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FIVE KIMPTON HOTELS GARNER THE GOLD FROM CONDE NAST TRAVELER MAGAZINE

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., January 16, 2008 – Five Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants’ properties from across the country have been named on the *Conde Nast Traveler’s* 14th annual “Gold List.” The exclusive list was determined by more than 28,000 *Conde Nast Traveler* readers who recently elected the world’s finest properties for the Readers’ Choice Awards. Editors at *Conde Nast Traveler* selected the top picks from their readers to create the “Gold List,” recognizing outstanding hotels from around the world.

Kimpton hotels chosen for the annual “Gold List” include:

- **Hotel Solamar** – San Diego, CA
- **Hotel Burnham** – Chicago, IL
- **Nine Zero Hotel** – Boston, MA
- **Hotel Vintage Plaza** – Portland, OR
- **Morrison Hotel** – Alexandria, VA

“We are extremely proud of each of the Kimpton hotels earning this distinction, both for their unique attributes and the brand standard of excellence they uphold every day for our guests,” said Niki Leondakis, chief operating officer, Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants.

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Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants also earned the highest customer satisfaction rating among all hotels in the industry, according to a recent Market Metrix Hospitality Index survey, (MMHI). The results from this quarterly analysis revealed Kimpton as the top hotel company in the upscale segment (91.7 percent), and the leader in the industry with a score surpassing that of competitors industry wide, ranging from economy to luxury brands. These results, based on 35,000 in-depth customer interviews, further demonstrate Kimpton's ability to anticipate guest needs and the care and quality in which they exercise in fulfilling those needs.

Pioneering the boutique hotel movement for the past 26 years, Kimpton continues to define the fast-growing segment and has earned a reputation for its innovative and personalized approach to hospitality, providing a comfortable, one-of-a-kind experience for guests based on special attention and dedication to individuality in design, service, unique programs and amenities. For more information about Kimpton visit www.kimptonhotels.com or call 1(800)-KIMPTON.

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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 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 or call 1-800-KIMPTON.