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KIMPTON HOTELS & RESTAURANTS NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF HOTEL SALES

Jesse Suglia joins leader in the boutique hotel industry

SAN FRANCISCO, August 28, 2007 – Jesse Suglia joins Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants as the new director of hotel sales. In this position, Suglia is responsible for strategic oversight and management of the national sales team. Additionally, Suglia oversees room revenue performance, monitors and capitalizes on industry sales trends and identifies areas of opportunity to ensure Kimpton's maximization of revenue and market share for the brand as a whole, as well as individual hotels.

Suglia joins Kimpton from Omni Hotels where his most recent position was Global Director of Business Travel Sales for the New York Global Sales Office. In addition to his award-winning success in generating revenues for the brand, he played an integral role in the creation and execution of key sales development programs.

Suglia is an active member within the hotel industry community through affiliations with National Business Travel Association and the Association of Corporate Travel Executives Global Hotel Think Tank. Suglia's experience is supplemented by his ongoing education. In 2004, he completed the Global Leadership Program at The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

A graduate of University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Isenberg School of Management, Suglia holds a bachelor's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. He and his wife Shakira enjoy spending time traveling, playing golf and running.

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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 in Washington D.C., which opened in July 2006, and the Hotel Palomar Dallas, which opened in August 2006. Additional projects are underway in Southern California, Texas, Florida and Virginia. For more information, please visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1-800-KIMPTON.