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## **THE CHATTANOOGAN HOTEL RECEIVES TWO TOP MEETINGS INDUSTRY AWARDS**

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** (September 10, 2009) – The Chattanooga hotel, Chattanooga’s AAA Four Diamond-rated upscale hotel, has been honored with two of the highest awards in the meetings industry, the prestigious 2009 Best of the South Award from Meetings Media and the 2009 *Successful Meetings* Pinnacle Award. The Chattanooga is one of only three properties in Tennessee to receive Best of the South Award, which is determined by readers of *Meetings South* magazine, and one of only two hotels in the state to receive the Pinnacle Award, given by readers of the highly regarded *Successful Meetings* magazine.

“We are extremely proud to receive these two very prestigious awards,” said Tom Cupo, general manager of The Chattanooga. “This recognition honors our outstanding staff and the services we provide our clients to ensure that they have the most productive meeting experience possible.”

The Best of the South Award is given annually to a select group of hotels in the South that are identified as the best in the industry by meeting planners. The 2009 Best of the South Awards recognized 55 hotels in 14 states, Mexico and Caribbean Islands. Recipients are judged on quality of meeting space; guest rooms; guest services and amenities; food and beverage service; efficiency and helpfulness of staff; availability of technical equipment; recreational facilities and activities; and overall value and experience. Results are published in the September issue of *Meetings South* magazine.

The Pinnacle Award is the mark of excellence for meeting destinations. It is given each year to a select group of properties within the United States that are identified as the best in the industry by readers of *Successful Meetings*. Award recipients are properties that have consistently performed in an outstanding manner throughout the year servicing and supporting meetings. The four categories of evaluation readers consider for hotels and conference centers are accommodations, amenities, meeting facilities and services, and food and beverage.

The Chattanooga, a 210,000 square-foot five-story upscale hotel with 198 guest rooms and suites, has three outstanding restaurants, a pampering day spa and a 25,000 square-foot conference center with comprehensive meeting planning and audiovisual support services. Meeting space includes 20 dedicated meeting rooms with five general session rooms accommodating 25 to 100 guests; a 16-seat circular board room with a flat data screen; 12 break-out rooms; a 7,500 square-foot ballroom; and an amphitheater with seating for 88.

The hotel is conveniently located within a two-hour drive from Atlanta; Nashville, Tenn.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Huntsville, Ala.; and Birmingham, Ala. It is within walking distance of the city's museums, galleries, retail stores, restaurants and The Tennessee Aquarium.

For more information or reservations, call (423) 756-3400, toll free (877) 756-1684, or visit The Chattanooga's Website at [www.chattanooga.com](http://www.chattanooga.com).

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