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HOTEL HANA-MAUI'S HONUA SPA NO. 2 IN TRAVEL + LEISURE'S "WORLD'S BEST SPAS" SURVEY

HANA, Hawaii, Sept. 25, 2006 – Only two and a half years after opening, Hotel Hana-Maui's Honua Spa was ranked No. 2 in its class on *Travel + Leisure's* "World's Best Spas" list. In the annual readers' poll *Travel + Leisure* published in the October issue, Honua Spa placed second in the "Top 10 Hotel Spas—Hawaii" category. Since San Francisco-based Passport Resorts restored the legendary hotel as a luxury destination, Hotel Hana-Maui has consistently received top awards and recognition for its amenities, service and spa. This latest distinction is the spa's highest honor yet, documenting its rise to a place among the world's best. Early this year, *Conde Nast Johansens Luxury Hotel Guide* named the Hotel Hana-Maui & Honua Spa the "Most Excellent Spa Hotel in the U.S."

"This is a wonderful accomplishment for everyone at the hotel," said Peter Heinemann, managing partner of the Hotel Hana-Maui. "It is gratifying to know that the combination of our talented staff and incredible spa environment are recognized and appreciated by readers of *Travel + Leisure.*"

Opening in 2004 to rave reviews, the full-service Honua Spa has received many honors. It was named "Hawaii's Best New Spa" by *Luxury SpaFinder Magazine* and *San Francisco Magazine* and rated No. 3 "Tops for Service" on *Conde Nast Traveler's* "Top 50 Spas" list. *Spa Magazine* rated it not only one of the top three "10 Most Romantic Spas" but one of the "Sexiest Spas in the World."

The intimate, full-service Honua Spa offers a relaxing sanctuary surrounded by Hana's tropical beauty. The Spa features two 'couples only' treatments suites and a water aquatic Watsu pool heated to body temperature. Massage therapies include the popular Hawaiian Lomilomi, a native healing tradition, and the Tropical Blend, a therapeutic massage that blends several techniques. Guests can relax before and after treatments in a large outdoor basking lava rock whirlpool and lounge chairs overlooking Hana Bay.

Located on the lush tropical eastern coast of Maui, the 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.

This year, the Hotel will again feature 'adults-only months'—September 2006 and May 2007, during which guests at the hotel must be at least 18 years of age.

The three-night Wellness and Spa Escape offers four 60-minute spa treatments, breakfast daily for two and accommodations, starting from \$593 per night, based on double occupancy. 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 June 2006, *Travel + Leisure* rated the hotel in the top 5 in Hawaii for "World's Best Service"; the hotel was also listed as one of the "Top 100 Luxury Resorts" by *Robb Reports*. In 2005, the hotel was rated in the top 10 of *Travel + Leisure's* World's Best Awards in the 'Top 25 Hawaii' category. Sister resorts include Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, Calif., and Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort. In 2006, Post Ranch Inn was named "Most Excellent Inn" by *Conde Nast Johansens* and listed on Robb Report's "Top 100 Luxury Resorts" and *Conde Nast Traveler's* "World's Best Places to Stay." In 2005 it was ranked on *Travel + Leisure's* World's Best Awards, and *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report* rated it as the No. 1 U.S. Resort Hotel and the No. 1 U.S. Resort Hideaway. In 2005 the Fiji resort was honored with the top score by *Conde Nast Traveler's* 'Green List' for its outstanding commitment to ecotourism. *Islands* magazine listed the resort as "One of the 7 Best Snorkeling Spots in the World" and it received the No. 1 place for "Fiji's Leading Resort" at the World Travel Awards in 2005.

All three resorts provide guests with a "Spirit of Place," and each is indigenous to its own culture and are described as "Resorts with a Soul." Contact Passport Resorts, 921 Front St, San Francisco, CA 94111 or (415) 788-7870 for further information.

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