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CENTER FOR COMPANIES THAT CARE NAMES KIMPTON TO 2010 HONOR ROLL *Hospitality Leader Recognized for Socially Responsible Work Environment*

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., August 9, 2010 – San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants has been chosen for the 2010 Honor Roll by Center for Companies That Care. Recognized for its commitment to elevating the quality of life for employees and people in the broader community, Kimpton is the only hospitality company among the 29 large, medium, small, public and private, for-profit and not-for-profit U.S.-based companies named to the seventh annual Honor Roll.

The Companies That Care Honor Roll publicly recognizes and celebrates all organizations that prize employees and are committed to community service. Kimpton was selected for demonstrating consistent practice of the “10 Characteristics of a Company That Cares” as defined by Center for Companies that Care, and for results of employee survey data and an overall review of company practices by an independent research panel. The “10 Characteristics of a Company that Cares” include:

1. Sustain a work environment founded on dignity and respect for all employees
2. Make employees feel their jobs are important
3. Cultivate the full potential of all employees
4. Encourage individual pursuit of work/life balance
5. Enable the well-being of individuals and their families through compensation, benefits, policies and practices
6. Develop great leaders, at all levels, who excel at managing people as well as results
7. Appreciate and recognize the contributions of people who work there
8. Establish and communicate standards for ethical behavior and integrity
9. Get involved in community endeavors and/or public policy
10. Consider the human toll when making business decisions

“Care is at the heart of our brand and can be seen and felt in every Kimpton hotel and restaurant,” said Niki Leondakis, chief operating officer at Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants. “This esteemed recognition from Center for Companies That Care is an honor we hold dear.”

"We continue to be impressed with Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, which is why we named them to the 2010 Honor Roll for the third year in a row," said Marci Koblenz, President, Center for Companies That Care. “Their focus on empowering employees to provide legendary customer service, their grassroots volunteerism efforts, and their diversity and inclusion practices are noteworthy. All go to further the organization's goal of being the best in its industry."

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. Over the past 29 years, Kimpton leaders have generated remarkable social responsibility initiatives designed to extend Kimpton's care to each individual community. From forging national non-profit partnerships with organizations including Dress for Success, The Trust For Public Land and The Nature Conservancy, to with working with local charitable organizations in Kimpton communities, the company is firmly committed to social responsibility.

To learn more about Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, please visit www.KimptonHotels.com, www.Twitter.com/Kimpton, or www.Facebook.com/Kimpton.

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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. 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 50 hotels and 54 restaurants in 16 states. For more information visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1-800-KIMPTON.