

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

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A TIMELINE OF INNOVATIVE FIRSTS AND HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

April 1981

- ☞ Bill Kimpton opened the first boutique hotel; the Clarion Bedford Hotel, San Francisco, CA
- ☞ Kimpton became the first hotel company to feature a complimentary nightly wine hour

April 1983

- ☞ Kimpton's Hotel Vintage Court became the first themed hotel, establishing a wine emphasis

May 1990

- ☞ Completed first ground-up construction of the Tuscan Inn in San Francisco, CA

July 1991

- ☞ Completed first adaptive reuse hotel by transforming the San Francisco Embarcadero YMCA into the Harbor Court Hotel

November 1991

- ☞ Expanded outside of California with the Vintage Plaza Hotel in Portland, OR

July 1992

- ☞ Introduced a brand-wide pet-friendly policy

July 1993

- ☞ Launched Guppy Love goldfish program at all Hotel Monacos

July 1996

- ☞ Became first to introduce Tall Rooms at Fifth Avenue Suites (now the Hotel Monaco) in Portland, OR

July 1999

- ☞ Expanded internationally with the Pacific Palisades Hotel in Vancouver, BC

January 2003

- ☞ Became first hotel company to offer free high-speed internet in all guest rooms

July 2003

- ☞ Introduced complimentary in-room yoga baskets and a 24-hour yoga channel for all guests

January 2004

- ☞ Introduced Kimpton InTouch guest loyalty and Inner Circle programs
- ☞ Launched LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) travel program

May 2004

- ☞ Launched Women InTouch program that included services and amenities created with women in mind such as the “Forgot It? We’ve Got It!” menu of travel essentials

April 2005

- ☞ Formalized EarthCare, reinforcing Kimpton’s commitment to ecological sustainability

March 2006

- ☞ Launched Signature Meetings program offering four core event options

Fall 2006

- ☞ Launched Mind.Body.Spa. wellness program

May 2008

- ☞ Launched “IM Kimpton” social networking website for employees
- ☞ Introduced KimptonKids program

July 2008

- ☞ Became first and only hotelier to introduce organic and paraben free spa products to in-room spa treatment program

January 2009

- ☞ Named to *FORTUNE’S* 2009 “100 Best Companies to Work For” list

April 2009

- ☞ Became first hotel company to make every meeting a green meeting with the introduction of 12 eco-friendly meeting standards

June 2009

- ☞ Partnered with Natura® to reduce bottle usage and provide Kimpton Restaurant diners with in-house purified water
- ☞ Announced national compliance with Monterey Bay Aquarium’s Seafood Watch program, offering only sustainable seafood selections in Kimpton Restaurants

October 2009

- ☞ Partnered with The Nature Conservancy to support the Plant a Billion Trees campaign through a percentage donation from Natura® water sales and a “Giving Tree” rate code for hotel guests
- ☞ Introduced new perks for Kimpton InTouch members including a “Raid the Mini Bar” credit for every stay, exclusive “My Offers” page in member profiles and extended “passport rewards” for repeat guests

January 2010

- ☞ Launched Wines That Care, a program offering wine hour pours hand-picked by wine director and master sommelier, Emily Wines for the producers' dedication to the earth and local communities
- ☞ Mandated that at least 30 percent of wine lists at all Kimpton restaurants feature eco-friendly selections including organic, biodynamic and sustainable wines from small and large producers

March 2010

- ☞ Announced brand-wide pursuit of Green Seal certification for all Kimpton hotels

May 2010

- ☞ Opened Kimpton's 50th hotel, Eventi, in New York City

August 2010

- ☞ Kimpton was named to the 2010 Honor Roll by Center for Companies That Care for its commitment to elevating the quality of life for employees and people in the broader community

September 2010

- ☞ Kimpton and city of Philadelphia announced first hotel and restaurant to earn LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council – Kimpton's Hotel Palomar Philadelphia and Square 1682 restaurant
- ☞ Launched "Life is Suite" blog, offering readers an insider's look at Kimpton

October 2010

- ☞ Announced first Twin Cities hotel in the Kimpton collection – The Grand Hotel Minneapolis

January 2011

- ☞ Named to *FORTUNE'S* 2011 "100 Best Companies to Work For" list
- ☞ Launched new Travel Healthy initiative in partnership with renowned health and nutrition expert Joy Bauer, to offer guests healthy in-room dining options and wellness-inspired On Demand in-room videos

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San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, a collection of boutique hotels and chef-driven restaurants in the US, is an acknowledged industry pioneer and was the first to bring the boutique hotel concept to America. Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2011, Bill Kimpton founded the company in 1981 and today it is well-known for making travelers feel welcomed and comfortable while away from home through intuitive and unscripted customer care, stylish ambience and having a certain playfulness in its approach to programs and amenities. Adjacent to the hotels are locally-loved, top-rated, destination Kimpton restaurants. Kimpton leads the hospitality industry in ecological practices through its innovative EarthCare program that spans all hotels and restaurants. Market Metrix, a recognized authority and leader in feedback solutions, consistently ranks Kimpton above other hotel companies in luxury and upper upscale segments for customer satisfaction. Privately held Kimpton operates 51 hotels and 54 restaurants in 24 cities. For more information visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1-800-KIMPTON.