



TIMBERS RESORTS' HOTELS, CASTELLO DI CASOLE & THE SEBASTIAN – VAIL, RANK AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD

Travel & Leisure's "World's Best Awards" Recognize Timbers' Tuscan Retreat and Colorado Ski Resort on the Top 100 Hotels in the World

CARBONDALE, COLO. (July 8, 2015) – [Timbers Resorts'](#) properties [Hotel Castello Di Casole](#) in Tuscany, Italy and [The Sebastian – Vail](#) in Vail, Colorado ranked among the very best in the world in the 20th annual ***Travel + Leisure 2015 World's Best Awards***. Castello di Casole, the former 10th century castle turned 41-suite boutique hotel, was named the No. 1 Resort in Europe (for the third year in a row) and the No. 2 Hotel in the World, and The Sebastian – Vail was recognized as the No. 12 Best Resort in the U.S. and the No. 52 Hotel in the World by the magazine's discerning readers. This is the third year that both properties have been included in *Travel + Leisure's* prestigious ranking.

"The *Travel + Leisure* awards are highly coveted in our field, and we are honored that Castello di Casole and The Sebastian – Vail have once again been recognized among the world's best by a group of extremely well-versed travelers," said David Burden, Founder and Executive Chairman of Timbers Resorts. "The fact that both of the hotels in the Timbers Collection were included in the rankings speaks volumes about our one-of-a-kind locations, top-tier amenities and the personalized level of service we offer our guests."

Developed and operated by Timbers Resorts, the five-star Castello di Casole offers rustic Tuscan elegance in a spectacular setting featuring more than 100 acres of vineyards and olive groves, a model game reserve, a state-of-the-art wellness center and spa, an infinity pool that overlooks the serene countryside and some of the region's finest cuisine. Guests can enjoy a selection of activities ranging from Italian and painting lessons to guided vineyard tours and truffle hunting adventures, as well as spa treatments among the olive trees. The property also recently partnered with Ferrari to offer guests a day of driving through the countryside or an extreme race track experience.

The Sebastian – Vail is a boutique property set in the heart of Vail Village that offers an eclectic mix of approachable chic and high-mountain comfort with a cozy, residential atmosphere filled with views of the Rocky Mountains and the entire valley. The hotel recently unveiled a re-conceptualized in-room experience including a complete redesign of all guest rooms, a new category of one-and-two bedroom executive suites and a series of smart in-room amenities. The updated room design is energetic and elegant, drawing inspiration from the hotel's popular contemporary art-filled public spaces.

The *Travel + Leisure* readers define excellence in travel by rating their experiences and evaluating hotels across the world on the following characteristics – rooms and facilities, location, service, restaurants and food, and value. The 2015 World's Best Awards lists, as well as survey methodology, are featured on www.travelandleisure.com now and will appear in the August issue.

About Timbers Resorts:

Timbers Resorts is the developer and operator of a collection of properties in over 14 of the world's most diverse high-end destinations. A portfolio known as the Timbers Collection, destinations include boutique, private resorts, hotels and residence clubs in ski, golf, leisure and beach locations. Since 1999, Timbers Resorts has been committed to being authentic, unique and respectful of the destination, focusing on family and experiences, and never compromising with regard to quality and service. Owners at properties in the Timbers Collection are granted an ownership experience with expanded benefits through a host of travel and lifestyle partners such as Sentient Jet, Hertz, MedJet Assist and more, as well as access to the Timbers Reciprocity Program and the ability to trade vacation time with other destinations in the portfolio. Current Timbers Collection properties can be found in Aspen, Beaver Creek, Cabo San Lucas, Jupiter, Kaua'i, Maui, Napa, Scottsdale, Snowmass, Sonoma, Southern California, Steamboat, St. Thomas, Tuscany and Vail. For more info, please visit www.timbersresorts.com, www.facebook.com/timbersresorts, www.twitter.com/timbersresorts and www.pinterest.com/timbersresorts.

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