

## **The St. Regis Maldives Resort Presented with Multiple Awards at International Gala**

*Private island resort recognised at World Travel and World Spa Awards Ceremony*

**Maldives, XX December 2017:** The St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort has received a selection of prestigious awards for its outstanding facilities, architectural design and overwater Iridium spa.

At this year's World Travel and World Spa Awards gala ceremony, held in JW Marriott Phu Quoc Emerald Bay Vietnam the luxury resort was presented with the "World's Leading Luxury Island Resort 2017", the "World's Leading Luxury New Resort 2017" and the "World's Leading Resort Design 2017".

The Iridium Spa at The St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort also picked up the "Maldives Best Resort Spa 2017", the "Indian Ocean's Best Resort Spa 2017" and the "World's Best Spa Design 2017".

During this event, the Maldives received the Indian Ocean's Leading Destination 2017 award, the World's Leading Honeymoon Destination 2017 award and the Indian Ocean's Leading Dive Destination 2017 award.

On December 10th, the World Travel Awards were joined by World Spa Awards at their Grand Final Gala Ceremony 2017 at JW Marriott Phu Quoc Emerald Bay in Vietnam.

The decision to combine World Travel Awards Grand Final Gala Ceremony and World Spa Awards Gala Ceremony gave nominees and delegates a heightened exposure, as well as increasing the networking opportunities.

Upon receiving the reward, Alexander Blair, General Manager, said: "We are hugely honoured to receive such highly respectable awards. We would like to thank our owners, Mr. Ravi Appaswamy, Managing Director of Residency Resorts Maldives, the family and the team at Residency Resorts for their vision and incredible support; and I would particularly like to recognise and thank our team of exceptional associated who work tirelessly to deliver an unparalleled guest experience and bring to life our "Live exquisite" promise."

"We would also like to thank and congratulate our talented architect, Wong Chiu Man of WOW Architects | Warner Wong. Wow have created an award-winning design that stands out, but at the same time is inspired by and complements its natural surroundings and Maldivian traditions."

The St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort unveils a new dimension of innovative design and tropical luxury in one of the world's most coveted destinations. Located on the 22-acre Vommuli Island, the resort features 77 island and overwater villa accommodations, each with a private pool.

A highlight among the resort's transcendent villas is the John Jacob Astor Estate. As the largest three-bedroom overwater villa in the Maldives, the two-storey villa showcases an impressive Olympic-size infinity swimming, a home theatre with state-of-the-art surround sound and private wellness centre.

The private island resort is also home to the overwater Iridium spa. Offering the most sought-after restorative wellness practices, the spa provides the latest personalised services curated by Ayurvedic and acupuncture experts. The spa features six private couple treatment suites, a steam room, sauna and the Blue Hole Pool, the Maldives' largest heated seawater hydrotherapy pool.

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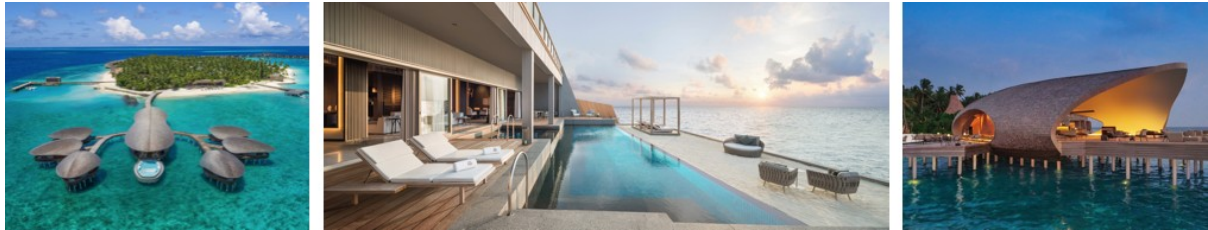
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**About The St. Regis Vommuli Maldives Resort**



The St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort, which opened in November 2016, is nestled on a private island in a secluded Maldivian atoll, amidst thriving marine life. Just 40 minutes from Male by seaplane, guests are transported into a newfound paradise in the Dhaalu Atoll.

The resort draws inspiration from nature itself. Designed by WOW Architects | Warner Wong Design (Singapore), the unusual contemporary design of The St. Regis Maldives draws inspiration from the natural setting of the resort. This is represented by the manta ray shaped lagoon villas, a signature bar in the shape of a whale shark, a lobster-inspired spa and a spiral shell shaped library.

There are six distinct dining venues, including an Asian specialty restaurant, a modern Italian restaurant that features a grand staircase, an underground wine cellar restaurant, a shack style restaurant, a signature overwater bar that rolls out stunning views of dramatic sunset, and a pop-up restaurant in the middle of the resort. Additionally, guests can also enjoy the Iridium Spa, which presents six overwater treatment rooms, including two that are dedicated to healing Ayurvedic treatments. Spa guests can also enjoy a Blue Hole pool, which contains heated seawater with different water jets – a system with proven benefits to the body.

The St. Regis Maldives Resort have received the following awards since opening in November 2016:

**Prix Versailles** - Continental Special Prize Winner Exterior Hotels Africa and West Asia

**World of Fine Wines** - World's Best Wine List 2017 - 3 stars

**World Travel Awards** - Maldives Leading Luxury Island Resort 2017  
Indian Ocean's Leading New Luxury Resort 2017  
Indian Ocean's Leading Luxury Resort 2017

**World Luxury Spa Awards** - Best Luxury Boutique Spa Continent Winner  
Best Luxury Wellness Spa Regional Winner

**Wine Spectator** - Restaurant Award Winner - Decanter 2 glass

**Haute Grandeur** - Best Pool Villa Resort - Indian Ocean

**SBID International Design Award** - Overall Winner

**European Hospitality Awards** - International Beach Resort of the Year

**World Travel & Spa Awards** - World's Leading Luxury New Resort 2017  
World's Leading Luxury Island Resort 2017  
World's Leading Luxury Resort Design 2017  
Maldives' Best Resort Spa 2017  
Indian Ocean's Best Resort Spa 2017  
World's Best Spa Design 2017

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Each year World Travel Awards covers the globe with a series of regional gala ceremonies staged to recognise and celebrate individual and collective successes within each key geographical region.

World Travel Awards Gala Ceremonies are widely regarded as the best network-ing opportunities in the travel industry, attended by government and industry leaders, luminaries, and international print and broadcast media.

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