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Guests assembled at Midori House this week to celebrate the great and the good in hospitality and transport for Monocle's Travel Top 50 awards.

TRAVEL TOP 50 AWARDS



# Bon voyage

Monocle hosts an event to celebrate the travel industry's high-flyers.

Celebrating the cosy and the creative, the polished and the passionate, the best and the brightest of the travel industry gathered at Midori House on Thursday night. Monocle's Travel Top 50 awards honoured against-the-grain hoteliers, leading airlines and service stars as revealed in this year's edition of [The Escapist](#). Winners, guests and representatives from the travel industry arrived from all over the world for the event (an impressively large contingent from Taiwan's EVA Air was on hand to accept its award for canny on-board menu design). In between canapés and sips of Nikka whisky highballs, the winners were honoured with a presentation marking all things hospitality.

Here are the winners:

## 01 Best value for long-haul

Finnair

## 02 Best at the helm

Captain Hirofumi Ochi, Guntû cruise ship, Japan

## 03 Best Med runabout

Vita X, Lake Maggiore, Italy

## 04 Best bit of commissioning

'That Place to Which We Always Return' artwork by Gavin Lynch for Air Canada at Toronto Pearson International Airport

## 05 Most anticipated rolling stock

SBB EC250 'Giruno' train from Zürich to Milan via the Gotthard Base Tunnel

## 06 Best in-flight giveaway

Lufthansa's chocolates

## 07 Breakfast that gets you out of bed

Haus Hirt, Bad Gastein, Austria

## 08 Top touchdown

Jackson Hole Airport, Wyoming

## 09 Best weekend escape

Schloss Elmau, Germany

**10 Favourite short-haul hopper**

SWISS's Airbus A220, Switzerland

**11 Most readable in-flight magazine**

Air France 'Madame'

**12 Top dog-friendly hotel**

Belmond El Encanto, Santa Barbara

**13 Hostess with the mostest**

Ladina Florineth, Villa Flor, S-chanf, Switzerland

**14 Most picturesque rail journey**

ÖBB Railjet service, Vienna to Venice

**15 Eye-catching public transport branding**

Metro do Porto, Portugal

**16 Best in-flight meal packaging**

New Nordic by SAS

**17 Leading luggage brand**

Proteca, Japan

**18 Unbeatable transit lounge**

Qantas at Perth International Airport, Australia

**19 Comfiest Premium Economy**

Lufthansa

**20 Best hotel home brew**

Island Ale, Shangri-La, Hong Kong

**21 Leading leisure airline**

Edelweiss, Switzerland

**22 Best airport: Europe**

Zürich Airport

**23 Leading long-haul First Class**

Air France

### **24 Most-anticipated airport**

Istanbul New Airport

### **25 Most dynamic hotelier**

Christoph Hoffmann, 25hours Hotels, Germany

### **26 Comfiest pick-up**

BMW 7 Series Executive Lounge

### **27 Best airport: Americas**

San Francisco International Airport

### **28 Craftiest hotel partnership**

Ryse Hotel, Seoul

### **29 Most appealing beachside revamp**

The Gecko Hotel & Beach Club, Formentera, Spain

### **30 Best hotel amenities**

Buly 1803 x Hôtel de Crillon, Paris

### **31 Top timesaving investment**

Pilatus PC-24, Switzerland

### **32 Most appetising menu design**

EVA Air, Taiwan

### **33 Greenest airport extension**

Oslo Airport, Norway

### **34 Outstanding retail revamp**

Union Station, Toronto

### **35 Comfiest Business Class seat**

Singapore Airlines

### **36 Best airport: Asia**

Hong Kong International Airport

### **37 Chicest short-stay set-up**

Beit Douma, Lebanon

### **38 Sharpest airline uniforms**

Alitalia

**39 Best-stocked minibar**

Wythe Hotel, New York

**40 Liveliest hotel bar**

Frank Bar, São Paulo

**41 Best in-flight amenities**

Soeder, SWISS

**42 Customer-service star**

Rosalina Batista, Belmond Reid's Palace, Madeira

**43 Top airport magazine**

'2board', Athens International Airport

**44 Top brand programme**

Air France Music

**45 Most deluxe train**

East Japan Railway's Train Suite Shiki-shima

**46 Liberating hospitality transformation**

Hotel Liberty, Offenburg, Germany

**47 Speediest airport-hotel link**

Airport Express, Hong Kong

**48 Most convenient in-room feature**

The Middle House, Shanghai

**49 Best roadside stop**

Marché, Switzerland

**50 Most elegant shuttle**

Venetian water taxis

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