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### **KIMPTON HOTELS FROM COAST TO COAST NAMED “WORLD’S BEST” BY TRAVEL + LEISURE MAGAZINE**

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., January 16, 2008 – Several renowned Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants’ properties have been commended by *Travel + Leisure* magazine as among the 2008 “World’s Best Hotels.” The three US Kimpton hotels recognized for their excellence include:

- **Hotel Vintage Plaza** – Portland, Oregon
- **Hotel Monaco** – Salt Lake City, Utah
- **Hotel Madera** – Washington, DC

“For our hotels to be considered among the world’s best is an achievement that speaks to the level of commitment we put forth in anticipating the needs of our travelers and providing them with the best customized service possible,” said Niki Leondakis, chief operating officer, Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants.

Inclusion on this esteemed list is determined by reporters, editors, readers and surveys from around the country conducted by *Travel + Leisure*. Properties included have been evaluated based on criteria such as differentiating characteristics, the best rooms to book and specialty

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services, amenities and perks offered. This list serves as a definitive hotel guide for discerning travelers.

Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants also recently received the highest customer satisfaction ranking in the latest Market Metrix Hospitality Index survey, just released towards the end of 2007. This top honor was received based on 35,000 in-depth customer interviews that resulted in a score of 91.7 percent for customer satisfaction. Kimpton's high ranking surpassed all other companies in the upscale category, as well as that of all competitors industry wide, from economy to luxury brands. This honor further speaks to the level of care and commitment Kimpton employees utilize everyday to ensure the happiness of each individual guest.

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](http://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](http://www.KimptonHotels.com) or call 1-800-KIMPTON.