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Dream destination Maldives – the ultimate in luxury travel in 2021 Hotels and resorts in the Indian Ocean garner four prizes at the ninth annual Connoisseur Circle Hospitality Awards

Berlin/Vienna (cc) – This year especially, travelers are yearning for a dream setting for their perfect vacation. At the 2021 Connoisseur Circle Hospitality Awards, several resorts in the Maldives emerged as the big winners. And not only that—the vacation paradise in the Indian Ocean was awarded the title of “Best Luxury Destination of the Year” by our top-notch jury. The coveted awards for top performance and innovation in the international hotel industry were given out for the ninth time, and were hosted digitally for the second time. 10 hotels from all over the world were nominated for 2021 Connoisseur Circle Hospitality Awards in eight categories. Connoisseur Circle’s ranking of the “best of the best” has established itself as the gold standard by which luxury travelers choose their destinations.

Landhaus Severin*s Morsum Kliff on the North Sea island of Sylt was named “Best Hospitality Boutique Hotel” in 2021. Another prize goes to the Baltic Sea: Weissenhaus Grand Village Resort & Spa by the Sea garnered the “Best Hideaway Europe Award.” The prize in the category of “Best Hospitality Grand Hotel” goes to the Four Seasons in Madrid, Spain. Another exclusive destination located in Southern Europe, the Greek Sani Resort on the Aegean Sea won the “Best Hospitality Innovative Family Hotel Award.” A novice to the world of luxury hotels, the Ikos Andalusia received the “Newcomer Luxury All-Inclusive Resort Europe Special Award.” According to the jury, guests can now also expect the highest level of luxury in Montenegro: our experts distinguished the One & Only Portonovi as the 2021 “Best Newcomer.”

“The place to be”—this year’s undisputed winner of the “2021 Best Luxury Destination Special Award”—is the Maldives. Guests at Joalo Maldives can experience for themselves what it means to be distinguished with the “Indian Ocean’s Best Hideaway Award.” As Soneva Jani on the Noonu Atoll sets the highest global standards in sustainability, the resort pocketed the “Best Hospitality Sustainable Hotel Award.” Fashionable design is a key ingredient for a luxury resort’s success, one which was masterfully integrated at Patina Maldives, the winner of the 2021 “Best Hospitality Design Hotel Award.”

Since 2006, *Connoisseur Circle* has put luxury hotels around the world to the test. For 15 years, notable journalists have evaluated the hotels on an independent and objective basis. Test results are published in a high-end print magazine four times a year and online on a continuous basis at www.ccircle.cc. A 16-member jury consisting of independent travel connoisseurs decides on the winners.

“The awards have a very special significance this year. After this pandemic-induced dry spell, hoteliers around the globe can’t wait to welcome their guests. More than ever, travelers will

have the highest expectations of the destinations they choose,” says Simone Dressler, editor-in-Chief of *Connoisseur Circle*.

Find out more about the 2021 Hospitality Awards at www.ccircle.cc

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