

PRESS RELEASE

## **Condé Nast Johansens Annual Awards for Excellence**

**Hotel Hospes Palacio de los Patos has received an award for the Most Excellent Hotel for Design and Innovation in Europe in 2008**

**Hotel Hospes Palacio de los Patos in Granada has been presented with the award for the Most Excellent European Hotel for Design & Innovation as part of the annual Excellence Awards, which the prestigious Condé Nast Johansen group has presented over the last twenty-six years.**

**The jury's decision was announced during a spectacular gala event held at London's Jumeirah Carlton Tower Hotel on November 12.**

Hotel Hospes Palacio de los Patos de Granada, winner of the European Award for Design and Innovation, is a clear example of what Hospes Hotels & Moments sees as their *raison d'être* – providing a way for their clients to enjoy complete rest and a whole world of revitalising sensations. Hotel Hospes Palacio de los Patos consists of a careful conversion of a nineteenth-century palace, officially listed as a culturally significant structure, and a completely new building, which forms a blend of different levels and transparencies behind a majestically subtle alabaster façade. The hotel combines exquisite service for the traveller with impeccable design and comfort. The interaction between its imposing exterior architecture, the harmonious integration of the two buildings and the contemporary elegance of its interiors ensure this five-star establishment is able to create a unique space which invites guests to unwind and relax.

With its 42 beautifully decorated rooms, its fine cuisine based on prime local natural ingredients at the Senzone restaurant, the Bodyna spa and its comprehensive services catering for guests's well-being, the Hospes Palacio de los Patos is a perfect example of how Hospes constantly strives to regain the architectural, historical and cultural heritage in each of the locations where it is present without forgoing the pleasures of innovative design and luxurious comfort. The Condé Nast Johansens award serves to acknowledge such excellence. Another Hospes hotel, the Amérigo in Alicante also received this award at the 2006 edition.

In addition to this prestigious prize, the Hotel Hospes Palacio de los Patos has received a plethora of awards and acknowledgements, the most important of which are: Editor's Choice in Granada 2007 (Diavaram, Spain), Second Best European Design Hotel 2007 (GEO magazine, Germany), Best Newcomer Restaurant 2007 (Finalist, Madrid Fusión, Spain), Hot List 2006 (Condé Nast Traveller, UK), Best Design Hotel 2006 (Sleep Awards, UK), Best Architecture Conversion 2006 (Sleep Awards, UK) and Best Hotel Restoration 2006 (Gran Hotel, Spain).

The jury for the Annual Awards for Excellence consists of the Condé Nast Johansens executive board, which selects establishments based on ratings received in quality evaluation forms completed by guests and on nominations from its teams of inspectors. Condé Nast's fifty regional inspectors visit 1,300 hotels, spas, country estates, ranches and resorts throughout the world and recommend the establishments which best meet their exemplary standards of quality.

Hospes Hotels & Moments currently operates nine establishments: Hospes Lancaster, in Paris; Hospes Palau de la Mar, in Valencia; Hospes Maricel, in Mallorca; Hospes las Casas del Rey de Baeza, in Seville; Hospes Palacio de los Patos, in Granada; Hospes Palacio del Bailío, in Cordoba; Hospes Amérigo, in Alicante; Hospes Villa Paulita, in Puigcerdà and its recently opened Hospes Madrid. Hospes aims to acquire a portfolio of 30 establishments in Europe over the next ten years.

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