

ESPERANZA NAMED NUMBER TWO HOTEL IN LATIN AMERICA
Premier Resort Honored by Condé Nast Traveler Readers

CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO (October 17, 2006) – The voters of *Condé Nast Traveler's* 19th Annual Readers' Choice Awards rated Esperanza, Auberge Resorts' only international property, as the number two hotel in Latin America. Esperanza is celebrated in the coveted 2006 "Best in the World" November issue, where readers evaluated their favorite resorts and hotels.

The *Condé Nast Traveler* Reader's Choice Awards are among the most prestigious honors in the travel industry, representing a true symbol of hospitality excellence. The voting process for the reader's poll involves discriminating travelers judging and rating the world's best hotels and resorts in categories of accommodations, service, dining, location and activities.

"It's an honor and accomplishment to be recognized as the number two hotel in Latin America," said Severino Gomez, General Manager, Esperanza. "The bar for luxury hotels continues to be set higher every year, and we are delighted that *Condé Nast Traveler's* discerning readers gave Esperanza such exceptional marks. My congratulations to our staff, whose dedication to delivering the finest guest experience has earned Esperanza this accolade."

Esperanza Resort encompasses a 56-suite luxury resort, and 60 residential club villas and a full-service spa, all on 17 lushly landscaped acres. For reservations or more information, please call toll-free 866-311-2226. Esperanza is a member of the *Leading Hotels of the World*®.

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley; and The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C., with several others currently in development. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; captivating locations that inspire exceptional cuisine

and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit www.aubergeresorts.com.

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