



## VIRTUOSO® NAMES TOP DESTINATION & EXPERIENCES PARTNERS AT 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VIRTUOSO TRAVEL WEEK

**LAS VEGAS (August 11, 2015)** – International luxury travel network [Virtuoso®](#) celebrated six of its preeminent partners at last night's Destination Showcase Dinner & Awards. The event, which attracted close to 1,500 travel agency members and preferred suppliers, was one of many occasions at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Virtuoso Travel Week conference, taking place this week at Bellagio Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. Hosted by Virtuoso Chairman and CEO Matthew D. Upchurch, and Albert Herrera, Virtuoso's senior vice president of Global Product Partnerships, the Destination Showcase honored partners that provide exceptional experiences to Virtuoso clients around the world, while simultaneously offering superior expertise to Virtuoso travel advisors.

“One of the many qualities that truly sets Virtuoso agencies and suppliers apart from the rest is the close connections they forge courtesy of this network,” said Herrera. “These incredible relationships allow our advisors and partners to create inspired experiences tailored specifically for their shared clients. The Destination Showcase Awards are Virtuoso's opportunity to recognize these outstanding partners for their continued innovation in luxury travel.”

Each Virtuoso partner category has an elected committee of Virtuoso advisors that selects the nominees for the awards. The network's travel advisors vote to decide the winners. This year's Destination Showcase Award contenders received more than 4,500 votes in total.

The winners are part of the network's land experiences program, Virtuoso Destinations & Experiences. It consists of more than 70 tour operators and 150 On-Site in-country specialists in over 140 countries. The fast-growing portfolio features 20,000 tours from 200 land operators.

The 2015 Virtuoso Destination Showcase Award winners are:

Best Destinations & Experiences - FIT/Custom Partner: [Classic Vacations](#)

Best Destinations & Experiences - Escorted Tour Partner: [Tauck](#)

Best Destinations & Experiences - In-Country Partner: [Abercrombie & Kent Kenya](#)

Best Virtuoso Active & Specialty Travel Partner (VAST): [Micato Safaris](#)

Best Voyager Club Experience: [Amber Tours](#) | Mumbai, India: Highlights of Mumbai with Lunch at Oberoi

Tourism Board of the Year: [Tourism New Zealand](#)

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### **About Virtuoso:**

**Virtuoso®** is the leading international travel agency network specializing in luxury and experiential travel. This by-invitation-only organization comprises over 370 agency members with more than 9,800 elite travel advisors in 30 countries throughout North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia-Pacific and the Middle East. Drawing upon its preferred relationships with 1,700 of the world's best hotels and resorts, cruise lines, airlines, tour companies and premier destinations, the network provides its upscale clientele with exclusive amenities, rare experiences and privileged access. More than (US) \$14 billion in annual travel sales makes Virtuoso a powerhouse in the luxury travel industry. For more information, visit [virtuoso.com](#).

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