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### **SANTA PAWS IS COMING TO TOWN**

#### ***Free Furry Fun for the Holidays at Kimpton Hotels Nationwide***

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., December 4, 2009 — For four consecutive Saturdays beginning Nov. 28 through Dec. 19, 2009, Santa Paws will visit Kimpton hotels from coast-to-coast, inviting pet patrons and local four-legged friends to stop by for photos to share with friends and family this holiday season. Human companions are invited to bring their cameras to participating host Kimpton hotels to snap pictures of their pets with Santa while furry friends enjoy treats and toys in the hotel's living room-style lobby.

"Pet guests have always received special pampering at Kimpton, but this is the first time Santa Paws is coming to town," said Steve Pinetti, senior vice president, sales and marketing, Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants. "It will be a great opportunity for Fido and Fifi to tell Santa all about their holiday wishes."

Santa Paws will be available at participating Kimpton hotels in 21 cities where Kimpton operates from 2 pm to 4 pm in hotel lobbies on Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. Owners will need to register for photos upon arrival and bring cameras to capture their pet in Santa's lap. Santa Paws is free and open to the public.

Participating hotels include: FireSky Resort & Spa (Scottsdale, AZ); Hotel Palomar Westwood (Los Angeles, CA); Hotel Solamar (San Diego, CA); Sir Francis Drake Hotel (San Francisco, CA); Cypress Hotel (Cupertino, CA); Sky Hotel (Aspen, CO); Hotel Monaco (Denver, CO); EPIC Hotel (Miami, FL); Vero Beach Hotel & Spa (Vero Beach, FL); Hotel Palomar (Atlanta, GA); Hotel Allegro (Chicago, IL); Hotel Monaco (Baltimore, MD); Hotel Marlowe (Boston, MA); Ink48

(New York, NY); Vintage Plaza (Portland, OR); Hotel Palomar (Philadelphia, PA); Hotel Palomar (Dallas, TX); Hotel Monaco (Salt Lake City, UT); Hotel Monaco (Alexandria, VA); Hotel Monaco (Washington, DC); Hotel Helix (Washington, DC); and Hotel Monaco (Seattle, WA).

To learn more about Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants or to post Santa Paws photos, visit [www.KimptonHotels.com](http://www.KimptonHotels.com), [www.Twitter.com/Kimpton](http://www.Twitter.com/Kimpton), or [www.Facebook.com/Kimpton](http://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. Privately held Kimpton has consistently earned high customer satisfaction scores by the Market Metrix Hospitality Index, exceeding other hotel companies including those in luxury and upscale segments. Among the company's newest properties are the LEED registered Hotel Palomar and LEED registered Square 1682 restaurant by Chef Guillermo Tellez in Philadelphia, PA, which opened in October 2009. Currently, projects are underway in New York City and Chicago. For more information, please visit [www.KimptonHotels.com](http://www.KimptonHotels.com) or call 1-800-KIMPTON.