

Kimpton To Open Boutique Hotel In Alexandria

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Construction is scheduled to begin in this month. The hotel will open in the first quarter of 2009.

Upon opening, it will be the third Kimptonoperated hotel in historic Old Town Alexandria, including the Morrison House at 116 S. Alfred Street and the Hotel Monaco, opening Fall 2007 at 480 King Street.

The yet-to-be-named, \$50 million dollar boutique will be located in Old Town at 1600 King Street in the heart of the bustling commercial and residential district.

It will feature a 4,000 square foot destination spa with five private treatment rooms, an upscale restaurant and wine bar with casual dining. Twenty of hotel's 107 rooms will be suites, some offering 700 square feet of outdoor terrace space. Two of the suites will be presidential style located on the penthouse floor. The building will include approximately 3,000 square feet of meeting space.

Thirty-year design veteran Vincente Wolf will concept and develop the hotel's interiors, as well as the restaurant and spa.

'Alexandria is a community that is woven deeply into the fabric of our country's history,' said Michael Depatie, Kimpton CEO and president. 'There are endless stories to be told there about America's early beginnings and evolution as a country, which makes it a fascinating place for travelers. Likewise, every Kimpton hotel has its own story to tell through our creative themes and corresponding guest touch points. We're excited to become a part of Alexandria's rich content for visitors in the coming years.'

According to Depatie, there are currently 40 Kimpton hotels operating in 18 U.S. cities, most donning their own unique names, looks and personalities, and all carrying forth the Kimpton promise of a unique lodging alternative. With the new Alexandria property and a growing pipeline of new projects already planned or in various stages of development, the company is on target to double its size by 2012.

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