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### AGAIN, THE VILLAS AT AYANA RESORT, BALI LANDS COVETED SPOT IN 2019 FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE 5-STAR RATED HOTELS



**BALI, INDONESIA (MARCH 2019)** – Announcing the official 2019 Forbes Travel Guide Rating list, again, The Villas at AYANA Resort, BALI is named among the world’s 5-star winners to receive this exclusive distinction.

Regarded as an unmatched benchmark in the hospitality industry since 1958, Forbes winners are evaluated against over 900 objective criteria with an emphasis on service. The ratings emphasize graciousness, thoughtfulness and personalized service: 75 percent of a hotel’s score is based on its level of service, while 25 percent is determined by the quality of its facilities

For 2019’s awards, Forbes Travel Guide expert inspectors checked in and checked out of nearly 1,700 hotels, restaurants and spas around the globe. Completely anonymous at all times, each inspection is carried out to achieve the same level of service and amenities that the average guest would expect. Forbes’ inspector describes The Villas at AYANA Resort,

BALI as tranquil and private, creating a feeling one would expect from being in one of Bali's most remote locations.

“Expect to get the royal treatment,” says Forbes. “Each villa comes with a private butler who is certified by the International Heilbron Hospitality UK, the same organization that trains butler for British royalty... For a fun indulgence, have a floating breakfast in your own private pool.”

Additional resort highlights mentioned by Forbes include guaranteed sunset reservations for villa guests at Rock Bar, BALI, the picnic experience at Kubu Beach Club, and private buggy service to whisk guests around the resort whenever they need.

The Villas at AYANA Resort, BALI is one of 210 resorts in the world, and one of only four properties in Indonesia to have obtained the Forbes 5-star award. As part of the acclaimed AYANA Resort and Spa, BALI, our villa guests also enjoy access to more than 15 dining options, 12 distinctive pools one private beach club, and the award-winning Thermes Marins Spa.

“I am beyond delighted,” commented Michi Sonoda, Director of Sales & Marketing. “To receive the 5-star award for The Villas at AYANA Resort, BALI again is an incredible achievement. It is wonderful to see our continued investment in our resort facilities, coupled with pioneering hospitality services, acknowledged with such a prestigious award. On behalf of our 1,400 team members, we would like to thank our guests for their unwavering support and Forbes for this wonderful recognition.”

Michi Sonoda and Mr. Rudy Suliawan, AYANA's owner attended the official Forbes Travel Guide awards ceremony at Beverly Hills, California on 26- 27 February.

For more information about The Villas at AYANA Resort, BALI, AYANA Resort and Spa, BALI and all Forbes Travel Guide winners, please visit:

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#### **About The Villas at AYANA Resort, BALI**

The Villas at AYANA are terraced along exclusive cliff-tops overlooking Jimbaran's captivating sunset coast. An award-winning destination, with 78 pool villas designed to accommodate couples, groups and families alike, The Villas at AYANA is Bali's luxurious choice for holiday, wedding and conference accommodation. From the moment guests arrive at the “floating” Villa Lobby, they are privileged with AYANA's legendary five-star hospitality. Villa benefits include stellar service from internationally-certified personal butlers, guaranteed sunset reservations at Rock Bar and VIP status across AYANA Resort. Each villa is opulently appointed with secluded tropical gardens, spacious marble bathrooms, Balinese artworks and exquisite in-villa dining options. The Villas at AYANA celebrate Balinese style and maximize the unrivaled ocean views and sunset views of these special retreats. The Villas at AYANA were named the “World's Leading Island Villas” by World Travel Awards 2014-2018.

#### **About AYANA Resort and Spa, BALI**

Named after a ‘place of refuge’ in Sanskrit, AYANA enjoys majestic ocean views along its 1.3km coastline on cliffs above Jimbaran Bay, just 12km from Bali's airport. Guests enjoy unrivaled sanctuary from the resort's location within the 90-hectare Karang Mas Estate, which is also home to RIMBA, a

403-room resort, and AYANA Residences, Bali's first purely residential community integrated with a 5-star resort. AYANA's 294 rooms & suites are designed to enrich the senses. Blending classic elegance with traditional Balinese aesthetics, each space is appointed with thoughtfully curated interiors, marble bathrooms, a furnished balcony, and inter-connecting options. The resort also features 78 luxurious villas, complete with private plunge pool and a spectacular ocean backdrop.

Resort highlights include the 22,000sqm Thermes Marins Thalasso spa with one of the world's largest Aquatonic Seawater Therapy Pools and the Spa on the Rocks villas set amidst the Indian Ocean. There are 15 purpose-built wedding venues including SKY, a unique walkway seemingly floating 35 meters above the Indian Ocean with endless views melting into the horizon; 4 freshwater swimming pools including a children's pool; a salt-water, infinity-edged Ocean Beach Pool at the cliff's base, accessed via an inclinator; private beach; 19 dining venues; 19 meeting venues; 18-hole golf putting course; 2 tennis courts; jogging path; fitness center; kids club; comprehensive meeting facilities and business center; and WIFI.

AYANA Resort and Spa, BALI can be contacted at +62 361 702222 or [www.ayanaresort.com](http://www.ayanaresort.com). Reservations can be made through the hotel at [reservation@ayanaresort.com](mailto:reservation@ayanaresort.com).

#### **About AYANA MidPlaza, JAKARTA**

Recognized as one of Indonesia's premier hospitality companies, AYANA plans to rebrand InterContinental MidPlaza Jakarta to AYANA MidPlaza, JAKARTA effective 1st April 2017. Located in the popular business, shopping and dining district of Jalan Sudirman, as well as a mere 45 minutes from Soekarno-Hatta International Airport and two kilometers from Plaza Indonesia, the 5-star 366 room and suite AYANA MidPlaza, JAKARTA will be a top urban destination for stylish accommodation, chic dining and modern spa experiences.

Inspired by AYANA's legendary hospitality in Bali, AYANA MidPlaza, JAKARTA presents both in-house and visiting guests with four unique signature restaurants, a beautifully appointed wellness sanctuary and the city's most expansive selection of private event venues designed especially for conferences and weddings. The unique lifestyle experience provided by AYANA MidPlaza, JAKARTA is a refreshing option for those staying in Jakarta, especially with the additional benefit of access to Riverside Golf Course, a stunning 18-hole par 72 championship course just 1.5 hours' drive from the hotel.

#### **About AYANA Komodo Resort, Waecicu Beach**

Launched 15 September 2018, **AYANA Komodo Resort, Waecicu Beach** is the only five-star resort in exquisite Labuan Bajo, Flores Island, easily reached via a scenic one-hour flight from Bali. With Komodo National Park, a UNESCO heritage site renowned for stunning marine diversity and native Komodo dragons, surrounding the resort to provide an unparalleled natural playground, the resort is appointed with 13 suites and 192 premium guest rooms, as well as **AYANA Lako di'a**, a 9-bedroom traditional Phinisi sailing yacht, 7 international restaurants, a private pier and 3 swimming pools.

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