

**VILLAS OF DISTINCTION AWARDED GOLD
2011 TRAVEL WEEKLY MAGELLAN AWARD**

PORT WASHINGTON, NY – November 22, 2011 – Villas of Distinction, the premier luxury villa provider, was honored with a gold 2011 Magellan Award from *Travel Weekly*, one of the top travel industry publications. The company, owned by World Travel Holdings (WTH), was recognized amongst others in the travel industry for its outstanding resources and services.

Villas of Distinction secured a gold ranking in the “Online Travel Agent Services” category for its unique website, www.VillasofDistinction.com. The robust site features thousands of privately owned villas around the world and provides first-hand knowledge of the company’s villas and destinations. Because of the vital role travel agents play in the success of Villas of Distinction, the company created www.Villa-info.net to help benefit agents’ businesses even more. This innovative, travel agent-friendly version of their website boasts the same images and design as the original, but omits brand logos and contact information. The mutually beneficial site, which can also be linked to agents’ websites, allows agents to share accurate content regarding thousands of privately owned villas around the world directly with their clients.

Travel Weekly’s Magellan Award recognizes a wide variety of the travel industry’s leaders annually. This year, more than 450 entries were submitted for consideration and judged upon a 100-point performance scale. Nominees were chosen based upon appeal, design and functionality.

About Villas of Distinction:

Villas of Distinction is a premier luxury villa provider that has helped travelers find their perfect vacation home for more than 20 years. Villas of Distinction represents thousands of privately owned villas available for rental in more than 50 luxurious destinations. The majority of Villas of Distinction’s offerings include private pools, butlers, maids and private chefs, making a luxury getaway possible for even the most budget-conscious vacationers. Named the *Conde Nast Traveler* 2010 Favorite Villa Company by the world’s most discerning travelers, Villas of Distinction takes pride in offering unforgettable, customized villa vacations to meet every imaginable need.

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