2013 Readers' Travel Awards

Parrot Cay by COMO in

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the Turks & Caicos not only won the award for best hotel in THE AMERICAS & **CARIBBEAN** but scored so highly it made the numberone spot in our 'best of the best' Top 100. You raved about absolutely everything, but decided to single out its beachfront location and relaxed atmosphere for special mention. Elsewhere in the Caribbean, you displayed a robust appetite for the food at Eden Rock on St Barth's and think the open-sided rooms at Anse Chastanet. St Lucia deserve top billing. Of all the hotels in EUROPE, TURKEY & RUSSIA, there is nowhere you would rather be on holiday than Le Bristol Paris. You are bowled over by its restaurants (and who wouldn't, with four Michelin stars between them?) and updated classic atmosphere. But it was over to Italy for the hotel with the best location, with virtually identical scores for Grand Hotel a Villa Feltrinelli on sparkling Lake Garda and Hotel Splendido overlooking Portofino. Your favourite place to stay in THE MIDDLE EAST, **AFRICA & THE INDIAN** OCEAN is Soneva Fushi in the Maldives, which you believe cannot be bettered for both service and design. The stupendous villas on North Island earned the Seychelles property the top slot for rooms, and last year's winner, Singita Grumeti, got superlative marks for its awesome Serengeti location. In ASIA & INDIA, Thailand's delightful Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai scored



consistently well in all areas, but shot to number one thanks to a double first for service and location. In India, the restored **Taj Falaknuma Palace** in Hyderabad was commended for its majestic atmosphere and **Amankila** in Bali for its timeless design, while the seven excellent restaurants at the Mandarin Oriental Bangkok gave the hotel top marks for food. Over in AUSTRALASIA & THE SOUTH PACIFIC, Huka Lodge in New Zealand, no stranger to these awards, just keeps hitting the mark: this time it won for its elegant rooms and farm-fresh food. In Australia the relatively new **Southern Ocean Lodge** was singled out for innovative design, and you thought the lagoon-side location of **Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora** was absolute perfection.

THE AMERICAS & CARIBBEAN

- 1 Parrot Cay by COMO, Turks & Caicos
- 2 Eden Rock, St Barth's 95.05
- 3 The London West Hollywood, Los Angeles 93.65
- 4 Banyan Tree Mayakoba, Mexico 92.44
- 5 Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, California 91.10
- 6 Anse Chastanet Resort, St Lucia 90.01
- 7 The Beverly Hills Hotel & Bungalows, Los Angeles 88.97
- 8 The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Canada 88.23
- 9 Hotel Saint-Barth Isle de France, St Barth's 87.01
- 10 Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles 85.94

11 Sandy Lane, Barbados

- 12 Beverly Wilshire, Beverly Hills (A Four Seasons Hotel), Los Angeles 84.57
- 13 One&Only Ocean Club, Bahamas 83.97
- 14 Soho Grand Hotel, New York 81.70
- 15 The Plaza, New York 80.86
- 16 Amangani, Jackson Hole, Wyoming **78.61**
- 17 Hotel Monasterio, Cusco, Peru 77.79
- 18 Sugar Beach, A Viceroy Resort, St Lucia 77.27
- 19 **The Algonquin Hotel,** New York 75.69
- 20 Viceroy Anguilla 74.90

What are all these numbers? They are an index of satisfaction, scored out of a maximum of 100. In our Readers' Travel Awards 2013 questionnaire (with the April 2013 issue and at www.cntraveller.com), you were asked to choose the best that the travel world has to offer – from hotels and spas to airlines and airports. You were then asked to rate your choices according to various criteria, such as service, culture and value for money. From your responses, we calculated the average mark on each criterion, and used this to provide the overall satisfaction percentage figure that you see on these pages and in The World's Top 100 on page 52.