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RCI Announces Winners of Thirteenth Annual RCI Green Awards Program in Celebration of Earth Day

Six vacation resorts honored for industry-leading sustainability efforts

ORLANDO, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [RCI](#)[®], the world's leading vacation exchange company celebrating 50 years in the industry, commemorated Earth Day by announcing the winners of the annual RCI[®] Green Awards program.

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The RCI Green Platinum Award (International) was awarded to Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. (Photo: Business Wire)

Each year, the RCI Green Awards celebrates the RCI-affiliated resorts leading the pack in

environmentally sustainable resort operations practices. Third-party eco-certification expert [GreenCircle Certified, LLC](#) verifies nominations and selects winners in Platinum, Gold and Silver categories based on advances in energy and water conservation, waste management, community outreach and environmental management.

While the awards program was historically open to U.S.-based affiliates only, the 2023 program expanded to include global RCI affiliates, doubling the total number of winners from three to six (with one U.S. and one international winner per category). The program's auditing scope was also increased, doubling the number of finalists considered.

"The RCI Green Awards shines a light on the champions of sustainability in our industry," said Paul Mulcahy, managing director for RCI North America. "We hope all resorts within the RCI affiliate network will be inspired by our winners' commendable efforts to protect their local environments, while continuing to provide vacation experiences of the utmost quality for owners and guests."

The RCI Green Platinum Award (International) was awarded to [Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts Punta Cana](#) in the Dominican Republic. With its environmental strategy led by a 'Green Team' that meets quarterly, the resort has implemented many advancements including energy-efficient lighting, water-efficient appliances in all guest rooms, and accessible recycling bins available across the property. The resort holds a Gold Label certification from EarthCheck and has been part of The United Nations Global Compact since 2017.

The RCI Green Platinum Award (U.S.) was awarded to Florida's [Legacy Vacation Resorts Orlando/Kissimmee](#). This eco-conscious resort has implemented bamboo key cards, installed rain barrels for water collection, and replaced bottled water with boxed water in its market store. The resort is part of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Green Lodging Program, which recognizes hotels and resorts that make a commitment to conserve and protect Florida's natural resources.

Additional winners include:

- Gold RCI Green Awards
 - [Club Mahindra Ashtamudi Resort](#) in Kollam, Kerala, India
 - [Club Wyndham Skyline Tower](#) in Atlantic City, New Jersey
- Silver RCI Green Awards
 - [Ultimate Leisure Club](#) in Mexico's Riviera Maya and the Dominican Republic
 - [Club Wyndham Sedona](#) in Sedona, Arizona

The [RCI Green Award program](#) is free and open to all RCI affiliates. The application process for the 2024 RCI Green Awards program will be announced in the fall of this year.

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