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Nine Colorado hotels make Travel+Leisure world's-best list


Denver Business Journal - by [Ed Sealover](#)

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The **Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch** in Avon retained its ranking as Colorado's highest-rated hotel among the nine in the state chosen for Travel + Leisure magazine's annual list of the world's 500 best hotels.

Three Aspen hotels, two from Denver and one each from Beaver Creek, Colorado Springs and Vail joined the Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch on the list. The total on nine was one more than Colorado had on last year's list, with three state newcomers to the rankings replacing two that fell off of the reader-chosen list.

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Though none of the state's entries ranked on the magazine's ultra-exclusive Top 50 list in the world, the Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch in Avon earned an 88.45 ranking to put it at the top of the local hotels.

Following it were:

- **Little Nell**, Aspen - 88.27;
- **St. Regis Resort**, Aspen - 86.33;
- **Sonnenalp Resort** of Vail - 85.89 (new this year);
- **The Broadmoor**, Colorado Springs -

85.65;

- **Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort & Spa** - 84.68;
- **Hotel Teatro**, Denver - 83.75;
- **Hotel Jerome**, Aspen - 83.62 (new this year);
- **Brown Palace Hotel & Spa**, Denver - 82.53 (new this year).

Denver's Hotel Monaco and the Beaver Creek Lodge are the two Colorado establishments that dropped off of the list this year.

The list is available at www.TravelandLeisure.com and will appear in the magazine's January issue.

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