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EPIC **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Located at the edge of the Miami River and Biscayne Bay, EPIC combines the timeless style of a cosmopolitan boutique hotel with the amenities of a resort to create a sophisticated recreation oasis for guests amidst the energy and pulse of Miami. Managed and operated by Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, EPIC represents the company's first new-build hotel property in Florida.

Joe Schwinger, General Manager, EPIC; Regional Director of Operations, Southeast –
Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants

Joe Schwinger oversees the overall operations of the new 411-room EPIC Hotel. He is Kimpton's regional director of operations for Florida and Texas, and is responsible for future Kimpton properties under development within these regions. Throughout his seven years with Kimpton, Schwinger has assisted with the opening of 12 Kimpton hotels, including two as general manager - Hotel Palomar in Dallas and Hotel Monaco in New Orleans. Schwinger's hotels consistently rank at the top for guest service scores, employee opinion surveys and owner satisfaction. Prior to joining Kimpton, Schwinger served as general manager for 11 years at several leading hotel companies, including Wyndham Hotels & Resorts properties in New Orleans, American General Hospitality, Inc. (now Interstate Hotels), and Coakely & Williams, Inc. Schwinger received a bachelor's degree in public relations from the University of Maryland.

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Eric Jellson, Area Director of Sales and Marketing, EPIC

Eric Jellson joined Kimpton in February 2007 as area director of sales and marketing, and is responsible for the overall marketing, sales and partnership efforts and initiatives during the pre-opening phases of new Kimpton hotels in the South Florida area. Prior to joining Kimpton, Jellson served as director of sales and marketing for nearly two years at several LXR Luxury Resorts & Hotels properties, including Boca Raton Resort and Club and El Conquistador Resort and Golden Door Spa. He was also with the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach for five years as director of sales and marketing, where he was responsible for the complete repositioning of the landmark resort and spearheaded its marketing, public relations and advertising initiatives. Jellson's marketing career in the hospitality industry includes positions with Rubell Hotels and Delano Hotel in Miami; Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City, Mich.; as well as 15 years with Sheraton Hotels in California and Florida. Jellson received a bachelor's degree in hotel restaurant administration from the University of Massachusetts, and is a member of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau's marketing committee.

Carlos Bohlen, General Manager, Area 31, EPIC Restaurant

Carlos Bohlen joined Kimpton in 2008 as general manager at Area 31, EPIC's full-service restaurant offering premium seafood with a Mediterranean influence, and oversees all food and beverage operations to ensure a unique dining experience in Miami. He possesses an extensive background in the hospitality industry and most recently served as a managing director within the Fireman Hospitality Group, which manages several fine dining concepts in New York City. Prior to his time in New York, he held key leadership positions within both hotel and restaurant groups in other areas of North America, Europe and Mexico.

Ron Rogers, Director of Catering and Conference Services, EPIC

Ron Rogers joined Kimpton in 2008 as director of catering and conference services for the new EPIC. He is responsible for managing the day-to-day activities of the catering and conference services staff, and providing leadership to assure EPIC delivers stellar service at the forefront of industry and consumer trends. He most recently served in the same capacity at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Miami. Prior to the Mandarin, Rogers was the manager of conferences services at The Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne, and the associate director of operation in destination services at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, in Florida.

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ABOUT EPIC

A member of the award-winning San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, EPIC is located at the edge of the Miami River and Biscayne Bay, and combines the style of a cosmopolitan boutique hotel with the amenities of a resort to create a sophisticated oasis for guests amidst the energy and pulse of Miami. The hotel's 411 rooms and suites are artfully designed by Cheryl Rowley, with furnishings that convey an understated sense of cool, and all feature private balconies that provide inspiring views of the city and bay. Hotel offerings include a 13,752-square-foot wrap-around pool deck with private cabanas; Area 31 restaurant, offering premium seafood with a Mediterranean influence; a spa and fitness center operated by Exhale; a waterfront lounge; 11,000 square feet of indoor meeting and event space; and a private marina.

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.