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**Balboa Bay Resort Named Four-Star Hotel By Forbes Travel Guide
in Its Official 2018 Star Rating Announcement**

*Balboa Bay Resort Earns Prestigious Award;
All Ratings Showcased on ForbesTravelGuide.com*

ATLANTA — (February 20, 2018) — Forbes Travel Guide today unveiled its annual Star Rating list, naming Balboa Bay Resort as a new Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star hotel. Balboa Bay Resort will be showcased with all of the Star Rating recipients on ForbesTravelGuide.com.

Situated on 15 prime acres along Newport Beach's famous Balboa Bay, Balboa Bay Resort is the only full-service AAA four-diamond, and now Forbes 4 Star Rated, waterfront resort in Newport Beach offering luxury, comfort style and service - perfectly balanced. The resort is comprised of 159 recently renovated guestrooms and suites featuring a design of casual elegance with timeless style and balconies in every room. Additional amenities include two full-service waterfront restaurants, Waterline Newport Beach and A&O Kitchen+Bar; Blend, a full-service coffee shop; a newly enhanced pool locale equipped with private cabanas, intimate day beds and lounge seating; a full-service luxury spa; 23,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space; 7,000 square foot Grand Ballroom; and a wealth of outdoor recreational options including Duffy boats, stand-up paddleboards and kayaks – all in a location perfectly situated close to scenic beaches and world-class shopping destinations.

"We are so very proud of our entire team for the commitment to excellence and the extraordinary level of service that is delivered to every guest who visits Balboa Bay Resort," said Sam El-Rabaa, general manager. "This comes with a passion, commitment, and desire to truly exceed our guest's expectations resulting in a personal, positive and memorable experience."

Balboa Bay Resort is the latest addition to the luxury travel ratings that have been the gold standard in the hospitality industry since 1958.

"We are pleased to honor the 2018 Star Rating recipients, an exceptional collection of hotels, restaurants and spas that demonstrates a strong culture of service," said Gerard J. Inzerillo, Chief Executive Officer of Forbes Travel Guide.

"In an online environment of confusion and clutter, Forbes Travel Guide is the most trusted source of information to assist guests in making informed decisions," Inzerillo said. "These properties, the largest and most global group in the company's history, achieve an impeccable standard of excellence in hospitality, underscoring our overall mission of positively contributing to the

international tourism industry as well as individual hotel experience. We are proud to congratulate everyone associated with the prestigious properties recognized today.”

For a detailed explanation of how Forbes Travel Guide compiles its Star ratings, click [here](#).

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About Balboa Bay Resort:

Balboa Bay Resort, the only waterfront resort in Newport Beach, offers stunning bay views and sunsets over the Pacific Ocean. The resort features 159 recently renovated guestrooms and suites, each with a private balcony and modern furnishings featuring a design of casual elegance and timeless style. Additional features include destination and waterfront dining at Waterline, the resort’s signature; A&O Kitchen+Bar, a waterfront gastropub and bar; Blend, an Italian inspired coffee shop; newly enhanced full-service 10,000-square-foot spa; more than 20,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space; and a wealth of outdoor recreation that includes a recently renovated pool locale with a heated swimming pool and whirlpool and rentable Duffy boats, stand-up paddleboards, and kayaks. For information and reservations, please contact Balboa Bay Resort at 949.645.5000; or visit the website at www.balboabayresort.com.

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