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A TIMELINE OF INNOVATIVE FIRSTS AND HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

April 1981

- ☞ Bill Kimpton opened the first boutique hotel – the Clarion Bedford Hotel in San Francisco, CA
- ☞ Became the first hotel company to feature a hosted evening wine hour

April 1983

- ☞ Created the first themed hotel with an emphasis on wine -- the Hotel Vintage Court in San Francisco, CA

April 1989

- ☞ Launched the first celebrity chef restaurant with Wolfgang Puck at Postrio at the Prescott Hotel in San Francisco, CA

May 1990

- ☞ Opened the company's first ground-up construction of a new hotel, the Tuscan Inn in San Francisco, CA

July 1991

- ☞ Opened the company's first adaptive reuse hotel by transforming the San Francisco Embarcadero YMCA into the Harbor Court Hotel

November 1991

- ☞ Expanded outside of California with the Vintage Plaza Hotel and Pazzo Ristorante in Portland, OR

July 1992

- ☞ First hotel company to introduce a brand-wide pet-friendly policy

July 1996

- ☞ First hotel company to introduce Tall Rooms at Fifth Avenue Suites (now the Hotel Monaco) in Portland, OR

July 1997

- ☞ Launched Guppy Love companion goldfish program at the Hotel Monaco Seattle, now available at a majority of Kimpton hotels

October 2001

- ☞ Introduced animal print robes in all guestroom closets, now a Kimpton signature amenity

January 2003

- ☞ Became first hotel company to offer free high-speed internet in all guestrooms

July 2003

- ☞ Introduced complimentary in-room yoga exercise equipment and a 24-hour yoga channel for all guests

November 2003

- ☞ Became the exclusive hotel partner of Dress for Success Worldwide

January 2004

- ☞ Introduced Kimpton InTouch guest loyalty program

May 2004

- ☞ Launched “Forgot It? We’ve Got It!” menu of complimentary travel essentials with items like straightening irons, fashion tape, contact lens solution and collar stays

November 2004

- ☞ Launched Red Ribbon Campaign for National AIDS Fund
- ☞ Received a 100 percent score on the HRC Corporate Equality Index and the first hotel company to achieve this distinction
- ☞ Launched Kimpton InTouch’s LGBT newsletter and portal on KimptonHotels.com

April 2005

- ☞ Standardized existing companywide ecological practices under the program name EarthCare
- ☞ Initiated a new partnership with the Trust for Public Land and Parks for People to support the initiative that every person – especially every child – who lives in a city or suburb has access to parks, playgrounds, gardens and other green spaces

May 2008

- ☞ Formalized services and amenities geared towards traveling families under the program name Kimpton Kids

July 2008

- ☞ Became first hotel company to introduce organic and paraben-free spa products to in-room spa treatment program

January 2009

- ☞ Named for the first time to *FORTUNE’S* “100 Best Companies to Work For” list

April 2009

- ☞ Became first hotel company to make every meeting a green meeting with the introduction of 12 eco-friendly meeting standards

June 2009

- ☞ Announced national compliance with Monterey Bay Aquarium’s Seafood Watch program, offering only sustainable seafood selections in Kimpton restaurants

October 2009

- ✎ Partnered with The Nature Conservancy to support the Plant a Billion Trees campaign through a percentage donation from Natura® water sales and a “Giving Tree” rate code for hotel guests

January 2010

- ✎ Launched Wines That Care, a program offering wine hour pours hand-picked by Kimpton’s Master Sommelier, for the producers’ dedication to the sustainability and/or local and global causes
- ✎ Committed to having 30 percent of all wine lists include eco-friendly selections, such as organic, biodynamic and sustainable wines from like-minded producers who are good stewards of the Earth and their local communities

June 2010

- ✎ Opened Kimpton’s 50th hotel, Eventi, in New York City

September 2010

- ✎ Opened first LEED certified (Gold level) properties (Hotel Palomar Philadelphia and Square 1682 restaurant) in the city of Philadelphia
- ✎ Launched “[Life is Suite](#)” blog, offering readers an insider’s look at Kimpton

January 2011

- ✎ Launched initiative to offer guests healthy in-room dining options and wellness-inspired On Demand in-room videos

April 2011

- ✎ Celebrated Kimpton’s 30th birthday

August 2011

- ✎ Introduced fun fitness amenities at hotels nationwide, including on-loan hula hoops and jump ropes

September 2011

- ✎ Certified all Kimpton properties under the Green Key Eco-Rating Program which maintains environmental standards in five operational and nine sustainable practice areas

October 2011

- ✎ Garnered a *Travel + Leisure* 2011 “Global Vision Award” for leadership in sustainable hospitality

October 2012

- ✎ Unveiled Kimpton’s 10th Hotel Monaco in Philadelphia

March 2013

- ✎ Introduced smoothie bars and trail mix stations to Kimpton’s wellness-inspired banquet menus, offering business travelers refreshing enhancements to refuel the body

April 2013

- ✎ Introduced new Kimpton-branded yoga mats in every hotel room, developed in partnership with Gaiam, as well as complimentary in-room “Roll Out” service

July 2013

- ☞ Launched new complimentary bike rental program in partnership with PUBLIC Bikes for guests at every hotel

September 2013

- ☞ Launched “Raid the Bar” program, an expansion of the widely popular “Raid the Mini Bar” loyalty perk, to offer Kimpton InTouch guests a beverage credit that can be used toward the Mini Bar or at one of Kimpton’s bars and restaurants nationwide at every stay

November 2013

- ☞ Named “Highest Ranking Brand in Upper Upscale Category” on the J.D. Powers 2013 North America Hotel Guest Satisfaction Index Study

December 2013

- ☞ Received a 100 percent score on the Human Right Campaign Foundation’s Corporate Equality Index for LGBT workplace equality, marking 10 years in a row with a perfect score

January 2014

- ☞ Released inaugural Culinary & Cocktails Trend Forecast surveying Kimpton chefs, sommeliers and bartenders across the country

February 2014

- ☞ Unveiled Kimpton Instant Meetings (K.I.M.), an easy-to-use online booking tool, ideal for small groups looking for rooms and spaces on short notice

April 2014

- ☞ Announced a new partnership with The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth ages 13-24. Kimpton is the first national hotel sponsor for The Trevor Project.

January 2015

- ☞ Kimpton was welcomed into the InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) family of hotel brands, bringing together two special cultures and sets of values to create the world's largest boutique hotel business

April 2015

- ☞ Reached 100 percent portfolio-wide participation in TripAdvisor’s GreenLeaders™ program which recognizes hotels’ leadership in environmental best practices and helps travelers find and plan stays with eco-friendly hotels

January 2016

- ☞ Named for the seventh time on *FORTUNE*'s “100 Best Companies to Work For” list, the highest ranked hospitality company in the U.S.
- ☞ Announced Kimpton’s first hotel in Europe in Amsterdam, Netherlands, slated to open in 2017