

## Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Opens in Panama City Beach, Fla.

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A new 83-room Country Inn & Suites By Carlson has opened its doors for business at 10241 Clarence Street in Panama City Beach, Fla.

"We're very excited to bring the Country Inns & Suites By Carlson concept to this region," said Steve Mogck, executive vice president and brand leader, Country Inns & Suites By Carlson. "All employees will participate in the Country Inns & Suites 'Be Our Guest' service training program, to ensure consistent delivery of quality customer service at our hotels."

"This new Country Inn & Suites By Carlson is a wonderful addition to our community. We look to this recognized brand and lodging concept to help us grow and prosper in the future," said Dhiren Patel, general manager of the Country Inn & Suites By Carlson in Panama City Beach. The owner of the hotel is Shri Gautam Swami, Inc.

The hotel features an outdoor pool open year round and an on-site fitness center and sauna. Other amenities include a complimentary deluxe continental breakfast and a 50 person capacity meeting room that provides fax and copy services. The hotel offers a variety of guest rooms including standard rooms, one bedroom king suites, one bedroom queen suites and Whirlpool suites. All rooms feature complimentary high-speed wireless Internet access, 32-inch LCD televisions, refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker, hairdryer and iron with ironing board. This Country Inn & Suites property is located within walking distance to several area attractions, shops and restaurants and is near three area golf courses. The hotel is situated 8 miles from Bay County International Airport and is located opposite the Baytown Trolley.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2007, Country Inns & Suites offers locations that feature traditional architecture and sophisticated residential interior design with hardwood flooring, lobby fireplace and decorative ceiling borders. Each hotel welcomes guests with traditional furnishings that blend rich woods and elegant floral-patterned fabrics.

The rooms offer many amenities often found at higher-priced hotels such as complimentary hot breakfast, in-room coffee maker, in-room iron and ironing board, and weekday morning newspaper. Country Inns & Suites provides a Read It & Return Lending Library at its hotels in the U.S. and Canada which lends free books to guests based on the assurance they will return the book on their next visit. As guests continue to read and return books, Country Inns & Suites makes donations to support literacy.

Country Inns & Suites By Carlson(SM) is part of Minneapolis, Minn.-based Carlson Hotels Worldwide, whose operations also include Regent Hotels & Resorts, Radisson Hotels & Resorts(R), Park Plaza(R) Hotels and Resorts and Park Inn(R).

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