

Argonaut Hotel Receives Coveted AAA Four Diamond Award for 2008

San Francisco, February, 2008 – Argonaut Hotel in San Francisco has earned the AAA Four Diamond Award for 2008, joining the ranks of North America’s exceptional accommodations offering incomparable service, first class amenities and impressive surroundings. Less than three percent of the over 30,000 properties approved by AAA achieve this esteemed rating. The AAA Four Diamond Award symbolizes hotels’ ongoing commitment to hard work and superior quality and is only awarded to establishments that significantly exceed AAA requirements.

“The Argonaut Hotel is honored to be a recipient of the AAA Four Diamond Award,” said David Vonwinckler, Director of Operations for Kimpton Hotels in San Francisco and the General Manager of the Argonaut Hotel. “This award is a reflection of the dedication and superior service of all our employees.”

The Argonaut Hotel, Maritime National Historical Park – Fisherman’s Wharf, which opened August 18, 2003, is a member of San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants. The hotel is housed in the historic Haslett Warehouse located at the corner of Jefferson and Hyde Streets in the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park at Fisherman’s Wharf. The first floor of the new 252-room boutique hotel will include the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park’s new Visitor Center. Conveniently located next to the Cannery and one block from Ghirardelli Square and the San Francisco Cable Car, with the Marina Green and the North Beach neighborhood within walking distance, the Argonaut Hotel is the perfect place for business and leisure travelers. For more information or to make reservations, please contact the Argonaut Hotel at (415) 563-0800 or visit the website at www.argonauthotel.com.

About Kimpton

San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants is the first and leading collection of boutique hotels throughout the United States and Canada. Founded by Bill Kimpton in 1981, privately held Kimpton Hotels offers services and design elements focused on care, comfort, style, flavor and fun. Every Kimpton hotel reflects the energy, personality and pulse of its location, history and architectural style. Each property features personalized guest services, comforting in-room amenities, specialty rooms and suites, and provides a range of exciting culinary experiences through affiliated top-rated destination chef-driven restaurants. Kimpton takes pride in its commitment to social responsibility and leads the hospitality industry in ecological practices through its innovative EarthCare programs. In addition, Kimpton demonstrates a unique dedication to its female guests with the Women InTouch program, offering comfortable and safe environments, in-room fitness and wellness options as well as the company's unique "Forgot It, We've Got It" honor bar, providing essentials that women travelers may have forgotten at home. Among the company’s newest properties are the Hotel Palomar Arlington at Waterview, which opened in November 2007. Additional projects are underway in Los Angeles, New York, Florida, Philadelphia and Virginia. For more information, please visit www.KimptonHotels.com or call 1-800-KIMPTON.

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