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## **GENERAL MANAGER & DIRECTOR OF SALES AND MARKETING NAMED AT KIMPTON'S HOTEL PALOMAR CHICAGO, SET TO OPEN SPRING 2010**

***Chicago Hotel Industry Veteran and Midwest Native Bring Extensive  
Regional Experience to New River North Property***

**CHICAGO – January 6, 2010** – Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants is pleased to announce General Manager Nabil Moubayed and Director of Sales and Marketing Denise Schultz to the executive team of the Hotel Palomar Chicago. Moubayed, an active member of the Chicago hospitality industry, and Schultz, a Midwest native, bring nearly 30 years of combined experience to the new boutique hotel. Set to open spring 2010 in Chicago's River North neighborhood as Kimpton's fourth Windy City property, the 261-room hotel features an indoor rooftop pool, an eco-friendly green roof and an "Art in Motion" theme.

As general manager, Moubayed will be responsible for all daily operations of the hotel. No stranger to Kimpton, Moubayed most recently held the general manager position for more than five years at Kimpton's award-winning Hotel Monaco Chicago. Moubayed has been extremely influential in Kimpton's EarthCare program, and has also spearheaded the Green Seal certification for all of Kimpton's Chicago properties. A Toronto native, Moubayed's hotel career began with Wyndham Hotels and Resorts as operations manager at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in San Francisco. He rose to the role of general manager at various Wyndham hotels in Chicago and several city suburbs, as well as New Orleans and Denver, during his six-year tenure with the company.

An active member of the Chicago business community, Moubayed sits on the board of the Chicago Loop Alliance, Chicago Workforce Center for the Service Industries and Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association. He is also a member of the Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau, the prestigious Cornell Hotel Society and the Kendall College Hospitality Advisory Board. Moubayed holds a master's degree in hospitality management from Cornell University's School

of Hotel Administration and a bachelor's degree from the University of Western Ontario. He is fluent in both German and French.

Schultz, a key player of the opening team, will provide an invaluable mix of Midwest knowledge and industry experience spanning more than 12 years. Schultz will oversee all sales and marketing activities, including group and leisure sales, catering, and public relations.

Most recently, Schultz served as the director of sales and marketing at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Minneapolis. Previous positions include more than six years in sales with Wyndham Hotels and Resorts in Illinois, culminating with her role as associate director of group sales at the Wyndham Northwest Chicago. Schultz began her hospitality career with White Lodging Services in Merrillville, IN, managing sales and food and beverage operations. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin.

The Hotel Palomar Chicago will be courting meetings, weddings and social events with 5,800 total square feet of event space, including a 2,555 square-foot ballroom accented by gold tones, inconceivably tall ceilings with dramatic chandeliers, and a separate pre-function area with an ornamental staircase. For groups with green on their mind, the hotel operates with more than 80 eco-friendly practices as part of Kimpton's brand-wide EarthCare program, and offers Green Meetings, a Kimpton standard that ensures 12 eco-friendly features at every meeting.

The hotel is located at 505 North State Street, Chicago, IL, 60654. For more information please call (312) 755-9703 or (877) 731-0505 toll free or visit [www.hotelpalomar-chicago.com](http://www.hotelpalomar-chicago.com).

#### **ABOUT HOTEL PALOMAR CHICAGO**

Located in Chicago's vibrant River North neighborhood, The Hotel Palomar Chicago is Kimpton's newest addition to its Windy City collection. Designed by Orlando Diaz-Azcuy, the hotel celebrates "Art in Motion," and features pieces that pay homage to Chicago's 1893 Columbian Exposition and Fair. The evolved boutique concept features 261 guest rooms and suites, all with floor-to-ceiling windows, a rooftop indoor pool, 5,800 square feet of stunning meeting and event space, and an adjacent dining experience, Sable Kitchen & Bar. In addition to an eco-friendly green roof, the hotel operates with more than 70 sustainable practices as part of Kimpton's brand-wide EarthCare program. Hotel Palomar Chicago is convenient to many of Chicago's most popular attractions, including The Magnificent Mile, McCormick Place, Navy Pier and Merchandise Mart, as well as family favorites such as the Chicago Children's Museum and the Willis Tower Skydeck.

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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.

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