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**The Hassayampa Inn Named a 2023 Historic Hotels of America
Awards of Excellence Nominee Finalist**

Prescott, Arizona, August 30th, 2023 – Hassayampa Inn in Prescott, Arizona is pleased to announce it is a nominee finalist for Historic Hotels of America Sustainability Champion, Historic Hotels of America Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel (Under 75 Guestrooms); Historic Hotels of America Best Historic Restaurant – Peacock Room, Historic Hotels of America Ambassador of the Year (Quarter Century of Service) Rob Blake, Chief Engineer and Cataline Avila Ramos, Historic Hotels of America Historic Hotelier of the Year -Michael Kouvelas, President and CEO of Aris Hospitality Management LLC and Owner at Hassayampa Inn.

Each year, the Historic Hotels of America Awards of Excellence honor, encourage, and recognize the most exemplary historic hotels, hoteliers, and leadership practices. The [Historic Hotels of America Awards of Excellence](#) are presented to historic hotels and hoteliers demonstrating innovative leadership, stewardship, and contribution to furthering the recognition, preservation, and celebration of these preeminent historic hotels and their histories.

Winners will be announced at the 2023 Historic Hotels Annual Awards of Excellence Ceremony and Gala, which will take place at The Wigwam in Litchfield Park, Arizona, on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 7 p.m. The award winners will be announced in front of an audience of owners, general managers, senior decision-makers, and guests representing many of the finest historic hotels from around the world.

The Hassayampa Inn, is one of more than 300 hotels and resorts throughout the country that is recognized by Historic Hotels of America, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, for preserving and maintaining its historic integrity, architecture and ambiance.

“Historic Hotels of America is delighted to recognize the **Hassayampa Inn** in being nominated for Historic Hotels of America Sustainability Champion, Historic Hotels of America Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel (Under 75 Guestrooms); Historic Hotels of America Best Historic Restaurant – Peacock Room, Historic Hotels of America Ambassador of the Year (Quarter Century of Service) Rob Blake, Chief Engineer and Cataline Avila Ramos, and Historic Hotels of America Historic Hotelier of the Year -Michael Kouvelas, President and CEO of Aris Hospitality Management LLC and Owner at Hassayampa Inn,” said Lawrence P. Horwitz, Executive Vice President, Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide. “This hotel is part of a select group of nominee finalists in a number of categories. It is an honor to be nominated and recognized.”

“I was so thankful to be nominated and now very humbled to be selected as a finalist for such an award and honor with Historic Hotels of America. Thank you all and I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming conference,” said Michael Kouvelas, President and CEO of Aris Hospitality Management LLC and Owner at Hassayampa Inn.

The story of the historic **Hassayampa Inn** is truly unique. Even before it was constructed, the Inn helped to bring the people of Prescott together. During the “roaring twenties,” El Paso architect Henry Trost was challenged by a group of residents to design a grand hotel – a place where people could relax, chat and escape the grind of their hectic lives. Hundreds of Prescott citizens bought shares into the project at \$1 each and the result was the construction of a stunning red brick building, completed in 1927, that would serve as the cornerstone of downtown. Back then, it was known as the Hassayampa Hotel.

These warm and welcoming accommodations were named after the Hassayampa River located north of Prescott, which mysteriously sinks beneath the surface for much of its 100-mile journey. The Apache word “Hassayampa” loosely translates as “the river that loses itself” is a fitting moniker for a hotel that was designed to be a place where patrons can emerge refreshed and relaxed.

Today, the historic Hassayampa Inn remains an anchor in the community. The building is included in the National Register of Historic Places and is a member of the Historic Hotels of America. But most of all, this red-brick hotel is as charming today as it was more than 90 years ago. Step inside and marvel at the elaborate stained-glass doors, vibrant murals, hand-painted ceiling beams and other historic features that have been artfully restored. Unwind in your comfortable room knowing that you’re staying in the same hotel where celebrities like D.H. Lawrence, Clark Gable, Greta Garbo, Tom Mix, Will Rogers and Georgia O’Keeffe once came to relax.

About Historic Hotels of America®

Historic Hotels of America® is the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for recognizing, celebrating, and promoting the finest historic hotels in the United States of America. The National Trust for Historic Preservation was chartered by U.S. Congress in 1949 and is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is leading the movement to save places where our history happened.

To be nominated and selected for membership in this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least 50 years old; designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark or listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and recognized as having historical significance. Of the more than 300 historic hotels inducted into Historic Hotels of America from 44 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, all historic hotels faithfully preserve their sense of authenticity, sense of place, and architectural integrity. For more information, please visit HistoricHotels.org.

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