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Washington DC, August 18, 2008 -- *Condé Nast Traveler* has named the Willard InterContinental Washington DC, a finalist in the magazine's 2008 World Savers Awards. The Willard InterContinental is one of 38 companies and the only luxury historic urban hotel, and only hotel in Washington DC, selected worldwide as a leader in social responsibility in the magazine's September issue (on newsstands August 19, 2008).

Seventeen judges reviewed 142 applications and rated how applicants exercise social responsibility in five key areas: poverty alleviation, cultural and/or environmental preservation, education, wildlife conservation, and health. Thirty-eight finalists were named and the final winners were determined by compiling the judges' overall rankings. (The full list of finalists, detailing the areas in which they are being honored, is below).

The finalists will be recognized at the World Savers Awards ceremony on September 23rd at the 2nd Annual *Condé Nast Traveler* World Savers Congress in New York City.

"These finalists are prime examples of how the world's hotels, airlines, cruise lines and tour operators can inspire their peers to improve our world," said Deputy Editor for Special Projects Dorinda Elliott. "The efforts by these World Savers, from building schools and furnishing much-needed medical supplies to restocking wildlife reserves and dispensing micro-loans, are models for the entire travel industry."

"We are honored to be recognized by *Condé Nast Traveler* for our commitment to sustainable development," said Hervé Houdré, General Manager of the Willard InterContinental. "It is the responsibility of our industry to help make a difference. By adhering to the principles of the triple bottom line of people, profit and planet, we can positively impact the health and well being of our world."

The 2008 *Condé Nast Traveler* World Savers Awards Finalists:

OVERALL FINALISTS:

British Airways, NatureAir, Grand Hyatt Dubai, Willard InterContinental, Washington DC, MSC Cruise Line, Norwegian Cruise Line, Regent Seven Seas, Fairmont, Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts, Anantara Resort Golden Triangle, Puntacana Resort&Club, Shangri-La's Mactan Resort&Spa, Fregate Island Private, Micato Safaris, Rios Tropicales, Thomson Safaris

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Winner: Campi Ya Kanzi

Runner Up: Accor

Honorable Mentions: Cathay Pacific, Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa, Disney Cruise Line, Phinda Private Game Reserve, Journeys Within

PRESERVATION

Co-Winners: Vail Resorts and Cristalino Jungle Lodge

Honorable Mentions: Virgin Atlantic Airways, Montage Laguna Beach, Disney Cruise Line, Evason Phuket&Six Senses Spa, Journeys Within

EDUCATION

Winner: Montage Laguna Beach

Runner Up: Banyan Tree Hotels&Resorts

Honorable Mentions: Lufthansa, Disney Cruise Line, Phinda Private Game Reserve, Nkwichi Lodge, Abercrombie& Kent

WILDLIFE

Winner: Phinda Private Game Reserve

Runner Up: Disney Cruise Line

Honorable Mentions: Cathay Pacific, Montage Laguna Beach, Banyan Tree, Campiya Kanzi, Metropolitan Touring

HEALTH

Winner: Journeys Within Our Community

Runner Up: Air France

Honorable Mentions: Jai Mahal Palace, Holland America, Six Senses, Phinda Private Game Reserve, Nukubati Island Great Sea Reef