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KIMPTON SAYS “LIFE IS SUITE”

New Blog Offers Insider’s Look at Pioneering Boutique Hotel Company

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., September 20, 2010 – Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants announced the launch of a lifestyle blog titled *Life is Suite*, www.lifeissuite.com. Providing readers with an insider’s look at some of the faces behind this pioneering boutique hotel and restaurant company, *Life is Suite* brings Kimpton's playful personality to life through posts from a rotating roster of company contributors. Whether at home or on the road, travelers will be able to get a behind-the-scenes look at Kimpton, learn about new services, amenities and promotions, receive tips from company travel experts, gather recipes from Kimpton chefs and restaurants, and more. *Life is Suite* column topics will include (but not be limited to):

- **Hot Blocks:** Taking the concierge concept to a new level, *Life is Suite* will shine the spotlight on blocks in cities nationwide and highlight unique activities, funky shops and unusual sites within a square-block radius of Kimpton hotels.
- **Market Watch:** Readers can tour local farmer’s markets with Kimpton restaurant chefs who offer tips for navigating stands, how to use in-season produce and advice for creating farm-fresh menus at home.
- **Steal That Style:** For travelers that want to go from hotel to home, *Life is Suite* offers different ways to “steal that style” on any budget with links to purchase similar items online.
- **Food Three Ways:** Kimpton chefs get creative with one seasonal ingredient and offer three different ways to prepare and savor it at home.

“Our new blog gives readers fun and practical items and tips that you can use on and off the road,” said Niki Leondakis, president and chief operating officer at Kimpton. “*Life is Suite* is a collection of our favorite things that you’ll find in our communities, hotels and restaurants.”

Kimpton's *Life is Suite* blog will be written by freelance writer Kelly Aiglon, who has contributed to publications including *AAA Living*, *Chicago Tribune*, *DailyCandy*, *Fodor's*, *Modern Luxury* magazines and more. *Life is Suite* blog contributors will include Leondakis, Ave Bradley, vice president of design, Emily Wines, director of wines and Jacques Bezuidenhout, master mixologist.

To visit Kimpton's *Life is Suite* blog, post comments, or learn more about blog contributors, please visit www.lifeissuite.com. 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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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.