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### **Center for Companies That Care Names Kimpton to 2008 Honor Roll**

*San Francisco-based boutique hotel group recognized for creating a more ethical, socially responsible work environment*

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 25, 2008 — Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, a leader in the boutique hotel industry, has been selected for the 2008 Companies That Care Honor Roll by Center for Companies That Care. Recognized for a commitment to elevating the quality of life for employees and for people in the broader community, Kimpton is the only hospitality company among the 41 large, medium, small, public and private, for-profit and not-for-profit U.S.-based companies named to the fifth annual Honor Roll.

Kimpton and other Honor Roll recipients were selected for demonstrating the consistent practice of the “10 Characteristics of a Company That Cares” as defined by Center for Companies that Care, as well as employee survey data and an overall review of company practices by an independent research panel. As recognized by the Honor Roll, Kimpton sustains a work environment founded on dignity and respect for all employees, develops great leaders, and actively supports the community.

“Being named to the Honor Roll requires a steadfast commitment to employees and communities and detailed proof that a company adheres to our 10 Characteristics of Companies That Care,” commented Marci Koblenz, President, Center for Companies That Care. “We applaud Kimpton, and are extremely pleased that a growing number of organizations are focusing on their social responsibility in the workplace and the community, a focus that can give them an advantage with customers, employees and investors.”

Care is the cornerstone of Kimpton's internal and external philosophy and is among the five signature elements of the Kimpton brand including care, comfort, style, flavor and fun. As such, Kimpton employees are encouraged to provide the same level of care for fellow employees as they would for guests.

In addition, over the past 27 years, company leaders have generated a remarkable number of innovative social responsibility initiatives designed to extend Kimpton's care to the community. From non-profit partnerships on a local level to Kimpton's EarthCare program, which utilizes high quality, eco-friendly products and services at all Kimpton hotels, the company is firmly committed to social responsibility.

"To be recognized by Center for Companies That Care is a great honor as it underscores the emphasis we place on heartfelt care, both internally for our employees and externally for our guests, our communities and the environment," said Niki Leondakis, Chief Operating Officer of Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants.

The Honor Roll is announced annually on the third Thursday of March in conjunction with the annual launch of CARE DAYS, a month-long, national initiative, led by the Center for Companies That Care, to engage individuals and employers in activities addressing significant societal issues in the community.

### **ABOUT KIMPTON**

San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants is the first and leading collection of boutique hotels throughout the United States and Canada. Founded by Bill Kimpton in 1981, privately held Kimpton Hotels offers services and design elements focused on care, comfort, style, flavor and fun. Every Kimpton hotel reflects the energy, personality and pulse of its location, history and architectural style. Each property features personalized guest services, comforting in-room amenities, specialty rooms and suites, and provides a range of exciting culinary experiences through affiliated top-rated destination chef-driven restaurants. Kimpton takes pride in its commitment to social responsibility and leads the hospitality industry in ecological practices through its innovative EarthCare programs. In addition, Kimpton demonstrates a unique dedication to its female guests with the Women InTouch program, offering comfortable and safe environments, in-room fitness and wellness options as well as the company's unique "Forgot It, We've Got It" honor bar, providing essentials that women travelers may have forgotten at home. Among the company's newest properties are the Hotel Palomar Arlington at Waterview, which opened in November 2007. Additional projects are underway in Los Angeles, New York, Florida, Philadelphia and Virginia. For more information, please visit [www.KimptonHotels.com](http://www.KimptonHotels.com) or call 1-800-KIMPTON.

### **ABOUT CENTER FOR COMPANIES THAT CARE**

Center for Companies That Care is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the well-being of employees and communities by encouraging employers to integrate the 10

Characteristics of Companies That Care into their daily business practices. For more about the Center for Companies That Care, the Honor Roll process, 2008 Honor Roll recipients or CARE DAYS08: Terrific Tales, visit [www.companies-that-care.org](http://www.companies-that-care.org) or call 312.661.1010.

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