## THE DRAKE

## Drake Hotel Properties recognized with two hotels in Condé Nast Traveller's 2023 Readers' Choice Awards; The Drake Hotel at #11 & Drake Devonshire at #18 in Hotels, Canada Eastern

**(TORONTO) Oct. 3, 2023** – *Condé Nast Traveller UK* today announced the results of its annual **Readers' Choice Awards** with The Drake Hotel recognized at #11 and Drake Devonshire at #18 for hotels in Eastern Canada. This prestigious award was previously awarded to Drake Devonshire in 2017 and 2018, and the Drake Hotel in 2020.



The Drake Hotel
Photo by Doublespace Photography

Landing two spots of just 35 Canadian hotels who received the Readers' Choice Award, Drake Hotel Properties is thrilled to see both The Drake Hotel and Drake Devonshire represented. The Drake has a long established knack for creating one-of-a-kind experiential stays that weave together the best of art, culture, community and excellent hospitality, all within impeccably designed spaces. Always intertwined with the neighbourhoods and communities they're located in, The Drake has a mission to enable travellers to effortlessly immerse themselves in the local culture, whether it's the vibrant energy of West Queen West or the lakeside serenity of Prince Edward County.



Drake Devonshire Inn in Prince Edward County
Photo courtesy Drake Devonshire.

"To have two of our properties receive this wonderful recognition from readers and guests on the cusp of our twentieth anniversary is an incredible validation of everything we've worked hard to create for our guests, our communities and our team," said **John Granger, CEO**. "The Drake has always been about establishing a strong sense of place at any of our properties, and capturing the creative, modern spirit of the neighbourhoods we're a part of. We're glad that this continues to resonate with our guests and look forward to welcoming curious culture seekers through our doors for years to come."



The Drake Hotel Modern Wing Photo by Brandon Barre

Never content to rest on laurels, this most recent accolade comes on the heels of several significant years for the brand. The Drake most recently unveiled its long-anticipated Modern Wing expansion on Queen Street West, adding 32 new guest rooms - including the decadent Rooftop Terrace Suite - to the original property, plus an expanded lobby, meeting and event spaces, interior courtyard and a much-loved new Lobby Bar. The expansion received local and international recognition, including silver from the <a href="2022 Brick in Architecture Awards">2022 Brick in Architecture Awards</a> and an <a href="Award of Excellence">Awards</a>.



The Drake Hotel Modern Wing Lobby
Photo by Brandon Barre

Drake Devonshire also just announced a significant evolution to its PEC property: a planned lakefront expansion, in collaboration with Toronto-based architecture firm <u>Superkül</u>, that will add 12 luxurious lakefront rooms and additional event spaces. It is expected to break ground in 2024.



**Drake Devonshire Inn.**Photo by Nikole Herriot and Michael Graydon.

Last (but certainly not least!), 2024 marks The Drake's twentieth anniversary, an incredible accomplishment. To celebrate the role they've played in their communities through the years, all properties will host a series of art, music, food and cultural experiences. Details to be announced shortly.



## **About the Readers' Choice Awards**

More than **520,000** Condé Nast Traveller UK & US readers submitted responses rating their travel experiences across the globe to offer a comprehensive look at the places they eagerly anticipate revisiting. The Readers' Choice Awards, with their unparalleled legacy as the travel industry's longest running and most prestigious accolades, remain the ultimate symbol and acknowledgment of excellence within the travel sector. The full list of winners can be found here.

The 2023 Readers' Choice Awards are published on *Condé Nast Traveller's UK* website at <a href="mailto:cntraveller.com/rca">cntraveller.com/rca</a> and celebrated in the November issue.

## **About Drake Hotel Properties**

Drake Hotel Properties is a growing hospitality brand focused on lifestyle hotels, food and drink, art and culture, and special events. DHP is a Canadian leader in forward-thinking hospitality design and builds with a passion for revitalizing character properties. Each property reflects its unique neighbourhood and invites guests to experience our blend of a bespoke hotel and cultural community centre while enjoying great seasonal menus, a deep cocktail list, carefully curated curiosities and genuine hospitality excellence.

High res images can be found here.

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