Long before likes and shares were the clearest indicators of popularity, *Conde Nast Traveler* launched the Readers' Choice Awards survey, literally a ballot card stuffed into every subscriber's issue and newsstand copy of the magazine. As our founding editor, Sir Harold Evans, put it, the RCAs were "not the ultimate, definitive truth on every hotel, airline, or destination, but a rough popularity poll." This year, even though you tag, direct message, or email us on a daily basis about your favorite hotels around the world, we're happy to report that you still took the time to weigh in. More than 300,000 of you voted on a record-breaking 7,320 hotels and resorts, 610 cities, and 255 islands, making it our largest and most diverse list of winners ever. So what did we learn? With all of its hotel openings (and reopenings), as well as a frisson of excitement around its food scene, Chicago topped the chart for domestic cities, edging out New York and San Francisco. Internationally, Tokyo retained its number one spot, with Kyoto coming in third (Vienna slipped in between). And while you always love the grande dame hotels in big cities, you're crushing hard on newish boutique hotels—La Réserve in Paris, the High Line in New York City, and Ham Yard and Chiltern Firehouse in London were among their respective city's top five. As travel obsessives, we honor the tried-and-true but live for the new kids on the block who leapfrog from our Hot List to RCA in less than a year—a journey that used to take at least five. Of course, as this process never really ends for us, we can't wait to hear where you're off to next. For more of your favorite hotels (and islands, airlines, and cruises), turn the page.

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