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HOTEL PALOMAR DALLAS HONORED BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER

Guests of Four-Star Boutique Hotel Can Celebrate with Cocktails or Breakfast for \$1 More!

DALLAS – April 14, 2009 - - Kimpton's Hotel Palomar Dallas has been named to *National Geographic Traveler* magazine's second annual "Stay List," featuring "129 Hotels We Love." The new list debuts in the April 2009 issue and includes properties located in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Hotel Palomar Dallas is one of only three Texas hotels featured.

"We are honored to be a part of this exclusive list, showcasing the truly unique qualities of our hotel," explained Andrew Wright, general manager of Hotel Palomar Dallas. "Our boutique hotel embodies both the history as well as the modern, stylish vibe of the surrounding Dallas community. Our featured amenities such as eco and pet-friendly offerings, daily wine hour and in-room pet goldfish are among the personal touches that make each guest's stay special."

Just in time for spring travelers or "staycationers" looking to experience Hotel Palomar Dallas for themselves, the hotel is offering an additional value with the choice of Continental Breakfast or Cocktails for just \$1 more than the Best Available Rate. The offer starts April 15, 2009, (Rate code: DOLLAR) at Hotel Palomar Dallas and participating Kimpton hotels.

"The hotels on our Stay List 2009 don't just reflect their surroundings—they help define them," says *National Geographic Traveler* Senior Editor Sheila Feldman Buckmaster. "What they all have in common is a transcendent vision that goes beyond traditional hotel-keeping. This mindset is what gives these hotels their sense of place. Make no mistake: you'll sense the vibe at once. And after your stay, you'll leave with the kind of insight only soulful places can provide."

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According to *National Geographic Traveler*, “Stay List” hotel selections were made by tapping into the collected experiences of veteran journalists, inveterate road warriors, and local experts. Nominations were based on key criteria: engagement with the local community, sustainable practices that respect the region, and whether the hotel truly captures the spirit of its setting. Further research and detailed questionnaires winnowed submissions down to this sweet list of 129 hotels.

For more information on Hotel Palomar Dallas or details on current packages and promotions, visit www.hotelpalomar-dallas.com.

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.

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 programs 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 are Lorien Hotel & Spa and restaurants BRABO by Robert Wiedmaier and BRABO Tasting Room in Alexandria, VA, which opened in February 2009. Currently, projects are underway in New York City, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Baltimore and Chicago. For more information, please visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1-800-KIMPTON.

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