

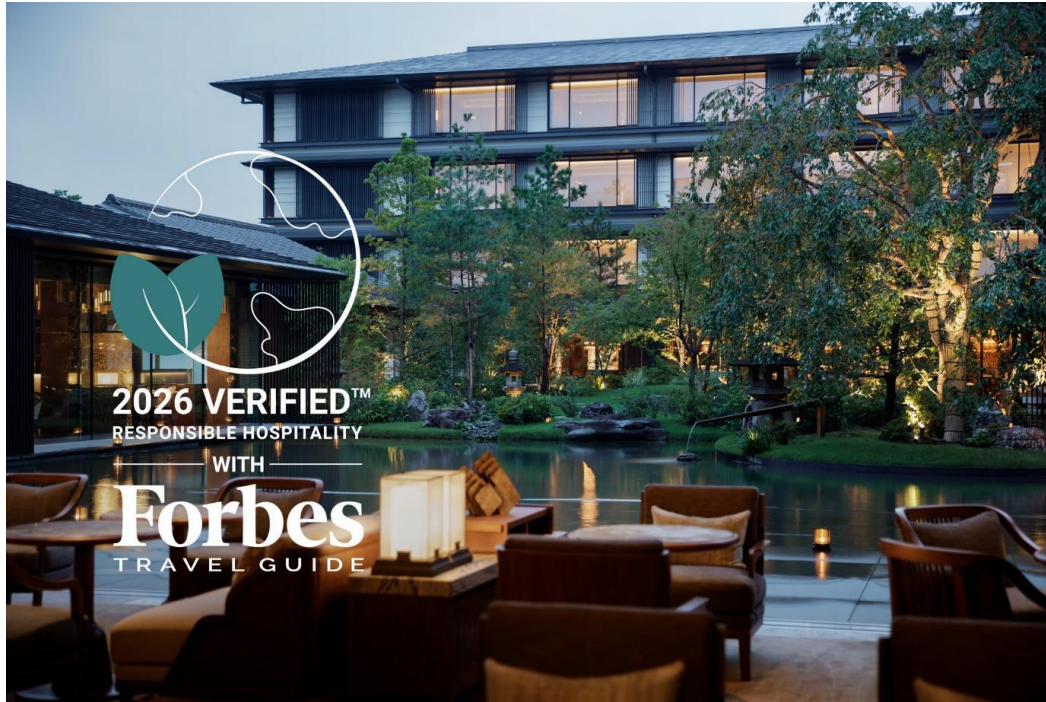
# HOTEL THE MITSUI

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## HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO Earns Forbes Travel Guide’s “VERIFIED™ Responsible Hospitality”



HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO has been awarded the “**VERIFIED™ Responsible Hospitality**” certification by **Forbes Travel Guide**, a globally recognized authority in luxury hospitality ratings. Following the hotel’s Five-Star ratings in both the Hotel and Spa categories in February of this year, this latest certification further recognizes that its environmental and community-focused initiatives meet the highest international standards.

HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO advances a variety of sustainability initiatives that honor and coexist with Japan’s natural environment and cultural heritage. These efforts include participation in a circular agriculture program, where used coffee grounds generated by the hotel are repurposed as fertilizer at a local farm, and the vegetables grown there are later served at the hotel. The hotel has also reduced its environmental footprint by eliminating single-use plastics in guest amenities and actively sourcing locally produced ingredients, with a focus on minimizing food miles. These efforts are part of a broader range of initiatives supporting a more sustainable future.

This certification represents a significant step forward in HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO’s ongoing commitment to sustainability. While remaining true to its brand concept, “EMBRACING JAPAN’S BEAUTY”, and fostering a deep respect for the environment, the hotel will continue to refine hotel operations in ways that build a more sustainable future for generations to come.

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### **ABOUT HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Spa:**

HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO is the first of the HOTEL THE MITSUI brand of iconic, ultra-luxury properties, designed to reflect the harmony between the four seasons and five senses. Located in the heart of Kyoto adjacent to the legendary Nijo Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the 160-room hotel features three restaurants, including the innovative TOKI; Thermal Spring sourced from an on-site natural spring; and a modern tea ceremony alcove. Built on a 250-year-old historic site that was once the home of the executive branch of the Mitsui Family, the hotel presents an ambiance of refined sophistication and serves as a cultural gateway to discover Kyoto. The first Japanese hotel to receive a Five Star rating from Forbes Travel Guide in its opening year’s inspection—and maintain it for five consecutive years—is also awarded a Five Star rating for its Spa in 2026. The hotel is featured on *Condé Nast Traveler’s* 2024 Gold List and is the only Kyoto property, and one of just seven in Japan, to earn the Michelin Three Key distinction in 2025.

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The brand's new property, HOTEL THE MITSUI HAKONE, will open within 2026, featuring 126 rooms, each with its own natural hot springs.

