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## **Hotel Monaco Portland Receives Green Seal**

### ***Oregon Moves Into Second Place As State With Most Green Seal Lodging Properties***

**PORTLAND, Ore. (April 1, 2009)** – Kimpton’s Hotel Monaco Portland announced today that the downtown boutique hotel has received the prestigious “Silver Tier” Green Seal certification for its commitment to environmental responsibility. The new addition moves Oregon into second place for states with the most Green Seal lodging properties.

An independent not-for-profit organization, Green Seal certifies lodging properties that meet stringent environmental requirements in waste minimization, energy efficiency, water conservation, wastewater management and environmentally responsible procurement.

“This is an accomplishment for both the Hotel Monaco Portland and the state of Oregon,” said Craig Thompson, general manager of Hotel Monaco Portland.

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“Environmental responsibility has always been a top priority for us, and the Green Seal certification truly validates our efforts.”

The Hotel Monaco Portland has long been an industry leader in sustainability, recognized locally as one of two Portland hotels to receive the City of Portland’s ‘Recycle at Work’ certification, as well as a participant in Kimpton EarthCare’s nationally recognized eco-program, and a pioneer of low-impact travel like offering guests on-site bikes and the “Carless Vacation” package. Hotel Monaco Portland is the fourth Kimpton owned and operated property to receive Green Seal certification.

Green Seal’s certification process involves review of the hotel’s purchasing records, processes and procedures, as well as an on-site audit of the property. Certification grants the hotel license to use the Green Seal mark for one year, after which the hotel is audited for continued compliance.

Hotel Monaco Portland is located in the heart of downtown at 506 SW Washington St. For more information or reservations, please call 503-222-0001 or visit [www.monaco-portland.com](http://www.monaco-portland.com).

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\* This property meets the Green Seal™ Environmental Standard for Lodging Properties for waste minimization, water and energy efficiency, hazardous substances handling, and environmentally responsible purchasing.

#### **ABOUT HOTEL MONACO PORTLAND**

A member of the award-winning San Francisco based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, Hotel Monaco Portland originally opened in 1996 as the Fifth Avenue Suites and was completely refurbished by award-winning designer Cheryl Rowley, reopening as the Hotel Monaco Portland in 2007. Dedicated to supporting the arts and the environment, Hotel Monaco Portland achieved the Silver Green Seal Certification in 2009, and has also earned the prestigious RecycleWorks Award from The City of Portland. The hotel has consistently been voted one of the ‘Top 500 Best Hotels in the World’ by *Travel + Leisure*, and was selected by *National Geographic Traveler* for the 2009 ‘Stay List.’

## **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](http://www.KimptonHotels.com) or call 1-800-KIMPTON.