

**THE GREEN SPA NETWORK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE**

**2017 SPA SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS**

Atlanta, GA – (February 2018) - The Green Spa Network (GSN) announces its 6th Annual Sustainability Awards, which recognize innovation and leadership by the spa industry in support of a vital planet and vital people. With its annual awards, GSN celebrates the collective contributions to a more sustainable future.

**The 2017 GSN Sustainability Award Winners**

**Sustainable Building Winner:** Mohonk Mountain House

Other Finalists Include:

* The Omega Center
* Spa Anjali at The Westin Riverfront

**Innovative Sustainability Initiative Winner:** St. Julien (Waste Reduction Initiative)

Other Finalists Include:

* Eminence Forests for the Future initiative (GSN Platinum Sponsor)
* Blackberry Farm’s Agricultural Program

**Leadership in Sustainability Winners**

**Day Spa:** Complexions Spa

Other Finalists Include:

* Spa Habitat
* Hiatus Spa + Retreat

**Wellness Center:** Spa Anjali, Westin Riverfront

Other Finalists Include:

* The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte, North Carolina
* Sunrise Springs, NM

**Sustainable Spa Brand Winners**

**Beauty category:** Honua

Other Finalists Include:

* Eminence
* Dr. Hauska

**Equipment category:** Comphy Co.

Other Finalists Include:

* Jade Yoga
* Saltability

**Retail category:** Lotus Wei

Other Finalists Include:

* Zuii Organic
* Neal’s Yard Remedies

**Visionary Award:** Paul Hawken

Other Finalists Include:

* Kevin Kelly of Civana

**Dedicated Contributor Award:** Michael Bruggeman

Other Finalists Include:

* Allan Share
* Darren Hickman
* Roberto Arjona

Representing both the spa and sustainability industries, along with wellness, hotels, and design, the 2017 GSN Sustainability Awards judges are well-known in the community and have a strong pulse on the change leaders. The independent panel will award winners in four categories: Sustainable Building, Innovative Sustainable Initiative, Leadership in Sustainability by a Day Spa and Resort/Wellness Center, and Sustainable Spa Brand in Beauty, Equipment, and Retail. The GSN Sustainability Awards program also includes a Visionary Award and the Tara Grodjesk Dedicated Contributor Award, which are determined by the GSN Board of Directors.

The 2017 GSN Sustainability Judges are Rona Berg (Editor-in-Chief, Organic Spa Magazine), Julie Keller Callaghan (Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, American Spa Magazine), Debra Duneier (Founder, EcoChi), Glenn Hasek (Editor and Publisher, Green Lodging News), and Ulli Peck (Founder and Owner, The Wellness Agency).

*“Proactively caring for the health of our planet and people is what the spa industry has always been about,”* says Karen Short, GSN Board President and Senior VP Sales and Marketing, Universal Companies, *“by recognizing the achievements in spa and sustainability, GSN elevates the awareness of success stories to inspire other businesses to create positive change.”*

Our awards program celebrates those efforts that positively support building a sustainable future. Nominations were selected by the judges and recommendations were also submitted on the website. Entries were judged on sustainability, innovation, positive environmental and/or community impact, and financial impact. GSN aims to discover, recognize and celebrate significant accomplishments within the spa industry: Share your story and initiatives with us at <https://greenspanetwork.org/>

**About Green Spa Network:**

GSN is a non-profit trade association serving the spa industry in support of action for a sustainable future. Their mission is to promote the vital connections between personal wellbeing, economic sustainability and the health of our planet. Through networking, education, and best practices developed with a membership of the nation’s most innovative green spas, GSN is a resource for vital people building a vital planet. [www.greenspanetwork.org](http://www.greenspanetwork.org/)

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