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Hilton Vilamoura named Wellness & Spa Hotel of the Year 2026

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Hilton Vilamoura As Cascatas Golf Resort & Spa has been named Wellness & Spa Hotel of the Year 2026 at the European Hotel Awards, recognising an Algarve resort where wellness is integrated into the wider guest experience through spa, water, gardens, leisure and the natural rhythm of a Mediterranean destination.

The hotel is represented by Miguel Afonso dos Santos, General Manager of Hilton Vilamoura As Cascatas Golf Resort & Spa, who leads the property during a period of renewed investment and continued development of its hospitality offer.

Wellness as part of the resort experience

Set within five acres of landscaped gardens and adjacent to the Pinhal Golf Course, Hilton Vilamoura combines the scale of a resort with access to the Algarve's beaches, marina and outdoor lifestyle. Six swimming pools, landscaped surroundings and proximity to golf create a setting in which relaxation and activity naturally coexist.

At the centre of the wellness offer is 7 Seven Spa, described by Hilton as Portugal's largest spa. Its facilities include an indoor thermal pool, Turkish baths, saunas, experience shower and Zen garden, together with a broad menu of facial and body treatments, signature therapies and couples' massages.

A destination designed around different rhythms

The strength of Hilton Vilamoura lies in the diversity of ways guests can use the resort. A stay can be active, centred on golf and outdoor life, or deliberately restorative, built around spa treatments, water experiences and time in the gardens. Families are also integrated into the resort model through dedicated pools, children's facilities and leisure services.

This ability to accommodate different rhythms is particularly relevant to contemporary wellness hospitality. Wellbeing is no longer limited to a treatment room: it also depends on space, movement, sleep, food, landscape, social time and the freedom to shape a stay according to individual needs.

Miguel Afonso dos Santos and a new phase for Hilton Vilamoura

As General Manager, Miguel Afonso dos Santos oversees a property that has played an important role in Hilton's presence in Portugal. Recent investment and renovation have supported a new phase for the resort, while its established spa, leisure and golf identity continues to provide the foundation for the guest experience.

His leadership places particular emphasis on quality, performance, team culture and the continuous improvement of service - elements that are essential in a resort where wellness depends as much on operational consistency and human attention as on physical facilities.

The logic behind Wellness & Spa Hotel of the Year 2026

The European Hotel Awards are not based on public voting, popularity rankings or automated scoring. Their approach is qualitative, holistic and editorial, considering identity, coherence, leadership, service culture, guest experience and the distinctive contribution of each property to European hospitality.

For Hilton Vilamoura, Wellness & Spa Hotel of the Year 2026 recognises the coherence between a major spa destination and the wider resort environment. The distinction reflects a property where wellness is experienced not as an isolated amenity, but as part of a broader relationship between water, landscape, movement, rest and personalised hospitality.

HILTON VILAMOURA AS CASCATAS GOLF RESORT & SPA Wellness & Spa Hotel of the Year 2026 Represented by Miguel Afonso dos Santos - General Manager Vilamoura, Portugal

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