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**CONDÉ NAST JOHANSENS ANNOUNCES THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS  
FOR EXCELLENCE WINNERS FOR EUROPE & THE MEDITERRANEAN**  
8<sup>th</sup> November 2011, London; Condé Nast Johansens are delighted to announce their winners for the 2012 Awards for Excellence. Winners were announced at the Annual Awards Dinner held at The May Fair Hotel, Stratton Street, London W1, on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**Most Outstanding Service - Londra Palace, Italy**

*"This boutique hotel offers a taste of romance and glamour that you will find irresistible. Most of the richly decorated rooms and suites have stunning views of the lagoon. The restaurant serves sophistication on a plate."*

<http://www.johansens.com/italy/venice/londra-palace>

**Most Excellent Value for Money – Heritage Av Liberdade, Portugal**

*"A great example of Portuguese design, this former palace has sleek style and is ideally placed for exploring Lisbon's historic centre."*

<http://www.johansens.com/portugal/lisbon--taqus-valley/heritage-av-liberdade>

**Most Excellent Family Friendly Hotel – Domes of Elounda all Suites and Villas Spa Resort, Greece**

*"Built on a hillside looking out to spectacular sea views and Spinalonga Island, these spacious suites and villas are luxurious with modern furnishings and high-tech amenities. The restaurant hosts a culinary festival."*

<http://www.johansens.com/greece/crete/domes-of-elounda-all-suites-and-villas-spa-resort>

**Most Excellent Waterside Hotel – Gran Hotel Atlantis Bahía Real – Spain**

*"In a secluded corner of Fuerteventura, overlooking the clear waters of the Atlantic is this most luxurious hotel. Enjoy 5-star treatment, spacious accommodation, superb food and endless facilities."*

<http://www.johansens.com/spain/fuerteventura/gran-hotel-atlantis-bahia-real>

**Most Excellent Hotel for Interior Design – Altis Belém Hotel & Spa, Portugal**

*"An intoxicating mix of cutting-edge design and history, this contemporary hotel is located next to the River Tagus. Rooms themed around discovery have fantastic views with gorgeous linens and the best gowns our Inspector has ever come across!"*

<http://www.johansens.com/portugal/lisbon--taqus-valley/altis-belem-hotel--spa>

**Most Romantic Hotel – Petra Segreta Resort & SPA, Italy**

*“This unparalleled, exclusive and elegantly furnished resort stands in 12 acres of untouched nature, looking down on spectacular views of the Arzachena Gulf and over to Corsica. Consisting of typical local houses, interiors have been transformed into first-class rooms, a superb restaurant and unusual holistic spa, where Far Eastern treatments are carried out in granite caves.”*

<http://www.johansens.com/italy/sardinia/petra-segreta-resort--spa>

#### **Most Excellent Bedroom – La Posta Vecchia, Italy**

*“This exquisite historic house is immersed in a luscious garden, facing the Tyrrhenian Sea, and enjoys one of the most stunning locations on Rome’s coast. The views can be admired from some of the lavish, newly refurbished rooms whose chic design combines classic style with modern touches.”*

<http://www.johansens.com/italy/rome--lazio/la-posta-vecchia>

#### **Most Excellent City Hotel – Hospes Lancaster, France**

*“The feeling of entering an elegant and privileged world filled with art and antiques but without the ostentation. Glamour is Hotel Lancaster’s middle name. Run like a home-from-home, drift dreamily between the gasp-worthy salons, the minimalist garden retreat and deliciously intimate restaurant.”*

<http://www.johansens.com/france/paris/hospes-lancaster>

#### **Most Excellent View – Argos in Cappadocia, Turkey**

*“Ancient houses, caves and tunnels have been uniquely transformed into an amazing holiday location of modern luxury and spaciousness in the old town of Uçhisar. Full of inviting nooks and crannies and views towards Pigeon Valley and Mount Erciyes, rooms are enchanting and interconnected with gardens and sun-soaked terrace.”*

<http://www.johansens.com/turkey/cappadocia/argos-in-cappadocia>

#### **Sustainable Hospitality & Corporate Social Responsibility - Cornelia Diamond Golf Resort & Spa, Turkey**

*“Luxury, comfort, service and relaxation are emphasised at this crescent-shaped, 5-star hotel with its own sandy beach, tournament golf course and plethora of waterside activities. Bedrooms are crisp, modern, equipped with every amenity and have far-reaching views across the gardens and Mediterranean.”*

<http://www.johansens.com/turkey/antalya/cornelia-diamond-golf-resort-and-spa>

#### **Most Excellent Hotel Spa – Lefay Resort & SPA Lago di Garda, Italy**

*“Lefay Resort & SPA sits in 27 acres of natural parkland above Lake Garda. The central concept is the pursuit of overall wellness. At the resort’s heart is the SPA, divided into 3 principal areas: bathing and heat, which includes indoor and outdoor salt water swimming pools and 5 different kinds of sauna, the extensive spa menu also has thalassotherapy experiences, Oriental rituals, massages and beauty treatments.”*

<http://www.johansens.com/italy/lombardy/lefy-resort--spa-lago-di-garda>

#### **Most Excellent European Destination Spa – SHA Wellness Clinic, Spain**

*“SHA is a dedicated wellness clinic founded to help guests dramatically improve their quality of life. The 93 suites are instantly relaxing and rejuvenating fusing ancient Eastern philosophies with revolutionary Western techniques, extensive wellness facilities include the aqua-lab zone with therapeutic pools, physio-hydro massage beds, tepidarium and Dead Sea water floatarium.”*

<http://www.johansens.com/spain/alicante/sha-wellness-clinic>

**Most Excellent Luxury Guest House – Château-Hôtel André Ziltener – France**

*“Wine lovers beware! Upon entering this wonderful château, a former Cistercian abbey, you will not want to leave! Head for the wine bar stocked with the region’s specialities and relax in your choice of accommodation each one beautifully elegant and luxuriously appointed.”*

<http://www.johansens.com/france/burgundy/chateau-hotel-andre-ziltener>

**Most Excellent Charming Hotel – Palazzo Magnani Feroni All-Suites-Florence, Italy**

*“Close to the main attractions and museums in the heart of Florence, this architectural jewel from the 16th century is characterised to reflect Renaissance refinement throughout, with frescoes, vaulted ceilings and intricate wood carvings. For a truly memorable experience, why not arrange a private dinner on the roof terrace with its panoramic views over the city!”*

<http://www.johansens.com/italy/florence/palazzo-magnani-feroni---all-suites-florence>

**Most Excellent Hotel – Gran Hotel Bahía del Duque Resort, Spain**

*“A private resort situated next to the sea and Duque beach, this is an oasis of luxury. Inspired by traditional turn of the 20th-century Canarian architecture, this exclusive complex comprises Corinthian columns, bell towers and vast blue pools and 8 restaurants, 7 bars, 5 nearby golf courses and a stunning outdoor ESPA managed spa and thalasso.”*

<http://www.johansens.com/spain/tenerife/gran-hotel-bahia-del-duque-resort>

**Condé Nast Johansens 2012 Readers’ Award - Bagni di Bormio Spa Resort, Italy**

*“Pamper yourself at this grand old dame with 7 outdoor thermal pools, Roman baths and thermal spring caves amid the Belle Epoque architectural splendour. Excellent cuisine is available at 2 restaurants, inspired by produce grown in the resort’s herb and botanical garden.”*

<http://www.johansens.com/italy/lombardy/bagni-di-bormio-spa-resort>

**NOTES FOR EDITORS:** The Awards are based on combined results of the Condé Nast Johansens online voting system, guest survey reports, inspector feedback and Condé Nast head office, for properties currently featured.

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