

# 4 more Ariz. hotels net 4 diamonds from AAA

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The number of top-rated five-diamond properties remained at five, but four hotels have been added to AAA Arizona's list of hotels awarded four diamonds for 2012.

New four-diamond properties are Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, Chandler; Westin Phoenix Downtown, Phoenix; Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale; and El Portal Sedona Hotel, Sedona.

Kai restaurant at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa on the Gila River Indian Reservation near Chandler remained the only five-star restaurant. The Grill at Hacienda del Sol restaurant in Tucson joined the four-diamond list of eateries.

The diamond guides are designed to help travelers and meeting planners decide where to stay or eat.

A total of 46 hotels and restaurants and 26 restaurants made the 2012 list. Properties were notified earlier in the year and honored with a dinner Monday evening.

Five-diamond hotels and resorts — all in the Phoenix area — are the Camelback Inn,

which has been on the list 36 years; Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, 21 years; Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North, 11 years; the Phoenician, eight years; and the Canyon Suites at the Phoenician, five years.

Find the full list at [az.aaa.com/news/index.htm](http://az.aaa.com/news/index.htm).

Forbes Travel Guide, formerly Mobil Travel Guide, also just came out with its 2012 rankings. The more exclusive list only lists 11 businesses in the state.

No hotels or resorts were given the top-rated five stars. The only restaurant to be ranked that high was Kai.

Forbes gave its second highest four-star rankings to the Four Seasons, Phoenician and Ritz-Carlton hotels and resorts and the Talavera restaurant in Scottsdale, as well as six spas.

Find the full list at [blog.startle.com/forbes-travel-guides-five-and-four-star-award-winners](http://blog.startle.com/forbes-travel-guides-five-and-four-star-award-winners).

