

SALISH LODGE & SPA BRINGS HOME THE GOLD FROM TOP NATIONAL TRAVEL PUBLICATIONS

Both *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* give top marks to iconic Pacific Northwest lodge

Snoqualmie, Wash. (January 3, 2008) – Salish Lodge & Spa, a romantic mountain retreat 30 minutes east of Seattle, was recently recognized as one of the world’s best hotels on *Condé Nast Traveler’s* Gold List of the 721 World’s best places to stay as well as on the *Travel + Leisure* 500, an annual roundup of 500 of the world’s best hotels. Both lists appear in the January 2008 issue of each publication.

Condé Nast Traveler’s Gold List ranks hotels on rooms, service, food, location, design and activities. *Travel + Leisure* researchers rank hotels around the world to name the *Travel + Leisure* 500, creating a guide that the magazine calls “the definitive guide” to the greatest hotels worldwide. Salish Lodge & Spa received an overall score of 86.4 from *Condé Nast Traveler* and an overall score of 86.55 from *Travel + Leisure*.

“Our location atop the 268-foot Snoqualmie Falls allows us to offer a memorable experience, but it is our commitment to service and luxury that creates that sensational experience we create here at Salish Lodge,” said Carl Meyer, general manager, Salish Lodge & Spa. “Each year we strive to improve our efforts to maintain our position as the Pacific Northwest’s premier resort destination.”

This year marks the sixth consecutive year that Salish Lodge has been recognized on the *Travel + Leisure* 500 list and the eighth consecutive year that the lodge has been recognized on *Condé Nast Traveler’s* Gold List.

About Salish Lodge & Spa

Consistently ranked among the best small resorts in the world, the AAA Four Diamond Salish Lodge & Spa overlooks the 268-foot Snoqualmie Falls. Each of its 89 guest rooms has a bedside wood-burning fireplace, two-person whirlpool tub, goose-down comforter, feather bed and balcony or window seat. The resort offers a variety of recreational activities, treatments at the award-winning Spa, Chef Roy Breiman’s seasonal cuisine, an award-winning wine list and personalized service. The resort is located 30 minutes east of downtown Seattle, within 40 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and three hours from Vancouver, B.C. and Portland, Oregon. For more information or reservations, please call 1-800-2-SALISH or visit www.salishlodge.com.

About Columbia Hospitality, Inc.

Columbia Hospitality, Inc., a leading hospitality management and consulting firm, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia Hospitality creates exceptional experiences for guests and employees while achieving phenomenal results for its property owners. Specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, Columbia Hospitality expertly transforms each vision for a unique property

into an enduring and profitable business. Columbia Hospitality's premier properties include boutique hotels and secluded resorts including the following:

- Kenwood Inn and Spa in Sonoma County, Calif.
- The Inn at Langley on Whidbey Island in Washington state
- Friday Harbor House on San Juan Island in Washington state

The company also manages a portfolio of conference centers and event venues in Washington state, including the Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle. The company additionally supports an active consulting division that has worked on more than 80 hospitality development projects in five western U.S. states and Canada. For more information on Columbia Hospitality, Inc., visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

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