

## BARNSLEY RESORT JOINS ESTEEMED SOUTHERN LIVING HOTEL COLLECTION GEORGIA'S LUXURY RESORT DESTINATION NAMED A CHARTER MEMBER

Adairsville, GA (July 2013) – Barnsley Resort (<u>www.barnsleyresort.com</u>) is an inaugural member of the *Southern Living* Hotel Collection, a prestigious group of independent four-and five-star level properties spanning 18 Southern states. This elite group of hotels, resorts and inns offers the "best in authentic Southern hospitality" as selected by the same criteria the magazine's editors use to determine editorial coverage in the publication.

"On behalf of all our colleagues at Barnsley Resort, we are honored to have been chosen by *Southern Living* to join this collection of prominent, one-of-a-kind properties," said General Manager Michael Gordon. "*Southern Living* is a trusted authority for savvy consumers looking for resources about new and undiscovered destinations. For both repeat visitors and first time guests, Barnsley Resort offers a unique North Georgia getaway for both leisure travels and corporate retreats."

A new website (www.SouthernLivingHotelCollection.com) features all of the properties in the collection and highlights why they were chosen. For the invitation-only *Southern Living* Hotel Collection, editors sought hotels that provide a memorable experience through impeccable service, outstanding cuisine, high-quality facilities and the finest amenities. Barnsley Resort is one of only two Georgia destinations and joins iconic properties such as Blackberry Farm, The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, and The Grove Park Inn.

The collection launched with 15 hotels, but the brand will continue to select additional properties over the coming years until the list reaches up to 100 locations across the South. The long-term vision is to further bring the *Southern Living* brand to life with hotel collaborations for approved recipes on the menus and branded classes and events.

"The 15 charter members of the *Southern Living* Hotel Collection are made up of iconic Southern resorts, historic Southern hotels, and newly discovered Southern inns," said *Southern Living* Publisher **Greg Schumann**. "We're very proud of our unique collection as they all serve to provide the very best in Southern hospitality."

For additional information on Barnsley Resort, please visit www.barnsleyresort.com,

www.Facebook.com/BarnsleyResort or call 1-877-773-2447.

## **About Barnsley Resort:**

In the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, just 60 miles <u>north of Atlanta</u>, Barnsley Resort welcomes guests into a storybook romantic setting of incomparable service. Encompassing 3,300 acres, the historic grounds offer a unique getaway experience. Originally built as an opulent estate in the 19th century, the grounds have been transformed into a world-class resort. All guests are lodged in private rooms, suites or cottages, all luxuriously appointed with a mix of old-world charm and modern convenience. Whether looking for a relaxing weekend, strategic meeting or an elegant wedding, guests will discover a retreat of privacy and perfection. Amenities include gourmet dining, immaculate gardens, historic ruins, a European-style spa, and exciting recreational choices such as world-class golf, wing-shooting and hunting at SpringBank Plantation – Georgia's most unique hunting preserve, and horseback riding along scenic trails. Barnsley Resort is also an inaugural member of the *Southern Living* Hotel Collection, a prestigious group of independent four-and five-star level properties spanning 18 Southern states. www.barnsleyresort.com.

## **About Southern Living:**

Southern Living celebrates the essence of life in the South, covering the best in Southern food, home, garden, and travel. Reaching more than 16 million people each month, Southern Living connects consumers with the region's rich culture through a variety of print, digital, mobile, tablet and event platforms. Headquartered in Birmingham, AL, the rapidly expanding Southern Living brand is part of Time Inc., one of the largest content companies in the world and the largest publisher in the U.S.

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