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Claus Sendlinger on Design Hotels<sup>TM</sup>

The 4th Annual BD Award Winners

DREAMbook: Beneath the Surface



**Mari Balestrazzi Leads  
Design at Morgans, the  
Original Boutique Brand**



As we've done in years past, boutique DESIGN called for the best in the world of hospitality interiors for its annual awards ceremony. We were looking for the Best Spa, Hotel, Nightclub/Lounge and Restaurant — as well as the 2009 Designer of the Year. BD received no shortage of submissions, and spent weeks pondering which projects would take the cake.

Our official awards ceremony took place on Sept. 14 at the Ritz Carlton in Miami in Jacques Garcia's specially-designed room called "Evolution." The space was truly a showstopper, and all attendees, award recipients or not, were happy to have spent an evening there. Sponsors for the event were Brintons, Envel Design, Lollipop Couture, Odegard, Samuelson Furniture and Dan Hermes Fine Art. The custom-designed wooden box awards were designed by Oriel Poole and manufactured by Odegard.

In case you missed the bash, we present you with the official list of winners and photos of their inspiring projects. Congratulations to all!

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DESIGN  
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*The major category winners:*

1. Best Hotel – ForrestPerkins | The Nines Hotel
2. Best Restaurant – Jardin de Jade | Joseph Wong Design Associates
3. Best Spa – Architrave Design and Planning | Banyan Tree Mayakoba
4. Best Nightclub/Lounge – bluarth architecture + interiors | Greenhouse
5. Designer of the Year – Mari Balestrazzi, Morgans Hotel Group

(To learn more about Mari, please see our profile on page 20.)



*And the "offbeat" awards:*



6. Best New Concept — 555 | Junk

7. Most Interactive Space — Seed Design | LIV

8. Best Lobby — Architrave Design | Banyan Tree Mayakoba

9. Best Diversity of Space — CORE architecture + design | Potenza

10. Most Unexpected Design Element — Cleo Design | Maker's Mark Bourbon House & Lounge; Maker's Mark bottles

11. Best Building Repurpose — GKV Architects | Park Hyatt Macka Palace Istanbul

12. Most Impressive Furnishing — RTKL Associates | Estate at Grace Bay Club; the Infiniti Bar

13. Best Political Symbolism — Dawson Design Associates | Art and Soul

14. Best Moody Interior — Morgans Hotel Group | Mondrian Miami

1. Best Futuristic Design Scheme — JOI-Design | Park Inn Krakow

2. Best Decorative Element — Prototype Design Lab | Atelier; bathroom mural

3. Best Indoor/Outdoor Space — Cuningham Group Architecture | Isleta Spa

4. Best Space within a Space — Yabu Pushelberg | Smyth Hotel; lobby bar enclaves

5. Best Traditional Design — Puccini Group | Livingston Restaurant & Bar

15. Most Innovative Lighting — Prototype Design Lab | Brant House

16. Most Dramatic Space — Wilson Associates | Atlantis, The Palm Hotel