



## **Chablé Resort & Spa Wins Coveted “Prix Versailles 2017” Award** *Resort Honored as “Best Hotel in the World” for Architecture and Design*



*Designer Paulina Moran & Architect Jorge Borja*



*Chablé Resort & Spa*

**Chochola, Yucatan (Mexico)** – At an exclusive ceremony at the UNESCO headquarters in France, the International Union of Architects awarded [Chablé Resort & Spa](#) with the “Prix Versailles 2017” award for the best hotel in the world for architecture and design. Mexico-based designer Paulina Moran and architect Jorge Borja were on hand to accept this coveted prize.

Actively promoted by UNESCO and the International Union of Architects, the Prix Versailles has become known as the World Architecture Award for stores, hotels and restaurants. The organization recognizes the most remarkable structures, in terms of both interior and exterior architecture. Following a wide-ranging call for submissions and a selection made by six independent panels, 18 hotels from around the world were chosen as finalists with Chablé Resort & Spa walking away with top honors.

“True luxury is about preserving the soul of an incredible destination, so when Chablé was conceived it was important to continue telling the story of this ancient hacienda through its unique architecture and design elements,” said Rocco Bova, general manager. “Working alongside Ms. Moran and Mr. Borja, we were able to achieve this delicate juxtaposition by seamlessly incorporating modern aesthetics alongside heritage construction. The final product offers guests a truly balanced and harmonious retreat that honors Mayan traditions without sacrificing the global standards for luxury.”

The Prix is celebrating its third year and the 2017 World Judges Panel consisted of: François de Mazières (Chairman), Manuelle Gautrand, Guo Pei, Toyō Itō (Pritzker 2013), Gilles Lipovetsky, Guy Savoy, Wang Shu (Pritzker 2012) and Minja Yang.

The Prix Versailles is an original initiative with the very clear aim of fostering better interaction between the economy and culture. It underlines the role economic agents can play, in all sectors, to enhance, embellish and improve living environments. This everyday architecture can be a lever for sustainable development where ecological, social and cultural dimensions intersect.

For more information on the 2017 Prix Versailles, please visit <http://www.prix-versailles.com/2017-awards>.

To learn more about Chable Resort & Spa, which is managed by Hamak Hotels, please visit [www.chableresort.com](http://www.chableresort.com).

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**Chablé – Yucatan, Mexico**

In a unique setting in the heart of the Mayan forest just 25 minutes from the historic city of Mérida, Chablé resort is a five-star spa retreat spread across 750 acres on Mexico's famed Yucatan Peninsula. Its 38 spacious stand-alone pool villas and two expansive 3-bedroom presidential estates are nestled within lush gardens. Nearby, a XIX century traditional "Hacienda" offers a completely restored, secluded retreat recalling the elegance and sophistication of the past. The retreat's crowning jewel is its world-class spa, the first-ever created inside a "cenote." The spa's philosophy draws from this ancient culture, offering a wide range of Mayan-inspired spa treatments that harness the power of Mérida's ancient techniques and ingredients, alongside modern amenities. Acclaimed executive chef Jorge Vallejo serves fine, organic, seasonal cuisine sourced directly from the resort's on-site gardens. In a nod to indulgence and relaxation, the resort also features an expansive cellar showcasing the largest private tequila collection in the world. Chablé Resort & Spa is managed by Hamak Hotels.