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# Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa receives Forbes five-star rating

Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa is the latest local hotel to receive a five-star rating from the prestigious Forbes Travel Guide.

The independent Manalapan resort, launched in 2013, was one of six properties in the United States to be added to the company's 58th list of Star Rating winners, which was released Monday. The Eau Spa received a five-star rating for the second year in a row.

The Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach is the only island hotel to hold a Forbes five-star rating, which it received in 2012. Its spa and its restaurant, Jove Kitchen & Bar, hold four-star ratings.

The Breakers Palm Beach is listed as a four-star hotel. Café Boulud is the only other island restaurant on the list with four stars.

Eau Palm Beach is now one of 21 hotels in the United States to hold a Forbes five-star rating for both the hotel and spa, according to Eau officials.

It's one of 50 U.S. hotels to hold both a Forbes five-star and AAA Five Diamond rating, according to the resort. Last year, Condé Nast Traveler listed Eau as the No. 1 resort in Florida in its Readers' Choice Awards.

In Florida, Miami and Naples are the only other cities with five-star hotels. Miami also has two five-star restaurants and three five-star spas.

In total, the Forbes Travel Guide Star Rating list includes 154 five-star hotels, 56 five-star restaurants and 47 five-star spas.

Properties are judged by the most



*Courtesy of Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa*

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stringent standards in the industry, according to the company. Its professional inspectors evaluate more than 500 criteria to determine a star rating. A star rating "takes the guess work out of travel planning and establishes a global benchmark for luxury travel," according to Forbes' website.

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