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KIMPTON HOTELS GARNER 2009 READERS' CHOICE AWARDS IN CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER MAGAZINE

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., November 30, 2009 – [Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants](http://www.kimptonhotels.com), a collection of boutique hotels and chef-driven restaurants, garnered two **2009 Readers' Choice Awards** in the November 2009 issue of *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine. Kimpton's [Hotel Burnham](#) in Chicago and [Nine Zero Hotel](#) in Boston were named among the "Best in the World" and featured in the "Top 100 United States Hotels" list. Scores were determined by a survey of 25,008 travelers who called out both Kimpton hotels by awarding them the following scores:

- **Kimpton's Hotel Burnham** (Chicago, IL): 86.1 percent
- **Kimpton's Nine Zero Hotel** (Boston, MA): 84.7 percent

"Praise from our guests is the highest honor we can receive," said Niki Leondakis, chief operating officer, Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants. "This honor is a testament to the dedication our employees have for creating positive and memorable travel experiences for our guests."

Kimpton has consistently earned high customer satisfaction scores by the Market Metrix Hospitality Index, exceeding other hotel companies including those in luxury and upscale segments. Most recently, Kimpton's top customer satisfaction score of 92.8 percent for the second quarter of 2009 surpassed competitors across several segments, including luxury leaders Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, Four Seasons, Ritz-Carlton and W Hotels.

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For more information about Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1(800)-KIMPTON. Kimpton is on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/Kimpton, and can be found on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Kimpton. To view the complete list of 2009 Readers' Choice Awards, visit: www.concierge.com/cntraveler.

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ABOUT KIMPTON

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. Founded in 1981 by Bill Kimpton, the company 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. Each hotel provides a range of exciting culinary experiences through locally-loved, top-rated, destination, chef-driven restaurants. Kimpton leads the hospitality industry in ecological practices through its innovative EarthCare program that spans all hotels and restaurants. Privately held Kimpton has consistently earned high customer satisfaction scores by the Market Metrix Hospitality Index, exceeding other hotel companies including those in luxury and upscale segments. Among the company's newest properties are the LEED registered Hotel Palomar and LEED registered Square 1682 restaurant by Chef Guillermo Tellez in Philadelphia, PA, which opened in October 2009. Currently, projects are underway in New York City and Chicago. For more information, please visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1-800-KIMPTON.