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LETTER TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor Martin Packer and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: February 26, 2016
Subject: 5 Star Rating for St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort

The purpose of this LTC is to share with you that Forbes Travel Guide just released its most recent list of some of the world's top hotels. Only properties that meet Forbes hospitality standards — the most stringent in the industry — achieve a Five Star, Four Star or Recommended rating. Forbes professional inspectors check into and check out every property they rate regularly, evaluating more than 500 criteria to determine a Star Rating that takes the guess work out of travel planning and establishes a global benchmark for luxury travel.

Since 2014, the St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort has held this distinction. Only three other hotels in Miami-Dade County were awarded this honor this year – the Acqualina Resort & Spa in Sunny Isles Beach; the Mandarin Oriental in Miami; and the Setai in Miami Beach.

Attached is a brief article which appeared in the *Miami Herald* this past week regarding the announcement from Forbes Travel Guide.

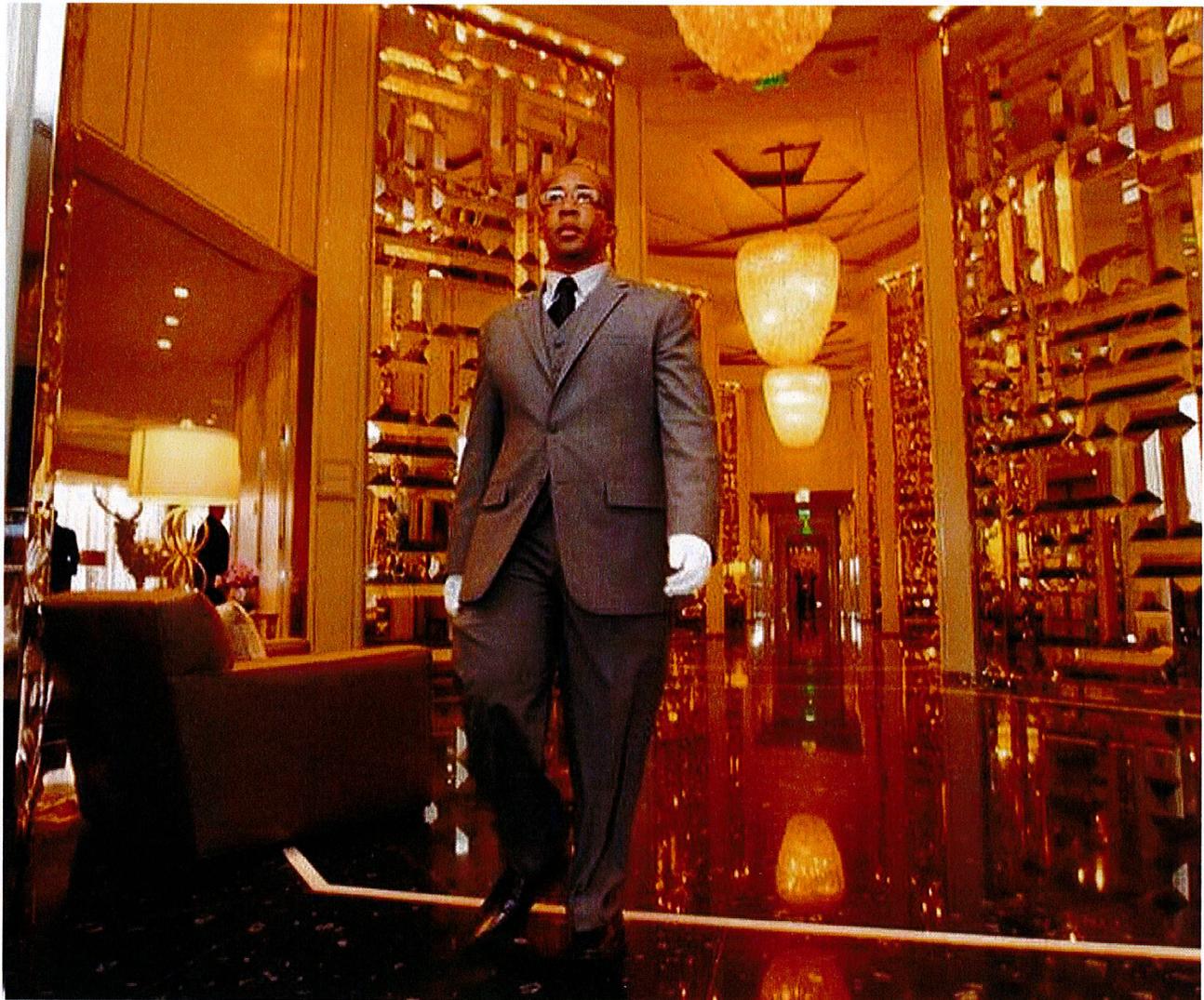
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More Miami-Dade hotels earn coveted five-star rating

HIGHLIGHTS

The Forbes Travel Guide has given the five-star rating to four hotels in Miami-Dade.



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All the stars came out for four Miami-Dade hotels when the Forbes Travel Guide released its 57th list of some of the world's top hotels Wednesday.

Five-star ratings went to Acqualina Resort & Spa in Sunny Isles Beach; Mandarin Oriental, Miami; The Setai in Miami Beach and the St. Regis Bal Harbour. The Setai was new to the list.

Florida had a total of six five-star hotels; the other two were in Palm Beach and Naples. Overall, there were 115 top-rated hotels worldwide this year.

The Mandarin Oriental, Miami again pulled off a triple, earning five stars for the hotel as well as its restaurant, Azul, and spa. The spas at the Acqualina and St. Regis also received five stars.

Only one other Miami restaurant got five-star status: Naoe, the high-end sushi spot on Brickell Key.

Miami hotels returned to the list published by Forbes Travel Guide, formerly the Mobile Travel Guide, in 2013 after being absent for more than a decade. That year, the Mandarin Oriental and Acqualina both received top honors; the St. Regis Bal Harbour joined them in 2014.



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