

AUBERGE RESORTS AGAIN HONORED WITH GREEN SPA NETWORK'S SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Auberge Recognized for Second Consecutive Year for Leadership in Corporate Sustainability

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. (November X, 2013) – [Auberge Resorts](#), the premier developer and operator of boutique luxury resorts and private clubs, has again been honored by **Green Spa Network** with the award for *Sustainable Corporate Spa of the Year*. The award recognizes Auberge Resorts for the company's pioneering programs, leadership and ongoing commitment to sustainability at its resorts throughout North America. The awards were announced at the Green Spas Network's annual congress, held recently in Colorado.

The [Green Spa Network Sustainability Awards](#) were launched by Green Spa Network in 2012 to underscore the importance of sustainability leaders in transforming an industry. Criteria for winning included achieving the highest level of sustainability compared to their peers; continuous improvement; setting an example of best practices for the industry to follow; making sustainable practices inviting and desirable to consumers and employees.

Environmental and social responsibility are inherent elements of the Auberge brand. The company's philosophy of [responsible luxury](#) encompasses the Auberge approach to developing, operating and maintaining its luxury resorts and private clubs. This includes a focus on employee wellness. In 2013, Auberge's award-winning leadership included programs such as a healthful employee menus and a companywide wellness week offering personal well-being classes and shared health-related resources for employees at all Auberge resorts.

"We are honored that Auberge Resorts has been recognized once again by Green Spa Network as a leader in sustainability," said Mark Harmon, CEO, Auberge Resorts. "As a company, we make it a priority to demonstrate good stewardship of our natural resources and assist our valued staff in leading healthy, balanced lives. We are gratified that such respected spa industry leaders have acknowledged our ongoing efforts with this meaningful award."

"These are the foremost leaders pushing the edge of innovation in our industry," said Green Spa Network Executive Director Deb Berlin, who presented the awards with the organization's President, Roberto Arjona. "It is an honor for our organization to collaborate with these visionaries to bring the spa industry to a place of true wellness and sustainability."

Twelve winners were chosen from categories including green building, eco healthy culinary program, natural personal care products, sustainable spas and leadership from individuals who have shaped the green spa movement.

Green Spa Network elected a panel of industry experts to vote, including Rona Berg, Editor-in-Chief of *Organic Spa* magazine; Julie Keller Callaghan, Editor-in-Chief of *American Spa* magazine; Cici Coffee, Founder of Natural Body Spa; and Clifford Bast, Managing Director of BastSustain Group.

Details of the projects and initiatives that were awarded are available at

<http://greenspanetwork.org/news/201309/green-spa-network-announces-winners-2013-spa-sustainability-awards>

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About The Green Spa Network

GSN is a community of like-minded spas and resource partners comprised of nearly 200 members with an estimated purchasing power of \$30+ million per year. The association provides tools, guidance, and networking to steer the spa industry towards sustainability. For more information, visit www.greenspanetwork.org.

About Auberge Resorts

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; captivating locations that inspire exceptional cuisine and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. Among the Auberge collection of distinctive properties are: Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley, Calif.; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley, Calif.; Solage Calistoga, Napa Valley, Calif.; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C.; Hotel Jerome, Aspen, Colo.; the Malliouhana Hotel & Spa, Anguilla; and The Auberge Residences at Element 52, Telluride, Colo., and Pronghorn Resort, Bend, Ore., with several others currently in development. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit <http://www.aubergeresorts.com/>. Follow Auberge Resorts on Facebook at [facebook.com/AubergeResorts](https://www.facebook.com/AubergeResorts) and on Twitter at [@AubergeResorts](https://twitter.com/AubergeResorts).

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