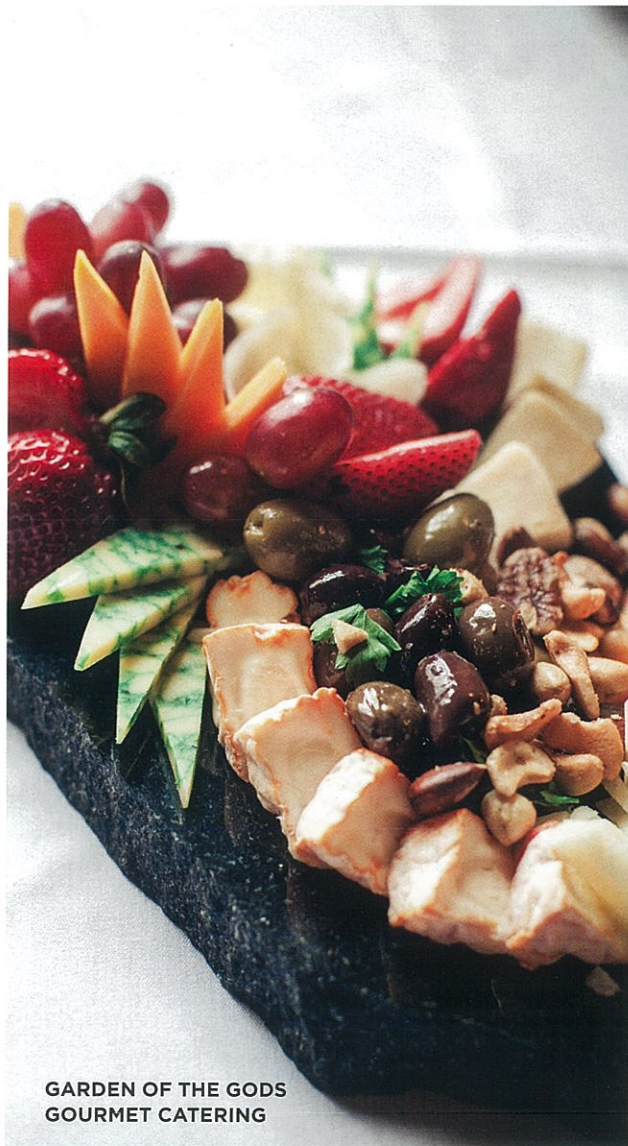


It's time for the madness that is March —

the bracket-busting Cinderella teams, exciting wins and teammates who keep the ball moving. *Colorado Meetings + Events* experiences its own madness with the tallying of the ninth annual Best of Colorado awards. Just like in basketball, there are first-time winners, MVPs and many team players.



GARDEN OF THE GODS
GOURMET CATERING

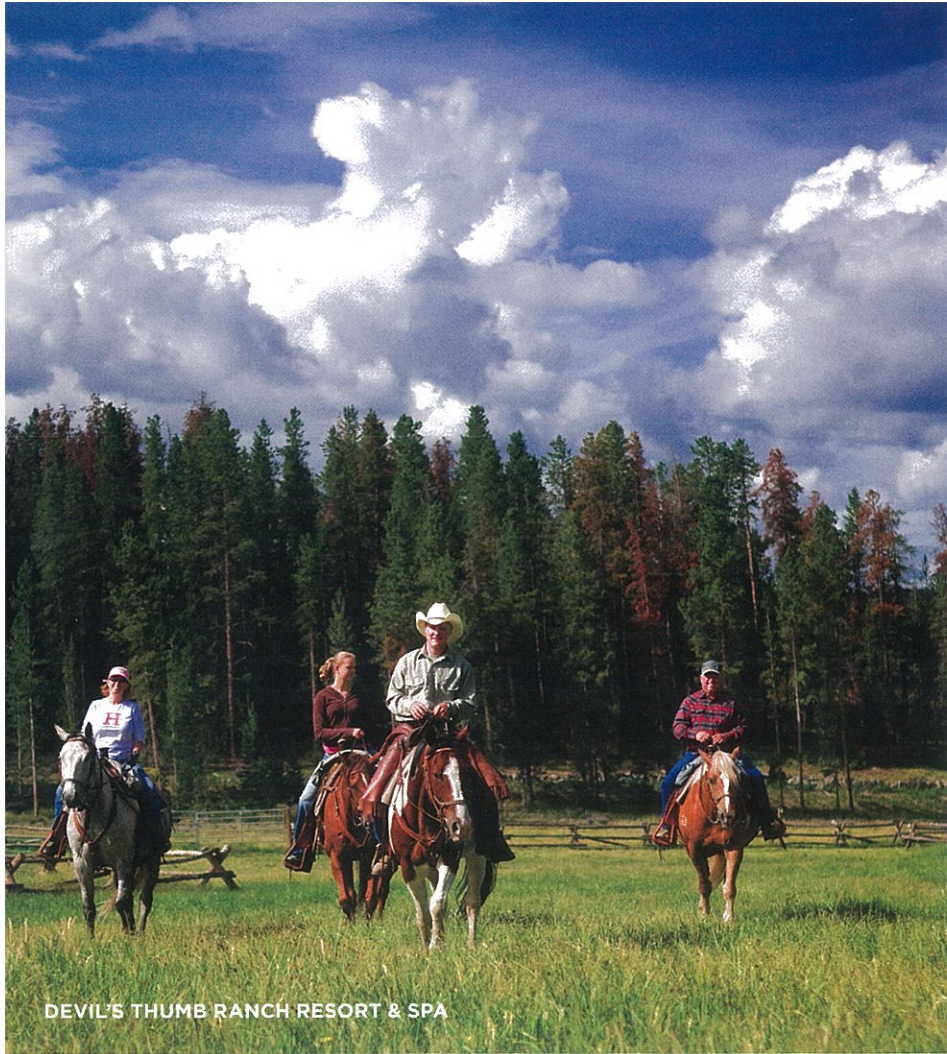


JW MARRIOTT DENVER CHERRY CREEK



THE CURTIS - A DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

PHOTOS: GARDEN OF THE GODS GOURMET CATERING; JIM COCHDAN



DEVIL'S THUMB RANCH RESORT & SPA

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The newbies on our list aren't underdogs, they're hard workers who rose to the top or placed in a new category. This is the first year Best Hotel or Resort with Meeting/Event Space has been split into four categories based on room size and geographic location. The 336-room **The Curtis - a DoubleTree by Hilton** came out on top for hotels with more than 200 rooms in Denver Metro. Mansfield Oil Marketing Specialist Michelle DeBrocke says, "My vote goes to The Curtis because of their customer service." She adds, "I love the location! It's a Hilton property but feels like a boutique location."

JW Marriott Denver Cherry Creek claimed the title of Best Hotel or Resort with Meeting/Event Space in Denver Metro (Less than 200 Guest Rooms). The 196-room property recently spent \$1 million adding Fireside, which features two walls of glass doors that open to a 2,400 square-foot outdoor patio complete with two fire pits, lounge seating, festoon lights and LED chandeliers with multiple color enhance-

ments. Perfect for up to 250 people, the space can be heated or air conditioned.

Devil's Thumb Ranch Resort & Spa is making its first appearance as winner of Best Hotel or Resort with Meeting/Event Space Outside Denver Metro (Less than 200 Guest Rooms). Ashley Sodaro, program manager for executive education for Daniels College of Business (University of Denver), says, "It is hard to feel like you are in a log cabin in the woods and a five-star hotel all at once, but that is how you feel at Devil's Thumb. The location, views, amenities, accommodating staff, delicious meals, wonderful service and overall experience make it special."

Located near Fiddler's Green Amphitheatre in the Denver Tech Center, **Mangia Bevi Café** might be a rookie on the winner's list, but it's an offshoot of the oft-lauded Epicurean Group. The 2015 Best Restaurant/Bar with Private Dining Space offers private space in its Venetian Room, a buyout of the café for business meetings or cocktail hour, and a patio.

The Winners

**Best Hotel or Resort with Meeting/
Event Space in Denver Metro
(More than 200 Guest Rooms)**

***The Curtis - a DoubleTree
by Hilton***

Denver
thecurtis.com | 303.571.0300

RUNNERS-UP

- » Hyatt Regency at Colorado Convention Center
- » Omni Interlocken Hotel (tie)
- » Renaissance Denver Downtown City Center Hotel (tie)

**Best Hotel or Resort with Meeting/
Event Space in Denver Metro
(Less than 200 Guest Rooms)**

***JW Marriott Denver
Cherry Creek***

jwmarriottdenver.com | 303.316.2700

RUNNERS-UP

- » The Crawford Hotel
- » The Oxford Hotel

**Best Hotel or Resort with Meeting/
Event Space Outside Denver Metro
(Less than 200 Guest Rooms)**

***Devil's Thumb Ranch
Resort & Spa***

Tabernash
devilsthumbbranch.com | 970.726.5632

RUNNERS-UP

- » The Arrabelle at Vail Square
- » Four Seasons Resort Vail

**Best Restaurant/Bar with Private
Dining Space**

Mangia Bevi Café

Greenwood Village
mangiabevicafe.squarespace.com
303.763.1980

RUNNERS-UP

- » Coohills Restaurant
- » Second Home Kitchen + Bar