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THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS EXCELLENCE AWARD IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY HAVE JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED.

The Official 2023 Haute Grandeur Global Hotel and Restaurant Awards recognizes the top-rated hotels and restaurants around the world that offer exceptional customer service, high standards in all aspects of the hotel and unparalleled experiences for their guests.

Award-winning establishments are perceived as the benchmark in the industry and Haute Grandeur Global Hotel Awards only award the most remarkable, of already exceptional hotels, spas and restaurants. This year the standout comments submitted by first-hand customer experiences included exceptional service, comfortable amenities, and state-of-the art facilities. Award-winning hotels have gone above and beyond to create unforgettable experiences to their guests from the smallest details to the grandest gestures.

Verride Palácio de Santa Catarina has won an Excellence Award for:

- Best Luxury Boutique Hotel on a Global level
- Best Boutique Hotel in Portugal
- Best General Manager in Portugal Teresa Guimarães (General Manager)
- Best Historical Hotel in Portugal

SUBA Restaurant at Verride Palácio de Santa Catarina has won an Excellence Award for:

- Best Luxury Boutique Hotel Restaurant on a Global level
- Best Portuguese Cuisine on a Global level
- Best Fine Dining Experience in Europe
- Best Hotel Restaurant in Portugal

"These Awards trigger greater success in already remarkable hospitality establishments and set a new standard of excellence," says Founder and President, Marinique de Wet. "The Haute Grandeur Global Awards is more than just a celebration of our dignitaries' achievements. It honors the principles of hard work, commitment, determination, leadership and success. More than ever before, recognition helps teams to remain positive and goal driven," continues de Wet.

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Teresa Guimarães, the General Manager of Verride Palácio de Santa Catarina said: "I want to start by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to our CEO, Mr. Kees, who has embraced this project with dedication and love from day one. I also extend my appreciation to my incredible team, whose daily efforts continuously elevate the concept of luxury to new heights. Together, we are making a distinctive mark in the hospitality industry.

Here at our Palace, we strive to do more than just provide accommodation. We aim to build lasting relationships with our cherished guests. We are dedicated to creating memories that will last a lifetime.

This year has been a journey filled with delightful surprises. We have received many prestigious awards, both nationally and internationally. Today, I am particularly thrilled to share my recent distinction at the Haute Grandeur Global Awards in the category of Best General Manager.

Receiving this award brings me immense joy and fuels my passion to keep raising the bar year after year.

I want to extend a warm invitation to each and every one of you. Allow us to welcome you into an environment where luxury and comfort blend seamlessly. When you're here, you're not just a client. You become part of our family.

Thank you!"

About Verride Palácio de Santa Catarina

Renovated historic 18th-century palace in the heart of Lisbon, Verride Palácio de Santa Catarina has 18 comfortable rooms and suites, sophisticated common areas, and a terrace on the top of the building with 360° views over the Tagus River and the city of Lisbon. It is characterized by its elegance, uniqueness, and history, making it one of the country's most respected 5-star Boutique-hotels. The service is attentive, discreet and personalized. This allows for customers to feel at home away from home.

All rooms and suites were designed to be comfortable and sophisticated, modern, but also majestic. Each room has rich environments, neutral colours, exquisite details always with the comfort and serenity deserved to start a new day or end it in full.

Situated on the top floor of the building is the SUBA Restaurant, where Chef Fábio Alves presents his creative cuisine, bold in technique and surprising on the palate. Betting on the quality and freshness of the ingredients and the excellence in service.

For more information about Verride Palácio de Santa Catarina visit: <u>www.verridesc.pt</u>