

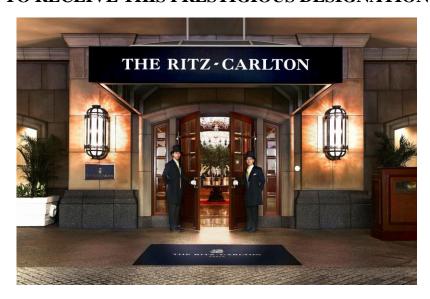


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THE RITZ-CARLTON, OSAKA NAMED FIVE-STAR HOTEL IN FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE'S 2023 STAR AWARDS, MAKING IT THE FIRST HOTEL IN OSAKA TO RECEIVE THIS PRESTIGIOUS DESIGNATION



Osaka, Japan – 16 February 2023 – Forbes Travel Guide ("FTG"), the sole global rating system for luxury hotels, restaurants, spas, and ocean cruises, announced its 2023 Star Awards today. The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka has been honored with a new Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star award, becoming the first and only hotel in Osaka to receive this distinction. The honorees, including The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka, are featured on ForbesTravelGuide.com.

The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka, the first hotel in Japan for the international hotel group The Ritz-Carlton, opened its doors in May 1997 and offers an elegant atmosphere reminiscent of an 18th-century English nobleman's mansion. Guests are greeted by a doorman in a silk hat upon arrival.

The hotel boasts six dining options, including two Michelin one-star restaurants, French restaurant La Baie and Japanese restaurant Tempura by Hanagatami. With 291 guest rooms on the 24th to 37th floors, guests can enjoy breathtaking views of the city of Osaka.

"For more than a quarter of a century, The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka has set the standard for luxury hospitality in Japan, providing guests with unmatched Omotenasi. We are thrilled to have received the highly coveted recognition from Forbes Travel Guide, further solidifying our commitment to excellence." said Mark Neukomm, General Manager of The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka. "We remain dedicated to delivering the finest personal service, fulfilling even the unexpressed wishes and needs of our guests."

To view the new Star Award winners, visit <u>ForbesTravelGuide.com</u>. For a detailed explanation of how Forbes Travel Guide compiles its Star Ratings, click here.

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About The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka

Located across from Osaka railway station in Umeda, Osaka's main gateway and developing hub of commerce and culture, the hotel offers 143 superior rooms, 51 club rooms, and 54 suites including 12 club suites, two Japanese-style suites and two Ritz-Carlton suites; extensive wedding facilities; function facilities totaling 25,500 square feet; a complimentary 24 hour Fitness Center equipped with indoor pool, outdoor jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and whirlpool; ESPA as well as four restaurants, a bar and a lounge. For more information, please contact a travel professional, the hotel directly at (81 6) 6343-7000, or visit The Ritz-Carlton web site at www.ritzcarlton.com