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IT'S AN HONOUR AT THE HOTEL GRAND PACIFIC!

Victoria property collects recognition from Wine Spectator, Travel + Leisure magazine and AAA
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August 10, 2012; Victoria, B.C. – Located right on Victoria, B.C.'s famous Inner Harbour, the **Hotel Grand Pacific** is generating buzz with a slew of new awards, rankings and recognition from of the world's most respected authorities on food, wine and travel. Over the past few months, two U.S.-based magazines, *Travel + Leisure* and *Wine Spectator*, along with AAA, have all given their stamp of approval to the hotel and its restaurants.

The Hotel Grand Pacific was ranked **Victoria's top hotel** in the [Travel + Leisure 2012 "World's Best" Awards](#), and ranking second among all British Columbian city hotels, and fifth overall in Canada. With 87.00 points, the hotel was also cited for offering great value.

The hotel's fine dining restaurant, The Mark, has been awarded a **Four-Diamond rating from AAA**, one of only two such establishments in Victoria, and just 13 in all of British Columbia. The rating is based on criteria that encompass everything from the quality of ingredients and preparation of the food through to ambience, the quality of glassware and linens, food and wine knowledge, and personal touches such as using the guest's name. Of the 28,000 restaurants throughout North America that AAA reviews, just [2.8 percent are awarded a Four-Diamond rating](#).

Furthermore, The Mark has also received the **Wine Spectator Award of Excellence** for the seventh year in a row. The [designation](#) recognises restaurants around the world with outstanding wine lists, offering a well-chosen selection of quality producers, along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style. This is the second award for hotel's wine program in 2012 – earlier in the year, The Pacific Restaurant received the **Silver Glass award at the Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival**, just one of three received by Vancouver Island restaurants.



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“We’re so honoured to receive recognition from such respected sources,” said Reid James, general manager of the Hotel Grand Pacific. “Our mandate is focused on giving our guests what they want, where they want it. Ultimately it’s our guests that judge whether we’re successful in doing that, but these awards are important testimonials as to our standards of hospitality.”

The **Hotel Grand Pacific** offers guests what they want, where they want it. Conveniently located on the Inner Harbour in downtown Victoria, it is the perfect choice for the lifestyle traveller seeking an alternative from the traditional branded hotel stay. With 304 spacious guestrooms and suites, the Hotel Grand Pacific is renowned for delivering an exceptional and personalized guest service experience. With a focus on health and wellness, the hotel offers complimentary access to the Victoria Athletic Club, located on-site. Relax at the spa or dine at the all-day Pacific Restaurant or The Mark, an award-winning fine dining restaurant. The Hotel Grand Pacific is a proud member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide.

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