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The Historic Hassayampa Inn (1927) Wins 2023 Historic Hotels of America Annual Awards of Excellence Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel

Phoenix, AZ October 12, 2023 – The Historic Hassayampa Inn (1927) in Prescott, AZ is pleased to announce it is the winner of the **Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel** was announced at the 2023 Historic Hotels Worldwide Annual Awards of Excellence Ceremony and Gala Dinner at The Wigwam, a historic resort in Litchfield Park, Arizona, USA. Awards were presented to recipients before an audience of owners, senior management, industry leaders, and representatives from the finest historic hotels around the world.

The Historic Hassayampa Inn (1927) is one of more than 300 hotels and resorts throughout the United States that is recognized Historic Hotels of America for preserving and maintaining its historic integrity, architecture and ambiance.

“We are delighted to honor the **Historic Hassayampa Inn (1927)** with this prestigious award,” said Lawrence Horwitz, Executive Vice President, Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide. “This hotel was chosen from an exclusive group of nominees in a number of categories. It stands among the finest hotels and hoteliers from around the world. The historic hotels nominated for this award and others include small historic inns, boutique hotels, lifestyle hotels, and resorts. They represent small towns to large cities to UNESCO World Heritage destinations. We applaud the dedication and passion of the thousands of individuals working at these iconic and legendary historic hotels that keep the stories alive from the past and make staying or celebrating special occasions at these historic hotels memorable experiences.”

Each year, the Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence honor, encourage, and recognize the most exemplary historic hotels, hoteliers, and leadership practices. The Historic Hotels 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.

“I was so thankful to be nominated and now very humbled to be selected as the award recipient for the **Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel** for such an award and honor with Historic Hotels of America - Thank you” 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 Prescott. 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 95 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.

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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