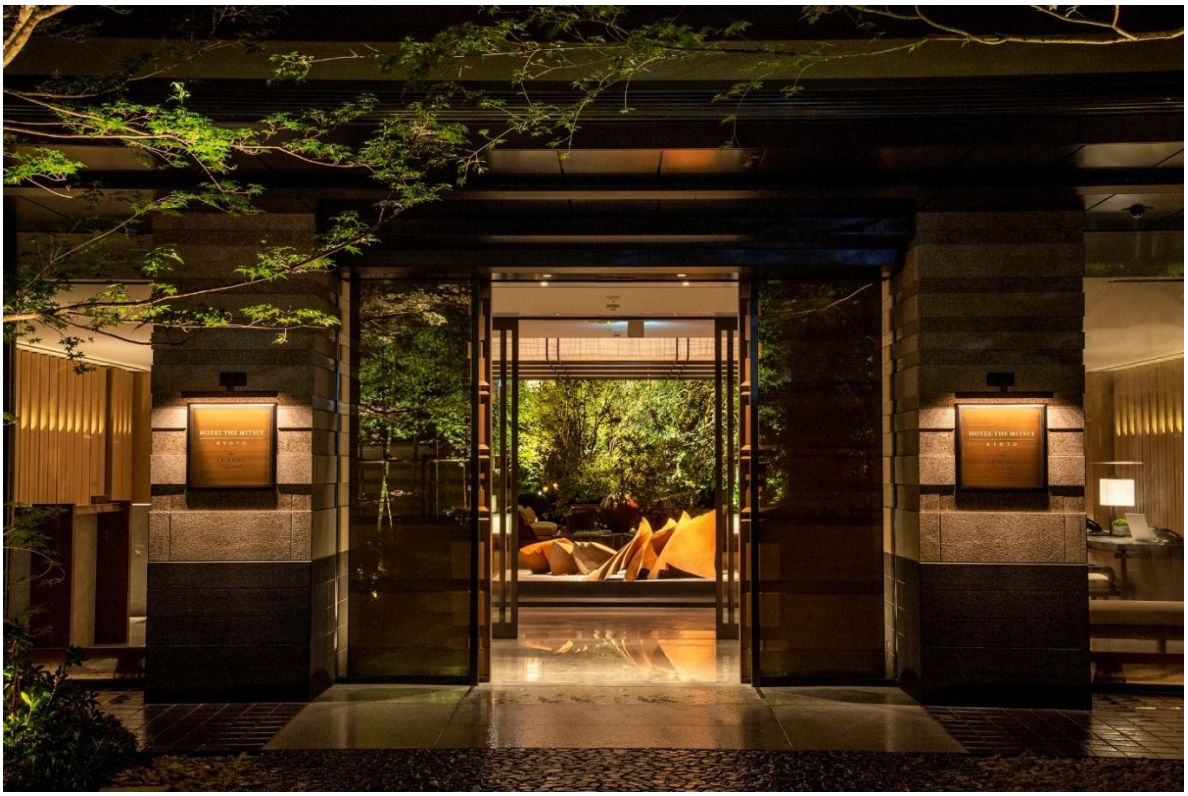
HOTEL THE MITSUI

KYOTO

Press Release

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HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO Earns the Highest Distinction of Three MICHELIN Keys for the Third Consecutive Year



HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO, located in front of Nijo Castle on the former site of the Mitsui family residence,has been awarded the highest rating of Three MICHELIN Keys for the third consecutive year in The MICHELIN Guide Hotel Selection, which was announced worldwideon September 18, 2026.

Introduced in 2024, the MICHELIN Key designation serves as a global benchmark for outstanding hotels around the world. From more than 9,000 accommodations across over 100 countries, MICHELIN Keys are awarded to a select group of hotels that exemplify excellence in design, architecture, service, and character.

Three MICHELIN Keys, the highest distinction in the MICHELIN Guide Hotel Selection, recognize the world's most exceptional hospitality experiences. In 2026, only 155 hotels worldwide, including seven in Japan, received this prestigious honor.

“We are deeply honored and proud to have received the highest distinction of Three MICHELIN Keys in The MICHELIN Guide Hotel Selection for the third consecutive year. Being selected as one of only 7 properties in Japan, and as the only property in western Japan here in Kyoto, is a testament to the warm support of our valued guests and the local community, for which we are sincerely grateful,” said General Manager Yoshihito Kaseda.

“This December, we will also embark on a new chapter with the opening of HOTEL THE MITSUI HAKONE. Carrying forward the spirit of hospitality cultivated in Kyoto, our entire team will continue to refine our craft so that we may offer one-of-a-kind experiences that bring out the unique character and beauty of each destination."

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ABOUT HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Spa:
HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO is the first property under the HOTEL THE MITSUI ultra-luxury hospitality brand.

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 Spa 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.

HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO was the first property in Japan to earn a Forbes Travel Guide Five Star rating in its opening year inspection and has retained that distinction for five consecutive years; in 2026, its Spa also achieved Five Star status and its commitment to sustainable practices was recognized with the VERIFIED™ Responsible Hospitality badge. In the same year, the hotel was honored as an inaugural recipient of the Condé Nast Traveler's Triple Crown. The property also stands as the only hotel in Kyoto to receive the Michelin Three Key distinction.

HOTEL THE MITSUI HAKONE is scheduled to open in 2026 and will feature 126 rooms, each with its own natural hot spring.

