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**THE SMILEY FAMILY HONORED BY HISTORIC HOTELS OF AMERICA AND HISTORIC HOTELS
WORLDWIDE**

Mohonk Mountain House's owners named Legendary Family Historic Hoteliers of the Year at annual awards ceremony

NEW PALTZ, NY – The Smiley family from Mohonk Mountain House was named Legendary Family Historic Hoteliers of the Year by Historic Hotels of America® and Historic Hotels Worldwide® during the annual 2017 Awards of Excellence.

The Legendary Family Historic Hoteliers of the Year award recognizes multi-generational, family-owned hotels that serve as paragons in the operation of historic hotels around the world. The award acknowledges those who have shown a continued devotion to the cultural preservation of historic hotels.

The accolade celebrates the Smiley family's longstanding commitment to historical conservation. Such efforts have included the founding of the Mohonk Preserve in 1963, an organization that protects over 8,000 acres of environments, and Mohonk Consultations in 1980, a non-profit thinktank that researches environmental issues within the Hudson Valley. For their work in preservation, the Smiley family was previously recognized by the United Nations Environment Programme for "generations of dedicated leadership and commitment to the protection and enhancement of the environment."

"As the fourth and fifth-generation leaders of this wonderful, family-owned hotel, we are extremely honored to have been recognized by Historic Hotels this year," said Albert K. Smiley, President of Mohonk Mountain House. "Receiving this award is a testament to our innovation and stewardship in preserving the history and culture of our celebrated resort. We are more motivated than ever to continue spearheading our unique vision of recreation and renewal at this beautiful and historic landmark."

The annual Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence honor the most outstanding historic hotels and hoteliers across the nation and around the world. The Smiley family received its award during a special ceremony at The Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia on Thursday, September 28, 2017. The ceremony was attended by over 200 invited media and industry leaders within the United States and around the world.

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In honoring Mohonk Mountain House, Lawrence P. Horwitz, Executive Director, Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide said, “The Smiley family’s contributions over several generations to the world are inspiring. The Smiley family continues to preserve and nurture a wonderful historic resort and the surrounding area in ways that are exemplary examples of exceptional leadership and stewardship for nearly 150 years. Mohonk Mountain House has an elegance and sophistication without any pretentiousness. While not invented at Mohonk Mountain House, the concepts of tranquility and serenity are certainly being perfected at this wonderful retreat for the body and the soul.”

About Mohonk Mountain House

Mohonk Mountain House is a National Historic Landmark resort and Historic Hotel of America located in New York’s Hudson Valley, just 90 miles north of New York City. Owned and operated by the Smiley Family since 1869, the resort has been a sought-after family destination for generations. Mohonk’s culinary program, led by Executive Chef Jim Palmeri, was profiled in 2017 by the *New York Times* for its commitment to using local Hudson Valley ingredients. Throughout Mohonk’s storied history, it has been recognized by publications including *Condé Nast Traveler* (Gold List and Readers’ Choice Awards), *Travel + Leisure* (World’s Best Awards), and *USA Today’s 10Best* (Best Historic Hotel, Best Family Resort). A champion of the environment and the Hudson Valley community, Mohonk maintains over 85 miles of trails for hiking, biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing and offers earth-friendly activities and programs that preserve the land and educate guests about the surrounding environment. Mohonk also offers exquisite gardens, a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, an ice-skating pavilion, horseback riding and horse-drawn carriage rides, and a glacial-formed lake that is ideal for boating, fishing, and swimming. The award-winning spa features a menu of nature-inspired treatments, an outdoor heated mineral pool, an indoor heated pool, a comprehensive fitness center, and yoga/motion studio.

Overnight rates at Mohonk Mountain House include historic accommodations, three meals, afternoon tea and cookies, and many resort activities. For additional information, please call 855.274.4020 or visit Mohonk.com. Connect with Mohonk: [Facebook.com/Mohonk](https://www.facebook.com/Mohonk) or [Instagram @MohonkMountainHouse](https://www.instagram.com/MohonkMountainHouse).

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