

## Key International Wins Prestigious Award at the Marriott Select Brands Owner & Franchise CONNECT 2024 Conference

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The **CONNECT 2024 Conference** convened in Orlando, uniting Marriott representatives, owners, franchises and management companies to celebrate the past year's achievements. The conference concluded with a private event at Universal Orlando to present awards to outstanding hotels.

**Key International** was honored with the Best Project Award for the exceptional design and construction of the

SpringHill Suites Jacksonville Beach Oceanfront Hotel. This prestigious Marriott award recognizes outstanding projects within each Select Brand, evaluating criteria such as design innovation, collaboration, engagement and execution excellence.

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Shaner Hotel Group is the operating partner of the SpringHill Suites Jacksonville Beach. "Partnering with an investment and development company such as Key International in this state-of-the-art beach front hotel further contributes to our award-winning portfolio. Congratulations on the well-deserved award" said **Plato Ghino**, President of Shaner Hotel Group.

Nestled directly on the sandy shores, this 156-suite hotel boasts a stunning coastal design and a prime beach front location just steps from the Jacksonville Beach Pier. It is close to local attractions such as Shipwreck Island Water Park, the PGA Tour at Sawgrass, multiple golf courses, Carnival Cruise Port, St. Augustine, and the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens. Highlight amenities include the SANDBAR JAX BCH oceanfront restaurant and bar, Starbucks Coffee Shop, all-suite guestrooms, microwave, and a mini-fridge, daily hot breakfast as well as a state-of-the-art fitness center with unobstructed ocean views.