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OUTRIGGER Resorts & Hotels Takes Home Best Hotel – Oceania/Pacific, honoring Castaway Island, Fiji at Prestigious 2025 Ultras Awards in Dubai



HONOLULU – OUTRIGGER Resorts & Hotels, recognized globally for its authentic island hospitality and award-winning cultural experiences, has been named Best Hotel – Oceania/Pacific for its iconic Castaway Island, Fiji property at the Ultimate Luxury Travel Related Awards (ULTRAs), held in Dubai on November 17, 2025.

[Castaway Island, Fiji](#) - an all-natural, private island escape celebrated for its pristine beaches, traditional Fijian bures, heartfelt service, vibrant reef system and innovative [sculptural coral gene bank](#) - earned the title as voted by the 32 million members of the GHA DISCOVERY loyalty program. The accolade was presented at a glamorous ceremony hosted at Nikki Beach Dubai, honoring the very best in global travel.

Recognizing the pinnacle of excellence across the luxury travel sector, the ULTRAs is one of the industry's most prestigious annual awards, organized by Global Hotel Alliance, the world's largest alliance of independent hotel brands and operator of the GHA DISCOVERY program.

"This recognition is a testament to our General Manager Steven Andrews, his dedicated hosts and the unforgettable experiences they create for our guests. We are deeply grateful to the Castaway team for their strong work and to the GHA DISCOVERY members for their trust and support," said Sean Dee, OUTRIGGER Executive Vice President & Chief Commercial Officer.

The ULTRAs ceremony, hosted by radio personality Tom Urquhart and presenter Lily Coleman, gathered leading voices in global tourism alongside notable sports celebrities, including rugby legends Simon Shaw MBE, Bryan Habana, Schalk Brits and Akihito Yamada.

"The ULTRAs are especially meaningful because they reflect the voice of our GHA DISCOVERY members - millions of passionate travelers who recognize and celebrate the world's best hospitality experiences," said GHA CEO Chris Hartley. "With a record number of votes this year, the winners truly represent the highest standards of excellence."

Find a full list of ULTRA award recipients, [HERE](#).

ABOUT OUTRIGGER RESORTS & HOTELS

For more than 75 years, OUTRIGGER has charted a journey of discovery – expanding from Hawai'i to premier resort destinations including Fiji, Mauritius, Thailand and the Maldives. The privately held hospitality company invites guests to 'Come Be Here' with authentic Signature Experiences and the [OUTRIGGER DISCOVERY loyalty program](#) – a member of the award-winning Global Hotel Alliance (GHA). OUTRIGGER's multi-branded portfolio includes OUTRIGGER Resorts, Hawaii Vacation Condos by OUTRIGGER®, The Kapalua Villas Maui and OUTRIGGER Honua Kai Resort & Spa while also managing select properties from top international hotel brands including Embassy Suites by Hilton®. Find out more at [OUTRIGGER.com](#) or visit @OUTRIGGERResorts on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

ABOUT ULTRATRAVEL COLLECTION

Ultratravel Collection features a curated selection of the world's most exceptional hotels and resorts, recognized for their luxury, individuality, and outstanding guest experiences. These iconic properties participate in the global GHA DISCOVERY loyalty program, enabling them to reward discerning travelers with exclusive benefits and recognition. Through Ultratravel Collection, they also gain access to extended marketing opportunities via Ultratravel, the luxury travel media brand that co-founded the Collection alongside Global Hotel Alliance. For more information visit [ultratravelcollection.com](#).

ABOUT GHA AND GHA DISCOVERY

Global Hotel Alliance (GHA) is the world's largest alliance of independent hotel brands with 45 brands and 850 hotels in 100 countries. Its award-winning loyalty program – GHA DISCOVERY – provides 32 million members recognition, D\$ rewards and exclusive experiences across its hotels and partners, both with and without a stay. GHA DISCOVERY generated US\$2.7billion in member hotel revenue and 11 million room nights in 2024. Through membership in GHA, brands expand their global reach, drive incremental revenue and reduce dependence on third-party channels, all while maintaining management independence and individual positioning. For more information, visit [globalhotelalliance.com](#) or [ghadiscovery.com](#).

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