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THE POST OAK HOTEL AT UPTOWN HOUSTON RECEIVES COVETED FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE FIVE-STAR RATING

Texas' only Double Five-Star Rated Hotel & Spa and one of 19 in the Nation

HOUSTON, TX (September 3, 2020) – Tilman Fertitta's Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston has received the coveted Forbes Travel Guide ("FTG") Five-Star rating – becoming Texas' only Double Five-Star rated hotel and spa. The Spa at The Post Oak Hotel received the prestigious accolade within three months of opening in 2019. This is Houston's first and only FTG Five-Star hotel.

Nineteen hotels nationwide are recognized as a Double Five-Star rated hotel and spa. Additionally, The Post Oak Hotel is one of eight hotels not associated with a major brand to win Five-Stars for both the hotel and spa.

"Joining this elite list of Double Five-Stars is a remarkable achievement that continues to designate The Post Oak Hotel as a world-class property and serves as a glittering beacon of Houston's standing as an international destination," said Steven Chou, Hotel Manager. "It was always our vision to achieve the coveted Five-Star rating for both our Hotel and Spa; and we are immensely proud of our team for earning these prestigious designations. This award is a testament of our staff's collective dedication and passion for delivering an unparalleled level of quality in our product and service offerings."

"We have worked diligently and tirelessly to remain Texas' only Forbes Five-Star rated spa," said Daisy Tepper, Spa Director at The Post Oak Hotel. "Being recognized by the service experts in our industry is a true honor once again; and we are committed to delivering a unique and world-class experience for every guest."

Forbes Travel Guide, the global authority on luxury hospitality and the world-renowned expert in genuine Five-Star service, unveiled a sneak peek at its 2021 Star Award winners list to provide getaway inspiration as travel picks up post-quarantine. Forbes Travel Guide will unveil the full list of 2021 winners in spring 2021.

Expert analysts travel the world to assess hotels, restaurants, and spas based on 900 objective standards to determine Star Ratings. Inspectors visit every hotel, restaurant, and spa that receives a Star Rating, staying anonymously as a typical guest. Every Star Rating is earned through an objective, independent process.

"It is difficult to earn a Forbes Travel Guide Star Rating," said Filip Boyen, CEO of Forbes Travel Guide. "These winners have demonstrated dedication in their passion for service. We extend our sincerest congratulations to the staff and leadership at The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston. We celebrate their incredible accomplishment of being one of the newest double Five-Star award winners for 2021 and the first Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star hotel in Houston."

Most recently, *Travel + Leisure* listed The Post Oak Hotel in its prestigious 2020 World's Best Awards, ranking The Post Oak Hotel sixth in The Top 15 City Hotels in the Continental U.S. - being Houston's exclusive honoree and one of only two in the state to make the renowned list.

Since opening in early 2018, Fertitta's ultra-luxe hotel has received numerous accolades becoming Houston's only AAA Five-Diamond hotel, as well as its posh Bloom and Bee restaurant receiving the AAA Four-Diamond award. New York Times, U.S. News & World Report, Condé Nast Traveler, Forbes, and CNN have listed The Post Oak Hotel as a place to visit in 2019.

To view the new Star Award winners, visit <u>ForbesTravelGuide.com</u>. For more information on how Forbes Travel Guide compiles its Star Ratings, click <u>here</u>.

For more information or to book a reservation, please visit <u>www.thepostoakhotel.com</u>.

ABOUT THE POST OAK HOTEL AT UPTOWN HOUSTON

Texas's only Forbes Double Five-Star rated hotel, The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston, is Houston's only Forbes Five-Star hotel and the city's newest destination for the discerning traveler. Set on 10 oak-studded acres, the sleek 38-story tower boasts 250 ultra-modern guestrooms and suites; 20 executive residences; and an elegant 35,000-square-foot conference facility, including the largest ballroom in Uptown Houston. Located mere steps from The Galleria and River Oaks District, The Post Oak Hotel caters to business and leisure travelers alike with lavish accommodations, five-fixture deluxe bathrooms, three televisions, sophisticated technology, and unobstructed views. While the standard guestroom offers over 500 square feet of luxurious and abundant living space, the immense 5,000 square-foot, two-bedroom Presidential Suite is the most opulent of them all and serves as Houston's unmatched, ultra-luxurious suite offering extra concealment and discretion with private elevator access, media room, exercise room and secluded terrace.

Unique amenities include a two-story Rolls-Royce showroom and on-site Bentley and Bugatti Post Oak Motors dealership, as well as six restaurants and bars throughout the hotel with dining choices from sophisticated cuisine in Bloom & Bee and exotic libations at H Bar to pub-style fare at Craft F&B and fresh-baked pastries at Bouchée Patisserie. Also on property is celebrity acclaimed and Texas' first Mastro's Steakhouse, as well as Willie G's Seafood, a Houston institution with an amazing raw bar and seafood favorites. A multi-million-dollar modern art collection with pieces by Frank Stella, Alex Katz, Robert Motherwell, Donald Sultan, Joseph Glasco, and Howard Hodgkin are strategically placed throughout the hotel, giving it a museum-quality feel. The Cellar, the hotel's expansive wine collection with over 30,000 bottles, offers guests and restaurant patrons access to more than \$3 million of the world's finest wines including vintages dating back to the 1800's. The Spa is Texas' only Forbes Five Star rated spa and is one of only 31 in the nation to receive this prestigious honor. The 20,000square-foot urban oasis features signature treatments and rituals, tranquility pools; aromatherapyinfused steam rooms; detoxifying high temperature, low humidity saunas; multi-sensory thermal showers; state-of-the-art Technogym fitness center; and quiet lounges with zero gravity chairs. Additional offerings for an effortless experience include the indulgent Post Oak Salon, and the hotel's fashion-forward boutique, 29° North. The Post Oak Hotel is also among 41 properties in the nation

honored in the Preferred Hotels & Resorts Legends Collection, receiving the brand's top-level accreditation for its high-quality standards and unparalleled service. To make a hotel reservation, please call 844.386.1600 or visit www.thepostoak.com.

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