



2014 CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER READERS' CHOICE AWARDS NAMES THREE COLUMBIA HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES AMONG "BEST IN THE WORLD"

The Inn at Langley, Kenwood Inn and Spa, and Salish Lodge & Spa receive prestigious honor

SEATTLE (November 3, 2014) – Three properties managed by premier Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm, Columbia Hospitality, have received distinctive recognition in *Condé Nast Traveler's* 27th Annual Readers' Choice Awards. The awards, presented to The Inn at Langley, Kenwood Inn and Spa, and Salish Lodge & Spa, are derived from the *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Survey representing the opinions of 76,659 magazine readers from around the globe.

"We are honored that our properties continue to be recognized among *Condé Nast's* top destinations in the world," said Columbia Hospitality CEO, John Oppenheimer. "These awards are a testament to the hard work of our team members, our dedication to provide outstanding guest experience and of course, the remarkable properties themselves."

The Inn at Langley ranked No. 9 out of 10 in the category of "Best Resorts in the Pacific Northwest." Salish Lodge & Spa claimed the No. 12 spot out of 25 in "Best Hotels in the Pacific Northwest," while Kenwood Inn and Spa was ranked No. 13 out of 15 in the category of "Best Resorts in Northern California."

Each property is judged on a set of criteria relevant to their category, such as Rooms, Service, Location, Food/Dining, Design, Activities/Facilities, and Value. Based on a standard five-point scale – excellent, very good, good, fair, and poor – the mean average of these ratings determines the final score, a new approach for 2014. Kenwood Inn and Spa, a boutique Sonoma wine country experience, received an overall score of 82.5, and Whidbey Island's contemporary The Inn at Langley, received a score of 82.792. Both properties have appeared on their respective lists six times since 2008. The iconic Pacific Northwest destination Salish Lodge & Spa has appeared on the list since 2006 and boasted an overall score of 84.283.

About Kenwood Inn and Spa

Consistently recognized by *Condé Nast Traveler* among the top small resorts in North America, and designed with Mediterranean-fashioned hand crafted artistry, Kenwood Inn and Spa offers 29, villa-styled guest rooms flanked by courtyards, a pool, two hot tubs, sunning terraces and vineyard views. The Inn offers full-service catering for weddings, intimate gatherings and small meetings, with a private wine bar and guests-only restaurant highlighting authentic flavors of Italy in Sonoma including fresh fare from the hotel's garden and the best local farms, all to savor with the perfect wines. The Spa at Kenwood features results-oriented treatments and vinotherapy-engaging the exceptional rejuvenating and protective powers of the grape. The Inn is located at 10400 Sonoma Highway in Kenwood, California. The telephone number is (800) 353-6966 and the website is located at www.kenwoodinn.com for reservations and information.

About Salish Lodge & Spa

Consistently ranked among the best small hotel and resorts in the world, Salish Lodge & Spa overlooks the 268-foot Snoqualmie Falls. Dining at this iconic Pacific Northwest lodge boasts outstanding views of the Falls and Snoqualmie River with a menu featuring mouthwatering, purely Northwest cuisine using fresh, vibrant, seasonal ingredients, and an award-winning wine list. Guests also enjoy regionally inspired treatments – including a body scrub using honey from the Lodge’s own apiary – at the world-renowned spa, and a variety of recreational activities. Nestled in Washington’s picturesque Cascade Mountains, each of its 84 guest rooms has a fireplace, two person whirlpool tub, and balcony or window seat. The resort is located 30 minutes east of downtown Seattle and within 40 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Salish Lodge & Spa is owned by the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information or reservations, please call 800-2-SALISH or visit www.salishlodge.com.

About The Inn at Langley

The Inn at Langley is a 28-room contemporary inn on a Whidbey Island bluff overlooking the Saratoga Passage. *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* magazines have consistently ranked the Inn among the top accommodations in the nation. Matt Costello manages the Inn and serves as chef at the Inn’s restaurant, the heart of the beautiful retreat. The Spa offers therapeutic experiences featuring organic and environmentally conscious product lines. Dinner at the Inn is served every Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the year and on Thursdays as well from mid-June through August. Dinner is open to guests and the general public. Reservations are required. For more information, please call 360-221-3033 or visit www.innatlangley.com.

About Columbia Hospitality

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia’s growing portfolio of premier properties, including the award-winning boutique hotels of the Columbia Collection, conference centers, public and private golf courses and distinctive venues offer world-class service in memorable destinations. Columbia creates exceptional experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for property owners. The company’s continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 100 hospitality projects worldwide. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

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