

INTERCONTINENTAL BORA BORA RESORT AND THALASSO-SPA ANNOUNCES THREE AWARD DISTINCTIONS

BORA BORA (June 18, 2007) – The trophy shelf for the **InterContinental Bora Bora Resort and Thalasso-Spa** continues to grow this month, as the property accepted a medal and certificate as part of the “*Race to Save the Planet*” award from the Asian Leaders Association, presented on June 5 in Washington, DC. The award honored hotels that are using innovative management and programs to prevent further erosion of the environment or are trying to reverse the impact of the climate crisis.

In addition, the hotel won “*Most Successful Opening*” out of 42 new properties and “*Best Environmental Responsibility*” in the Asia Pacific region at the InterContinental Hotels Group’s Asia Pacific Leadership Convention held in Perth, Australia. InterContinental Hotels Group Worldwide CEO Andrew Coslett presented the award to Richard Bailey, owner of the **InterContinental Bora Bora Resort and Thalasso-Spa** operating at 72% occupancy in its first year, the hotel’s staff has impeccably upheld guest satisfaction and had been operating well above forecasted levels. The environmental advancements of the property, including the revolutionary air conditioning system, were also recognized and awarded.

Accessible only by boat, the **InterContinental Bora Bora Resort and Thalasso-Spa** opened **May 1, 2006** along a virgin beach on the Motu Piti Aau (meaning “two hearts” in Tahitian) along the eastern side of the island. The resort’s unique innovations include an eco-friendly air-conditioning system. The world’s deepest ocean pipe (**7,874 ft.**) pumps ice cold deep-sea water through a titanium heat exchanger, transferring the cold into the fresh water circuit, powering the air conditioning throughout the hotel. This saves 90% of the hotel’s electricity consumption (2.5 million liters of fuel oil per year) and has no impact on the surrounding environment.

The resort is also the first hotel in French Polynesia to feature all overwater bungalows, and the first to utilize mineral-rich deep seawater from 2,500 feet below sea level in the signature treatments at the Thalassotherapy Deep Ocean Spa by Algotharm. The resort also features the first overwater wedding chapel with a glass bottom floor.

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ABOUT INTERCONTINENTAL BORA BORA RESORT AND THALASSO SPA

The resort opened May 1, 2006 and features a number of unique attributes. The innovative eco-friendly air-conditioning system deploys a **7,874** -foot pipe (the deepest ocean pipe in the world) to a depth of **3,000** feet off the reef of Bora Bora. The pipe pumps ice cold, deep-sea water through a titanium heat exchanger, transferring the cold into the fresh water circuit that then powers the air conditioning throughout the hotel. The resort features 80 overwater villas. The resort's Deep Ocean Spa by Algotherm will be the first in the world to use mineral-rich deep seawater extracted from 3,000 feet below sea level in its signature treatments (opens September 2006). The resort will also be the first hotel in French Polynesia to feature an overwater wedding chapel with a glass bottom floor (opens September 2006).

ABOUT INTERCONTINENTAL FRENCH POLYNESIA

The InterContinental Bora Bora Resort and Thalasso-Spa is the fourth resort in the portfolio of InterContinental French Polynesia resorts. The collection also includes the InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort and InterContinental Tahiti Resort and InterContinental Moorea Resort and Spa. Owned and operated by Richard H. Bailey and his company, Tahiti Beachcomber Société Anonyme (TBSA), the existing InterContinental Resorts have all recently completed multi-million dollar enhancements over the course of the last five years.