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And The Winner Is ...

Hotel Monteleone Recipient of the “2008 Golden Key” from *Meetings and Conventions Magazine*

(NEW ORLEANS, LA— July 9, 2008) The historical French Quarter hotel was recently notified that it is again the winner of the prestigious **Golden Key** from *Meetings and Conventions Magazine*.

Meeting professionals have relied on the Gold Key to symbolize outstanding meeting facilities worldwide for over thirty years, according to Bernard W Schraer and Lori Cioffi of the magazine. Through unaided recall, independent meeting professionals voted for the top meeting hotels and selected the Monteleone as one of the best.

“These recognitions reflect the hard work from everyone on our staff,” comments Andrea Thornton, director of Sales and Marketing for the hotel. She adds, “It means a lot to all of us to receive this award, especially since the voting was done by hundreds of meeting planners and attendees who visited New Orleans and who stayed here at the hotel.”

Since 1886, the Hotel Monteleone (www.hotelmonteleone.com) has proudly stood as one of the first landmarks in the famous French Quarter. The hotel is the Quarter’s largest full-service hotel, featuring 600 comfortable, luxurious guestrooms and suites. Hotel Monteleone is within walking-distance of some of New Orleans most famous attractions and is conveniently located 11 miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Hotel Monteleone is a three-time AAA Four Diamond award-winner, and has won *Successful Meetings Magazine’s* Pinnacle Award twenty times.

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