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Minor Hotels Wins Two Honours Including Hotel of the Year at Global Hotel Alliance Awards 2026

Recognition includes Best Hotel of the Year for Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas and Best Enrolment Performance, underlining strong performance across the GHA DISCOVERY alliance



▲ Pool Villa at Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas

Minor Hotels has secured two accolades at the 2026 Global Hotel Alliance (GHA) Awards, winning Best Hotel of the Year for Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas and Best Enrolment Performance.

Held on board Regent Seven Seas Cruises luxury cruise ship Seven Seas Splendor, at the glamorous Constellation Theatre on 5th July 2026, the awards ceremony recognised outstanding

achievements across GHA's portfolio of 1,000 hotels spanning 55 brands in 100 countries.

The accolades celebrate excellence in performance, guest engagement and satisfaction, technology, sustainability, loyalty and collaboration across the alliance.

“Winning Best Hotel of the Year for Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas and Best Enrolment Performance reflects the quality of our hotels and the commitment of our teams to guest engagement and loyalty across the business,” said Dillip Rajakarier, Group CEO of Minor International, the parent company of Minor Hotels. “It also speaks to the strength of our long-standing partnership with GHA, which continues to create meaningful value for our guests, our brands and our owners.”

GHA is the world's largest alliance of independent hotel brands and operator of the award-winning GHA DISCOVERY loyalty programme.

GHA CEO Chris Hartley commented: “Congratulations to our winners for their outstanding accomplishments. Their achievements demonstrate the strength of collaboration and innovation among alliance member brands, inspired by a spirit of healthy competition and best practice, that continues to drive the success of GHA DISCOVERY and create value for all member brands.”

The GHA awards formed part of the alliance's annual CEO conference, which brought together leaders from GHA's hotel brands for the first-ever GHA CEO meeting held at sea. The choice of Seven Seas Splendor as the venue reflects the strong and longstanding partnership between Global Hotel Alliance and Regent Seven Seas Cruises, linking their luxury voyages with GHA DISCOVERY.

The guest of honour at the event was Arthur Guérin-Boëri, a French professional freediver and world champion who offers signature freediving experiences for guests at Anantara Plaza Nice Hotel. Born nearby in Nice, he shared stories of his incredible career, during which he has broken multiple freediving records through endurance, persistence and a fearless approach to new challenges.

The event was attended by over 40 CEOs and senior executives from across GHA's global network, including Gonzalo Aguilar, Chief Executive Officer of Minor Hotels Europe & Americas.



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Global Hotel Alliance (GHA) is the world's largest alliance of independent hotel brands with 55 brands and 1,000 hotels across 100 countries. Its award-winning loyalty programme – GHA DISCOVERY – provides 36 million members with recognition, D\$ rewards and exclusive experiences across its hotels and partners, both with and without a stay.

Through membership in GHA, brands expand their global reach, drive incremental revenue and reduce dependence on third-party channels, all while maintaining management independence and individual positioning. For more information, visit globalhotelalliance.com or ghadiscovery.com.

About Minor Hotels

Minor Hotels is a global leader in the hospitality industry with more than 640 hotels, resorts and branded residences in operation and committed development across 66 countries. The group crafts innovative and insightful experiences through its hotel brands including Anantara, Elewana Collection, The Wolseley Hotels, Tivoli, Minor Reserve Collection, NH Collection, nhow, Avani, Colbert Collection, NH, Oaks, and iStay, as well as a diverse portfolio of restaurants and bars, travel experiences, and spa and wellness brands. With over four decades of expertise, Minor Hotels builds stronger brands, fosters lasting partnerships, and drives business success by always focusing on what matters most to our guests, team members and partners.

Minor Hotels is a proud member of the Global Hotel Alliance (GHA) and recognises its guests through one unified loyalty programme, Minor DISCOVERY, part of GHA DISCOVERY.

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