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HOTEL HANA-MAUI AND HONUA SPA WRAPS UP SUMMER SEASON WITH TOP AWARDS

AAA Four Diamond, *Travel + Leisure's* "World's Best" Among the Honors in 2005

HANA, Hawaii, Oct. 6, 2005 – Since the legendary hotel was restored as a luxury destination in 2002, the Hotel Hana-Maui and Honua Spa has consistently received top awards and recognition, which have secured its place among the world's best. In 2005, the hotel won its highest honors yet.

For the second year in a row, the hotel was designated a AAA Four Diamond winner for its superior service and high quality. In August, it was rated ninth by *Travel + Leisure's* "World's Best Awards: Hawaii Top 25," moving up four spots from 2004. Last June, the Hotel Hana-Maui made *Travel + Leisure's* Top Ten Hawaii "World's Best Service" list: the hotel's first time on this coveted list.

This year the full-service Honua Spa, opened in 2004 to rave reviews, also received top honors. Just recently it was named "Hawaii's Best New Spa" by *Luxury SpaFinder Magazine* and rated number three "Tops for Service" on *Conde Nast's Traveler's* "Top 50 Spas" list. *Spa Magazine* rated it not only one of the "10 Most Romantic Spas" but one of the "Sexiest Spas in the World".

Other awards and accolades from recent years include the following:

Top 100 Readers' Choice Awards
"Top 30 Pacific Rim Hotels – The Best in the World"
Conde Nast Traveler, November 2004

"World's Best Hotels: Hawaii"
"World's Best Awards"
Travel + Leisure, August 2004

Top 3 "Ultimate Resorts for Seclusion"
"50 World's Best Honeymoons"
Modern Bride, August/September 2004

“Hawaii’s Best New Spa”
San Francisco Magazine, July 2004

Top 3 “10 Most Romantic Spas”
Spa Magazine, July 2004

“Top Five Romantic Spots for You and Your Sweetheart”
H Texas Magazine, February 2004

“Honeymoon Hot Spot”
San Diego Magazine, February 2004

One of “Maui’s 6 Must-Sees”
Woman’s World, January 2004

Top 5 “Ultimate Resort for Seclusion”
“Red-Hot Hotels - Best Honeymoons...”
Modern Bride, October/November 2003

“Hot List”
“One of the 80 Best New Hotels in the World”
Conde Nast Traveler, May 2003

“10 Great Hotels for Renewing Body & Soul”
USA Today, January 2003

Located on the lush tropical eastern coast of Maui, the restored Hotel Hana-Maui offers the ideal location for secluded getaways as well as a taste of authentic Hawaii. Hana is accessible via the famous and recently upgraded Hana Highway, “The Road to Hana,” a 57-mile drive considered one of the most beautiful in North America. Travelers can also fly directly to Hana Airport from Honolulu or Kahului via Pacific Wings Airlines, and the hotel provides complimentary transfer service to and from the Hotel. Charter air service is also available through AirLinks. For further information, please visit the Web site at www.hotelhanamaui.com, or call reservations at 800-321-HANA.

About the Hotel Hana-Maui

The Hotel Hana-Maui, a AAA Four Diamond hotel and a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, is managed by Passport Resorts in San Francisco. In 2005, the hotel was rated on *Travel + Leisure's* World's Best Awards and World's Best Service ‘Top Ten Hawaii’ lists, and the Honua Spa was named “#3 Tops for Service” in *Conde Nast Traveler's* Readers’ Poll for ‘Top 50 Spas in North America, the Caribbean and at Sea.’ and also recognized in *Modern Bride's* “World's 50 Best Honeymoons” as one of the “Ultimate Resorts for Seclusion.” Sister resorts include Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, California and Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort. In 2005, Post Ranch Inn was rated by *Travel + Leisure's* World's Best Awards, and *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report* as the #1 U.S. Resort Hotel and #1 U.S. Resort Hideaway, and the Fiji resort was honored with the top score by *Conde Nast Traveler's* Green List for its outstanding commitment to ecotourism.

All three resorts provide guests with a “Spirit of Place” and each is indigenous to its own culture. Contact Passport Resorts, 921 Front Street, San Francisco, Calif., 94111 or 415-788-7870 for further information.

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