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KIMPTON HOTELS GARNER SEVEN “WORLD’S BEST” AWARDS FROM TRAVEL + LEISURE MAGAZINE

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., January 14, 2009 – Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants ushers in the New Year with seven “World’s Best Hotels” awards of 2009 from *Travel + Leisure* magazine.

Announced in the January issue, Kimpton hotels are recognized from coast to coast, including the company’s home town of San Francisco. The seven hotels named among the best in the world include:

- **Nine Zero Hotel**, Boston, MA
- **Hotel Monaco**, Denver, CO
- **Hotel Vintage Plaza**, Portland, OR
- **Hotel Solamar**, San Diego, CA
- **Prescott Hotel**, San Francisco, CA
- **Alexis Hotel**, Seattle, WA
- **Hotel Vintage Park**, Seattle, WA

“This honor speaks to Kimpton’s ability to create playful and stylish hotel experiences that are rich in character and brimming with warmth,” said Niki Leondakis, chief operating officer, Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants. “With our 28-year history of delivering personalized customer care and creative amenities that define the boutique experience, Kimpton is proud of the hotels that have garnered this distinguished award.”

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Inclusion on this esteemed list is determined by reporters, editors, readers and surveys from around the country conducted by *Travel + Leisure* magazine. The hotels included have been evaluated based on criteria such as differentiating characteristics, the best rooms to book and specialty services, amenities and perks offered. This list serves as a definitive hotel guide for discerning travelers.

For more information about Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, please visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1(800)-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 and Canada, 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 affiliated, top-rated, destination chef-driven restaurants. Kimpton leads the hospitality industry in ecological practices through its innovative EarthCare practices that span all hotels and restaurants. Privately held Kimpton has consistently earned the highest ranking customer satisfaction scores by the Market Metrix Hospitality Index, exceeding all other hotel companies including those in luxury and upscale segments. Among the company's newest properties is EPIC Hotel and Area 31 restaurant in Miami, which opened December 2008. Currently, projects are underway in New York City, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago and Virginia. For more information, please visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1-800-KIMPTON.