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SMART MEETINGS ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2019 SMART STARS AWARDS

The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston Clinches Award for Best City Hotel in the South

SAUSALITO, Calif., June 1, 2019 – Smart Meetings, the premier media brand and No. 1 choice for meeting professionals, is proud to announce the winners of the 2019 Smart Stars Awards. The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston was named the **Best City Hotel** in the Central Southern region of the United States.

The impressive accolade was determined by *Smart Meetings*' audience of <u>meeting professionals</u>, which ranked the hotel in 35 distinguished categories, all critical to the success of its meetings and events. Ranked against hundreds of its exceptional peers, The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston was the standout property in the South.

The prestigious awards platform, now in its eighth year, celebrates meeting planners' choices for hotels, resorts, properties, cruise lines and conference and convention centers worldwide. Since its inception, the Smart Stars Awards have gained notoriety as an essential tool for today's meeting planner community and a valuable resource for those who need recommendations of leading venues and destinations. These remarkable hospitality brands continue to reflect the highest standards of excellence in service, amenities and customer satisfaction.

"I'm truly honored to acknowledge and celebrate these spectacular brands that continue to serve our community with unwavering excellence and dedication to their crafts," said <u>Marin Bright</u>, Smart Meetings founder and CEO.

The 2019 Smart Stars winners will be featured in the June edition of *Smart Meetings* print and digital magazines and will also be showcased on the <u>Smart Meetings</u> website for one year. <u>View the 2019</u> <u>Smart Stars Winners.</u>

ABOUT SMART MEETINGS

Smart Meetings is the leading media company and the most trusted resource for meeting professionals. Providing best-in-class service, Smart Meetings publishes cutting-edge meetings content in print and digital magazines, hosts world-class hosted-buyer networking events, provides CEU-accredited webinars and offers myriad digital resources.

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ABOUT THE POST OAK HOTEL AT UPTOWN HOUSTON

Houston's only AAA Five-Diamond hotel, The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston, is Houston'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 20,000-square-foot urban oasis features signature treatments and rituals, tranquility pools; aromatherapy-infused 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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