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BOTANIST BAR IN VANCOUVER, CANADA RANKS 19TH ON THE 2023 NORTH AMERICA'S 50 BEST BAR LIST

- The global authority for the world's best cocktail experience recognizes

Botanist Bar as one of the top in North America –



Vancouver, Canada (May 5, 2023) - Botanist Bar, tucked inside Vancouver's Five-Diamond <u>Fairmont Pacific Rim</u> hotel, was crowned the 19th best bar in North America by the <u>North America's 50 Best Bars Academy</u> during a ceremony Thursday evening in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Botanist Bar, led under the guidance of Creative Beverage Director Grant Sceney, and spearheaded by Head Bartender Jeff Savage, is located in the award-winning Botanist restaurant. Inspired by the principles of botany, Botanist Bar celebrates the Pacific Northwest's unique biodiversity in its approach; culinary-forward cocktails blend the union of science and nature together to deliver a sophisticated yet whimsical drinking experience and "living room hospitality".

"Working in hospitality for as long as we all have on the Botanist team, we've watched as bars we admire and adore make their way onto the 50 Best list," **said Jeff Savage, Head Bartender at Botanist**. "Now that the day has come, we count ourselves extremely blessed and honoured to be mentioned alongside superstars in our industry"

The 2023 ranking is reflective of the best bar experiences collated by a group of 250 anonymous voters, made up of cocktail experts, educators, authors, journalists, bartenders and bar owners from across North



America. For this vote, the continent is divided into seven regions: Canada East; Canada West; USA Northeast; USA Midwest; USA West; USA South; Mexico and the Caribbean.

"Seven years ago, the concept of Botanist Bar was only an idea; to see it through the design and construction phases, to opening and now being recognized at these awards is incredibly humbling," said Grant Sceney, Creative Beverage Director at Fairmont Pacific Rim. "It's evolved into something greater than we initially expected and I couldn't be more grateful for all of the people that have been part of its journey."

This announcement comes on the heels of Botanist Bar's recent recognition as the recipient of the 2023 Michter's Art of Hospitality Award; an award that was introduced by 50 Best in 2020 to recognize bars offering outstanding hospitality. This year, 260 members of North America's 50 Best Bars Academy voted on their single-best hospitality experience during the 18-month voting period, recognizing Botanist Bar.

"Since the inception of Botanist, we've always strived to create an experience that is entirely unique and unforgettable." said Jens Moesker, Regional Vice President and General Manager at Fairmont Pacific Rim. "Our Botanist Bar team exemplifies this unwavering dedication through their craft, and we are proud that the teams' efforts have been recognized by such a distinguished group of voters."

For more information, please follow Botanist (<u>@botanistdining</u>) and Fairmont Pacific Rim (<u>@fairmontpacific</u>) on Instagram, or visit online.

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About Botanist

Botanist brings a fresh vibrancy to Vancouver's culinary scene, located in the heart of Coal Harbour inside Fairmont Pacific Rim. Named one of Canada's 100Best restaurants and listed on the World's 50Best Discovery list, the inviting restaurant space is inspired by the principles of botany, and transports guests into a world where day blurs into night, summer into winter, and food and drink are plenty. Executive Chef Hector Laguna's menu represents the botany of British Columbia and celebrates the biodiversity of the Pacific Northwest, where locally sourced ingredients are coupled with contemporary techniques. The restaurant is home to Botanist Bar, recently awarded the Michelin 'Exceptional Cocktails Award,' Michter's Art of Hospitality Award by the North America's 50 Best Academy, and named #2 Best Bar in Canada by Canadas50Best, sits adjacent to a glass-enclosed garden, while the wine list features a terroir-driven program that supports small-batch sustainable and biodynamic farming practices.

About Fairmont Pacific Rim

Fairmont Pacific Rim - Vancouver's definitive luxury hotel - was rated the World's Best Business Hotel by Condé Nast Traveler readers and awarded the coveted Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star and AAA Five Diamond Ratings. This ultramodern downtown hotel offers unobstructed mountain and harbour views, combining the best of the Pacific Rim in its architecture and décor. The hotel features three award-winning



dining destinations, resort-style Forbes Five-Star Willow Stream Spa, rooftop and pool sundeck, lavish guestrooms, and a variety of the city's most luxurious suites.

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