



## **CASTELLO DI CASOLE – A TIMBERS RESORT RECOGNIZED AS #1 RESORT IN EUROPE FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

*Travel + Leisure 2016 World's Best Awards Names Timbers' Tuscan Retreat as No. 1 Resort in Europe and No. 1 Top Hotel in Italy, and places it among the 100 Best Hotels in the World*

**CARBONDALE, COLO.** (July 6, 2016) – [Castello di Casole – A Timbers Resort](#), a luxury award-winning resort in Tuscany, Italy, has ranked among the very best in the world in the 21<sup>st</sup> annual **Travel + Leisure 2016 World's Best Awards**. For the fourth consecutive year, the former 10th century castle turned 41-suite boutique hotel shines in *Travel + Leisure's* prestigious rankings – named the No. 1 Resort in Europe, No. 1 Hotel in Italy, and No. 15 among the 100 Best Hotels in the World by the magazine's well-versed travelers.

"We are honored that Castello di Casole – A Timbers Resort has once again been recognized by *Travel + Leisure's* discerning readers, as the best resort in Europe for the fourth year running," said David A. Burden, Founder & Executive Chairman of Timbers Resorts. "The highly coveted award is testament to the unmatched level of personal service, luxury accommodations and inspired amenities that are signature to the Timbers Resorts portfolio. We couldn't be happier for our staff who make this vision a reality every day."

Developed and operated by Timbers Resorts, the five-star Castello di Casole sits on 4,200 acres and includes a collection of residential restorations, the Casali, offered in whole ownership and through the Private Residence Club program. The remarkable estate boasts more than 100 acres of vineyards and olive groves, a model game reserve, a state-of-the-art wellness center and spa, an infinity pool that overlooks the serene countryside and some of the region's finest cuisine. Guests and owners can enjoy a selection of activities ranging from Italian and painting lessons to guided vineyard tours and truffle hunting adventures, as well as spa treatments among the olive trees. The property also boasts a partnership with Ferrari to offer guests a day of driving through the countryside or an extreme race track experience.

The *Travel + Leisure* readers define excellence in travel by rating their experiences and evaluating hotels across the world on the following characteristics – rooms and facilities, location, service, restaurants and food, and value. The 2016 World's Best Awards lists, as well as survey methodology, are featured on [www.travelandleisure.com](http://www.travelandleisure.com) now and will appear in the August issue.

### **About Castello di Casole – A Timbers Resort:**

Not far from Tuscany's most enchanting city, Siena, surrounded by groves of olives and approached through a winding passage of cypress is Castello di Casole – A Timbers Resort. At 4,200 acres, the castle

and surrounding countryside is an estate of epic proportion. The residential restorations, the Casali, are offered in whole ownership and through the Private Residence Club program. The Castello itself is enchanting - an intimate 41-suite 5-star boutique hotel with Ristorante Tosca that opens to terraces and a pool, Pazzia Trattoria, Bar Visconti, and Essere Spa inspired by the region's fragrances and natural approach to diet and exercise. For more information please visit [www.castellodicasole.com](http://www.castellodicasole.com) and [www.facebook.com/castellodicasole](https://www.facebook.com/castellodicasole).

**About Timbers Resorts:**

Timbers Resorts is the developer and operator of a collection of properties in over 15 of the world's most diverse high-end destinations. A portfolio known as the Timbers Collection, destinations include boutique, private resorts, hotels and residence clubs in ski, golf, leisure and beach locations. Since 1999, Timbers Resorts has been committed to being authentic, unique and respectful of the destination, focusing on family and experiences, and never compromising with regard to quality and service. Owners at properties in the Timbers Collection are granted an ownership experience with expanded benefits through a host of travel and lifestyle partners such as Sentient Jet, Hertz, MedJet Assist and more, as well as access to the Timbers Reciprocity Program and the ability to trade vacation time with other destinations in the portfolio. Current Timbers Collection properties can be found in Aspen, Beaver Creek, Cabo San Lucas, Jupiter, Kaua'i, Maui, Napa, Scottsdale, Snowmass, Sonoma, Southern California, Steamboat, St. Thomas, Tuscany and Vail. For more info, please visit [www.timbersresorts.com](http://www.timbersresorts.com), [www.facebook.com/timbersresorts](https://www.facebook.com/timbersresorts), [www.twitter.com/timbersresorts](https://www.twitter.com/timbersresorts) and [www.pinterest.com/timbersresorts](https://www.pinterest.com/timbersresorts).

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