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THE RIMROCK'S HOME TO RARE GOLD ON A PODIUM BY THEMSELVES

Vancouver and Whistler not the only destinations home to award-winning Gold (and a few Diamonds)

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BANFF, AB – While Vancouver and Whistler are hosting the upcoming Winter Olympics and Paralympics; the Rimrock Resort Hotel (Rimrock) is already playing host to Banff's only Condé Nast Gold List Resort and Western Canada's only AAA/CAA Five Diamond dining room, Eden. These exclusive accolades showcase the Rimrock and Banff as the Canadian Rockies number one tourist destination – with something for everyone to experience.

The sixteenth annual Condé Nast Gold List is "your ultimate annotated guide to the world's finest properties and cruise lines, as elected by more than 25,000 *Condé Nast Traveler* readers" (conciierge.com). Jim Leavens, the Rimrock's Director of Sales, feels very fortunate to have Banff's only Gold List hotel and also the only AAA/CAA Five Diamond dining room in Western Canada. "We are extremely honoured to be bestowed with these achievements, a sure testament to the dedication of Rimrock employees, and I believe this proves what a fantastic destination Banff and the Rimrock are and continue to be."

The AAA/CAA Diamond rating system is another indicator of achievement in excellence for hotels and restaurants. A Five Diamond award is the highest accolade a restaurant can receive, and strict guidelines must be met; such as providing avant-garde menus, impeccable ingredients, finely-tuned service, pleasant ambiance, and even exquisite tableware. The Rimrock's Executive Chef, Ralf Wollmann, adds, "Eden is in its seventh consecutive year as a AAA/CAA Five Diamond award-winner and offers a dining experience like no other. The Wine Spectator 'Best Of' awards, French and locally influenced dishes, fine bone china, and panoramic views add up to an experience not to be missed when visiting the Canadian Rockies."

The Rimrock, now in its seventeenth year of business, has a long list of diverse awards ranging from the Canadian Culinary Federation's Pastry Chef of the Year (Guy Vaugeois), Top 500 Hotels in the World from Travel + Leisure magazine, and Alberta Hotel & Lodging Association's Housekeeping award, to name a few.

The Rimrock, an independently owned and operated hotel, is a leader in providing luxury accommodation, elite services and unique facilities. The Rimrock is perched 750-feet above the town of Banff, and home to Western Canada's only AAA/CAA Five Diamond fine dining room, Eden. For information, please call 1-888-RIMROCK (746-7625) or visit www.rimrockresort.com, www.facebook.com/rimrockresort, and www.twitter.com/rimrockresort.

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