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## Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa Enjoys Busy 2012 Awards Season, Honored with Four Prestigious Awards

DESTIN, Fla. (August 1, 2012) – Northwest Florida's Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa has enjoyed an eventful 2012 awards season, garnering a number of prestigious awards from national industry trade publications. The resort's recent awards include the Pinnacle Award from *Successful Meetings*, the Greens of Distinction and Award of Excellence from *Corporate & Incentive Travel*, and the Best of the South award from *Meetings South* magazine.

"With all of the options meeting and event planners have, it is truly a great honor to win these awards," said Gary Brielmayer, Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa general manager. "These distinctions are a testament to the commitment of our staff and management, and place us in the highest tier of quality in the hospitality field."

Successful Meetings presented Hilton Sandestin Beach with the Pinnacle Award for a mark of excellence for meeting destinations, hotels and conference centers demonstrating outstanding service to their meetings, incentive travel programs, trade shows and conventions. After more than 27 years, the Pinnacle Award has become the most credible and prestigious symbol of excellence among meeting professionals and travel suppliers. This is the ninth time the resort has received this award.

From *Corporate & Incentive Travel*, Hilton Sandestin Beach received the Greens of Distinction award for the 13th consecutive year, as well as the Award of Excellence, for the 14th consecutive year. The Greens of Distinction award is presented to hotels, resorts and conference centers demonstrating an outstanding commitment to their golf courses, meeting facilities, food and beverage offerings and customer service. The Award of Excellence is selected by subscribers of the magazine who vote for resorts/destinations that best served their corporate meetings and incentive travel programs during the past year.

The Best of the South award from *Meetings South* is judged on the quality of meeting space, guest rooms, guest services and amenities, food and beverage service, high-tech services and equipment, recreational facilities and activities, the efficiency and helpfulness of staff, and overall value and experience. This marks the 13th year in a row Hilton Sandestin Beach has won this award.

In addition, the resort's Seagar's Prime Steaks & Seafood has been recognized in 2012 by TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence and *Wine Spectator* magazine's Best of Award of Excellence. Located within Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, Seagar's is Destin's only AAA Four-Diamond restaurant.

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## About the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa

Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, managed by Sandcastle Resorts & Hotels, is located on the sugar-white sands and emerald-green waters of Northwest Florida's Gulf Coast in Destin, Fla. Aside from its stunning location, Northwest Florida's largest full-service beachfront resort hotel boasts 598 spacious accommodations, more than 32,000 square feet of award-winning meeting space, a world-class spa and fitness center, six on-site dining venues – including a AAA Four-Diamond restaurant – abundant resort recreation options, access to championship golf courses, and close proximity to the area's best attractions. For more information on Destin's premier hotel, visit www.HiltonSandestinBeach.com, or stay up-to-date with its latest news and promotions on its Blog, Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.