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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island Receives AAA's Four Diamond Rating**  
*Fewer than 4 percent of nearly 59,000 AAA Approved hotels and restaurants  
receive this prestigious rating*

Mackinac Island, Michigan (March 22, 2017)—Grand Hotel has received the esteemed AAA Four Diamond Rating. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Grand Hotel has maintained this celebrated designation.

Hotels at this level employ experienced, highly qualified staff to provide the custom service luxury hotel guests expect, according to AAA. These establishments deliver unmatched guest comfort with luxurious accommodations, extraordinary facilities and many personalized amenities.

Grand Hotel is part of a select group of hotels and restaurants in North America. Just 1,615 hotels and 665 restaurants made the AAA Four Diamond lists for 2017.

"This rating acknowledges the hard work and dedication of our staff," said Dan Musser, III, Grand Hotel President. "At Grand Hotel we are committed to exceeding guest expectations and providing a memorable experience." "We are honored to be recognized as a AAA Four Diamond hotel."

"AAA is pleased to recognize Grand Hotel for earning the Four Diamond Rating," said Michael Petrone, director, AAA Inspections and Diamond Ratings. "To maintain the exceptional standards required for this rating on a daily basis is an outstanding achievement. AAA Four Diamond establishments are attentive to guests needs and consistently deliver memorable travel and dining experiences."

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Grand Hotel is continually recognized for the quality of its hospitality. It was honored again in 2017 as the Best Hotel in Michigan by *U.S. News & World Report. Travel & Leisure* magazine named Grand Hotel a Top 500 Hotel in the World, as well as Best Hotel in Michigan and *Condé Nast Traveler* ranked it as a Top 10 Best Resort in the Midwest for the fourth consecutive year.

Grand Hotel, America's Original Grand Hotel, has been one of America's premier summer vacation spots since it opened on July 10, 1887 to receive summer vacationers who arrived by lake-steamer or by rail.

Grand Hotel is located on Mackinac Island, Michigan where there are no motorized vehicles and the island is only accessible by ferry or airplane. The hotel is open from the first weekend in May through the end of October. The 393-room hotel is a National Historic Landmark and a proud member of Historic Hotels of America.

***AAA Diamond Ratings*** are over 80 years old. AAA uses professional inspectors to conduct anonymous, in-person property evaluations. AAA offers the only rating system using comprehensive, on-site professional hotel and restaurant evaluations using published guidelines weighted by member priorities. With a far greater inventory than any other rating entity, AAA's rating system covers the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

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