D.F.** Mexico City 89.82
- 39 **MOUNT KENYA SAFARI CLUB** Nanyuki, Kenya 89.71
- 40 **POST RANCH INN** Big Sur, California 89.65
- 41 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL ISTANBUL AT SULTANAHMET** 89.57
- 42 **MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH** California 89.55
- 43 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Prague 89.47
- 44 **HALEKULANI** Honolulu 89.45
- 45 **THE PENINSULA** Chicago 89.38
- 46 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Jackson Hole, Wyoming 89.36
- 47 **GRACE IN ROSEBANK** Johannesburg 89.32
- 48 **ONE & ONLY OCEAN CLUB** Paradise Island, Bahamas 89.29
- 49 **BERNARDUS LODGE** Carmel Valley, California 89.27
- 50 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Chicago 89.24
- 51 **SAN CLEMENTE PALACE HOTEL & RESORT** Venice 89.17
- 52 **RAFFLES HOTEL** Singapore 89.03
- 53 **GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI** Bologna, Italy 89.00
- 54 **BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL & BUNGALOWS** 88.99
- 55 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT WHISTLER** British Columbia 88.94
- 56 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT THE BILTMORE** Santa Barbara, California 88.82
- 57 **LE MÉRIDIEEN BRISTOL** Warsaw 88.81
- 58 **RITZ-CARLTON, BACHELOR GULCH** Beaver Creek, Colorado 88.78
- 59 **LA CASA QUE CANTA** Zihuatanejo, Mexico 88.75
- 60 **ST. REGIS** Shanghai 88.70
- 61 **NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE** Tanzania 88.67
- 62 **VICTORIA-JUNGFRAU GRAND HOTEL & SPA** Interlaken, Switzerland 88.65
- 63 **INN AT LITTLE WASHINGTON** Washington, Virginia 88.58
- 64 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Shanghai 88.51
- 65 **HOTEL GOLDENER HIRSCH** Salzburg 88.50
- 65 **TIDES ZIHUATANEJO (FORMERLY HOTEL VILLA DEL SOL)** Mexico 88.50
- 67 **ÇIRAGAN PALACE KEMPINSKI** Istanbul 88.41
- 68 **HOTEL HANA-MAUI & HONUA SPA** Maui 88.40
- 69 **VILLA D'ESTE** Cernobbio, Italy 88.39
- 70 **STEIN ERIKSEN LODGE** Park City, Utah 88.38
- 71 **RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL** California 88.35
- 72 **PORTMAN RITZ-CARLTON** Shanghai 88.28
- 73 **POST HOTEL & SPA** Lake Louise, Alberta 88.26
- 74 **LITTLE NELL** Aspen, Colorado 88.23
- 75 **RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL D'ANGKOR** Siem Reap, Cambodia 88.16
- 76 **ROYAL PALMS RESORT & SPA** Phoenix 88.15
- 77 **PARK HYATT** Tokyo 88.09
- 78 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Nevis 88.05
- 79 **OCCIDENTAL ROYAL HIDEAWAY PLAYACAR** Playa del Carmen, Mexico 88.04
- 80 **HOTEL BRISTOL** Vienna 87.93
- 81 **THE DORCHESTER** London 87.88
- 82 **RITZ PARIS** 87.86
- 83 **LE MÉRIDIEEN CANCÚN RESORT & SPA** 87.84
- 84 **HOTEL HEALDSBURG** California 87.77
- 85 **FAIRMONT KEA LANI** Maui 87.72
- 85 **AUBERGE SAINT-ANTOINE** Quebec City 87.72
- 87 **GRAND HOTEL QUISISANA** Capri, Italy 87.67
- 87 **THE WESTCLIFF** Johannesburg 87.67
- 89 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Buenos Aires 87.66
- 90 **BAUR AU LAC** Zürich 87.63
- 91 **LE SIRENUSE** Positano, Italy 87.60
- 92 **CALISTOGA RANCH** California 87.58
- 93 **INTERCONTINENTAL** Hong Kong 87.57
- 94 **HOTEL PUNTA ISLITA** Guanacaste, Costa Rica 87.50
- 94 **RUSTY PARROT LODGE & SPA** Jackson Hole, Wyoming 87.50
- 94 **WESTIN SYDNEY HOTEL** 87.50
- 97 **THE CLOISTER AT SEA ISLAND** Georgia 87.38
- 98 **INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU HOTEL** Peru 87.24
- 99 **RITZ-CARLTON** Santiago, Chile 87.16
- 100 **ST. REGIS** Beijing 87.08

Throughout the World's Best Awards, scores are rounded to the nearest hundredth of a point; in the event of a tie, properties, companies, or destinations share the same ranking.

Italy maintains its status on our Europe list as the country with the most properties (17), but this year Ireland overtakes France, with two Dublin hotels and five country estates—clear proof of the Emerald Isle's ascendancy.

Top 50 Hotels: Europe

- 1 **DOMAINE DES HAUTS DE LOIRE** Onzain, France 92.56
- 2 **HOTEL HASSLER** Rome 91.10
- 3 **HOTEL AMIGO** Brussels 90.20
- 4 **IL SAN PIETRO** Positano, Italy 90.13
- 5 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GEORGE V** Paris 90.08
- 6 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GRESHAM PALACE** Budapest 90.00
- 7 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL ISTANBUL AT SULTANAHMET** 89.57
- 8 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Prague 89.47
- 9 **SAN CLEMENTE PALACE HOTEL & RESORT** Venice 89.17
- 10 **GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI** Bologna, Italy 89.00
- 11 **LE MÉRIDIEN BRISTOL** Warsaw 88.81
- 12 **VICTORIA-JUNGFRAU GRAND HOTEL & SPA** Interlaken, Switzerland 88.65
- 13 **HOTEL GOLDENER HIRSCH** Salzburg 88.50
- 14 **ÇIRAGAN PALACE KEMPINSKI** Istanbul 88.41
- 15 **VILLA D'ESTE** Cernobbio, Italy 88.39
- 16 **HOTEL BRISTOL** Vienna 87.93
- 17 **THE DORCHESTER** London 87.88
- 18 **RITZ PARIS** 87.86
- 19 **GRAND HOTEL QUISISANA** Capri, Italy 87.67
- 20 **BAUR AU LAC** Zürich 87.63
- 21 **LE SIRENUSE** Positano, Italy 87.60
- 22 **PALAZZO SASSO** Ravello, Italy 86.84
- 23 **CHÂTEAU LES CRAYÈRES** Reims, France 86.82
- 24 **BAUER IL PALAZZO** Venice 86.63
- 25 **THE BALMORAL** Edinburgh 86.60
- 26 **SWISSÔTEL THE BOSPHORUS** Istanbul 86.36
- 27 **CAPRI PALACE HOTEL & SPA** Italy 86.29
- 28 **PARK HYATT PARIS-VENDÔME** 86.23
- 29 **GRANDE BRETAGNE, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL** Athens 86.10
- 30 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Milan 85.75
- 31 **KEMPINSKI HOTEL CORVINUS** Budapest 85.71
- 32 **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Dublin 85.68
- 33 **MERRION HOTEL** Dublin 85.62
- 34 **PARK HOTEL KENMARE** County Kerry, Ireland 85.50
- 35 **GRAND HOTEL VILLA MEDICI** Florence 85.43
- 36 **MANDARIN ORIENTAL HYDE PARK** London 85.40
- 37 **ADARE MANOR HOTEL & GOLF RESORT** County Limerick, Ireland 85.21
- 38 **DROMOLAND CASTLE** County Clare, Ireland 85.06
- 39 **WATERFORD CASTLE HOTEL & GOLF CLUB** Ireland 84.75
- 39 **HÔTEL DE PARIS** Monaco 84.75
- 41 **CLARIDGE'S** London 84.56
- 42 **GRAND HÔTEL** Stockholm 84.55
- 43 **WESTIN PALACE** Madrid 84.07
- 44 **GRITTI PALACE, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL** Venice 83.99
- 45 **GRAND HOTEL MIRAMARE** Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy 83.97
- 46 **KING GEORGE PALACE** Athens 83.89
- 47 **BAUER HOTEL** Venice 83.79
- 48 **ST. REGIS GRAND** Rome 83.55
- 49 **WESTIN EXCELSIOR** Florence 83.54
- 50 **ASHFORD CASTLE** County Mayo, Ireland 83.53

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FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI,
THE LODGE AT KOELE | HAWAII

Top 25 Hotels: Hawaii

- 1 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI, THE LODGE AT KOELE** 91.88
- 2 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT MAUI AT WAILEA** 90.64
- 3 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALALAI** Hawaii 90.63
- 4 **HALEKULANI** Honolulu 89.45
- 5 **HOTEL HANA-MAUI & HONUA SPA** Maui 88.40
- 6 **FAIRMONT KEA LANI** Maui 87.72
- 7 **FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI AT MANELE BAY** 86.85
- 8 **MAUNA LANI RESORT** Hawaii 85.54
- 9 **GRAND HYATT KAUAI RESORT & SPA** 84.60
- 10 **FAIRMONT ORCHID** Hawaii 83.86
- 11 **KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT** Honolulu 83.74
- 12 **ROYAL HAWAIIAN** Honolulu 82.11
- 13 **RITZ-CARLTON, KAPALUA** Maui 81.91
- 14 **PRINCEVILLE RESORT** Kauai 81.87
- 15 **MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL** Hawaii 81.32
- 16 **GRAND WAILEA RESORT HOTEL & SPA** Maui 80.74
- 17 **MOANA SURFRIDER, A WESTIN RESORT** Honolulu 80.54
- 18 **WAIKOLOA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA** Hawaii 80.32
- 19 **JW MARRIOTT IHLANI RESORT & SPA** Oahu 80.17
- 20 **HYATT REGENCY WAIKIKI RESORT & SPA** Honolulu 79.70
- 21 **KAUAI MARRIOTT RESORT & BEACH CLUB** 79.47
- 22 **TURTLE BAY RESORT** Oahu 79.21
- 23 **WESTIN MAUI RESORT & SPA** 78.73
- 24 **WAILEA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA** Maui 77.76
- 25 **SHERATON MAUI RESORT** 77.75