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**THE RITZ-CARLTON RESIDENCES, WAIKIKI BEACH NAMED BEST HOTEL IN HAWAII
BY USA TODAY 10BEST READERS' CHOICE AWARDS**

Ranking No. 1 of 20 Hotels and Resorts in Hawaii

WAIKIKI BEACH, HI. – July 12, 2019 – USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards revealed its results today naming The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach as the Best Hotel in Hawai'i, as voted by readers, earning it the No. 1 spot of 20 hotels and resorts listed in the same category this year.

“We are so honored to receive this prestigious distinction as the top hotel in the Hawaiian Islands only three years after debuting Oahu’s very first Ritz-Carlton” said Mr. Douglas Chang, General Manager of The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach. “The recognition goes to our dedicated Ladies and Gentlemen who take tremendous pride in enlivening our iconic brand’s values and providing our guests with exceptional experiences and service. This honor is a true testament of their efforts and I am so proud of all of them.”

Waikiki’s newest luxury resort is celebrating three years since its opening in July 2016, and features 552 stylishly-appointed rooms and suites in two towers, all of which are ocean facing, providing guests with an unparalleled view of the Pacific. With 246 suites, the resort boasts the largest number of luxury hotel suites on the island. Amenities include two infinity pools with private cabanas, a premier fitness center designed by celebrity trainer Harley Pasternak, yoga room, movie theatre, and a spa inspired by the natural elements and traditional healing methods of the islands. A fine selection of dining experiences include a sushi legend from Japan, a global high-end gourmet market and three new dining options slated to debut this year.

For reservations and more information, visit ritzcarlton.com/waikiki.

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About USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards

The 10Best Readers' Choice Award contest launches new categories every other Monday at noon, revealing each category's 20 nominees. After 4 weeks of voting, the contest closes on the 28th day at noon. On the Friday after voting ends, winners are revealed. Rules allow the public the right to vote online for one nominee per category, per day.

Nominees for all categories are chosen by a panel of relevant experts which include a combination of editors from USA TODAY; editors from 10Best.com; relevant expert contributors; and sources for both these media and other Gannett properties. The nomination panel for each award category is displayed on its associated contest page. All voting is digital and the 10Best Readers' Choice Award contest is accessible on the 10Best.com website.

While the 10Best Readers' Choice Award contest lives on 10Best.com - a standalone travel media site - it is promoted across USA TODAY Travel Media Group's digital and mobile products, as well as via social media. Nominees are also announced and/or promoted across relevant USA TODAY departments, and through Gannett media outlets.

10Best.com provides users with original, unbiased, and experiential travel content of top attractions, things to see and do, and restaurants for top destinations in the U.S. and around the world. The core of the site's uniqueness is its team of local travel experts: a well-traveled and well-educated group who are not only experts in their fields - and their cities - but discriminating in their tastes. These local experts live in the city they write about so the content is constantly updated. 10Best.com averages 5 million visitors per month. It was acquired by USA TODAY in January of 2013.

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