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**KINGSTON PLANTATION WINS 10<sup>th</sup> GOLD KEY AWARD FOR 2008**  
Presented by *Meetings & Conventions* magazine

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – (October 2008) – Kingston Plantation was awarded the Gold Key Award for 2008 by *Meetings & Conventions* magazine. For 30 years, this annual award has been bestowed upon the world's finest meeting properties. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year Kingston Plantation has received this coveted industry-wide designation.

All winners of this award of excellence were nominated and selected by the readers who based their votes on the overall professionalism and quality of the property. This year, the readers honored 181 domestic and 14 international hotels and resorts as Gold Key winners. Meeting planners selected their winning properties based on strict industry criteria including: staff attitude; quality of meeting rooms; quality of guest services; food and beverage service; proficiency of handling reservations; availability of technical/support equipment and range of recreational facilities.

“The dedication to quality has always been a trademark of *M&C*'s readers who represent the highest level of meeting and incentive professionals. The 2008 Gold Key winners have met these tough standards by providing outstanding service,” said Bernard W. Schraer, *Meetings & Conventions* Group Publisher. “The entire *M&C* staff commends the properties that have demonstrated the qualities to earn the Gold Key distinction.”

“We are thrilled to receive the award for the 10<sup>th</sup> year,” says Bob Barenberg, managing director and general manager for Kingston Plantation and Kingston Shores. “This award demonstrates the consistency of quality throughout the resort from the accommodations and meetings facilities to our dedicated staff.”

All winners will be honored at a gala ceremony in November in New York City. All winning hotels and resorts will also be featured in *Meetings & Conventions*' Gold Awards issue published this November.

Kingston Plantation is owned by FelCor Lodging Trust, Inc. Accommodation choices on the 145-acre oceanfront resort include Embassy Suites, luxury condominiums, villas and townhouses. Kingston Plantation and its adjoining property, Kingston Shores, are among the largest and most comprehensive oceanfront resorts on the East Coast. Guests enjoy access to recreational facilities including a 50,000 square-foot Sport & Health Club with indoor and outdoor pools, nine lit tennis courts, pro shop and state-of-the-art fitness equipment; Splash!, an oceanfront waterpark and lazy river; Par-72 Rees Jones-designed Arcadian Shores Golf Course; and a host of seasonal activities for adults and children. For more information, call 800-876-0010 or visit [kingstonplantation.com](http://kingstonplantation.com).

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