

Press Release

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HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Spa, Awarded MICHELIN's Highest Three Key Hotel Distinction

Kyoto, Japan – HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO has been awarded the prestigious Three Key distinction in Japan's second annual MICHELIN Key Hotel selection. Announced on 8 October 2025, these awards recognize unique luxury accommodations across the country.

Following the MICHELIN Guide's celebrated restaurant ratings, the MICHELIN Key was introduced in 2024 as a new benchmark recognizing hotels that deliver truly exceptional experiences.

For the 2025 edition, the MICHELIN Guide hosted its first-ever global award ceremony in Paris, unveiling the list of distinguished hotels worldwide. More than 7,000 hotels from nearly 100 countries were selected, and among them, the prestigious Three Keys were awarded to the world's most exceptional hotels. In 2025, only 143 properties worldwide — including just seven in Japan. HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO is honored to be among these highest-ranked destinations.



Message from Yoshihito KASEDA, General Manager at HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO



We are deeply proud and honored to have been awarded the highest Michelin Key distinction of Three Keys for the second consecutive year. Selected as one of 128 hotels in Japan and the only hotel in West Japan to receive this distinction, this recognition is made possible by the continued support of our valued guests and the local community, for which we are sincerely grateful.

As a hotel that embodies the beauty of Japan, we will continue to deliver memorable experiences and heartfelt hospitality to our guests from around the world, striving always to live up to this esteemed honor.

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 four consecutive years—is also 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.

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