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<u>Terranea Resort Honored with Four-Stars in Hotel and Spa Categories and mar'sel</u> <u>"Recommended" By Forbes Travel Guide in Its Official 2018 Star Rating</u> Announcement

Terranea Resort, A Destination Hotel, Earns Prestigious Award; All Ratings Showcased on ForbesTravelGuide.com

(February 20, 2018) — Forbes Travel Guide today unveiled its annual Star Rating list, naming Terranea Resort, A Destination Hotel, as a new Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star Hotel, The Spa at Terranea a Four-Star Spa, and mar'sel as a Recommended Restaurant. All three will be showcased with all of the Star Rating recipients on ForbesTravelGuide.com starting today.

"We are delighted to be acknowledged by the iconic Forbes Travel Guide this year for our resort, spa and fine dining restaurant, mar'sel," says Terri A. Haack, president of Terranea Resort. "I believe our beautiful natural surroundings and the unique way in which we embrace this sense of place continues to keep our extraordinary amenities relevant, engaging, and very special, and our associates are dedicated to providing the highest level of service standards for our guests."

Terranea Resort is the latest addition to the luxury travel ratings that have been the gold standard in the hospitality industry since 1958. A Four-Star rating is reserved for exceptional properties, offering high levels of service and quality of facility to match, while a Recommended rating indicates a property is excellent with consistently good service and facilities.

"We are pleased to honor the 2018 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, click here.

About Forbes Travel Guide:

Forbes Travel Guide is the only independent, global rating system for luxury hotels, restaurants and spas. Started as Mobil Travel Guide in 1958, the company created the first Five-Star rating system in the United States. Today, Forbes Travel Guide's incognito inspectors travel the world, evaluating properties based on up to 900 rigorous, objective standards. The company's annual Star Ratings, reviews and daily travel stories help discerning travelers select the world's best luxury experiences. For more information about Forbes Travel Guide, visit www.forbestravelguide.com.

About Terranea Resort, A Destination Hotel

Located on California's Palos Verdes Peninsula, Terranea is Los Angeles's premier oceanfront resort with 102-acres of unparalleled Pacific Ocean views. Terranea opened its doors in June 2009 and offers world-class accommodations that range from hotel suites to bungalows, oceanfront casitas, and luxurious villas, which are also available for purchase as seaside second homes through Terranea Real Estate. Amenities include The Links at Terranea, a nine-hole, par-3 golf course; award-winning 50,000 sq. ft. oceanfront spa and fitness center; four swimming pools and a 140-foot waterslide; marea luxury boutique; 135,000 sq. ft. of conference and meeting space; and eight dining venues including signature restaurant mar'sel; Nelson's, a cliff-side spot ideal for whale watching; and Asian-inspired bashi. Terranea is proud of its Farm-to-Terranea culinary philosophy that focuses on utilizing local and sustainable ingredients. Terranea's bountiful land boasts herb and vegetable gardens, lemon groves, beehives, a Sea Salt Conservatory, and more. The resort's innovative adventure concierge, lets guests discover and explore Terranea's rich terrain with miles of scenic coastal trails, secluded beach cove, and ocean environment. Fun, enriching programs and activities such as habitat photography, falconry, kayaking, and paddle boarding also abound. Terranea Resort is owned by a joint venture comprised of Lowe Enterprises and JC Resorts and is a member of the American Express Fine Hotels & Resorts program and AAA Four-Diamond property. Since its opening, Terranea Resort has been named one of Travel + Leisure's "500 Best Hotels in the World" and earned a spot on Condé Nast Traveler's "Readers' Choice Awards" and "Gold List." The resort also received the "Award of Excellence" from Wine Spectator and has been recognized numerous times on U.S. News & World Report's "Best U.S. Hotels" list. For additional information about Terranea Resort, visit www.terranea.com, call 866.261.5873, or follow the resort on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

About Destination Hotels

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