



## The Retreat Spa at Okada Manila Wins Two Major Honors at the APSWC Awards 2026

**April 29, 2026 – Manila, Philippines** – The Retreat Spa at Okada Manila has secured two major titles at the Asia Pacific Spa & Wellness Coalition (APSWC) Awards 2026, held on April 24 in Siem Reap, Cambodia: **Sustainability Champion of the Year** and **Wellness Menu of the Year**, the latter marking a third consecutive win since 2024, while also representing the spa's fourth consecutive year of recognition at the APSWC Awards.

These latest wins place The Retreat Spa among a select group of repeat category winners in the region, underscoring its sustained leadership in both wellness innovation and responsible practices.

Launched in 2023, the APSWC Awards have quickly emerged as a benchmark for excellence in the Asia-Pacific spa and wellness industry. Winners are determined through a rigorous process combining expert panel evaluation and regional public voting, with this year's judging panel comprising 27 industry professionals from 22 countries.

The **Wellness Menu of the Year** category recognizes innovative treatment programs that integrate traditional and modern approaches to holistic well-being, while **Sustainability Champion of the Year** honors initiatives that demonstrate measurable impact in environmental stewardship, resource efficiency, and community engagement.

This recognition highlights The Retreat Spa's ability to deliver elevated guest experiences while embedding sustainability into its operations, an approach aligned with Okada Manila's broader commitment to responsible and meaningful hospitality. It also builds on the spa's **Forbes Travel Guide 5-Star rating for the fourth consecutive year**, reinforcing its position as a leading wellness destination in the region.

At the core of its offering is a thoughtfully curated menu of treatments designed to support physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Signature experiences such as *Dance of Waves* and *Indayog ng Duyan*, alongside the Wave Dream relaxation chamber, the first of its kind in Southeast Asia, continue to distinguish the spa's wellness approach.

Sustainability remains a key focus under Okada Manila's Okada Green Heart program. The Retreat Spa has implemented initiatives such as hydro-efficient treatment protocols, the elimination of single-use plastics, the use of Nordaq water systems, and upcycling efforts that repurpose materials into functional spa accessories. It also supports sustainable sourcing through its Spa x Culinary Herb Garden Project.

Beyond operations, the spa contributes to the growth of wellness tourism in the Philippines through community engagement, skills development, and local partnerships.

“This recognition reflects the heart of what our team does every day,” said Vikki Aquino, Executive Director, Wellness and Leisure at Okada Manila. “We’ve always believed that wellness should feel meaningful, not just for our guests, but for the community and the environment as well.”

Located within Okada Manila, The Retreat Spa spans over 3,000 square meters of wellness space, offering private treatment suites, relaxation lounges, aqua therapy facilities, and an outdoor pool area complemented by the Co-Ed Spa. The spa experience is further enhanced by dedicated personal care facilities, including a Nail Art Studio, Beauty Salon, and Barbershop, creating a well-rounded environment for both wellness and grooming. With its continued recognition at the APSWC Awards, The Retreat Spa further strengthens its position as one of the region’s leading wellness destinations.

Learn more about The Retreat Spa’s sustainability efforts through Okada Manila’s Okada Green Heart program: <https://okadamanila.com/okada-green-heart/>.

## **ABOUT OKADA MANILA**

Okada Manila, a Forbes 5-star destination for seven consecutive years in the Philippines and a Forbes VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality integrated resort, seamlessly blends unmatched hospitality, gaming, and entertainment across 30 breathtaking hectares. Known for its unique service philosophy, Okada Manila combines the warmth of Filipino hospitality with the precision of Japanese excellence, ensuring every guest feels truly special.

Guests can marvel at The Fountain, a world-renowned water choreography masterpiece, or enjoy the expansive gaming floor—the largest in the Philippines—featuring a wide array of table games and electronic gaming machines. Exclusive clubs like Perlas, Maharlika, and the VIP Club offer elite gaming experiences for discerning guests.

For families, PLAY Kids’ Club and Thrillscape provide exciting and engaging entertainment options designed to cater to both developmental and recreational needs. The Sole Retreat and the Forbes 5-star-rated The Retreat Spa offer sanctuaries promoting wellness and relaxation. Culinary delights await at over 40 dining venues, and a variety of shopping options at The Promenade ensure convenience and a premium experience at your fingertips.

Business travelers will find state-of-the-art facilities for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE), offering well-appointed spaces equipped with the latest technology. Cove Manila serves as an exclusive venue for private events, providing a stunning backdrop for special occasions under a UV-protected dome. The Okada Manila Entertainment Group (OMEG) brings world-class performances to life, enriching the vibrant entertainment landscape.

Guests can stay in one of 1,001 accommodations, each designed for comfort and sophistication. Digital innovations, including the Okada Online Casino and the Okada Manila App, make it easier than ever to enjoy the integrated resort’s offerings.

Unforgettable moments await at Okada Manila. Visit [www.okadamanila.com](http://www.okadamanila.com) to explore.

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1. The Retreat Spa's Executive Director for Wellness & Leisure, Ms. Vikki Aquino (middle left) and Associate Director for Wellness & Leisure, Regina Santos (middle right) with team members.



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