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### **KIMPTON'S DALLAS-BASED HOTEL & RESTAURANT PROPERTIES NAMED 'BEST PLACE TO WORK' SECOND YEAR IN A ROW**

***Dallas Business Journal Honoree in Midsize Company Category***

**DALLAS, September 17, 2009** – For the second year in a row, the *Dallas Business Journal* names Kimpton's Dallas-based hotel and restaurant properties, which include the Hotel Palomar Dallas, Hotel Lumen, Central 214 restaurant, and Social restaurant, a 2009 "Best Place to Work" among midsize companies in the Dallas/Forth Worth Metroplex. Honorees were selected from hundreds of entries and formally recognized at an awards ceremony held today at the Intercontinental Hotel Dallas.

"At Hotel Palomar Dallas we strive to provide a fun, welcoming and inviting environment not only for our guests but our employees too," said Andrew Wright, general manager of Kimpton's Hotel Palomar Dallas. "This recognition is a nod to the Kimpton brand promise to provide the ultimate hotel experience to everyone who steps through our doors each day."

Now in its seventh year, *Dallas Business Journal's* "Best Places to Work" competition ranks small, midsize and large businesses that consistently provide excellent environments for their staff. Judged by employees of the companies themselves, *Dallas Business Journal* editors scrutinize each submission and pass along qualifying entries to Quantum Workplace Companies (QWC), an independent research company tasked with surveying employees. Survey questions cover topics ranging from work environment, innovations/new ideas, people practices, personal growth and development, leadership in the organization and day-to-day operations. Each question is assigned a numeric point value, which is used in determining the final score (100 being the max score). Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants received a ranking of 28 out of 37 midsize company (those with 100-499 North Texas employees) finalists.

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Hotel Palomar Dallas is located in the heart of Dallas' thriving Park Cities neighborhood, at 5300 East Mockingbird Lane. For more information or to book a reservation, call (214) 520-7969 or visit [www.hoelpalomar-dallas.com](http://www.hoelpalomar-dallas.com).

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#### **ABOUT HOTEL PALOMAR DALLAS**

A member of the award-winning San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, Hotel Palomar Dallas originally opened in 1967 as a Hilton Inn and was completely transformed by award-winning designer Cheryl Rowley, reopening as the stylish, modern boutique Hotel Palomar Dallas in 2006. Hotel Palomar Dallas is an eco and pet-friendly hotel that has been named to the coveted 2007 *Conde Nast Traveler's* "Hot List" and *National Geographic Traveler's* "Stay List" 2009. The hotel has also been awarded the prestigious Four Diamond rating by AAA Travel and has been named the Best Boutique Hotel in Dallas by CitySearch. For more information, please visit [www.hotelpalomar-dallas.com](http://www.hotelpalomar-dallas.com).

#### **ABOUT HOTEL LUMEN**

Hotel Lumen, one of the first Kimpton Hotels in the Texas market, is home to 52 guestrooms and suites and more than 1,100 square feet of total meeting space. Located in the heart of Dallas' thriving Park Cities neighborhood, the hotel is convenient to the 60-acre Arts District, Highland Park Village, expansive Dallas Galleria and the city's two major airports. Additionally, the property features an American food and cocktails concept, Social. For more information, please visit [www.hotellumen.com](http://www.hotellumen.com).

#### **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 Hotel Monaco Baltimore and restaurant B&O American Brasserie by Chef E. Michael Reidt in Baltimore, MD, which opened in July 2009. Currently, projects are underway in New York City, Philadelphia and Chicago. For more information, please visit [www.KimptonHotels.com](http://www.KimptonHotels.com) or call 1-800-KIMPTON.