

Anantara Ascends to Top 5 Best Hotel Brands in Travel + Leisure's 2026 World's Best Awards

Four Minor Hotels properties also named among the World's Top 100 Hotels



▲ Anantara Layan Phuket Resort, Thailand

July 9, 2026: [Minor Hotels](#) is celebrating one of its strongest performances to date in the Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2026, with Anantara Hotels & Resorts achieving its highest-ever ranking among the world's best hotel brands, and four of the group's properties named among the 100 Best Hotels in the World.

Published annually and based on a global readers' survey, the Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards are a trusted barometer of the places and companies that resonate most with passionate, discerning travelers. This year, they named Anantara Hotels & Resorts one of the **Top 5 Best Hotel Brands in the World**, rising to No. 5 from No. 8 last year, as the brand continues to strengthen its position in experiential luxury hospitality.

Minor Hotels' global standing was further strengthened by the inclusion of four properties in the **100 Best Hotels in the World**, up from three last year.

“To see Anantara recognized among the world’s Top 5 hotel brands, and four of our properties included in the World’s Top 100 Hotels, is a strong endorsement of the guest experiences our teams deliver every day,” **said Dillip Rajakarier, Group CEO of Minor International, parent company of Minor Hotels.** “These results reflect the strength of our brands and our continued focus on delivering meaningful experiences for travelers around the world.”



▲ [Elewana The Manor At Ngorongoro, Tanzania](#)

Two elevated safari lodges in Tanzania led Minor Hotels' performance in the Top 100 rankings. The refined country-house retreat [Elewana The Manor at Ngorongoro](#) placed at No. 14, while luxury tented camp [Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp](#) came in at No. 21, both offering immersive wildlife encounters and dramatic landscapes.

In Minor Hotels' home base of Thailand, [Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort](#), renowned for its award-winning ethical elephant experiences, landed at No. 37, while [Anantara Layan Phuket Resort](#), a tranquil beachfront wellness retreat on Phuket's northwest coast, secured the No. 81 spot.



▲ Anantara Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky Amsterdam

Minor Hotels continued to shine across regional categories. In Africa, [The Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara](#) ranked No. 2 Best Resort in Africa, reaffirming its status as a premier gateway to the world-famous falls. In Asia, [Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort](#) was named No. 2 Best Resort in Thailand and No. 13 Best Resort in Asia, while [Anantara Layan Phuket Resort](#) secured No. 4 Best Resort in Thailand. In Europe, [Anantara Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky Amsterdam](#) ranked No. 5 Best Hotel in Amsterdam.

The full results are featured in the August print issue of Travel + Leisure and available on the magazine's official [website](#).





See the full rankings below:

Best Hotel Brands

- Anantara Hotels & Resorts **#5**

Top 100 Hotels in the World

- Elewana The Manor at Ngorongoro – **No. 14**
- Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp – **No. 21**
- Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort – **No. 37**
- Anantara Layan Phuket Resort – **No. 81**

Regional Rankings

- The Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara – **No. 2 Best Resorts in Africa**
- Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort - **No. 2 Best Resorts in Thailand**
- Anantara Layan Phuket Resort - **No. 4 Best Resorts in Thailand**
- Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort - **No. 13 Best Resorts in Asia**
- Anantara Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky Amsterdam - **No. 5 Best Hotels in Amsterdam**

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 recognizes its guests through one unified loyalty program, [Minor DISCOVERY](#), part of GHA DISCOVERY.

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