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SHERATON GRAND AT WILD HORSE PASS RECEIVES HIGH HONORS FROM FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE IN ITS OFFICIAL 2017 STAR RATING ANNOUNCEMENT

Kai Earns the Coveted Five-Star Rating, Aji Spa Receives Four Stars All Ratings Showcased on ForbesTravelGuide.com

PHOENIX, AZ (February 22, 2017) – <u>Forbes Travel Guide</u> today unveiled its annual Star Rating list, awarding <u>Kai restaurant</u> at the <u>Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass</u> with their highest rating, the <u>Five-Star Award</u> for the ninth consecutive year. Kai is the only restaurant in Arizona and one of only 41 restaurants in all of North America to receive this prestigious honor.

Aji Spa at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass was named, for the ninth consecutive year, to the list of Forbes Four-Star recipients, continuing their legacy as one of the top eight spas in the thriving Arizona spa market.

In addition, <u>Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass</u> maintained their place on the <u>Forbes</u> <u>Travel Guide Recommended Hotel</u> list. This designation is described as denoting a well-appointed hotel that has enhanced amenities and design which provide a consistently strong sense of location and service.

<u>Kai</u>, the Pima word for "seed," is a distinctive dining experience focused on sharing a regional sense of place through sophisticated cuisine. Treasured for being as luxurious as it is accessible, the talented culinary and service teams behind Kai's success work diligently to bring Native American inspired cuisine to the forefront of the national gourmet dialogue.

<u>Aji</u>, meaning "sanctuary" in the Pima language, continues to develop treatments and offerings inspired by the Pima and Maricopa culture that are part of the <u>Indigenous Collection</u>, which was developed by Aji's Cultural Caretakers.

The Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass is a heritage resort offering a fully indigenous, healing and indulgent escape. Located on pristine Sonoran desert land only minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, it is one of the premier resorts in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area.



"We are exceptionally proud to once again receive these awards from Forbes Travel Guide; recognition that is important to our resort's continued success. This affirms the passion, talent and commitment of our team toward luxury and quality," said Bunty Ahamed, General Manager. "It is a distinct honor to be listed among an elite group who are known for consistently delivering luxury to world travelers."

"We are delighted to recognize the 2017 Star Rating recipients, an exceptional collection of hotels, restaurants and spas that demonstrates a strong culture of service," said Gerard J. Inzerillo, Chief Executive Officer of Forbes Travel Guide.

"In an online environment of confusion and clutter, Forbes Travel Guide is the most trusted source of information to assist guests in making informed decisions," Inzerillo said. "These properties, the largest and most global group in the company's history, achieve an impeccable standard of excellence in hospitality, underscoring our overall mission of positively contributing to the international tourism industry as well as individual hotel experience. We are proud to congratulate everyone associated with the prestigious properties recognized today.

For a detailed explanation of how Forbes Travel Guide compiles its Star ratings, visit www.forbestravelguide.com/about/ratings.

About Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass: The Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass is a total destination resort showcasing the heritage, culture, art and legends of the Pima and Maricopa Tribes. The resort offerings include: 500 culturally themed rooms, Forbes Five-Star/AAA Five-Diamond Dining at Kai restaurant, the Forbes Four-Star Aji Spa; 36-holes of Troon-managed golf at Whirlwind Golf Club; the 1,000-acre Koli Equestrian Center, and several nearby attractions. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram @sheratongrandaz and Twitter.

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